

Bollinger addresses USenate on M’ville progress

BY AMBER TUNNELL
Spectator Senior Staff Writer

Columbia is ready to start building its new campus in Manhattanville, University President Lee Bollinger said at the first plenary meeting of the University Senate on Friday.

The status of the construction in West Harlem was just one of many campus topics raised at the meeting—which included discussions of a possible new graduate student center and the controversial results of a salary equity study for research officers.

Bollinger addressed the senate—composed of administrators, faculty, students and other affiliates that together make policies on issues affecting the entire University or more than one school—by first presenting the status of some of Columbia’s biggest projects.

The new Northwest Corner Building at the corner of Broadway and 120th is in the process of opening, and the plans for Manhattanville are essentially complete, Bollinger, who sits on the University Senate’s executive committee, said.

After recalling the New York State Court of Appeals ruling over the summer that declared the use of eminent domain constitutional for the Manhattanville expansion, Bollinger said, “We are ready to begin creating the new campus in Manhattanville.”

The first building of the new campus will be the Jerome L.

Greene Science Center for mind, brain, and behavior studies.

In total, Bollinger said the Manhattanville expansion—which he foresees will take 30 to 50 years to complete—should cost \$7 billion to \$10 billion.

“If we can get this campus ready to go ... then we’ll leave it to future generations to decide how to do it,” he said, adding that the campus is now “99 percent completed and ready to go.”

“We are ready to begin creating the new campus in Manhattanville.”

—Lee Bollinger,
University president

Bollinger also gave updated figures for the capital campaign, the University’s initiative to raise \$4 billion by December 2011.

Currently at \$3.8 billion, Bollinger said, “We will meet the goal of \$4 billion probably by the end of this calendar year—a year early.”

After Bollinger’s remarks, Tao Tan, Business ’11, CC ’07, and chair of the Student Affairs Committee, presented

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NEWS BRIEF

Shoplifting attempt thwarted at Columbia University Bookstore

A 35-year-old male unsuccessfully attempted to shoplift from the Columbia University Bookstore on 115th and Broadway on Sunday afternoon, NYPD officials said.

The suspect, Kenneth Swindell, was arrested at 4:10 p.m. and charged with petit larceny—a misdemeanor, police said.

While attempting to leave the bookstore, he was stopped by store security when the alarm in the doorway sounded.

Swindell was carrying a black duffel bag and refused to drop it when security ordered him to do so. Eventually, he forfeited the bag and security found

\$902.50 worth of stolen items inside it.

The specific items that he attempted to steal have yet to be verified.

Swindell has a substantial criminal history including 13 prior counts—mostly drug and shoplifting crimes. He is a resident of Manhattan, but is not affiliated with the University in any way.

Following the completion of the arrest process at the local 26th Precinct, Swindell will be taken to central booking, where he most likely will be arraigned today.

Bookstore workers declined to comment. The manager was unavailable for comment.

—Arvin Ahmadi



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MORE COFFEE? | Postcrypt Coffeehouse, a student-run venue, had its first gig on Friday in its new form. Though the venue no longer sells coffee and alcohol, organizers say it’s still got its appeal.

Harlem group partners with CU for art tours

BY KATHERINE MEDUSKI
Spectator Staff Writer

For Savona Bailey-McClain, the uptown arts and culture scene is too good to be explored only in English.

That’s why Bailey-McClain, executive director of the West Harlem Art Fund, has taken it upon herself to increase awareness of burgeoning arts movements in neighborhoods like West Harlem.

Bailey-McClain recently teamed up with the Columbia University Tutoring and Translating Agency to help tourists and others appreciate art in areas of the city that do not always get the attention they deserve. In addition to her bus tours—the Brooklyn Art and Bohemian Trail and the Long Island City Art Shuttle—Bailey-McClain is setting up walking tours, which will also be in several different languages. She hopes to bring the program to West Harlem soon.

While the West Harlem Art Fund is currently working with neighborhoods outside of Manhattan, West Harlem is of particular interest to Bailey-McClain, as she is a member of Community Board 9, which spans Hamilton Heights, Manhattanville, and Morningside Heights.

“We are trying to help create a scene uptown that is a mix of art and culture,” Bailey-McClain said of her initiative. “We have military history, great architecture, waterfront views of the Hudson River, educational institutions, churches, and artists.”

Tourism, she said, has been increasing outside of traditional Manhattan locations as hotels spring up in Long Island City and Brooklyn. This has presented a way to engage an international market in what Bailey-McClain calls “a real, authentic experience of New York City.”

In addition to targeting hotels, galleries, and artists across

the city, Bailey-McClain is working with CUTTA at Columbia to offer opportunities for visitors to explore culture in the neighborhood in different languages.

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—Savona Bailey-McClain,
West Harlem Art Fund

“The program is being launched large-scale right now, and it has been very successful in terms of neighborhoods outside

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Croatian president speaks on war crimes

BY KATIE BENTIVOGLIO
Columbia Daily Spectator

Over a decade after the breakup of the former Yugoslavia, Croatian President Ivo Josipovic spoke in Low Library Friday about his country’s dedication to prosecuting war crimes committed during the conflict.

Josipovic—one of the last heads of state to visit Columbia this month—began by saying that he was “proud that Croatia defended its independence,” but acknowledged that he was “sorry for every lost life in the cruel war in the former Yugoslavia.”

In a speech titled “Transitional Justice: Croatian and International Response to War Crimes,” Josipovic addressed the legal and practical aspects of

war-crime prosecution both in general and as applied specifically to Croatia.

“History is not a stone monument, equal for everyone. History is seen differently from different people, different nations. It’s very important to move our vision of history towards reality,” he said.

Josipovic added that he realizes that there can be a reluctance to admit that some of the atrocities were committed by Croats. “We defended our country and we liberated our country. But when we speak about war crimes, we are not always realistic.”

He continued, “There were war crimes on all sides. Not always in equal numbers, but there were crimes on all sides.”

Cooperation is needed, he said. “One of my main goals in foreign policy is to increase cooperation between countries in the region.”

He also praised what he called a “culture of responsibility”

among leaders of the region with respect to war-crime prosecution efforts, particularly in Serbia and Bosnia-Herzegovina.

Though Josipovic emphasized the importance of prosecution and fact-finding for reconciliation in Croatia, he also noted that such investigation also plays a role in Croatia’s hopes to join the European Union.

Audience members questioned the president on issues ranging from the International Criminal Court to the challenges of governance over a former conflict zone.

When asked about the future of the ICC, Josipovic took a moment to appeal for international—and particularly American—support for the court.

“I consider it [the ICC] one of the most important projects in human history,” he said.

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Turkish president touts free speech progress

BY AMBER TUNNELL
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Turkish President Abdullah Gül spelled out Turkey’s global vision for a prosperous future at a speech on Friday before fielding questions about Israel and the Middle East.

Gül’s address marked the end of Columbia’s weeklong World Leaders Forum, in which seven heads of state from around the world visited campus to address students. His speech was in English, but he answered questions in Turkish.

University President Lee Bollinger introduced Gül and noted that this was the second time that a Turkish leader was



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GLOBAL FUTURE | Turkish President Abdullah Gül spoke on Friday about the changing meaning of the state in a global context.

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Core meltdown?



Derek Turner on the dangers of moving toward pre-professionalism.

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Lions overcome slow start to beat Towson

Football earned its first win of the season this Saturday when it defeated the Tigers. The Light Blue didn’t start clicking until the second quarter, but once it did, it never looked back.

EVENTS

Does Race (Still) Matter?

Join experts for a discussion on affirmative action in the U.S. and Brazil.
103 Jerome Greene Hall, 6 p.m.

Lessons from Finland

Pasi Sahlberg will speak on the evolution of the Finnish school system.
Milbank Chapel, Zankel Building, Teachers College 7 p.m.

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Postcrypt Coffeehouse reopens with new rules

POSTCRYPT from front page

Last year, the group’s hot plate for making coffee and its popcorn maker were confiscated due to fire safety concerns. Over the summer the Chaplain’s Office updated the basement’s electrical wiring—which Boone said was the same wiring from the building’s original 1906 construction—built a new stage, and installed bright overhead lights and a projector so other student groups can begin using the space.

Annika Christensen, BC ’12 and the group’s volunteer coordinator, said the managing board is optimistic that this year will be a lot more “mellow” than last.

“The vibe I get is that we’re working a lot better with the administration than previous managers,” she said.

Morrow Gordon, a 24-year-old graduate student, said he would never abandon his favorite Morningside haunt, but remains disappointed about their new limitations.

“I started coming here last year, and, yeah, I would get a beer and listen to music. That’s a normal thing—doesn’t mean I was ready to party,” Gordon said.

Public Safety Officer Ron Lindo, who sat in a folding chair throughout the event, smiled and tapped his right foot as a charming folk singer Emilyn Brodsky strummed her ukulele onstage and sang the lyrics, “New York is a place proud of just how cold it can be.”

“These kids are always good,” said Lindo, who said he did not know about any concerns related to underage drinking.

“I like the cookies and I really like the show,” he added.

Boone said that while the group is not happy about the cost of security—which she said is not required of any other student groups—the most bothersome concern now is capacity.

“Until we started to get in trouble with the administration, people didn’t really know about us,” she said, adding that more and more people are showing up to the tiny brick-lined room, once used for storage.

Nearly every five minutes during their opening night, Boone left her station at one of two doors to tell small groups of newcomers that the 35-person venue was at capacity and that they would have to listen

from outside.

The University said in a statement that the basement meeting space where Postcrypt gathers is subject to fire codes and safety and conduct guidelines.

“We understand and value the history of Postcrypt, have worked with student organizers, their Advisors and Public Safety over many years and will continue to do so,” the statement said.

Inside the small venue, patrons were happy that the show would go on.

“This has been a religious experience,” said Maura Schlagel, BC ’14, who arrived with friends for the last set of the night, during which Brooklyn singer-songwriter Jason Anderson had the entire room on its feet.

“It kinda feels like a cave in here, but in a good way,” she added.

Christensen said the dark bare walls and soft pink stage lighting always make her feel like the room came from a fairy tale or an adventure story.

“This is such a special place ... and I know that no matter what we go through people will always still show up,” she said.

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West Harlem group launches art tours across city

ART TOURS from front page

of Manhattan,” said Anna Malkan, CC ’11 and Columbia University Tutoring and Translating Agency Managing Director.

The benefits are not limited to artists and area residents. CUTTA employs approximately 100 Columbia students, including undergraduates from all of the colleges, graduates, and post-graduates. Many of the students participating in the tours are art, art history, and architecture majors who can benefit from great networking opportunities and the opportunity to learn about the city while being paid, she said.

“I can see the tours continuing for as long as they’re successful,” Malkan said, which she added would be “a long time.”

CUTTA offers bus tours in French, German, Spanish, and Chinese, while tours conducted in English are staffed through Bailey-McClain’s WHAF.

The bus tours began with a trial run of the LIC Art Shuttle in March during Armory Arts Week.

Currently, the Brooklyn Art and Bohemian Trail costs \$37 to \$40 and runs on Saturdays and Sundays from April through December. The LIC Art Shuttle also costs \$37 to \$40 and runs

on Tuesdays and Thursdays from April through December. Tickets are available via TicketWeb.com and Expedia.com, while more information on the initiative is available at MyHarlem.org.

For Bailey-McClain, it’s about creating diverse connections across New York City. “We’re in a global market and as such, we need to learn how to connect with other areas throughout the city.”

Great art alone is not enough, she said. Interconnectivity, she added, requires “getting the tourists to come to you.”

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He added, though, that he’s disappointed that “America, Russia, China, India, and Indonesia—which means the majority of the world—is out of the project,” especially since America has been considered a champion of democracy and human rights.

“If the tribunal is just for small or not-so-strong countries, then the project is not complete,” he added.

Despite this, Josipovic said that he is proud of how far the Balkan region, as well as the greater international community,

has come in the prosecution of war crimes.

In this regard, he expressed optimism about Croatia’s future, saying that the “attitude towards war crimes in all the region is changed.”

Another student asked Josipovic, as the president of a former conflict zone, about his opinion on the future of the Middle East. He responded, “Everything depends on you, on your goodwill, on your capacity to negotiate and to accept the other side as a partner. It’s not always easy.”

Roko Rumora, CC ’14 and a

Croatian student, said that he was impressed by the address.

“Of course, I have to be biased because I’m Croatian and I’m happy to see my own president,” Rumora said, adding that he thought Josipovic’s speech “showcased his competence in the field” and that Josipovic “was very mature, considering the tumultuous past of the country.”

Rumora said he appreciated that the president looked forward in the speech. “[I] was really happy that he didn’t focus that much on the past and instead more on the future.”

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Turkish president touts free speech progress

TURKEY from front page

participating in the WLF, as Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdo an spoke two years ago.

In his address, Gül discussed Turkey’s efforts to secure freedom of speech.

“Today, there is a very rich and colorful media scene,” Gül said of the Turkish media. Turkey also has the highest number of Facebook users after English-speaking countries, he said.

“Turkey is a country where things are openly discussed,” Gül said, though he added, “To come to this point has not been easy. We paid our dues.”

Gül also mentioned the recent constitutional amendments, which he said will help make the country more democratic and which 58 percent of the Turkish public voted to approve.

But Onur Karaoglu, GS, who lived in Turkey before he came to study at Columbia, said after the speech that some people inside the country have doubts about the government’s agenda.

Karaoglu, who wasn’t a supporter of Gül while he lived in Turkey, said, “I don’t see that its getting better. ... Some issues are getting even worse.”

The government claims that it is changing now, Karaoglu said, but he noted that a couple of galleries were attacked just after opening a few days ago.

“They are not fully trusting them internationally, but they are not being trusted fully internally

in Turkey,” Karaoglu said.

In his address, Gül also said that Turkey, which has the 16th largest economy in the world, has made its contribution to the global community.

“Turkey’s footprint is that the global revenue is increasing day by day,” Gül said.

But Gül added that the meaning of state is changing. “The change is influencing what can be understood as international relations so far,” Gül said. “We need to establish a new language for a global context.”

Gül ended his speech by recalling the famous saying, “Together we stand, divided we fall.”

During the question-and-answer session, students asked the president about his country’s relationship with Israel.

Gül was questioned about Turkey’s relations with Israel after an Israeli commando raid on a Turkish ferry, which was part of an attempt to break the blockade at the Gaza Strip, resulted in the deaths of eight Turks and a Turkish-American.

“We were shocked by what took place,” Gül said. “We were working to create an environment where there would be direct talks.”

“It wouldn’t have been like a democratic society to act after this as if nothing happened,” he said.

Students also asked about Turkey’s efforts to join the European Union. One student asked the president to name the largest obstacles to membership.

“The greatest challenge is the lack of vision on the part of the EU,” Gül said. “Turkey has never asked for membership to the EU without doing what we needed to do.”

But on Tuesday, when EU Commission President José Manuel Barroso spoke at the World Leaders Forum, he remarked, “We [the EU] are in a process of negotiation with Turkey, but it is agreed that all of the benchmarks have not been met.”

When asked about nuclear weapons in Iran, he said, “Our country is against nuclear weapons. We absolutely do not want to see nuclear weapons in our country.”

He added though that the situation should be handled diplomatically, instead of through war.

Evelin Collado, GS, enjoyed the speech and said she understood his message.

“I thought his speech was on point if he was trying to sell a new image for Turkey, which is what he was trying to do,” Collado said.

“He didn’t try to downplay the issues,” she added.

Brian Smith, undergraduate SEAS ’09 and graduate SEAS ’11, said that though he has been to a dozen WLF events, this was the “first time I saw such an emphatic response to the questions raised.”

“He took them kind of head-on,” Smith said.

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Hilary Koob-Sossen, 2010

USenate talks M’ville, graduate student center

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a recommendation for an interim graduate student center on campus.

Tan argued that interdisciplinary research and scholarship is of increasing importance and that a graduate student center would allow for more interaction between students in different fields.

The departmental lounges around campus vary widely in quality and are often out of proportion to the population they serve, he said. He also noted that the graduate faculty lounges are often unavailable to the students, as they close at 5 p.m. on weekdays and are not open on the weekends.

“All of the faculty we approached, all of them, agreed to give a statement of support for the graduate student center,” Tan said.

Carlos Alonso, dean of the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, also spoke in favor of this proposal.

“I am a firm believer in the need of a graduate center of some sort,” Alonso said, adding that such a center would allow

the various fields to “engage in that type of rethinking of the practices that sustain the fields that we represent.”

Although Alonso emphasized that the proposal is just for an interim center, he said, “I’m sure in the long run there will be purpose to construct a building for this purpose.”

The University Senate unanimously passed a recommendation, not a resolution, in support of the center, indicating that it is in favor of the proposal but is not making it official policy.

Another key issue that emerged in the meeting was that of a salary equity study for research officers—initiated four years ago by the administration at the request of the Research Officers Committee and the Committee on the Status of Women—was finally completed this year, said Daniel Savin, chair of the ROC.

The study showed discrepancies in the salaries of males and females at the University.

“They [the administration] found a number of statistically significant salary differences,” he said, especially among

starting salaries.

An ROC report on the issue reads, “At the Provost’s request, the Executive Vice President for Health Science, the Executive Vice President of Arts and Sciences, the deans of the Morningside professional schools, and the director of the Earth Institute are now reviewing their process for setting salaries.”

Another ROC concern raised by Savin was the administrative task force created last spring to explore fringe benefits (employee benefits) at the University.

“We were disappointed at the lack of senate representation on the task force on fringe benefits,” Savin said. The 27-member task force includes four faculty senators.

“The ROC wishes to express its disappointment with this approach, which effectively bypasses the elected body that is charged to make policy on issues, such as fringe benefits, that affect the entire university or more than one school,” the report read.

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FIELD HOCKEY

Light Blue drops heartbreaker to Cornell in double overtime

The Light Blue (4-2, 1-1 Ivy) beat Brown in its Ivy League debut but couldn’t manage to hold on against Cornell (5-1, 2-0 Ivy) on Friday.

The Big Red struck first with 15 minutes left in the first half, scoring on a penalty shot after a Columbia foul. The Lions did not let this affect them and responded quickly with a goal of their own by senior midfielder Julia Garrison, assisted by junior back Desi Scherf.

The game remained tied at one apiece until Cornell took over the lead minutes before halftime on a breakaway goal,

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making the score 2-1.

The Lions were trailing at the start of the second half but didn’t let that break their spirits. The two teams played back and forth for 20 minutes, with the Lions maintaining more of the possession. The second half had almost come to a close when Garrison received the ball for the second time from a Columbia corner and evened the score at two. This goal moved Garrison into second on the Columbia

field hockey all-time list, with 60 points.

The game stayed tied at two until the end of regulation time. The first overtime period was hard-fought by both teams, with many opportunities on both sides but no results. Then, with only 2:23 left in the second overtime, Cornell senior Catie De Stio found the back of the net to make the score 3-2, defeating the Lions in a nail-biting and devastating loss.

Columbia will look for redemption when it hosts Princeton at 6 p.m on Friday, Oct. 1.

—Molly Tow

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The pernicious temptation of the business concentration

It all started with an email we received over the summer. In jubilant tones, we were told that Columbia was now offering a major in financial economics in order to better serve the preferences of students. Then, in the first weeks of this semester, the Center for Student Advising released another announce-ment that stated that there will be a spe-cial concentration in business manage-ment for a select group of 20 students.

Initially, I reacted to these revelations with pleasure. As a business school hopeful, I immediately thought of these new programs as ways to get a leg up on my pursuit of employment in the business world. With them I could not only educate myself in the basics of busi-ness, but I would also make myself stand out as someone dedicated to the field of business management. Perhaps when the business school admissions boards glanced at my application, they would see that I was so determined to get an MBA that I just couldn't wait until grad school to sink my teeth into the rewarding topic of management.

Allowing the flush of utilitarian sentiments to pass, I started to consider other perspectives. I recalled why I came to Columbia in the first place. Though my "Why Columbia" essay may have been a little too enthusiastic about the Core Curriculum, my praise of our 80-plus-year-old academic framework was not entirely hollow. The Core, in all of its rigid glory, is perhaps Columbia's strongest offer-ing. It is true that I am one of the many who occasionally be-moan its demands, but at the end of the day I am convinced that the Core puts us on the path of deep intellectual and personal development. This development is so fundamental



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that it transcends what we would understand to be "use-ful." In taking Contemporary Civilization and Literature Humanities—and perhaps even Frontiers of Science—we embark on a journey to challenge the very foundations of our way of thinking, learning, arguing, and interacting.

The attitudinal basis of the Core extends into the op-tions available for the remaining two-thirds of a stu-dent's credits. Traditionally, Columbia College has never considered vocational practicality in its course offerings. From mathematics to philosophy, the majors to choose from have been related to a concrete subject matter but never to a specific industry, let alone a career path. The purpose of an education in Morningside, as both profes-sors and students understood it, was to equip students with a way of thinking—not a way of doing.

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Perhaps I am overreacting, but I view these two latest additions to the course bulletins as movements toward what has been and should be a foreign educational phi-losophy to our campus. Now, this wouldn't be nearly as pernicious of a predicament if it weren't for one key weakness in our collective student body: It's tempting. Even I, a self-proclaimed liberal artist, find myself drawn towards the tangibility of a name like "business manage-ment." With something like that on my résumé, I would have a real skill—something that proves that I am adept

The hidden cost of cheap chemicals

BY TODD NELSON

A recent New York Times article, "Cleaner for the Environment, Not for the Dishes," framed purchasing "green detergents" as a choice between using fewer chemicals versus having dirtier dishes. The article, however, ultimately misses the most important fact about purchasing "green products": We live, work, and play in the environments we put these chemicals into, and if they are unhealthy, we will be, too. As individuals, we control most of what is in our living spaces through our pur-chases and daily actions. Thus, as Columbia students and citizens of planet Earth, we have an unspoken responsibility to put our money and our mouths behind purchasing green.

The article in the New York Times men-tioned many reasons not to purchase green detergents—the most important being that they do not work as well as conventional items, and the other being that they are expensive. The first concern might be leg-itimate, but when we realize the deeper meaning of both of them, we get a better sense of our misplaced priorities. Green de-tergent brands such as Seventh Generation and Green Works often do not work as well because they utilize natural ingredients, but they can be handled by our wastewa-ter treatment centers and natural filtration systems after they go down the drain. The largest detergent manufacturers utilize syn-thetic chemicals or known toxins, such as Triclosan, the active ingredient in Pirell and an antibacterial agent found in many detergent products. These chemicals not only affect our natural systems, but, more importantly to the millions of individuals dealing with these chemicals, they also af-fect our health. Green purchasing, on the other hand, does not poison us, our homes, or the free goods we enjoy every day: clean air, clean water, and uncontaminated food. These goods are a noted externality in cur-rent economic models—one of the factors that leads to chemical products being cheap.

Another hidden cost of cheap chemicals is the suffering inflicted on low-income communities and communities of color. Due to the "Not in My Backyard" practice of politically empowered, educated, and up-per-class individuals, unwanted chemical factories are pushed into the backyards of low-income areas with low property values, leading to higher rates of cancer and other maladies. The hidden costs of chemicals

in our products are all around us—some of which we see, but most of which we don't.

On Columbia's campus, there is action be-ing taken by student groups to address the cur-rent lack of green purchasing, but not enough by the largest campus organization that deals with purchasing—the Office of Procurement Services. Students for Environmental and Economic Justice has been working on a "purchasing code of conduct" over the past year, drawing from other purchasing codes es-tablished at peer universities such as Stanford, the University of Michigan, and Oberlin College to create socially and environmen-tally responsible guidelines for University purchasing. Its efforts, though, have faced bureaucratic gridlock. This gridlock, in con-junction with staffing changes in the Office of Procurement Services, has prevented the necessary changes from being made. SEEJ also states that "decentralized purchasing largely happens from the various academic departments as well," which delegate respon-sibility to departmental chairs. SEEJ hopes that the Office of Procurement Services will change its own policies and then reach out to these offices. In addition to University-wide changes, environmental student groups such

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as the Columbia University EcoReps' Green Your Group program and GreenBorough House practice what they preach, and they have made green purchasing part of their mis-sions. Resources such as Goodguide.com and information sheets from the Environmental Working Group (www.ewg.org) have helped them find more information about what is actually in their products.

While environmental responsibility has grown on campus, purchasing is an area of weakness. This is partially due to old pur-chasing habits dying hard and partly due to a lack of education on the topic, but it is time for a change. For better health, better living spaces, uncontaminated food supplies, and clean water, we need to establish personal and institutional leadership on green purchasing and make these changes as soon as possible.

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STAFF EDITORIAL

Be careful what you wish for

The recent announcement of a special concentration in business management brings an oft-repeated question to the fore: What is the purpose of a college education? More specifically, what is the purpose of a Columbia College education?

Columbia College has long been a bas-tion of the liberal arts. Colleges and univer-sities nationwide are moving (or have long since moved) toward pre-professional edu-cation, but Columbia College, for the most part, has stood against the tide. It retains a robust (some might even say onerous) Core Curriculum and does not offer pre-professional majors. Nor does it offer stu-dents much in the way of pre-professional academic opportunities.

The new concentration in business man-agement may look like a step away from Columbia College's tradition of keeping students off the pre-professional track. The same might be said about the new major

Football jihad

BY MIRZYA SYED

A funny thing happened yesterday. I was sitting in Pinnacle waiting for my friend to buy lunch when an elderly woman sitting across from me decided to address me. "Do you go to school here?" she asked, her teeth stained with orange lipstick. I nodded yes, unsure of but also interested in whatever direction this woman was about to take this conversation. She settled on giving me some advice: "Don't let these left-ist liberal professors make a socialist out of you!" She then proceeded with the following caveat: "Explore the other side. These liberals in this school don't know what they are talking about. Good luck." And with that, she left with her seven bags and floral dress. As she went for the door, I noticed a pin on the back of her shoulder with a red slash over a dark image of a mosque with minarets and a dome: "Say NO to the mosque at Ground Zero!" Not exactly the kind of building planned at Park51, but appar-ently close enough. Lovely. I had almost liked her. How people can so much as suggest that I—who might venture to Park51 to pray after class on Fridays—am comparable to Al-Qaeda is unfathomable. The infamous organization is committed to annihilating people like me, who do not conform to their seemingly dis-torted reading of the Islamic holy book. What a unique position, to be so unwanted and stig-matized on both sides.

I was confused about how I should feel. Angry that she thought I looked like some-one who shared her mosque views? Amused that she took me for a potential Republican? Annoyed that she may have been, as my grandma might put it, "chalaalak," or sly, and was perfectly aware that with my Middle-Eastern nose and Islamic jewelry I might be a Muslim. Whatever the case, it left me speech-less for a few minutes. Then I decided it was funny. I shouldn't assume too much about where she comes from or what her views are. But that pin said a lot: how much she must trust Sean Hannity and Pamela Geller—how much she must distrust Barack Obama's al-legiances. And how little she must have consid-ered that people are actually Muslim.

If she thought that, perhaps, I'm not Muslim. I wonder what she would have thought about Hamza, my younger brother. He has grey eyes and light brown hair and is widely regarded in my "khandaan" (extended family) as "the American," and not without reason. His incompetence in Urdu, his affinity for preppy clothes, his musical preferences, and

at a task in the real world. With that title on my degree, I would be spared the hours of explaining to potential employers how a political science and anthropology background will empower me to be a better consultant, marketer, or analyst. Like some sort of ID badge, it would offer me quicker access to a job come graduation.

The reason why I don't let myself buy into that logic is this: If we take our education as a tool in the toolbox of life, then we are faced with a choice between adding to a tiny, career-specific box or investing in tools for the toolbox that serves every facet of our lives. By jumping at the opportunity for "real-world" education, we are im-mediately limiting the power, effect, and influence of our education. That is a trade-off that I am not willing to buy into, and I hope that my fellow Columbians would agree.

To be sure, I don't condemn career-specific education. I applaud friends who attend college and major in something very "practical," and I myself plan on going to a graduate school that aims to prepare me for a set of job descriptions. The distinction is this: Columbia has created a niche for itself by being one of the last remaining large universities that is dedicated to the liberal arts and general academic development. I would hate to see this precious distinction fade away because of our succumbing to the temptation of vocational degrees. Let's not take that chance. Let's instead remove the temptation, even if it feels like we're throwing away the paradoxically attractive prospect of burning out at an investment bank in five years' time.

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his lack of "brown" friends is too much fun to disregard. He plays JV football for our high school. I don't know much about football, but I do know that the season started in early August and that he had grueling practices every day in the summer heat. Ramadan started in early August as well. Hamza did not skip even a single day of fasting, or miss a single one of the five daily prayers. I wish I could scream to the world that this is the true meaning of "jihad," not what Newt Gingrich says that the Qur'an says and not what Osama bin Laden says that the Qur'an says. Being the only member on his

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football team that fasted not once but every single day of Ramadan and coming home every day with a smile on his face—that is his jihad. Helping my mother plate out pakoras for Iftar, helping my father every day in the backyard, and even his 14 yarmulkes from all his best friends' bar mitzvahs sitting on his bookcase in his bedroom is the Islam with which we were brought up. I am pretty sure this is the only Islam there is.

The woman whom I encountered at Pinnacle might swear that my prophet preached violence and even that some of the "liberal" professors of this "leftist" in-stitution may agree—the "socialist" students might believe this too. I really am helpless to show them otherwise when all they see is men who resemble me and who say they pray to my God spewing hate and violence on innocents, whether in America, Afghanistan or Pakistan. Is there Islamophobia on cam-pus? It simply took a discussion section in Contemporary Islamic Civilizations to re-alize that I had to be on the defensive every Thursday evening and that each one of my Muslim friends has to bear this as well. Just how liberal is this "liberal" institution?

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JODY'S DRAWINGS!



JODY ZELLMAN

Women’s soccer beats Cornell 1-0, draws with Lehigh

BY SARAH SOMMER
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The Columbia women’s soccer team extended its current unbeaten streak to three games with a win and a draw over the weekend.

On Friday, the Lions began Ivy League play with a 1-0 victory over Cornell. Junior forward Ashlin Yahr scored for Columbia (6-2-1, 1-0-0 Ivy) in the eighth minute, and the Lions posted their fifth shutout win of the year.

“I think I jinxed us by saying that sometimes we tend to get complacent after an early goal, because we failed to go for the jugular,” head coach Kevin McCarthy said. “We had many opportunities to make it 2-0 so we could settle the game down and continue to play our soccer. But, having said that, we never lost our focus in defending as a group and making it difficult for the other team to play, and we can be very pleased with that.”

Columbia took 16 shots and four corner kicks in the match-up. While the Lions did not capitalize on several scoring chances, they continued to display a powerful attack. Yahr led Columbia with four shots, two of which were on goal.

“It’s clear Ashlin is stepping it up to another level this year,” McCarthy said. “It’s great to see.”

Cornell (4-4-0, 0-1-0 Ivy) took seven shots and just one corner. None of the Big Red’s shots on goal passed junior goalkeeper

CORNELL	0
COLUMBIA	1
LEHIGH	1
COLUMBIA	1

Lillian Klein, who made four saves for Columbia.

With each team battling for supremacy in the Ivy League standings, the implications of a win showed in the physical nature of the game.

“You could see that even in our performance, too,” McCarthy said. “The anxiety level was high—I think that even contributed to a bit of fatigue in our performance, because our gals were so excited and pumped up—but it’s an Ivy League game. They are absolute battles. Every game is an all-out war.”

Columbia committed 11 fouls in the matchup, with senior defender Kelly Hostetler receiving a yellow card after a tackle in the 80th.

The Lions’ aggressiveness proved costlier in a 1-1 draw with Lehigh (4-1-2) on Sunday. A tackle in the 78th by Klein, who had few options with Columbia defenders behind the play and Lehigh attacking, gave the Mountain Hawks a free kick just outside the box. Freshman forward Murphee Greeley took the kick, and junior forward Jana Basubas scored the equalizer. Klein received a yellow card for the tackle.

Freshman Beverly Leon



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LONE GOAL | Freshman Beverly Leon scored Columbia’s only goal to tie the Lions with the Mountain Hawks in a 1-1 draw.

headed in Columbia’s lone goal in the 63rd. While the Lions generated scoring opportunities later in regulation and throughout both overtime periods, they were unable to convert.

The Lions ended the day with 13 shots and eight corners while the Mountain Hawks took 15 shots and one corner.

Columbia came close to winning in dramatic fashion when

Hostetler took a corner with 39 seconds left in double overtime, but no one could find the back of the net.

“We’ve been great on corner kicks all year, and I just really thought this was it—‘We’re going to finish this one, game’s going to be over,’” Hostetler said. “But sometimes, it’s not quite there, and we’re going to learn from this and get better.”

Saturday’s game hints at bright future in league play

GUPTA from back page

quarter, Brackett led the Lions down the field on a nine-play, 67-yard drive that ended with a 19-yard touchdown toss to running back Zack Kourouma. On that play, Brackett scrambled to his left and found Kourouma in the end zone instead of taking off and running. What the stat sheet doesn’t show, however, is that the linebackers between Brackett and Kourouma all froze for a second, deciding whether to play as if Brackett was going to run or as if he was going to pass. Brackett’s ability to rush had planted a seed of doubt in the defense’s mind, and he made the Tiger linebackers pay for being in no-man’s-land by finding Kourouma for the lead.

The other series where Brackett really showed his versatility and maturity was the team’s third drive of the second half. After scoring early in the third to go up 14-3, Brackett forced a pass that was picked off

by Towson at its own 38-yard line. Tiger quarterback Chris Hart was ruthless, finding senior Hakeem Moore on second down for a 62-yard touchdown pass that made the score 14-10 and shifted the momentum completely in Towson’s favor. Brackett was unfazed, however, and he made two huge plays on third downs to keep the ensuing drive alive and swing the momentum back toward the Lions. On the sixth play of the drive, he ran for nine yards on a third and six, and two plays later, he sprinted for 25 yards on third and 13 after taking a sack on first down.

Brackett had help from other players, including sophomore Nick Gerst, who rumbled 13 yards for a touchdown two plays later, but it was his ability to make plays with his feet that kept the Lions ahead. I think that’s why they won the game. Towson’s offense appeared to be starting to click with Hart under center, and Columbia would have been one

big play away from being down three points heading into the fourth quarter. Brackett hit only one pass on that drive, a two-yard reception to Andrew Kennedy, but he was able to carry the Lions with his feet.

Brackett also showed tremendous toughness, which has to rub off on the rest of his teammates. Twice in the first quarter alone, he took hard hits and I wasn’t sure he’d get back up. But the kid is tough and he popped right off the turf and jogged to the huddle. If I were coaching this team, I’d beg him to slide or run out of bounds every time he tucks and runs because I’m not quite sure where this team would be today without him. Brackett also showed a willingness to take a hard hit on the biggest play of the day, when he found Nico Gutierrez down the field for a 44-yard pass. Brackett stepped right into the Towson pass rush and took a crushing hit right after delivering a strike.

Now I know that this is just

one game, and that he’s just a sophomore. I get it, and I know that as great as his performance was in this game, there will undoubtedly be another game this season when his performance is equally poor. But based on what I saw on Saturday, his decision-making, passing ability, and pocket presence all point to the makings of a solid quarterback who can lead the Lions forward.

This was the team’s final warm-up for Ivy play, where the Lions will really be judged. Princeton comes to town this Saturday and will be looking for revenge after an embarrassing 38-0 loss last season. We’ll all have a better feel for Brackett and the rest of this team after next weekend, but if Saturday was any indication, the future looks bright.

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Stamatis’ second-half goal lifts men’s soccer over LIU

BY MRINAL MOHANKA
Spectator Staff Writer

LIU	0
COLUMBIA	1

The Columbia men’s soccer team earned a narrow 1-0 win against the Long Island University Blackbirds on Friday evening, with sophomore striker Will Stamatis netting the winner at the start of the second half. The Light Blue fielded an unchanged lineup from the one that defeated Seton Hall earlier in the week. The win improves the Lions’ record to 3-4-1 this season.

The Light Blue started the game brightly—it had plenty of possessions and the defense looked solid from the very beginning. Columbia threatened in the early stages and seemed eager to assert its authority in the game, as there were some moments when the Lions had every outfielder in the Blackbirds’ half of the field. Though LIU slowly fought back and got into the game, it was mainly restricted to efforts from long range, with sophomore Elliot Kane registering his team’s first effort of the match. The Lions’ first chance of note came in the 15th minute after good play from the attacking duo of senior Bayo Adafin and sophomore Nick Scott. The move resulted in a crossing opportunity for junior Francois Anderson, but his ball into the danger zone was too close to the keeper.

The Lions played some beautiful soccer at the half-way point in the first period. A delightful ball over the top by center back Nick Faber picked out Adafin, who fed freshman Henning Sauerbier. The Blackbirds could not deal with the danger, and the ball fell to Anderson, who whipped in a cross for freshman standout David Najem. Najem managed to get his header on target but was thwarted by Adam Janssen in the Blackbirds’ goal. Minutes later, left back Jesse Vella hit a ball down the line to allow Sauerbier to get in behind the LIU defense, and he managed to switch the ball cross-field to Anderson. However, LIU was able to clear the danger. In the 29th minute, a beautiful pass by Najem put Sauerbier clean through on goal, but his dinked effort was just wide. Columbia seemed in complete control, with Anderson causing further problems down the wing. In the 36th minute, there was a double effort to break the deadlock by senior fullback Hayden Johns. Unfortunately for the Light Blue, his first effort was blocked by a defender, and the

second deflected to safety. In the closing stages of the half, freshman Steven Daws released Vella down the flank, who was quick to return the ball, but Daws’ scuffed effort was easy for the keeper. The Lions certainly had the better first half, registering eight shots to the Blackbirds’ three.

LIU started the second period determined to gain some momentum, but it was punished thanks to a lightning counter-attack by the Lions in the first minute of the period. Najem sent a through ball forward that set Stamatis one-on-one with the keeper, and the striker opened the Lions’ account with a composed finish into the net. The second half saw another onslaught by the Light Blue, with Najem acting as the orchestrator for the Lions’ attack. Stamatis, Anderson, and sophomore Quentin Grigsby all came close to adding to the score. The best of the Lions’ second-half chances came in the 73rd minute, when Adafin showed tremendous skill by lobbing a through ball onto Nick Scott’s foot in a dangerous attacking position, but the keeper did not allow Scott to score. A lapse of concentration by the Lions’ defense almost gifted the Blackbirds an equalizer 15 minutes from time, but Josh Maley put his effort wide from barely two yards out when it seemed easier to score. It was end-to-end stuff in the closing stages, but the Lions held on for a 1-0 win.

Faber was instrumental in the Lions’ defense and played a major part in the shutout. “I’m happy with the shutout, but we could have managed the second half better than we did and taken more of our chances,” he said. “We got a little lucky with Maley’s miss, but we definitely deserved to win the game. We’re a much improved team from last season and didn’t really get as many good results as we could have at the start of the year. The first-years have really come in and shown that they’re ready to play, and taken our team to a new level.

“I really enjoy being a part of this unit, and I just hope we can keep improving and pick up a result against Delaware that lets us build momentum for the Ivies,” he added.

The Lions will return to action when they host Delaware on Tuesday, Sept. 28 at 7 p.m.

Tennis team fares poorly over weekend

BY KUNAL GUPTA
Spectator Senior Staff Writer

The men’s tennis team played in the National Tennis Center College Invitational in Queens over the weekend, but failed to replicate its success from last year, when two Lions players won their respective draws. Only one player, sophomore John Yetimoglu reached the semifinals of his draw. Unlike last weekend at the Princeton Invitational, where the team found better success in doubles, Columbia suffered several close losses in doubles, and no doubles team reached the semifinals of their draw.

Last year, senior Jonathan Wong won the “A” singles draw in a dramatic third-set tie-break, but junior Haig Schneiderman failed to replicate Wong’s success. Schneiderman was the only Columbia player entered in the top singles bracket, but he landed a tough draw, facing top overall seed sophomore Marc Powers from Yale. Powers was last year’s Ivy League Rookie of the Year and Player of the Year, going 7-0 at No. 1 singles in conference play. Schneiderman, who has been battling a back injury and had played and lost to Powers last fall in three close sets, was not in top form, losing 6-3, 6-1. Schneiderman was up an early break in the first set and had a 40-0 lead to go up 2-0, but Powers rallied back to break and won six straight games.

Columbia had two players in the “B” singles draw, as senior Kevin Kung and sophomore Cyril Bucher were both entered. Kung won his first-round match over Pavel Cerny 6-1, 6-1 but Bucher lost his 6-0, 6-1. Bucher lost in the consolation draw to Jason Lin from Penn in two tie-breaks, and Kung lost his quarterfinal match to Michael Laser, who is expected to play No. 1 for Dartmouth in the spring of 2011. In the quarterfinals and beyond, the tournament plays a super tie-break in lieu of a third set, and Kung lost in a super tie-break 10-4. Incidentally, both players in the final of the “B” singles draw are players Kung beat last weekend at the Princeton Invitational in straight sets.

Junior Rajeev Deb-Sen and sophomore Nathaniel Gery were both entered in the “C” singles draw, but both suffered tough losses. Deb-Sen lost in three sets in the first round to No. 4 seed Matt Himmelsbach from Marist, and Gery won his first round but lost in the quarterfinals to No. 2 seed Aba Omodele-Lucien from Harvard 11-9 in a super tie-break. Omodele-Lucien played No. 2 singles for Harvard in the spring and is a contender to play No. 1 for the Crimson this year. Deb-Sen lost another tough match in the backdraw, losing 12-10 in a super tie-break to Joe Michalisin from Fairfield after splitting the first two sets 7-5. Deb-Sen played another consolation match and lost 6-4,

6-4 in yet another close match to Casey Macmaster, a Harvard freshman who was one of the Ivy League’s top recruits this year. Gery defaulted due to injury in his consolation match.

Freshman Tizian Bucher lost in the quarterfinals of the “D” singles bracket, and sophomore John Yetimoglu, who won the “E” draw last year, lost 10-6 in a super tie-break to Robert Wong from Penn in the semifinals. Senior Sho Matsumoto lost his first-round match in the “F” singles draw in three tight sets, despite being the No. 2 seed.

The Lions only had one team, Gery and Kung, in the “A” doubles draw, but the duo was upset by a Penn doubles team in the first round 9-7. Kung and Gery were up 7-4, and Gery was serving for the match, but Hicham Laalej and Nikola Kocovic rallied to win five straight games. Gery and Kung lost 9-7 in the consolation draw as well to a duo from Dartmouth. Deb-Sen and Schneiderman, teammates from their high school days, were seeded second and won their first round match in the “B” doubles draw, but were upset in the quarterfinals 9-8. The Bucher brothers teamed up in the “C” draw but were defeated in the first round of the main draw.

The team will not be sending anyone to the D’Novo All-American Championships in Oklahoma this weekend, and will next be in action when they host the Columbia Classic, starting on Fri., Oct. 8.

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MONDAY MORNING QUARTERBACK

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PLAY OF THE GAME

GAME BALL

While quarterback Sean Brackett had a stellar game, it was running back Nick Gerst who stole the show. Gerst, who spent 2009 on the JV squad, rushed 11 times for 73 yards, including a 13-yard touchdown run in the fourth quarter.

BEST CALL

While it was probably made long before kickoff, putting freshman Luke Eddy in as kicker was Coach Wilson's best call. Eddy converted all three of his PATs and made a 37-yard field goal, a good sign for the Lions, who have been plagued by poor special teams play.

WORST CALL

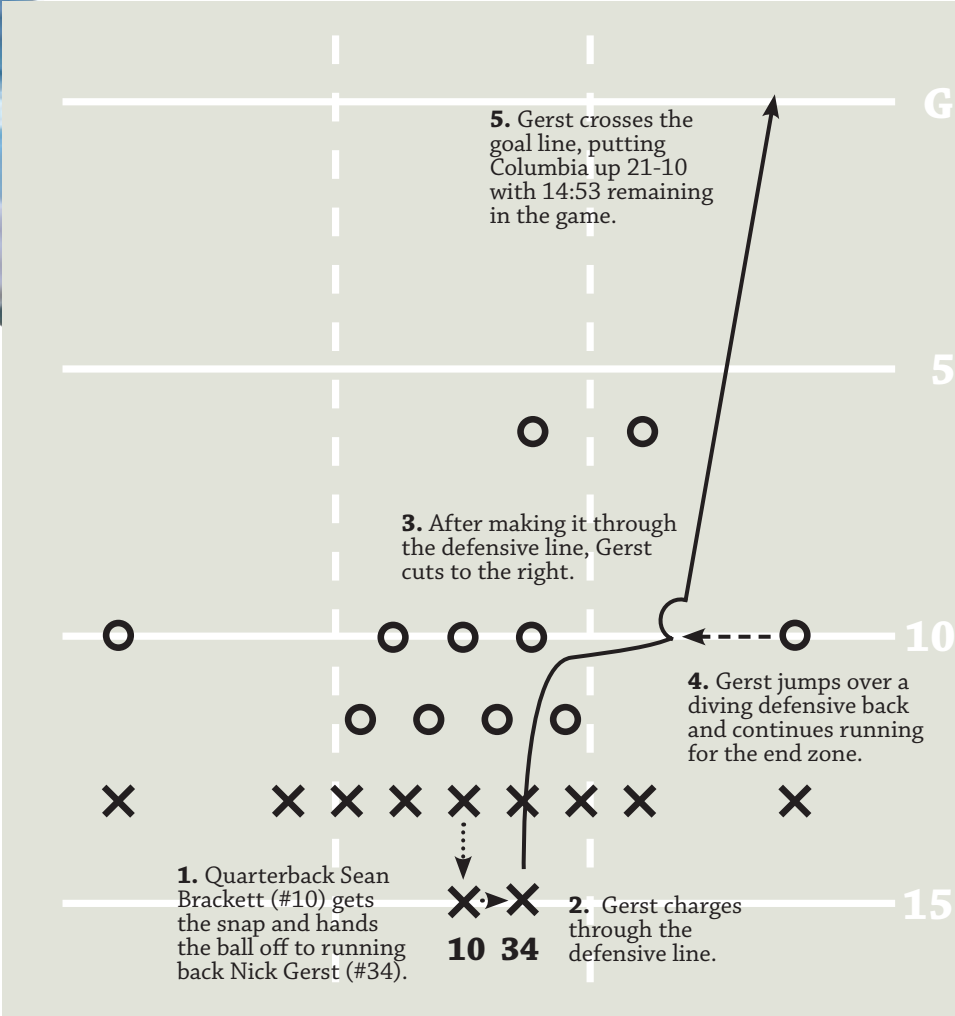
Towson head coach Rob Ambrose switched between Bart Blanchard and Chris Hart at quarterback several times during the game. While this was likely an attempt to find his squad's offensive identity, it certainly didn't help the Tigers develop any rhythm.

TURNING POINT

After a third-quarter touchdown by Towson cut Columbia's lead to just four, it looked as though the momentum might shift. But on the Lions' next drive, Nick Gerst ran 13 yards for a touchdown, jumping over a Towson player in his way.

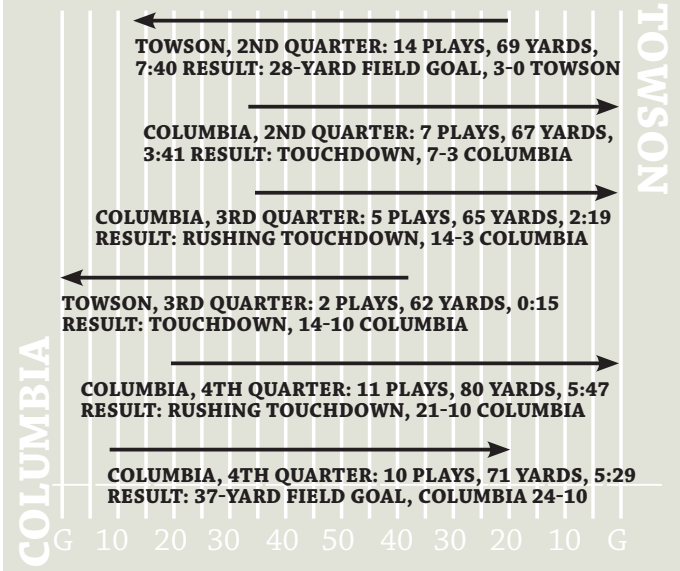
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KEY DRIVES



IVY LEAGUE FOOTBALL STANDINGS				
	OVERALL	IVY	POINTS FOR	POINTS AGAINST
BROWN	2-0	1-0	62	44
YALE	2-0	1-0	61	42
HARVARD	1-1	0-1	48	35
CORNELL	0-2	0-1	14	62
DARTMOUTH	2-0	0-0	64	39
PRINCETON	1-1	0-0	58	68
COLUMBIA	1-1	0-0	33	26
PENN	1-1	0-0	29	36

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Offensive lines, often unnoticed, proved crucial component in Saturday's game

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They don't show up in the box score. They usually aren't at the post-game press conferences. And they certainly aren't drafted onto any fantasy football teams. But the age-old aphorism of football once again held on Saturday's game: Teams live and die on the basis of their offensive lines.

Last week against Fordham, the Lions allowed eight tackles for loss to the Rams' defensive line, including two sacks. They picked up right where they left off in the first half of Saturday's game against Towson.

The Tigers relentlessly blitzed the Light Blue on almost every play. With the pocket collapsing around him, there was little that quarterback Sean Brackett could do except tuck and run.

The sophomore attempted only seven passes in the first half, and he was sacked three times. While Brackett did make some nifty plays on his feet in the first half, they were mostly on broken plays, with the pocket collapsing after finding nobody open downfield.

Towson sophomore defensive end Matt Morgan—who only had two sacks of his career going into the game—got past the Lions' line multiple times, and got two forceful sacks on Brackett.

Meanwhile, the Tigers were taking care of business on the other side of the ball. Towson, which had only given up two sacks total in its first three games of this season, continued its success in the first half.

Dual-threat quarterbacks Chris Hart and Bart Blanchard had more

than enough time in the pocket to hit their receivers, including three big third-down conversions to keep drives alive. But ultimately, some untimely penalties and lack of a running game stalled the Tigers' offense before they reached the red zone.

Second-year offensive line coach Ed Argast must have given quite a half-time pep talk.

Immediately into the second half, Brackett not only had far more time in the pocket to hit open receivers, but also had a line that opened up massive holes for him and running backs Nick Gerst and Leon Ivery. After amassing only 41 yards on the ground in the first half, the Lions exploded for 183 in the second half, highlighted by a 38-yard sweep by Ivery on the opening drive. The Lions marched 62 yards downfield on their opening drive, resulting in a field goal.

Brackett certainly noticed the difference.

"It was a huge difference. I mean, I think we had a couple of more deep throws downfield, and that's just from me being able to hang around the pocket longer," he said. "I think their defense got a little tired down in the second half, so that helped a lot, too."

The sophomore was not only able to spread the ball around the field, but found gaping holes underneath after getting past the Tigers' pass rush. Brackett ripped off runs of 20 and 25 yards while leading the way to two more touchdowns for Columbia's offense.

On the Towson line, the exact opposite was happening. The Lions' linebackers feasted on the Tigers'



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SACKED | Josh Martin led the Lions' defense, breaking through Towson's offensive line for three sacks in the fourth quarter.

worn-down guards, getting around the edge almost every play and harassing Blanchard so much that the Tigers were forced to switch back to Hart after pulling him earlier in the game.

The defensive assault was led by Josh Martin, who exploded for three sacks in the fourth quarter alone. The Towson quarterbacks had to rush their throws, and each threw desperation

passes that were picked by Columbia corner Calvin Otis.

They may not have been the main headliners, but the offensive lines were key in Saturday's game.

Brackett leads Light Blue to win in final game before conference play begins

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Brackett completing four passes on a 67-yard drive with two minutes remaining in the half. A 19-yard reception to Zack Kourouma gave the Light Blue a 7-3 lead heading into the half.

"I think once we got in the rhythm, I was able to make my reads a little bit easier and find open receivers," Brackett said. "I think the offensive line did a great job of giving me time."

The Lions' offense picked up where it left off in the third quarter with a five-play, 65-yard scoring drive culminating in Leon Ivery's five-yard touchdown run. Towson answered four minutes later when wide receiver Hakeem Moore took a pass from Chris Hart, eluded the Columbia secondary, and streaked

down the right sideline for a 62-yard touchdown reception to cut the Tiger deficit to 14-10.

Moore, Towson's most dangerous offensive weapon, was watched by cornerback Calvin Otis all afternoon.

"He was pretty good," Otis said. "He was pretty quick. He got me a couple of times on the quick spins." Otis got the last laugh, though, with two big interceptions down the stretch.

On the first play of the fourth quarter, running back Nick Gerst broke through the defensive line, ducked right, and made an acrobatic leap to avoid a tackle before finding the end zone from 13 yards out.

"I saw a kid coming, so I had two options," Gerst said. "I was gonna go for the corner or try and cut back, and

when I cut back, I saw he was going for my ankles. You know, I don't even really know how I did it." Gerst's touchdown run pushed Columbia's lead to 21-14.

On the Light Blue's ensuing possession, Brackett looked downfield and found wide receiver Nico Gutierrez exploding past the Tiger defense for a 44-yard reception. Freshman Luke Eddy capped the drive with a 38-yard field goal for a 14-point home-team advantage and the final margin.

Columbia's defense stood tall all afternoon, snuffing out Towson's last serious threat on fourth down with three minutes remaining.

Special teams had to be the story of the day for the Light Blue. After shanking several punts last week and having an extra point blocked, skepticism abounded

about the kicking game. Eddy stepped up with his 38-yard field goal and three successful PATs to remove the looming question mark. Punter Greg Guttas was strong as well, kicking for an average of 43 yards on five punts and denying Towson advantageous field position.

"In pregame, Luke shanked a 10-yard field goal, and he almost got fired before the game started," Wilson said. "The special teams played a lot better this week than they did last week, but you know at midnight tonight this week's over, so we gotta go and get ready to play next week."

Brackett was all over the field for Columbia on the offensive side, going 11-15 for 157 yards, one touchdown, and one interception. He also racked up 89 rushing yards.

"In some situations, you just gotta run," he said. "Like I said, the line did a great job of giving me protection, and if I put the ball down, there were receivers blocking downfield, so I think just a lot of effort today, and we played hard, and I think that showed."

Gerst led the running back tandem with 73 yards. Tight end Andrew Kennedy carried the passing game with four receptions, while Gutierrez had 52 yards on two catches.

Towson played quarterback roulette all afternoon, alternating between Hart and Bart Blanchard. Moore led the Tigers' offensive effort with five receptions and 110 yards.

Columbia is back in action next Saturday when it hosts Princeton for the season's Ivy League opener.

Brackett key to Columbia football success

There were a lot of things I took away from Saturday's win over Towson, but by far the most impressive and important point was this: Sean Brackett is the best player on this team and is going to be the key to the team's success in 2010 and beyond.

There were plenty of other story lines. Senior captain Alex Gross was great yet again, leading the team with 12 total tackles and defensive lineman Josh Martin spent more time in the Towson backfield than the Tigers' projected starting quarterback,



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Moving the Chains

Sean Brackett is the best player on this team.

but the real revelation in the game was under center for Columbia. Brackett looked more polished than he had in any of his previous starts.

Brackett and the rest of the Columbia offense struggled in the first quarter, particularly in the air, as the quarterback had trouble finding his receivers and was forced to use his legs early and often. Not helping matters were two holding penalties that negated two potential Lion first downs. But Brackett kept the damage to a minimum by rushing effectively and scrambling for yardage, even if it didn't result in a first down.

Brackett's ability to make something out of nothing with his legs was instrumental in Columbia's first score of the afternoon. After Towson kicked a field goal to go up 3-0 in the second



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NICK OF TIME | Running back Nick Gerst delivered a touchdown in the fourth quarter, giving Columbia a 21-10 lead.

CU beats Towson 24-10 for first win of season

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For one afternoon at least, everything seemed to go right for Columbia's football team. In 80-degree sunny weather at Baker Field on Saturday, the Lions welcomed the Towson Tigers to Manhattan in their final game before conference play starts next week against Princeton. Columbia emerged with a 24-10 victory with all cogs seeming to run smoothly in the Light Blue engine.

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"The punter punted the ball and the kicker kicked the ball and we recovered kicks, and you know, we had some penalties, but not a whole bunch," head coach Norries Wilson said after the game. "You know the players and the coaches put a lot of work into this week. I just stayed out of their way, and they got it done, and they did a fantastic job."

First-quarter action saw both teams sputtering on offense. The Lions and Tigers traded possessions in the early minutes, with Columbia almost exclusively letting quarterback Sean Brackett keep the ball himself and Towson countering with their running back tandem of Nygee Carmichael and Tremayne Dameron. Towson managed a 28-yard field goal halfway through the opening frame for a 3-0 advantage.

The Columbia offense found its stride late in the second quarter, with

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