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**PRISONER TO POLITICIAN** | Daw Aung San Suu Kyi speaks with NBC News correspondent Ann Curry at the World Leaders Forum.

## CC alum sets sights on borough presidency

**BY CASEY TOLAN**  
*Spectator Senior Staff Writer*

On 9/11, Julie Menin remembers a sense of confusion and fear, what seemed like confetti falling from the sky, and choking white ash.

The impact on lower Manhattan, where Menin, CC '89, owned a restaurant, was devastating. Tens of thousands of residents abandoned the area, and businesses were shell-shocked.

But Menin, who founded a nonprofit focused on bringing business back to the community and served as chair of the local Community Board 1 for seven years, has seen the area transform. Now, it's the fastest growing residential neighborhood in New York City and the fourth largest commercial business district in the U.S.

And next year, Menin is running for Manhattan borough president. "I want to take the success we've achieved downtown and take it borough-wide to every single neighborhood," she said.

In the Democratic primary next September, Menin will face three City Council members: Robert Jackson, who represents Upper Manhattan; Gale Brewer, who represents the Upper West Side; and Jessica Lappin, who represents the Upper East Side. Incumbent Scott Stringer is running for mayor.

### OFF THE SIDELINES

"Leadership means not shying away from contentious issues," Menin said. In her seven years as CB1 chair, Menin has dealt with some controversial national debates, which she feels have prepped her for borough president, a role that has limited powers but a large bully pulpit.

She advocated for moving trials of the 9/11 bombers out of lower Manhattan, which would have meant implementing New York Police Department checkpoints across the neighborhood. She led her board to a vote supporting the Islamic community

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## \$30M diversity hires begin with post-docs

**BY MARGARET MATTES**  
*Spectator Senior Staff Writer*

This semester, School of Nursing professor Suzanne Bakken needed a postdoctoral fellow to help her work through data relating to chronic illness in Washington Heights and Inwood. But the outside funding available to her was not quite enough to create the new position.

Bakken was nearly out of a much-needed research assistant. Instead, thanks to the provost's diversity initiative,

announced in April, she will have the chance to fund the fellowship for a woman or minority in a position in which they are severely under-represented.

"The initiative provided a new opportunity to recruit an additional post-doc, and, specifically, to reach beyond the type of individuals we have been recruiting in other post-doctoral programs," Bakken said. "It allows us more resources to recruit a special candidate to the School of Nursing." The Office of the Provost will pay approximately half of the cost

of hiring Bakken's additional postdoctoral fellow.

Through the new initiative, the University pledged \$30 million to recruit and support women in the STEM sciences—science, technology, engineering, and mathematics—and underrepresented minorities across the University.

"The goal of our money ... is to more closely reflect the national pool of qualified candidates," said Vice Provost of Academic Planning Andrew Davidson,

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LILY LIU-KRASON FOR SPECTATOR

**LEARNING CURVE** | Mark Otto, an assistant principal at a midtown school, places education at the forefront of his campaign for the 7th District of the City Council.

## Education reform is center of Otto campaign

**BY CHRIS MEYER**  
*Columbia Daily Spectator*

After a career spent educating children on the importance of leadership, Mark Otto decided to practice what he preached.

"For years, I've been telling kids that each individual has the ability to do something in their community, and they have the responsibility to not sit back and be idle," said Otto, who is an assistant principal at the Facing History School in Midtown Manhattan. "I can't preach to my kids about doing something

and then not do it myself."

For Otto, that something is his budding campaign for the 7th District seat in the New York City Council, which is being vacated next year by term-limited Robert Jackson. Otto began fundraising in February, making him one of only two candidates to formally enter the race, though at least five others have expressed interest in running.

A special educator who also holds a degree in education leadership from New York University, Otto does not hide that education reform is the primary focus of his campaign. But he is quick to brush off suggestions that he is a one-trick horse.

More than anything else, he said, education reform holds the key to economic growth.

"Every generation we miss in education is one that is still without housing, still unemployed, still struggling, and are a strain on the economy," Otto said.

In addition to a being a teacher, Otto often found himself dealing with issues of poverty, hunger, and homelessness because some of his students dealt with such problems on a daily basis.

"If the students aren't fed well, if they're not living in a safe place, and their family isn't

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## Burma's opposition leader packs Low

### Suu Kyi talks importance of youth activism, education

**BY SAMANTHA COONEY**  
*Columbia Daily Spectator*

Renowned Burmese dissident Daw Aung San Suu Kyi took the stage at the Columbia World Leaders Forum Saturday afternoon with a clear message: Young people are key in bringing about political change.

Students filled the rotunda of Low Library to listen to Suu Kyi's discussion with NBC News correspondent Ann Curry on why the success of Myanmar's youth is vital to the ongoing fight to rid the country of the heavy influence of its military and repair its underdeveloped economy.

"We all forget that the most special resource of any country is its human resource," she said. "Young people who are ill-educated, in ill health, who have lost hope, are a danger to the country."

Suu Kyi was a political prisoner on and off for nearly 15 years from 1989 to 2010. She told Curry that she kept active during her time under house arrest by listening to the radio and meditating.

"I think I was the healthiest prisoner of conscience in the world," she said.

In 2012, following the dissolution of Burma's military junta—which ruled for nearly 40 years—Suu Kyi was elected to the Myanmar parliament.

A former Manhattan resident, Suu Kyi was on her first trip to the United States in over 40 years. She stressed that improving her nation's education system would be essential to motivating Burmese youth.

"We need so much help to bring our young people up to the standard that has been achieved in other countries," she said.

Her message resonated with students in attendance. Roger Li, CC '15, wrote about Suu Kyi in one of his application essays to Columbia and

tutored political refugees as a high school student.

"Hearing her makes me want to do more," he said.

In a question-and-answer session that followed the discussion, one student asked whether the efforts of young people would be taken seriously. Suu Kyi insisted that there was no right or wrong time to get involved in activism.

"If you believe in the cause to which we are working, no age is right," Suu Kyi said.

### "You have to build your life on principles."

—Daw Aung San Suu Kyi,  
*Burmese opposition leader*

University President Lee Bollinger, in his introduction, quoted Václav Havel, the first president of the Czech Republic, who spent eight weeks as an artist in residence at Columbia in 2006. A political dissident himself, Havel wrote of Suu Kyi in the Washington Post, "I would like to meet her and give her a rose like the one she is seen holding in a photograph in my study." Bollinger relayed his memory of Havel's stay at Columbia and presented Suu Kyi with a white rose at the close of his introductory remarks.

Bollinger said, "Let me celebrate the recent progress in your home country and welcome you to Columbia by following Havel's wish, and by doing that simple, and now easy, thing to do that was unjustly forbidden to our great mutual friend."

Registration for World Leaders Forum events is

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### NEWS BRIEF

## SGA first-year pres., VP elected, CCSC, ESC elections start today

Shivani Vikuntam and Rachel Chung were elected Barnard's first-year class president and vice president, respectively, Barnard's Student Government Association announced on Sunday. The pair said their biggest goal for the year is to bring together first-year students on all floors of Barnard residence halls.

"We have so many events focused on our floor, such as Constellations, and we both realized that we can't really get in touch with people on different floors," Chung said. "We want to focus on ensuring that the community knows each other, that there will be an increase of community here."

Vikuntam said she wants to hold inter-Constellation competitions, field days, and celebrations for non-religious holidays, such as Halloween, to unite the first-year class. Chung added that she and Vikuntam hope to organize dance parties similar to the one held at the Bronx Zoo during the

New Student Orientation Program.

"It's a great way to put yourself out there and get to know more people," Chung said.

Vikuntam said she also wants to increase first-year involvement in the SGA's decision-making process and encourage all first-year students to attend SGA Representative Council meetings. "I plan on creating some way of notifying students through Facebook to let them know what's happening in SGA, how they can get involved, and what they can do to make a difference," Vikuntam said.

It's a busy week for undergraduate student council elections. Applications are still open for other first-year positions on SGA. The first-year candidates for Engineering Student Council debated on Thursday, the Columbia College Student Council candidates debated on Sunday, and voting for both opens on Monday.

—Emma Goss

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#### Kafka in Columbia

Jason Bell discusses why bad things come in small packages.

#### Privilege and disdain

Andrew Godinich deems Columbians' criticisms of Romney hypocritical.



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#### Football loses Liberty Cup XI to Fordham

The Lions nearly forced overtime against Fordham, but lost 20-13 as a last-minute touchdown pass was nullified when quarterback Sean Brackett crossed the line of scrimmage.

### EVENTS

#### Columbia International Expo

Learn more about opportunities to go abroad for undergrad and grad students.  
*Buell Hall (Maison Française), 5 p.m.*

#### Women in Public Service Conversation

A panel of women global leaders will respond to the UN General Assembly.  
*Diana Center Event Oval, 6 p.m.*

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## Local principal aims for uptown Council seat

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together, they’re not going to learn well,” Otto said. “So as much as people say that I am a one-topic candidate, that may be true, but I see everything.”

Otto didn’t grow up a straight-A teacher’s pet. In fact, he struggled in school and often hated going to class, he recalled with a laugh. After getting involved in Special Olympics coaching as a teenager, however, he discovered a passion for educating the disadvantaged and the disabled.

The Facing History School—which Otto founded with Facing History and Ourselves, an international education nonprofit—was the eventual result of this thought process. The school’s mission is to instill lessons of citizenship and advocacy into children from troubled backgrounds.

“Half of the kids that are labeled as emotionally disturbed aren’t disturbed—they’re angry.

And they have a good reason to be angry,” Otto said. “They’re living in situations that would make anyone angry.”

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—Mark Otto,  
City Council candidate

Much like his sole opponent, former Community Board 12 vice-chair Cheryl Pahaham, Otto said he does not have the luxury of a “political machine”

to raise large sums of money in a short time frame—a reality that prompted him to enter the race early despite uncertainty around the future of council district borders, which have kept a number of other candidates on the sidelines.

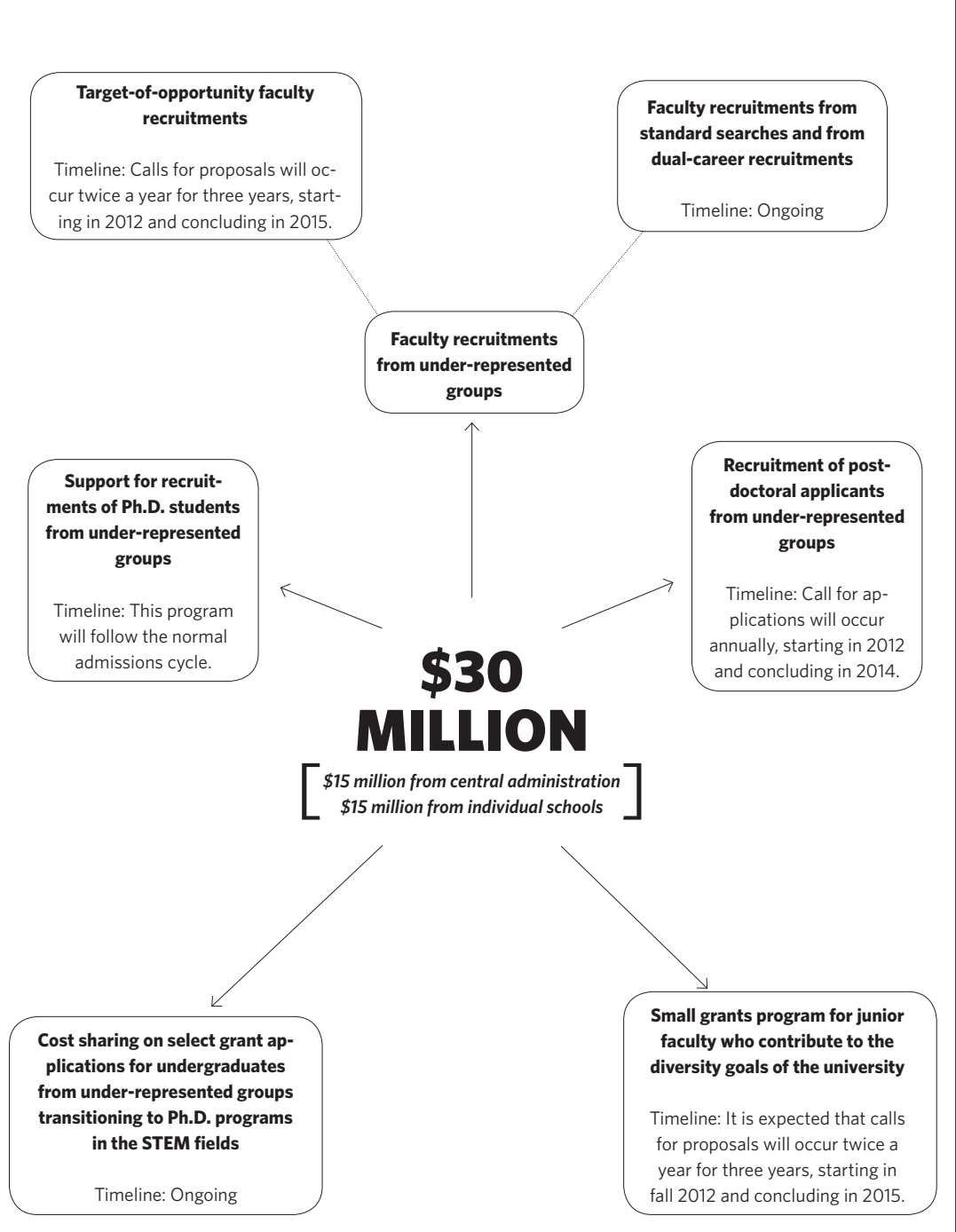
Even if his campaign ends in defeat, Otto said he will be content with forcing the candidates to incorporate education into their platforms throughout the race.

But that’s his goal, and he has been working to rally his students and their families to the cause, holding cabaret fundraisers in the neighborhoods around his school and speaking with parents about organizing events. As of the July filing deadline, he had raised roughly \$10,000 from over 100 donors in the 7th District.

“I don’t imagine, quite frankly, that I’m going to lose,” Otto said. “My kids and my parents are fired up.”

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## WHERE IS THE DIVERSITY INITIATIVE MONEY GOING?



## Provost’s diversity initiative begins post-doc hires

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the most senior administrator involved with the plans.

The \$30 million—which is split evenly between funds from the central administration and funds pledged by individual schools—will be distributed over the next three years through a series of competitions between Columbia’s schools. Every few months, Davidson’s office will solicit requests for proposals to fund five different areas: postdoctoral fellows, junior faculty research, faculty recruitment, Ph.D. students, and undergraduate grants. The dean’s office from each school will submit candidates, and a committee, comprised of different members at each competition, will select several winners.

Proposals for funding post-docs were received on June 1, and the committee selected four schools to receive funding for one new post-doc in August: the School of Nursing, the Law School, the School of Social Work, and the Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory. A new set of proposals for faculty recruitments from underrepresented groups is due Oct. 1.

The qualifications for the best proposals will change for each of the five targeted positions. When it narrowed down the selections for post-docs, the committee asked, “How are you going to mentor this

person? What support would you give to them to help them succeed?” Davidson said. “We want to hear that they are going to guarantee that they will have somebody advising that person who is experienced.”

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—Andrew Davidson,  
Vice Provost of Academic Planning

The four schools that were chosen, Davidson said, had clearly demonstrated that those resources were guaranteed.

“It’s not just about hiring the post-docs—it’s about mentoring and helping them advance,” said Kuheli Dutt, the assistant director for academic affairs and diversity at Lamont-Doherty. The directors have not yet decided which division the new postdoctoral position will be assigned and is still working with the Office of the Provost to determine the exact amount of funds that the central

administration will provide for the position. Dutt said that the observatory will search particularly for African-American and Hispanic applicants, who are under-represented among Lamont’s post-docs.

Davidson said that the guiding philosophy of the initiative is to support women and under-represented minorities during key points in their careers so that they are encouraged to pursue the fields they love. “We’re always working at transition points,” Davidson said. “The transition points are where I think we can do something because those are the leaks in the pipeline” that produces the next generation of academics.

“If we don’t have a system that produces black, Hispanic, or female scientists and engineers in proportion to their numbers in the population, or at least in proportion to the number that have interest in these fields, we’re basically losing a major portion of the talent pool,” Davidson said. Bakken said she believes that this new initiative will help the School of Nursing confront these challenges. “Having that additional resource provided by the provost makes it very possible for us to recruit someone who we would not normally been able to recruit,” she said.

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### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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**A GLOBAL HISTORY OF THE PATERNITY TEST**  
12 PM

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### 10/04

**THE POTENTIAL & PROMISE OF FEMINIST VOICES IN ISLAM**  
6:30 PM

James Room, 4th Floor Barnard Hall

### 10/08

**THE STORY BEHIND THE STORY: Mannequin and The Matter**  
7 PM

Event Oval, The Diana Center

### 10/09

**DIGITAL COMMUNITY FORMATION**  
6:30 PM

Event Oval, The Diana Center

### 10/11

**AN EVENING WITH ELIE WIESEL**  
6 PM

Event Oval, The Diana Center

### 10/15

**RACE, GENDER & THE NEW BIOCITIZEN**  
6:30 PM

James Room, 4th Floor Barnard Hall

#### NEW PLAYS

**A reading with New York Stage & Film**  
7 PM

Glicker-Milstein Theatre, The Diana Center

### 10/15–10/16

**RUSSIAN MIGRATION ACROSS BORDERS, ACROSS TIME**

**Time to be announced**

Kraft Center, 606 West 115th Street

### 10/18–10/20

**EURYDICE**  
3 PM (Saturday) & 8 PM

Minor Latham Playhouse, 118 Milbank Hall

### 10/19

**PERFORMING TRADITION & INNOVATION**  
1:30 PM

Barnard Hall 305

## BARNARD

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CC alum in boro president bid fought big-arena battles on CB1

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center near Ground Zero, even as she received death threats. And she negotiated a compromise with Occupy Wall Street protesters to keep them from drumming day and night.

But the achievement Menin is most proud of is overseeing the addition of three new public schools in Lower Manhattan over four years—more new public schools, she believed, than any other New York neighborhood.

When she became chair, “one of first things I saw was overcrowding in local public schools,” Menin said. “I was seeing 36 kids in a class in P.S. 89.”

Menin collected her own data on population growth that refuted the city’s numbers, and then found locations for the new schools.

“You have to first of all challenge assumptions,” Menin said. “If the city is not doing what it says it’s doing, you have to be proactive and vocal and not sit on the sidelines.”

Not sitting on the sidelines is an important principle for Menin, and one that can be seen in her other high-profile accomplishments.

“I was very vocal on all of these subjects, and I felt strongly that the community board must take a stand on each of these,” Menin said.

Menin’s diverse resume also includes hosting a political interview show, “Give and Take,” on NBC, which she said also prepared her for electoral politics.

“There’s nothing like live TV, where you’re doing a debate and you need to put forward your views in a convincing, clear fashion,” she said.

As borough president, Menin said her top goals would be creation of new jobs, education, and affordable housing. Menin, who owned a Lower Manhattan restaurant and catering business called Vine, said that she would make it “easier for small businesses to operate in this city.”

“There are so many licenses

and fees and other regulatory requirements that small businesses have to do, and many not automated or online,” she said. “If you make it easier for small businesses to operate, it will lead to the creation of more small businesses.”

On her campaign, Menin has called for the creation of new job centers and internship programs. She would also like to reform the city planning review process, Uniform Land Use Review Procedure, so that the creation of more public school seats and more affordable housing is required when large-scale developments are built.

Menin said she has built “tremendous momentum” in the campaign so far—she is the only candidate to complete her fundraising for the primary election, with 1,750 donors in eight months. By June, she plans to hold 200 meet-and-greet events across Manhattan.

While some observers have pointed out that demographics seem to favor Jackson in the race—he is the only person of color, the only man, and the only candidate living above 96th Street—Menin said she was focused on her own campaign and doesn’t “believe it’s productive or right to try to divide Manhattan in terms of differences.”

FORMATIVE EXPERIENCES

Menin said she thinks her experience at Columbia, where she majored in political science, prepared her well for life.

She recalled “sitting on the steps of Low Library with my friends” and the experience of “having New York City as your campus.” She lived in Carman, Hartley, and Furnald, but “spent a lot of time in the library,” she said, laughing. And it paid off—she graduated magna cum laude.

Menin’s favorite professor was political science professor Ester Fuchs. Menin, who was in Fuchs’s American Parties and Elections course, “was somebody, even as an undergrad, who understood that politics was not



KIMBERLY FLORES FOR SPECTATOR

MOVING UP | Julie Menin, CC ’89, hopes to use her experience as chair of CB1 as she runs for Manhattan borough president.

a dirty word, but a way to be civically engaged,” Fuchs said.

Fuchs said she wasn’t surprised to hear that Menin was running for elected office.

“It seems to me that this was in her DNA and worldview from college onward,” Fuchs said. “I think the borough of Manhattan is lucky to have her as a candidate in this race.”

After graduating, Menin studied law at Northwestern University and then worked at law firms in Washington, D.C. and New York, where she specialized in regulatory law. In 2000, she quit her job to open Vine, which is where she was working on 9/11.

Confusion reigned that day. Hundreds of people began crowding into the building, it was hard to breathe, and white ash got everywhere. She and her husband opened their restaurant to rescue workers and stayed until the third day, when they were evacuated.

Suu Kyi’s message of activism resonates with students

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notoriously difficult, but Curry noted that the discussion with Suu Kyi set a record, filling up 34 minutes after registration opened.

When the hour was up, Suu Kyi told students who had not had time to ask their questions that they should email her. Curry quipped, “I think maybe an email from Aung San Suu Kyi might be worth not having had an opportunity to answer your question here today.”

Though Suu Kyi spoke about reform efforts in Myanmar, some students felt the message was universal.

“The message wasn’t specific

to Burma,” Weyu Shameka Hodge, BC ’13, said. “You can inspire youth anywhere.”

“We have to live our life with integrity. It’s something that we forget to do on a day-to-day basis, especially living in New York,” Keren Baruch, BC ’13, said. “We have to remember who we are and what we believe.”

When Curry asked Suu Kyi what message she would like to send to those she inspires, the Nobel Peace Prize winner said, “Principles matter. You have to build your life on principles. You’ll find that you’ll be better able to face the challenges that life throws on you.”

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# The view from the top

I fully realize the irony of writing a piece in a Columbia publication condemning elitism. But while I have the podium, why not use it? It is easy to slip into intellectually lax assumptions, to tell ourselves that we scaled the walls of this ivory tower by our own ingenuity. But this is not the case. In so many words: We did not build that.

By now, you have surely heard about Mitt Romney's remarks on the "47 percent," namely, the half of the country that pays no income taxes. Romney intones he will "never convince they [the 47 percent] should take personal responsibility." Personal responsibility. Pulling yourself up by your own bootstraps, meritocracy in action. "Who built that?" "Let's get the government out of the way." These are all proxies for the same idea: government robbing the individual of personal responsibility, that hallmark of hardy, American fiber, that which separates us from the slavish, lazy inhabitants of any given European welfare state.

His words, secretly recorded at a private fundraiser, have been met with widespread disdain—and rightly so. However, the smug condemnations I heard from numerous voices here at Columbia rang a little hollow. I have heard the same sentiments spoken countless times on campus. It struck me as more than a little hypocritical that so many of us quickly condemned Romney's comments while simultaneously denigrating our counterparts studying at "lesser" institutions or not attending college at all.

The barely-concealed scorn held by many Columbians for Middle America runs rampant. There exists a feeling that those who failed to gain entry here are either lazy, stupid, or both. Paulo Freire, the great Brazilian intellectual, summarizes this attitude in the following way: "for them [the ruling class,] having more is an inalienable right, a right they acquired through their own 'effort' ... if others do not have more, it is because they are incompetent and lazy, and the oppressed are regarded as potential enemies who must be watched."

## Columbia is an institution that perpetuates the corpus and attitudes of the ruling class.

To be sure, getting into Columbia wasn't a cakewalk. However, by and large, we must accept that there were institutional factors that led to our success. The complicated intersections of race, socioeconomic status, gender, and sexuality (to name a few) all played a part. It is lazy and (I would argue) borderline racist to assume that only America's best and brightest grace Columbia's halls when our Office of Financial Aid deems that 50 percent of our students do not require financial assistance—a feat of financial health that few American families have reached. I am not condemning the financial aid office—rather, I am condemning the widely expressed sentiment that the prestige of the Columbia degree is achieved solely through our own industry. Each of us are a product of a system that guaranteed our success: While the labor of the individual is to be commended, we must recognize that we occupy a place of unique privilege, one that is quite simply out of reach for most of our fellow Americans.

Our democracy is a peculiar one: The head of government is also the head of state. This means that the president is the head of a partisan group with discrete political and ideological ends, while simultaneously serving as the unifying symbol of the American nation, transcending creed and dogma. Upon assuming the presidency, the officeholder must tread that fine line between political ends and the somewhat-undefined goal of representing all Americans—not just the remaining 53 percent. If Romney is unable to win the presidency, it is because he has vacated his responsibility to be president to all Americans. He will have settled for those whose alleged independence and sense of "personal responsibility" have allowed them to overcome their origins and claw their way off the welfare rolls (or those whose Puritan work ethic birthed them into privilege).

My question is simple: Are we, as Columbians, representing them? When we scowl at "state schools" and "fly-over states," aren't we just emoting the same condescension and out-of-touch sensibilities as Romney? Columbia is an institution that perpetuates the corpus and attitudes of the ruling class and will continue to do so. But simply benefiting from institutional inequities does not give us license to pretend that those inequities do not exist.

These are the words on many commentators' lips: "Can Romney be the president of half of America?" I emphatically argue no. The American president cannot be identified with solely the ruling class—that is, the class of people whose good fortune has spared them the quiet indignities of food stamps, unemployment payments, and coupon-cutting. In the same way, no American, particularly one with the privilege of receiving a brand-name education, can afford to sneer at the "masses," whose "laziness" prevented them from ascending the Athenian steps.

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### Too Be Frank

# Honoring a horror

BY SUPRIYA JAIN

What would you rather not be able to remember or not be able to forget? Last week, Joe Krakoff wrote of Columbia's lack of recognition for the 11th anniversary of September 11 ("Do we remember 9/11?" Sept. 17). It's been 10 days and yet his words linger in my mind—I, too, was taken aback by the lack of recognition around me. I was then further taken aback by the very fact that I noticed and felt so strongly about it.

Eleven years ago, I was in no way directly affected by 9/11. It remains a blur in my mind: an early school dismissal, teary-eyed teachers, and news channels showing the same video sequence over and over again. My only noteworthy interaction with 9/11 occurred during a senior-year English elective focused on trauma and memory.

Through this course, I arrived at a powerful realization: Trauma isn't defined by the visceral and violent. Those qualities amplify a traumatic experience, but the true agony lies in psychological trauma. The piercing of skin, outpouring of hot blood, the rapid blood-clotting, and the eventual tender scar—this entire chain of events has a qualitative counterpart that occurs on a figurative level. This is because psychological trauma affects our normal mind-set and most basic way of understanding the world.

As Krakoff mentioned, 9/11 ushered in the nation's transition from invincibility to vulnerability, and the methods by which people heal from that trauma is an important debate. Witnesses and survivors of 9/11 speak of that second when their entire world changed. It was not simply a shift from a renowned skyline to a gaping hole. It was a transition more devastating than the shift from power and prosperity to rubble that smoldered for up to 100 days after the tragedy.

The pre- and post-9/11 world is defined by a shift in the American psyche from the comprehensible to the incomprehensible.

"Incomprehensible" refers to those things that we cannot understand, and with regard to trauma and memory, those things can paradoxically contradict each other. The incomprehensibility of 9/11 is the terror-inducing image of billowing smoke dotted with jumpers. It is also the immense courage, selflessness, and honor that defined many peoples' final moments and continue to define the legacy of 9/11. It is

## Boxed in by bureaucracy

BY JASON BELL

On the fourth floor of Lerner Hall, there is a short corridor where time curves back onto itself. Monday mornings at 9 a.m., the corridor expands to accommodate two lines of students, both queuing into the Columbia University Package Center. Until 7 p.m., no matter how many win the waiting game, the lines are caught in stasis.

Despite (or perhaps because of) the introduction of electronic kiosks to expedite pick-up, the package center is experiencing a system-wide failure. Inside the fourth-floor corridor, students commiserate, whine, and look for assistance. Unfortunately, there is none to be had, for the package center is an orphan, without progenitors or responsible guardians. I have spoken on the phone with Ricoh, the mysterious company whose name is plastered on the package center's clocks and employee polos. Their customer service reps are unaware that our package center exists, let alone that it is a nuisance. Paperwork everywhere and nary a rubber stamp to be seen.

To reach the front of the line is cause for momentary jubilation. But then, there is the inevitable hunt for the package in question, a rummaging through overflowing bins of unsorted airmail. As is too often the case, your package may have been misprocessed and sent to an off-site location, or just a figment of the computer's imagination. I have waited in lines that do not move for packages that do not exist.

The package center exceeds the Kafkaesque—it is as though Kafka's dreams have escaped from his books and materialized in the fourth-floor corridor. Nonsensical, convoluted, and recursive regulations? A disregard for the value of life outside the borders of bureaucracy? These are melodramatic assessments of the situation, to be sure. Our package center seems too banal for such extreme criticisms. But it is precisely the banality of this crisis that intensifies its force. The package center is an abomination, however mediocre and minute.



ASHLEY LEE

the impossible mingling of tragedy and beauty.

Up until my course, I too craved recognition of this incomprehensibility in the form of interviews with witnesses and survivors, or archives of photographs of that day and its aftermath. Emails from school officials and moments of silence felt comforting because they allowed me to convince myself that we were not forgetting, and that we were honoring. However, those forms of commemoration do not fully acknowledge September 11, 2001.

They recognize the event, but not the underlying trauma. For example, politicization is an inevitable effect of national trauma, but fixating on 9/11 through that lens trivializes the underlying trauma and invites a dangerous blame-game into the picture. Trauma and tragedy instead need to be understood for what they are: strategic attacks against our collective consciousness. The issue, however, is not how we understand trauma, but how we memorialize or honor it.

One of the reasons we can't or don't appropriately memorialize trauma is because of a subconscious trait that we all possess: the human fascination with the incomprehensible. Not only are we aware of our attraction to things we can't understand, we are also deeply disturbed by that realization. The apparent lack of recognition last Tuesday does not undermine Columbia as an academic institution or a vessel of cultural memory—it exemplifies how we use superficial memorialization to simplify our relationship with the incomprehensible.

As an intellectual community, Columbia does not only need to strive to understand 9/11 but also must understand our tendency to memorialize trauma in a counterproductive way. By taking the focus away from 9/11, I am not trying to undermine or disrespect the gravity of the event. We must understand that we are drawn to the incomprehensible, disgusted by that very fascination, and yet obsessed with appropriately memorializing the trauma nonetheless. It is not in doing so but in understanding why we do so, that we truly honor the place of 9/11 in our cultural memory.

Columbia does not need to remember 9/11 because it is a great university in a great city. People need to remember 9/11 because in doing so they embrace incomprehensibility, and become more engaged, empathetic, and thoughtful members of humanity.

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At Columbia, we are sealed into an envelope of bureaucratic inefficiency—our every experience is mediated by bureaucratic processes, many of which are kept out of sight and thus, presumably, out of mind. Yet, it is no accident that our bureaucracy regularly appears in campus musical productions as a caricature and metaphor of Columbia life. The package center is more than annoying—is actually provocative and disturbing—because it renders the madness of our endemic bureaucracy completely transparent, and because it discloses our true powerlessness as inmates of an everyday insane asylum.

The defining characteristic of bureaucracy is its effortless theft of power from its subjects. Bureaucracy makes its subjects powerless to resist or protest, because the stakes are often nothing more than inconvenience. How can resistance, or for that matter, revolution, mobilize against bothers and misdemeanors? For the bureaucratized subject, there can be no claim to suffering. Such claims need to be qualified as "hashtag first world problems." The relative insignificance of our inconveniences is absolutely incommensurate with the ongoing agony of others. Nevertheless, our inconveniences are symptomatic of a more profound suffering: total powerlessness to advocate for oneself as a political subject. Bureaucracy denies us our right to refuse, on the grounds of its own triviality. We are forced to participate, if only because we have no compelling reason, that is, no reason that liberal politics might label meaningful, to disengage.

In Kafka's unfinished story "Der Bau," the narrator's solitary existence in a web of underground tunnels is terrifying and pathetic because "the burrow" is of his own creation. Not only does he live in the labyrinth—his life is the labyrinth. When I finally found my package in Carman Hall, I felt suffocated by the sense that my personal meaningfulness followed from bureaucratic formulas. My world, circumscribed by bureaucracy, can be tragic only in its banality. In order to locate the potential for political action—and tragedy—in myself, I need to free my mind from the logic and language of bureaucracy. Before we can liberate our political imaginations, we will need to leave the package center and never return.

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### STAFF EDITORIAL

## At the expense of the vulnerable

About 175 of Barnard's clerical workers will see their United Auto Workers Local 2110 contracts with Barnard College expire today. Among the proposed changes in the new contract are three-year wage freezes, reduced retirement benefits, and decreased health care benefits. While Barnard's financial struggles have been evident for many months, this proposal for a wage freeze seems particularly objectionable.

We understand that in tough financial times, Barnard must make hard choices. Students and faculty have been feeling the effects as Barnard has decided to close its pool, eliminate part-time tuition, mandate dining plans for upperclassmen, and encourage early faculty retirement. While we have no reason to doubt that the decision to freeze clerical workers' wages was made with pragmatic financial considerations,

we find it morally problematic that Barnard is looking to make benefit cuts to a group of workers who will feel the effects so acutely.

The college's chief operating officer Gregory Brown told Spectorator that Barnard was making decisions on cuts while looking to maintain "consistency across different employee groups." Meanwhile, in an automated response to signees of a petition opposing the proposed cuts, Barnard President Debora Spar reinforced the idea of "consistency" and wrote that all "groups at the College, including the faculty and administration, have experienced similar measures in the past few years."

Despite what the Barnard administration claims, these cuts don't seem consistent. The workers affected by the proposed cuts will be disproportionately affected, given that they are already some of the lowest paid at the college. Barnard has not released information about its budget cuts and how they will affect faculty and staff. As such, we cannot evaluate whether the supposedly consistent cuts being made at Barnard are "fair." However, we struggle to imagine how Barnard's professors and administrators might feel a three-year wage cut

as acutely as these clerical workers.

It is sad to see Barnard in such dire financial straits, yet it is sadder still to see the college treat its most vulnerable employees in a way that lacks respect. So far, these 175 or so workers have made no threat to strike. They have expressed justifiable dissatisfaction, but have done little to come off as hostile or confrontational. In the event that they do strike, we would hope that students and professors direct their frustration toward Barnard's administration, and not the workers.

Barnard might be making a sensible financial decision in freezing wages for a group of workers whom the institution might see as replaceable. With limited leverage over the Barnard administration, there is a real possibility that Local 2110's concerns will not be taken into consideration. But morally, it does not seem fair to ask the most vulnerable group of the college's employees to make further sacrifices.

We ask the Student Governing Association to ensure that Local 2110's voices are heard. Often, students receive the most immediate benefits of these workers' services, and with access to Barnard's administration, SGA can and should shoulder responsibility.









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**SHARPSHOOTER** | Senior Gabby Kozlowski is tied with junior Liz Malone for the lead in team scoring.

## Light Blue ride 6-game winning streak

**BY JOSH SHENKAR**  
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Columbia's field hockey team (6-2, 2-0 Ivy) extended its winning streak to six games with two home wins this weekend. The Lions defeated Ivy rival Cornell on Friday 2-1 before beating Fairfield 4-3 on Sunday.

The Lions dominated the Big Red from the outset, outshooting Cornell 10-1 in the first half and earning four penalty corners. However, Cornell goalkeeper Carolyn Horner kept the Lions at bay by making several outstanding early saves. The Lions finally managed to beat Horner in the 25th minute on a goal from senior Gabby Kozlowski, who managed to tip a shot from senior Paige Simmons into the net. Less than seven minutes later, the Lions scored again on senior Bridget Desandis's fourth goal of the season.

The second half was more competitive, as Cornell managed five shots and four penalty corners. Cornell's increased offensive pressure was rewarded with a goal from junior Brittany Thompson in the 56th minute. While the Big Red managed to take a few more shots, the Lions held out to clinch their fifth consecutive victory.

After the game, Lions coach Marybeth Freeman was pleased with how her team handled the excitement of an Ancient Eight contest.

"It's always a great day when you beat an Ivy League opponent," Freeman said. "Our team performance was pretty solid. We knew going into the game that obviously there is a lot of energy surrounding it, and I think that we handled that energy and the momentum of that game very, very nicely."

The Lions' game with Fairfield was one of the team's most exciting this season, as the match featured several lead changes, shots, and scoring opportunities. The Stags took the lead in the second minute and added another goal off a corner at the 23:20 mark. The Lions managed to cut the lead to one in the 26th minute on another goal from Kozlowski, her seventh goal of the season.

The second half was similarly competitive with Fairfield outshooting Columbia 11-9 and earning seven penalty corners to the Lions' five. But Columbia managed to take control of the game led by junior forward Liz Malone, who netted three goals within the first 24 minutes of the half. Malone made her first goal

in the 37th minute off a redirected shot and added another goal in the 47th minute with an assist from Simmons before completing her hat trick with a goal in the 59th minute. Fairfield managed to cut the Lions' lead in half with a goal at the 67:26 mark, but the Light Blue managed to hold on for the few remaining minutes to get the victory. Coach Freeman said she was happy with the Lions' response in the second half.

"Fairfield was a very solid team, they had some major strengths in all of their lines, and you've got to give credit to them," she said. "But I think that our athletes, after a little bit of a slow start in the first half, we came out, we regrouped, and we really stepped up play and played team defense and team attack. We had some performances in our front field that were very tenacious. When we have the ball in our circle we're finding a way to get in good rebounding spots and get the ball in the net."

The Lions will look to extend their six-game streak and maintain their undefeated Ivy status when they host Princeton on Friday at 7 p.m. at the Columbia Field Hockey Venue.

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## Lions held to draw against Long Island

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In the days leading up to Saturday's match against Long Island, Columbia (2-4-1) was working on getting more and better opportunities to score. That practice led to a marginal improvement on the score sheet, but just not in the "goals" column, as the Lions tied 1-1 at Long Island (1-6-1).

The Blackbirds struck early in the match. Their midfielder Robert Soto got the ball on the

right side and beat Lions freshman goalkeeper Kyle Jackson in the third minute.

The Lions got their best opportunities after halftime, and sophomore midfielder Andrew Celsus matched Soto, scoring his first career goal as well, in the 73rd minute. A shot from sophomore forward Kofi Agyapong—who is now tied for the team scoring lead—generated a rebound that Celsus put home for his first career goal.

Columbia, as usual, held the edge in corner kicks, 12-9, and

generated 11 shots through 90 minutes (15 total) after posting 55 shots in six previous games this season. The Light Blue also had five shots on goal, better than its previous average of 3.3 per game, but also surrendered seven, up from an average just over four per game.

The Lions do not have much time off, as they will play again at St. John's on Tuesday evening in a final tuneup before Ivy play begins.

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**REBOUND** | Sophomore Kofi Agyapong's shot rebound led to sophomore Andrew Celsus' goal.

## Light Blue seeks to rectify red-zone issues

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Through the first two games of the season, the Lions red-zone offense has converted touchdowns in just one of the unit's seven opportunities—14 percent. While this didn't cost the Lions against Marist, it certainly did in the team's 20-13 loss to Fordham on Saturday.

First-year head coach Pete Mangurian pinpointed red-zone inefficiency as one of the team's major weaknesses.

"Our red zone is what is killing us right now," Mangurian said. "We are not producing in the red zone. In the red zone you either have to be able to pound it in or be very accurate in your passing game because the windows are smaller and the ball comes out faster. Those little exact skilled things that we have to do, we aren't doing well enough."

The Lions' red-zone woes began from their first drive of the game. It appeared the game couldn't have begun any better for the Lions with the opening kickoff, as junior defensive back Jeremy Mingo caused Fordham's kick returner Jared Crayton to fumble. Light Blue linebacker Brian East recovered at Fordham's 10-yard line.

But the Lions were only able to get three points off a Luke Eddy field goal, after two runs and an incomplete pass.

"They're all big mistakes when you have the ball inside the 10-yard line and don't score points," Mangurian said. "You can't win football games doing



that. We did that last week. It was a point of emphasis for us all week. Special teams gets a break and gives us an opportunity. We didn't take advantage. They made a lot of mistakes early. We didn't capitalize and we let them hang around."

After falling behind 14-10, Lions had a great opportunity to take back the lead following a 64-yard run down the sideline by junior running back Marcus Garrett—who ran for a career-high 168 yards—midway through the second quarter.

From Fordham's four-yard line, the Lions were unable to put any points on the scoreboard. Sean Brackett overthrew a receiver in the back of the end zone and the ball was intercepted by Fordham cornerback Ian Williams.

While the Lions defense had a tough time containing Fordham running back Carlton Koonce all afternoon, the unit made enough plays and caused enough turnovers to give the offense an opportunity to tie the game in the fourth quarter.

The Lions offense got into a rhythm midway through the last period and drove down to

Fordham's 14-yard line with just under five minutes remaining in the game. But once again the Lions made a crucial error that prevented them from cutting into Fordham's 20-13 lead.

Fordham's Michael Martin, who forced two fumbles on the day, grabbed the ball away from Columbia backup running back Alec Fisher before Fisher hit the ground.

"He came running off the edge," Martin said. "We needed a stop. They were driving, and sometimes ... the pressure is on. I saw the ball and pulled it out."

Brackett saw the mistakes in the red zone as symbolic of the Lions' troubles throughout the game.

"The whole game for us was missed opportunities," he said. "We drove down the field two times in the fourth quarter. Missed opportunity here, missed throw there. Bad read. Our defense picked us up the whole game. We had an opportunity and we didn't execute and make that one play to put us over the top."

Someone glancing at the stat sheets might conclude that Carlton Koonce single-handedly won Fordham the Liberty Cup. Mangurian believes that had Columbia produced in the red zone, the story would be entirely different.

"Koonce had some runs, but that's not the reason we lost the game," Mangurian said. "We lost the football game because we didn't score points when we had the opportunity"

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**RED ZONE WOES** | The Lions need to convert more of their red-zone opportunities to points.

## Lions finish in third place over weekend

**BY MELISSA CHEUNG**  
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Women's cross country continued to shine early in the season with a third-place finish in the Toledo Inter-Regional Bubble Buster on Friday. The Lions stood out in a field of 14 schools featuring No. 18 Toledo, No. 22 Syracuse, No. 23 San Francisco, and No. 25 West Virginia. With 92 points accumulated in the 4,000-meter race, Columbia was able to finish in front of three out of the four nationally ranked teams—including host Toledo. Sophomore Waverly Neer and senior Erin Gillingham placed fourth and fifth respectively, similar to their finishes at the Vermont Invitational, when they combined for first and second place. The Light Blue notched three other finishes in the top 30, with impressive performances from sophomore Aryn Foland, senior Emily Lanois, and freshman Olivia Sadler. The results were markedly improved from the 2011 Bubble Buster, when the Lions failed to break into the top three in standings, with no runners finishing in the top five of the race. The Columbia women will next run at Van Cortlandt Park on Oct. 5 in the Metropolitan Championships, where they have enjoyed great success, having won the meet for the last 14 years.

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### WOMEN'S TENNIS

#### Lions reach finals in doubles, win singles at Cissie Leary Invitational

Women's tennis had a successful weekend at the Cissie Leary Invitational. Freshman Kanika Vaidya emerged victorious with a 6-3, 6-4 win over Yale's Annie Sullivan in the finals of singles flight A. Vaidya won five straight matches, including a quarterfinal draw against Light Blue sophomore Crystal Leung, 2-6, 6-2, 10-3. In

the doubles portion of the tournament, juniors Bianca Sanon and Tiana Takenaga reached the finals, but lost to the Yale duo of Sullivan and Sarah Guzick, 6-8. Senior Nicole Bartnik, Sanon, and Takenaga will be representing the Lions at the 2012 Riviera/ITA All-American Championships next weekend.

—Eric Wong

### MEN'S TENNIS

#### Freshman Dragos Ignat wins singles draw in NTA Collegiate Invitational

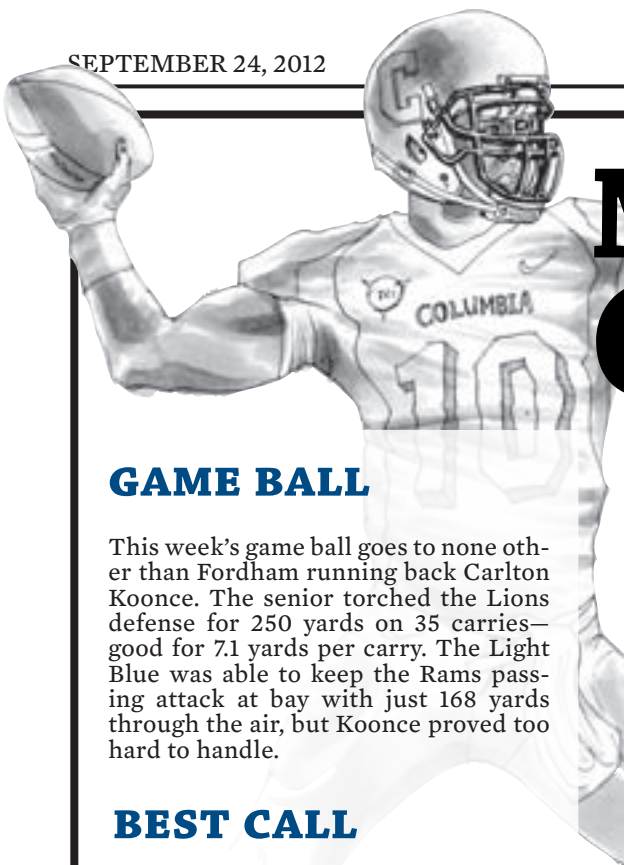
After this weekend, there remains little doubt about the strength of the newest Light Blue men's tennis players. In the United States Tennis Association Collegiate Invitational, freshman Dragos Ignat battled through four rounds of play—defeating Princeton senior Matthew Spindler in the finals—to win the Singles B Draw title. Freshman Daniel Morgan made it to the semifinals of the Singles E Draw, but fell to Yale sophomore Daniel Faerman in three sets.

Sophomore Winston Lin and junior Mark Lemann also made it to the semifinals of their draws, but did not advance. For the second week in a row, it was Princeton senior Matija Pecotic, ranked No. 67 in the nation, who bested Lin. In doubles play, Ignat and Lin also made the semifinals before falling to St. John's. Next weekend, the Lions will head to Philadelphia for the Penn Invitational.

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# MONDAY MORNING QUARTERBACK

week **# 2**

## GAME BALL

This week's game ball goes to none other than Fordham running back Carlton Koonce. The senior torched the Lions defense for 250 yards on 35 carries—good for 7.1 yards per carry. The Light Blue was able to keep the Rams passing attack at bay with just 168 yards through the air, but Koonce proved too hard to handle.

## BEST CALL

The Lions' only touchdown came in the first quarter when quarterback Sean Brackett hit junior Louis DiNovo on a play action rollout pass that would end up going 60 yards to paydirt. The Light Blue had established the run game early and often with junior Marcorus Garrett, and fooled the Rams defense with the fake, allowing DiNovo to get wide open and run down the field for the score.

## TURNING POINT

The Lions got the ball on their own 11-yard line with 2:27 to go in the second quarter, and drove all the way to the Fordham six-yard line, where the offense stalled. After a Light Blue field goal pulled the Lions within a point at 14-13 with 0:34 left in the half, the defense allowed the Rams to get in field goal range, and Fordham hit a 42-yarder as time expired. With the score, Fordham recaptured their lost momentum and never let the Lions offense back in the game.

## RECORD



GAME ONE  
VS. MARIST  
W 10-9



GAME TWO  
VS. FORDHAM  
L 20-13



GAME THREE  
VS. PRINCETON  
9/29



GAME FOUR  
@ LEHIGH  
10/6



GAME FIVE  
@ PENN  
10/13



GAME SIX  
VS. DARTMOUTH  
10/20



GAME SEVEN  
VS. YALE  
10/27



GAME EIGHT  
@ HARVARD  
11/3



GAME NINE  
V.S CORNELL  
11/10



GAME TEN  
VS. BROWN  
11/17

	Fordham	Columbia
Total offensive yards	377	413
Total offensive plays	72	77
Average gain per play	5.2	5.4
Total first downs	21	18
Rushing	12	7
Passing	8	10
Penalty	1	1
Net yards rushing	209	164
Rushing attempts	47	38
Average per rush	4.4	4.3
Yards gained rushing	279	182
Yards lost rushing	70	18
Net yards passing	168	249
Completions-attempts-int	17-25-1	18-39-1
Average per completion	9.9	13.8
Passing touchdowns	1	1
Third down conversion	4/14	5/18
Fourth down conversion	0/0	1/2
Time of possession	30:48	29:12
Fumbles: Number-lost	3-3	3-2
Penalties: Number-yards	9-70	3-20
Interceptions: Number-yards-TD	1-0-0	1-0-0
Red-zone scores	1-2	2-4

Passing	Comp-Att-Int		Yds	TD	
Brackett, S.	18-38-1		249	1	
Rushing	Att	Yds	TD	LG	Avg
Garrett, M.	30	170	0	64	5.6
Receiving	Receptions		Yds	TD	LG
Gross, I.	6		90	0	38
DiNovo, L.	5		91	1	60
Garner, H.	3		31	0	20
Tackles	Solo		Ast		Total
Olinger, Z.	5	9	14		
Waller, M.	30	60	50	40	430
	20	1	10	G	

IVY LEAGUE FOOTBALL STANDINGS				
IVY	IVY	OVERALL	POINTS FOR	POINTS AGAINST
CORNELL	1-0	2-0	72	40
HARVARD	1-0	1-1	73	44
BROWN	0-1	1-1	55	66
YALE	0-1	1-1	30	66
DARTMOUTH	0-0	2-0	48	17
COLUMBIA	0-0	1-1	23	29
PENN	0-0	0-2	29	52
PRINCETON	0-0	0-2	34	38

## PIXBOW STANDINGS: WEEK 2

1	Muneeb "Picked Apart" Alam	9-3
1	Sam "Booth Review" Tydings	9-3
3	Ryan "Roar Ryan Roar" Young	8-4
4	Peter "For Pete's Sake" Andrews	7-5
5	Alex "Armchair Athletics" Jones	4-8
6	David "The Whole Fine Yards" Fine	0-12
6	Katie "In the Zone" Quan	0-12



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HEARTBREAKER | Senior quarterback Sean Brackett had his touchdown nullified in the fourth quarter by a penalty.

## Light Blue falls short of fourth-quarter comeback against Fordham

### FOOTBALL from back page

Fordham scored a field goal of its own and entered the break up 17-13. Columbia opened the second half with a promising drive but was unable to put up any points to start the third quarter after junior kicker Luke Eddy missed a 45-yard field goal attempt. The Light Blue had another scoring opportunity when senior line-backer Ryan Murphy picked up a fumble but yet again failed to turn it into points, ultimately turning the ball over on downs. Neither team was able to score in the third quarter. Early in the fourth quarter, the Rams got a boost from kicker Patrick Murray, as the senior netted a 51-yard line-drive kick into the wind to give Fordham

the first points of the second half and a 20-13 lead. Later in the fourth, Columbia seemed poised to put some points on the board again. Unfortunately for the Light Blue, Fordham line-backer Michael Martin forced his second red-zone fumble on a run by sophomore running back Alec Fisher. Fordham regained possession on its own 13-yard line. The Rams' offense proved unable to make much of the opportunity to put the game away, though, as junior linebacker Brian East broke up a pass on a third and seven to force Fordham to punt. Columbia got the ball for a do-or-die drive with just 3:10 left in the game. What would end up as the Lions' final possession was a roller coaster. On second down,

Brackett's helmet was knocked off, forcing senior quarterback Andrew Weiss to come into the game to take a critical third-down snap. Weiss' pass was batted down at the line, and the Light Blue's chances seemed to be bleak at best. "Third down in a critical drive, quarterback's helmet comes off. He's got to come out of the game. Those things happen," Mangurian said. "And you've got to be prepared enough to know what to do and not flinch and go in and make a play." Brackett came back into the game to face a fourth and long. With his back against the wall, he hit freshman wide receiver Isaiah Gross with a 16-yard pass to give the Lions a first down and a breath of life.

But the drive ended in heart-break for the Light Blue. On fourth and 14 from Fordham's 28-yard line with just 1:26 on the clock, Brackett escaped an onslaught of Fordham defenders and hit Garrett in the end zone, seemingly giving the Lions a touchdown that could tie the game and send it to overtime. As the home crowd roared, a yellow hankie hit the field as Brackett was ruled to be past the line of scrimmage when he threw the pass—a penalty that turned the ball over to Rams, effectively ending the game. The Rams gave Koonce one last handoff before coming out in victory formation to take a knee, running out the clock and sealing the victory. sports@columbiaspectator.com

## Lions shut out Cornell, but get streak snapped by Army

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lineup for most of the first half until the 37th minute, when freshman forward Candace Stewart scored a goal for Army. Freshman defender Elly McGuffog countered for Columbia with her first goal of the season early in the second half. The 1-1 tie did not last long, as the Black Knights scored

two goals in rapid succession in the 75th and 77th minutes to put Army up 3-1. Lions junior midfielder Beverly Leon tried to keep the team in the match with a goal at the tail end of the second half, but it was too little too late. The Lions' next match will be on Friday, when they face off against conference rival Brown. sports@columbiaspectator.com

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## Lions need improvement in offensive red zone attack

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to the 117-20 margin they were outscored by last year. I believe Columbia's coaching staff can find the Brackett that we saw for much of the 2010 season and in the final 30 minutes and two overtimes of last season. An improved Brackett, mixed with a little bit of

better luck and the conservative approach Mangurian has shown so far, should improve the Lions' performance in the red zone so they can stop wasting so many opportunities. If that is improved, the fact that its defense and running game allowed the Light Blue to hang in their with a

Fordham team that soundly beat Cornell (a team that may be an offensive juggernaut) the week before gives me promise. Columbia needs to keep building on this promise, because for the next several weeks, its opponents will get progressively more challenging.

But for now, I'm confident this narrative will keep on chugging right through this week's Ivy opener against Princeton. Ryan Young is a Columbia College junior majoring in economics-statistics. He is a sports broadcaster for WKCR. sports@columbiaspectator.com



## Lions show resiliency despite loss

When Fordham running back Carlton Koonce secured the football in the end zone for his second touchdown in less than five minutes, putting the Rams up 14-3, it seemed like my narrative for this column was firmly entrenched.



**RYAN YOUNG**  
**Roar Ryan Roar**

I was all ready to write about the ways in which Columbia was very fortunate to escape with a win over an inferior team in week one and found a reality check in week two's Liberty Cup. Yet, even when the Lions lost the game in the final minutes in that unique, gut-wrenching way that Light Blue fans are accustomed to, I was pleased to see that what ensued in between those two plays destroyed my plan.

The Lions showed a lot of promise as they stayed in the game and fought a Fordham team that was clearly better than the one that went 1-9 last year, with its only win coming against Columbia. This is why it's impressive that after falling behind by 11, the Light Blue never let the Rams take complete control of the game. While being resilient is something the Lions also demonstrated last year, there are still promising changes we have seen in the first two games of the Pete Mangurian era.

First and foremost is the running game, which was, simply put, non-existent last year. This year junior Marcorus Garrett has been a legitimate weapon, breaking off big runs and consistently picking up worthwhile gains. His 168 rushing yards Saturday were the most for a Columbia running back in exactly five years, and it was the first time a Lion reached triple-digit rush yards in consecutive games in over a decade.

Mangurian has given me the confidence that the Light Blue's flaws are fixable.

Of course, Garrett can thank his offensive line for many of the holes he has had to run through. It was the offensive and defensive lines that surprised me the most on Saturday. Despite being significantly out-matched in size, the offensive line improved its pass protection for senior quarterback Sean Brackett this week.

And the defensive line made its presence felt without senior Seyi Adebayo—and will likely have to do so for the near future. The defense, and especially the pass rush, will have to anchor the Lions this season. It has been the given so far, even though the run defensive had a tough time with Koonce on Saturday.

Big plays have also been an important part of Columbia's game that we did not see much of in the past. Garrett had a 64 yard-rush, Sean Brackett's 60-yard pass to junior Louis DiNovo got the Lions right back in the game, and freshman Isaiah Gross made a few spectacular diving catches on deep passes. The Lions can use big plays to help propel them in games when they are not firing on all cylinders.

However, while Brackett made some deep throws, his game has not been up to par. In fact, Columbia's biggest problem on Saturday could be summed up the same way the Romney campaign's now can: 47 percent.

That was Brackett's completion percentage on Saturday, demonstrating how inaccurate he has been to start the year. The first week, the blame could fall on the pass protection. But this week, there were just some poor throws and decisions—including a costly interception in the end zone. And while it is tough to blame him for stepping beyond the line of scrimmage since he made connection for the would-be tying touchdown, it was still a large mistake.

But Mangurian has given me the confidence that the Light Blue's flaws are fixable. He has proven that the Lions will finally make adjustments this year, if only by the 10-0 margin in which they have outscored opponents in the third quarter—a stark contrast

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**OUT OF REACH** | Senior quarterback Sean Brackett was beyond the line of scrimmage for his last pass of the game in the fourth quarter, turning the ball over to the Rams.

## Lions miss chances in Liberty Cup loss to Fordham

**BY ELI SCHULTZ**  
*Spectator Staff Writer*

With the Liberty Cup on the line, the Lions hit the ground running on Saturday afternoon.

But after forcing a fumble on the opening kickoff and getting the ball on the 10-yard line, Columbia (1-1) was unable to come away with a touchdown, settling for a field goal and a 3-0 lead. This opening drive proved to be the start of a trend for the Lions, as they failed to capitalize on a number of scoring opportunities and ultimately came up short against Fordham (3-1), 20-13.

“We got the break early. Our special teams gets the ball for us, you get

a chance to really gain control of the football game,” Lions head coach Pete Mangurian said. “We didn’t do that. We let them hang around.”

Later in the first quarter, Columbia was handed the ball once again when Fordham center Chris Watkins fumbled the snap. Yet once again the Lions failed to realize the opportunity, as senior quarterback Sean Brackett missed a wide-open Hamilton Garner on first down as part of a three-and-out.

“They made a lot of mistakes early, and we didn’t capitalize on them,” Mangurian said.

The Lions’ defense was very strong in its first two series, forcing a three-and-out and a fumble, but began to show

cracks after defensive players got little rest, with the Rams dominating possession in the first quarter. After getting pinned deep in its own territory, Fordham running back Carlton Koonce exploded for a 92-yard rushing touchdown. The Rams’ next drive also culminated in a Koonce touchdown, this time on an 18-yard reception.

Koonce, who finished the game with 250 yards on the ground, gave his offensive line the bulk of the credit for establishing the running game.

“O-line met the challenge, answered the bell, came off the ball,” Koonce said. “You can see the reflection in the stats.”

But the Lions bounced back from a pair of impressive Fordham possessions,

dialing up a big play of their own as Brackett connected with junior wide receiver Louis DiNovo on a roll-out play action pass for a 62-yard score.

The Light Blue had a chance to regain the lead after junior running back Marcorus Garrett broke loose for a 64-yard run. But Fordham corner Ian Williams made an incredible catch to pick off a Brackett’s pass deep in the endzone a few plays later. The Lions, who had a first and goal from the Fordham four, came away with nothing to show for it.

Following a Columbia field goal with 34 seconds remaining in the first half,

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**DOWN THE MIDDLE** | The Lions received consistent passing despite Cornell's aggressive serving, allowing them to consistently set the middle hitters.

## Lions open Ivy League season with 3 game sweep over Cornell

**BY ERIC WONG**  
*Spectator Staff Writer*

Roaring out to a 5-0 lead to start the match, Light Blue volleyball (6-4, 1-0 Ivy) dominated net play with blocking and a balanced offense to defeat Cornell 3-0.

A huge block by seniors Heather Braunagel and Megan Gaughn to start the game set the tone for the night. The Lions kept Cornell’s hitters quiet, forcing them to commit 22 attack errors. Freshman Katarina Jovicic made her presence felt on the right side with four block assists and a solo block.

“We’re a big team, and by blocking them, it allowed us to play to our strength and really shut down their hitters,” junior Savannah Fletcher said. “It helped our team come together in our rhythm.”

The Light Blue’s aggressive serving also helped keep Cornell out of system throughout the match.

“When we’re serving tough and making havoc and getting them out of system, it’s way easier to set up a block,” sophomore Molly Winger said. “We know which hitters get set and our defense is much easier.”

Despite losing the first set 25-19, Cornell remained poised and fought

back. Big Red hitter Breanna Wong found a way through the Columbia block with two straight kills to help her team to an early lead.

But the Lions were able to tie the score at nine, and never looked back. Gaughn and junior Colleen Brennan had long-serving runs to close out the second set 25-15.

“I was pleased with the way we played well at some of the critical points when we were out of rhythm and out of system,” head coach Jon Wilson said. “We defended well. We hung in there and got back in the third set and in the second set to take the lead and win.”

The Light Blue swept the match with a third-set 25-22 win. The two teams were tied at 20-20, but three errors by Cornell and kills by Braunagel and Gaughn were enough to secure the win.

“To win in three is a great way to start the season,” Fletcher said. “It’s a good message to the rest of the league that we’re ready to play.”

The Lions hope to keep their four-home-game winning streak alive when they face Brown on Friday, Sept. 28 at 7 p.m. followed by a match against Yale on Saturday, Sept. 29 at 5 p.m.

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## Light Blue gets shutout in Ivy league opener

**BY CAROLINE BOWMAN**  
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In its Ivy opener on Friday night, Light Blue women’s soccer (4-3, 1-0 Ivy) took the field against Cornell looking to improve upon its fourth-place finish of 2011. With a 1-0 victory over Big Red, the Lions established early on that they are a force to be reckoned with in the Ivy League. But the team also showed it has plenty to work on in its 3-2 Sunday loss to Army.

The only goal of the match came in the eighth minute, when a cohesive display of teamwork ended in senior defender Isabel King burying the ball in the back of the net. Junior defender Chelsea Ryan and sophomore midfielder Erin Falk fed the ball into the red zone, where junior midfielder Natalie Melo tapped it to King, who then finished with the goal. Although the Lions only tallied one goal against Big Red, they dominated on the offensive end of the pitch for the majority of the match, allowing only a few chances at countering their early goal.

Head coach Kevin McCarthy said that while the team has made significant strides over the course of the season thus far, it is still striving to achieve a higher level of play.

“Some things are coming together, but we still have a lot more to do, and we’re nowhere near our peak performance in terms of our consistent work grade and in terms of our passing of the ball when we’re under pressure,” McCarthy said.

After notching their first Ivy victory of the season on Friday in front of a home crowd, the Lions traveled to West Point, N.Y. to take on Army and fell 3-2 against the Black Knights. The loss ended the Lions’ three-game winning streak, as well as sophomore goalkeeper Grace Redmon’s streak of three consecutive shutouts. While the Lions didn’t get the victory against Army, they did manage a strong two-goal performance against the defending Patriot League champions.

The Light Blue managed to hold off the Black Knights’ strong offensive

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### SCOREBOARD



#### MEN’S TENNIS

Freshman Dragos Ignot wins singles B draw of the USTA College Invitational, Ignot and sophomore Winston Lin reach semifinals of doubles tournament.



#### WOMEN’S TENNIS

Freshman Kanika Vaidya wins singles B draw at Cisse Leary Invitational, duo of juniors Bianca Sanon and Tiana Tak-enaga lose in doubles final to Yale.



#### VOLLEYBALL

Columbia	3
Cornell	0



#### MEN’S SOCCER

Columbia	1
Long Island	1



#### WOMEN’S SOCCER

Columbia	1
Cornell	0
Columbia	2
Army	3



#### CROSS COUNTRY

Women take third at Toledo Bubble Buster, sophomore Waverly Neer and senior Erin Gillingham had top-five finishes.



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Columbia	2
Cornell	1
Columbia	4
Fairfield	3



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