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Casa Italiana, 2:40- 5:00 p.m.

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University Provost Claude Steele lectures on "Identity and Stereotype Threat: Their Nature and What to do About Them at School and Work." Steele draws on material from his upcoming book on stereotypes and offers insight into how we form our sense of identity. Registration is required.

Rotunda, Low Memorial Library, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"It is a person, it is here, it is visible—talk to it."

—Barbara Hohol, on local seniors

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ELDER AID | Locals like Irene Zola volunteer to support senior citizens who are often poorly served by a flawed care system.

Local residents reach out to elders

BY SAM LEVIN
Spectator Staff Writer

As a disproportionately large number of elderly locals start to need senior citizen services, their neighbors are acting to confront the huge disparity in available resources.

Irene Zola, the executive director of the nonprofit organization Support Our Seniors, recently formed a daughter program of SOS called Morningside Village. In response to what she and others view as an approaching crisis in elderly care, Morningside Village is building a network of local volunteers.

The organization is one of many community "villages" popping up nationwide to sustain elders in their homes and provide long-

term companionship. These efforts come at a time characterized by aging baby-boomers, a shortage in geriatric professionals, a shrinking economy, and the continually high cost of health care.

Through extensive research and local recruitment efforts, Zola is in the process of carving out a small plot of Manhattan for her local village in the hopes that, here in this microcosm of the city, senior citizens will be able to weather the storm.

A new village in town

"The major force for me was having to go through the system

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SENIOR CENTER | Though helpful, the nursing home system is not always enough.

Center promotes climate change in Law School

BY MINJI REEM
Spectator Staff Writer

For law school students worried about their futures in a tough job market, the Center of Climate Change Law at the Columbia University School of Law may be a ray of hope.

The program, which works in collaboration with Columbia's Earth Institute, was launched in January 2009 with the goal of developing and circulating legal techniques to address climate change. Since then, the CCCL has sparked great interest among students as the demand for lawyers who specialize in environmental issues increases.

According to professor Michael Gerrard, director of the CCCL, "Climate change has emerged as the most important environmental issue of the decade and the next several decades. Young people understand that the quality of the planet on which they will spend the rest of their lives will be heavily affected by what happens now."

In addition to serving as director of the program, Gerrard teaches four courses related to environmental law, which have been met with enthusiastic interest. "When I first signed on to teach, the registrar wanted to give me a classroom that would accommodate 25 people. We might have more people than that sign-up. We ended up with 60 people showing up," he said.

And regardless of specialization, students are realizing that environmental law would be applicable in whatever field they choose to study.

"I think this is a great place for future lawyers to go because environmental issues are so pressing and important," Steven Wu, Law '10, said. "Based on my experience, students who are interested in environmental law tend to approach it from a corporate perspective. I think it's great that that center provides a public service perspective."

The CCCL reaches out to the public by hosting a variety of debates, panel discussions, and conferences regarding current environmental issues. The most recent event, a three-way debate featuring professional lawyers discussing the American Clean Energy and Security Act, proved to be immensely popular—with 300 people filling a room meant for only 160. Next up will be a panel discussion on Oct. 3 about the conflicts between India and the United States regarding the United Nations Climate Change Conference in Copenhagen, Denmark.

Gerrard believes that multidisciplinary offerings in conjunction with the Columbia Business School, the School of International and Public Affairs, and science departments throughout Columbia are the keys to future growth of the CCCL.

With rising demands for energy and the decreasing availability of resources, the need for renewable energy will rise over the next few decades—which, Gerrard said, "will lead to a great deal of work for lawyers in areas such as finance, contracting, permitting, intellectual property, real estate, and other areas."

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New prof bolsters Native studies

BY TABITHA PEYTON WOOD
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Audra Simpson is the only Native American in the anthropology department—an identity that informs both her academic interests and her sense of self.

First hired in 2008 as an assistant professor of anthropology, Simpson began teaching on campus this fall. She comes to Columbia from Cornell where she worked for four-and-a-half years, three of which were spent on tenure track.

While she may be a new name in the course directory, Simpson said she has already found Columbia students to be more willing than those at Cornell had been to enroll in a class taught by someone who hadn't yet established a reputation at the university.

"I was stunned by my enrollments," she said.

CCSC changes election process

Council encourages first-years to run for office

BY ALIX PIANIN
Spectator Senior Staff Writer

Election day already? It's time for the Columbia College Student Council first-year elections, and the race is looking slightly different this year.

After changing the voting process last semester, further adjustments are in the works, starting with smaller-scale tweaks for the first-year election cycle.

Last spring was the first time students voted for candidates by plurality instead of majority. While students have traditionally chosen among contenders to pick a single candidate, the new system allows voters to rank candidates in order of preference. Candidates with the majority vote are elected to office.

After several election cycles with low voter turnout, council members last year said they hoped that the new system would draw out previously apathetic Columbia College voters as well as encourage a wider and more diverse pool of people to run.

CCSC President Sue Yang, CC '10, said that the elections board this year is test-driving some new policies for the upcoming first-year elections. While there may be broader policy changes for the wider council elections in the spring, the board is looking to make the elections cycle more accessible for first-years interested in running.

The campaign materials and instructions have been streamlined, and forms have been posted to the CCSC elections Web site.

Yang said that the board also sought to tweak the runoff system introduced last year to make the voting process less confusing.

James Bogner, chair of the elections board and CC '10,

said that one major initiative for the first-year elections is to move away from using so much paper in candidate advertising. While posting fliers was an effective way for parties to campaign, the board this year is giving candidates the option to divert some of their campaign funds from posters to Web site design. About half of the first-year parties chose this option.

The campaign funding process has also changed. While candidates in the past were given a certain cut of money to spend on advertising, candidates must now put their own money up-front to be reimbursed by University funds later. While Bogner said that this was not a perfect system, it does allow for more flexibility in funneling funds into online advertising, whereas the old system was more rigid in the ways the money could be spent. Candidates would get a certain amount for posters, and then a maximum of about 10 dollars for Web site construction, whereas now all that money can be put into the Web.

With three full tickets and three half-tickets running, the elections have drawn out a larger group of first-years than in recent years. Bogner said he was encouraged by streamlining efforts from the CCSC and the elections board as well as an updated voting system that will "serve us well for the next decade or so."

The same runoff system used in the executive board elections last year will be in effect here, and, according to Bogner, the policy is sticking.

"The University Senate highly recommends that that's the system that's used," he commented. "It's the fairer system."

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Michael D'Egidio / Staff photographer

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Morningside residents reach out to local senior citizens

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through the death of my mother,” Zola said. Through this trying experience, she became aware of the many hardships that seniors face on a regular basis.

“It falls short of humane care,” she said of older people living alone with home health aids. Along with physical frailty, depression and isolation quickly surface.

She had heard of villages organizing mainly in urban areas throughout the country, but she wanted this one to be a bit different.

So Zola chose her boundaries carefully: Cathedral Parkway and West 114th Street as well as Morningside and Riverside drives. This small area, she said, would be the breeding ground for developing network of a support—her “Morningside Village.”

Instead of requiring paid memberships to her village, Zola said that hers would be all-inclusive. It would be a group of locals made up entirely of volunteers seeking to provide companionship and basic support to any elders in the area who desire it. Senior citizens who benefit from the program could donate money to the cause, but there would be no financial requirements.

This village is a unique one because one of the Upper West Side’s main nursing homes—Amsterdam House—sits squarely inside the borders of these chosen blocks on 112th Street. Thus, there is a significantly high concentration of elders who would benefit from a local net of support, Zola noted.

John Hailu, one of the program’s organizers, said there are certain functions that the nursing home lacks, and village volunteers could hone in on clear goals. “The primary focus is to help seniors age in place,” he said, which he added would also limit nursing home overcrowding.

So far, the group has recruited around 50 volunteers—some who aren’t yet 20 years old and others who are not far away from needing these services themselves. Barbara Hohol, who has lived on 112th Street for many decades, said that she was mostly excited by the idea of such a village because it would be a positive development for residents of all ages even though its focus is on the elderly population.

“We will volunteer, and we will have a ball in the process,” she said.

Systematic failure

Though most local advocates are in agreement that Amsterdam House is one of the best nursing homes in the city, many volunteers invested in this project have their eyes on a

systematic failure that they believe persists in the larger-scale nursing home system.

Rachel Lidov, a local resident who is interested in volunteering for Morningside Village, helped her 94-year-old mother move into her new home at Amsterdam House a few months ago. And while she said she has appreciated the services and facilities there, she admitted that she could not easily overlook the gap between a senior’s needs and the available service. “I know that the system fails a patient on the whole,” Lidov said. “The doctors are overloaded, and the care becomes very difficult under these circumstances,” she added.

Still, with daily visits from her son, her daughter, and two in-laws who all live within a small radius of Amsterdam House, Lidov’s mother has a support system in place. But according to Amsterdam House volunteer Paul Nikolaidis, many others are not nearly so lucky.

Nikolaidis, another hopeful volunteer for Morningside Village, has worked at Amsterdam House since February as an “informal caregiver.” And though he described this home as a “wonderful place” with a “high standard of care,” he said that it is very hard to ignore the severe lack of financial and mental support.

Like Zola, Nikolaidis was motivated by the struggle his grandmother faced when she was filtered through an insufficient system. With an undergraduate business degree and an unfinished postbaccalaureate premedical program under his belt, Nikolaidis has switched career goals many times. But after spending months working in Amsterdam House, he recently decided that neither consulting nor medicine was the right path for him. Instead, he realized that he wanted to focus his career on serious reforms in the nursing home system.

“We need to find solutions to our rapidly changing demographics,” he said. “I see myself as being a part of changing landscape.”

Making the invisible visible

Though the locals banding together through Morningside Village are clearly motivated by deep frustrations with a system that has, for many volunteers, personally failed them, Zola said that they are not in the business of system-wide restructuring.

Instead, they seek to create a group of volunteers dedicated to maintaining locals in their own homes or providing additional support to those living in facilities such



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OLD NEIGHBORS | Morningside Village will aim to make the elderly feel more integrated into their longtime community.

as Amsterdam House or the nearby Echo House apartment complex, whose residents are primarily seniors or disabled people.

But the effort does not stop there. A social stigma against elders adds to the pressure points of crisis, according to Zola. “Old people in this culture are invisible,” she said. “They are shunted away in nursing homes, and they are marginal in the consumer culture.”

A major breakdown of this invisibility is desperately needed, Zola said.

“We are the stability of the neighborhood,” Hohol explained. A resident in the area for 50 years, Hohol cited a recent battle with cancer as an opportunity to deconstruct this stigma. She admitted that for a while, she was afraid to share the details of the disease to anyone. “I didn’t want to be looked at as the walking dead,” she said.

So providing support, according to these organizers, extends beyond companionship. It includes teaching elderly people to be unafraid to walk down Broadway with walkers.

This Saturday, Nikolaidis will be taking an Amsterdam House resident to Straus Park to display her artwork in a public event. These kinds of volunteer efforts, Hohol and Zola agreed, would help

make the local community desensitized to the elderly. “It is a person, it is here, it is visible—talk to it,” Hohol said.

A helping hand

Two weeks ago, at Bank Street College, the crowd that showed up for the first meeting of Morningside Village was a diverse mix of students, middle-aged adults, and senior citizens—many of whom Zola and other organizers had stopped on the street just a few days prior.

Some volunteers said that they only wanted to change lightbulbs and run errands while others expressed interest in befriending elders, facilitating outdoor activities, and, in some cases, connecting seniors to professional counseling.

Amira Khulaidy, GS ’10, attended because she has volunteered through Columbia to work with elementary school students and adolescents but never had an opportunity to work with this entirely different community—one she felt was seriously in need of support.

“People view children as the future, and the elderly get pushed aside,” Khulaidy said

after the event. She expressed her frustration with a society that obsesses with the now and does not structure itself to assist the elders who need help. To Khulaidy, it seems that people easily “forget that in a few years they will also need assistance.”

One man came because he wanted to work with the gay elderly community, which he said too often remains silent. Another woman had an interest in bringing her practice of pet therapy to the community.

Morningside Village also has growing political support. In his recent newsletter, State Assemblyman Daniel O’Donnell urged the neighborhood to attend these meetings, adding, “Our oldest community members are challenged by an insufficient care system, a growing number of seniors, and a shrinking economy.”

One attendee at the meeting, Marge Nissen, introduced herself to the crowd by saying, “I come here with a sense of responsibility. I am a social worker.” She paused, and her voice lowered when she added, “However, I am also a senior, and someday I may need these services.”

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Native American professor joins CU faculty

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“Her students mean a great deal to her, and she takes her part in their ability to be successful very seriously,” Kennedy said.

The early enthusiasm for Simpson’s classes could be rooted in the fact that she fills a niche in an area of research that is not always given a lot of attention at Columbia.

Simpson is now one of two Native Americans on the University’s teaching faculty. “There always needs to be more,” she said. “One is never enough. Two is never enough.”

Jessica Cattelino, an anthropology professor at the University of California, Los Angeles, called Simpson a “relentless thinker and questioner who is not easily satisfied.” Moreover, Cattelino praised her sense of humor and said of Simpson, with whom she frequents anthropology conventions, “She’s also the best-dressed person on the panel.”

So far, Simpson is fond of her students here. “They seem lovely,” she said. “It’s very nice to think with them.”

Simpson mentioned that she was drawn

to Columbia by “the extraordinary faculty, the tradition of anthropological inquiry in this department,” which she characterized as “probably the most exciting department in the U.S.” She appreciates the commitment and the dialogue among her colleagues but said, “I also came from a really good department at Cornell. I left a good job to come here.”

“I wish we could have kept her at Cornell,” Kennedy said. “It’s Columbia’s good fortune to have her.”

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Student council makes changes to class elections

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This system most adequately represents the opinions of the student body, he said, as it prevents all members of parties from being automatically elected. When the polls open on Tuesday, students will be able to rank their favorites in a long list of possible representatives. Although the candidates for

president and vice president are still elected together, those running for other positions can be elected from different parties.

The polls open Tuesday at 9 a.m. with a candidate debate at 9 p.m. Voting will be open for 48 hours this year, a slight increase from the approximate day-and-a-half given to voters in past years.

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FOOD & DRINK

Lederhosen and lager by the liter



SHANE FERRO

LA VIE CULTURELLE

My experience at Oktoberfest in Munich last weekend started with an afterparty, as any good festival should. It was amazing in the way that only an unplanned evening can be.

My fellow travelers and I had arrived at our Munich hotel earlier that evening famished, and we were pointed to the beer hall down the street for some traditional Bavarian food. From there, we were invited upstairs to “the party” in a drunken gesture of friendship by the group of Swiss fraternity brothers at the table next to us. It was there, among a couple thousand lederhosen-clad people in a room twice the size of Butler 209, that my weekend truly began.

Now, I must first qualify this story with the sad fact that I have so far found nightlife in Paris to be quite the disappointment. At first I thought it was me—an awkward American who does not possess the sophisticated social skills of the European set. When I arrived in Munich, I realized that the French just don’t know how to throw a proper party.

I have been in Paris for a month and have made only a handful of acquaintances. I was in Germany less than 48 hours, and I now have complete faith that there are around a dozen couches that would be offered to me in Europe if I were to ask.

Sure, the bonding was helped along by beer sold (almost exclusively) by the liter. But then again, it’s perfectly legal and mostly acceptable to sit out on Parisian streets drinking an entire bottle of wine. It’s really about the Bavarian attitude.

Imagine that it’s 9 a.m. and you have just woken up after staying at last night’s afterparty disco until 2 or 3 a.m. You hurry down to breakfast (complete with sausage, meatloaf, a yogurt and cereal bar, various pickled products, and, of course, beer, champagne, and Bloody Marys) and eat quickly. You don’t want to find yourself without a seat because of lateness.

By 10, you have made your way down to the Wiesn, which is basically Europe’s biggest carnival. You find half a table in a beer hall next to a group of rowdy, 40-something German men who obviously are a round or two ahead. By 10:30, the drinking begins as liter mugs of beer arrive.

If you are smart, you are drinking Radler, a mix of half beer and half lemonade that is both delicious and designed for the marathon that is drinking from sunup to way past sundown. However, most throw caution to the wind and order their mugs straight.

While beer is consumed in massive quantities over the two-week period that is Oktoberfest, it’s no Keystone Light. On the Weisen grounds, you must be sitting down at a table in one of the giant tents run by Munich’s six largest breweries to be served beer. The beer itself is held up to strict German standards. It is traditionally Märzen beer, can be up to six percent alcohol by volume, and can only be made from four ingredients: barley, hops, malt, and yeast.

Of course, since you can only drink while sitting and the tents are filled to the brim by 10 a.m., once you sit, you are stuck with your crowd for somewhere between six and 12 hours. As the day wears on, the crowd becomes steadily more raucous. By noon, the band has started, and every 10-15 minutes, it is obligatory to stand up on the plank benches, wave your beer mug in the air, and sing one of many rotating German drinking songs.

If you are German, you’ve spent your life training for this, and 12 hours of drinking, smoking, and singing is just a good time. If you are American, chances are you might need a nap around 4 or 5 p.m., because the party is nowhere near over.

All good stories are circular, and my weekend ended right where it had begun. After an entire day of drinking, the only logical place for us to head was to the Löwenbräu beer hall’s gigantic afterparty, where the drinking continued until 5 a.m.

Shane Ferro is a Columbia College junior studying abroad at Reid Hall in Paris. La Vie Culturelle runs alternating Tuesdays.

ART

Neither black nor white, but abstract all over

BY ALYSSA RAPP
Columbia Daily Spectator

Broken-record-like allusions to Picasso and surrealism tend to make most artists cringe. However, Michael Berryhill, SoA ’09, does not need to worry about such references because the artwork in his first solo exhibition, “Basement States” at Horton & Liu gallery in Chelsea, seems to evade such classifications.

The layout of the gallery itself provides a comfortable atmosphere in which viewers can engage in dialogue with individual pieces, and its ample wall space allows the artwork’s bright colors and distinct line compositions to pop. At one end of the gallery, a group of smaller paintings arranged in close proximity reminds us that the gallery is still a business where wall space correlates to dollar signs.

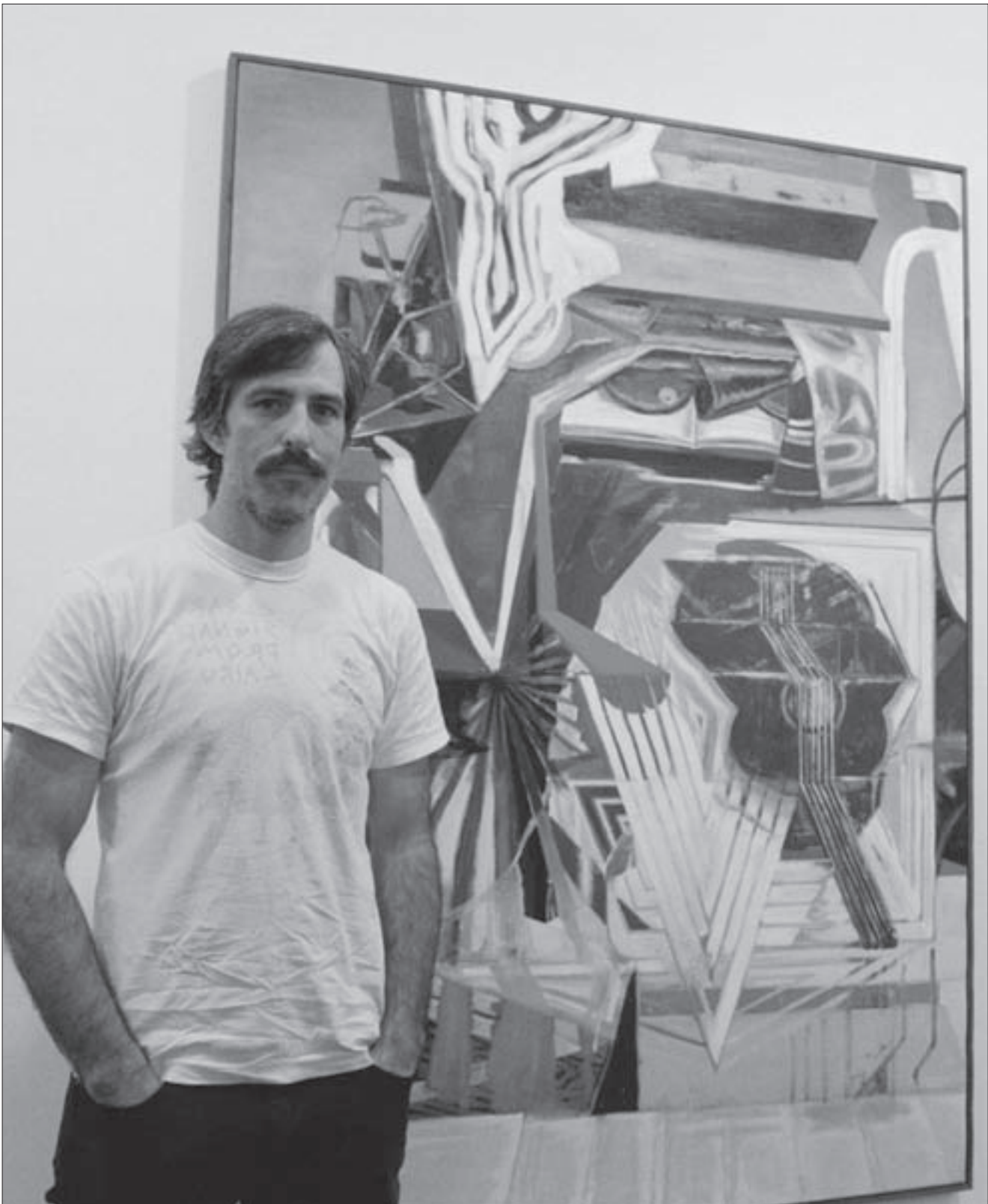
Berryhill is a self-proclaimed “late bloomer” and relishes his first solo exhibition as a commitment to a vocation he loves. He entered into the New York scene at age 37 after a career in advertising. He counseled younger artists in a sage-like manner to “realize that life is long and you can keep going. You can always turn it around.”

Before pursuing a Master of Fine Arts at Columbia, Berryhill enjoyed exposure to other artists, visiting countless New York gallery shows. During his years of study at Columbia, he welcomed critique with the mentality that he could both learn from and clash with the philosophies of other creative students.

As the title “Basement States” suggests, Berryhill experiments with earlier masters’ cubist techniques in order to depict the gray area between the creation of meaning and misinterpretation. The piece “Behind the Music” invokes elements of popular culture through its name and subject matter, a fragmented rock stage scene. Berryhill calls on vibrating brush strokes to evoke sound and describe the physical state of being in a “rock moment.”

He referred to his paintings as “as much mirrors as windows,” inviting varied interpretations. His open-ended philosophy confounds interpreters who try to assign him to a specific modernist movement. In fact, gallery owner Frank Liu commented that, “It is not easy to break out of certain styles” and applauded Berryhill’s “fresh take” on the movements that have come before him.

Whenever a current painter’s work acknowledges aesthetic breakthroughs such as cubism and surrealism, the artist risks misclassification as yet another canvas-shattering ventriloquist. Yet, Berryhill’s



Alyssa Rapp / Staff photographer

REAL SURREAL | Although Michael Berryhill, SoA ’09, dabbled in the techniques of cubist and surrealist masters such as Picasso and Dali, the paintings in his first solo exhibition defy classification—they can be interpreted in a multitude of different ways.

abstraction is not an act of groupie loyalty to artists such as Picasso, Dali, and Klee.

For Claire Ruud, the artist’s friend and an art journalist, Berryhill’s work champions experimentation. She notes that the transition from creation to public reception is a theme

that concerns the painter. Some artists feel plagued by both inner critique and public roasts of art reviews. For Berryhill, however, the critique he receives enriches the dialogue he has sought to initiate with his New York public through his work.

WHERE IT’S AT

Time: Tues-Sun 11 a.m.-6 p.m., through October 10.
Place: Horton & Liu (504 West 22nd St.).
Cost: Free

FOOD & DRINK

Local breweries toast the new season with Oktoberfest beer

BY KAT BALKOSKI
Spectator Staff Writer

Whenever the month of “Oktober” rolls around, beer-drinkers from around the world get ready to “fest.”

Oktoberfest, originally a traditional celebration of Bavarian food and culture, has become a catchphrase for German-style partying. Each fall, millions of tourists flood the city of Munich and consume absurd amounts of beer, pretzels, and meat. But for those who just can’t make it over to Germany this year, don’t despair: great Märzen (seasonal lagers in the Oktoberfest style) are readily available in New York.

Traditional Märzen (from the German word for March) was brewed at the beginning of spring, stored in icy caves during the summer months, and served in early fall. This lager varies widely in flavor and color, but it is generally fairly bitter and dry.

Today, breweries across the world are producing seasonal Märzen. Many

American brewers have their own original take on this Bavarian beer. These brews will make non-beer-drinking snobs swear off Natty Light for good.

Hofbräuhaus is a Munich producer owned by the state government. This well respected beer hall and brewery has a not-so-savory place in history. It was the location of Adolf Hitler’s “Beer Hall Putsch in 1923 (but don’t blame the beer). Regardless, Hofbräuhaus’s Märzen is aromatic, flavorful, and on the lighter side.

For a darker alternative, Oktoberfestbier from Spaten Brewery, another Munich institution, will satisfy. It has a delicious



Photo illustration by Jin Chen

nutty quality and a very full body. Spaten makes a variety of great beers, but the Märzen release is really a winner.

Patriotic beer lovers should try a homeland brew. Brooklyn Brewery’s Oktoberfest is a seasonal offering which is notable for its pronounced malt and hops flavors. It is a little one-dimensional, though, falling short of expectations garnered by this young craft brewery.

Harpoon Brewery, another young but well-established east coast craft brewery, also has its own Oktoberfest seasonal release. This Märzen tastes remarkably authentic and has a nice spicy finish.

For something a little wackier, try Flying Dog Brewery’s take on Märzen, Dogtoberfest. This Maryland brewpub is known for its bizarre illustrations, creative names, and general obsession with Hunter S. Thompson. Despite these eccentricities, Dogtoberfest is made very traditionally, with 100 percent German ingredients. It certainly tastes the part.

Beer lovers should not disregard mainstream beer. In fact, the classic Samuel Adams Octoberfest stands up very well against both its German and craft rivals. The richness of the brew is remarkable, and hints of orange and toffee spice up the flavor.

There was no clear victor in this German-American Oktoberfest-off. Those wanting to hold their own tasting battle might want to try Westside Market—they have an adequate beer selection. However, to really expand one’s beer horizons, take a trip to New Beer Distributors on Chrystie Street. This warehouse-style store has an impressive selection from all over the world at reasonable prices.

BOOKS

CCW Bookies bring 1940s Harlem to life with Kevin Baker

BY BROOKE ROSEN
Columbia Daily Spectator



Courtesy of Ellen Abrams

HEART OF HARLEM | “Striver’s Row,” Kevin Baker’s debut novel, delves into the world of the Civil Rights Movement in New York City.

A novel has the power to take readers out of their own world and place them in someone else’s.

On Wednesday, the Columbia College Women Bookies will present novelist and alumnus Kevin Baker, CC ’80, whose novel “Striver’s Row” depicts 1943 Harlem through the eyes of a young rebellious Malcolm X. The event will include a discussion of his novel and the world of 1940s Harlem.

“Striver’s Row” is a work of historical fiction that exposes its readers to the roots of the Civil Rights Movement. The novel follows Malcolm Little through Harlem and the rest of New York City as he transitions from disillusioned to inspired and becomes the person he is remembered as today.

When asked what his intention was for the novel, Baker replied that “‘Striver’s Row’ is really about the black migrant experience in New York in the 1940s.” Baker follows Malcolm Little through his friendship with Jonah Dove, a minister of a black church in Harlem, deepening the reader’s understanding of Malcolm’s unfolding story.

“The autobiography was fascinating,” Baker said in reference to “The Autobiography of Malcolm X.” Baker explained that his primary source of research for the novel was the Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture.

Audience members should not expect a lecture, though. As event producer Shira Boss, CC ’93, explained, CCW Bookies is an extremely informal group composed of 75 Columbia College female alumnae who would like to “hold onto the discussion element from school that we all loved.”

“It’s just a way to keep up reading things we may not necessarily have picked up otherwise,” Boss added.

Baker’s discussion the first event by CCW Bookies open to the public, and members hope that the evening will remain a discourse rather than devolving into a lecture. They also hope that curious students come prepared to deliberate.

The group is enthusiastic about receiving Baker as a speaker for his novel. As Boss said, “Columbia is lucky to call Kevin its own ... only he or people like him can make you comfortable enough to argue about his characters in front of him.”

WHERE IT’S AT

Time: Wednesday at 6:15 p.m.
Place: La Pregunta Arts Cafe (1528 Amsterdam at 137th St.).
Cost: Free

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Westboro: the exalted will be humbled

BY SY HOEKSTRA

The folks from Westboro Baptist Church, headquarters of the infamous “God hates fags” movement, have been in the New York City area for the past several days. It was a big weekend for them, protesting wicked Catholics, rebellious Jews, Obama the anti-Christ, and of course, the heathen gays. On Thursday, they decided to stop by the Jewish Theological Seminary to explain that God was fed up with Jews who refuse to repent of their apostasy and that he will soon wipe them from existence. Obama, too, wishes for the destruction of the Jews, as would be expected from the anti-Christ.

So, why did I and some of my Christian friends show up at their protest with signs trying to counter their demonstration? They’re trying to provoke a reaction, right? And wouldn’t any counter-protest serve to legitimize their views to some degree? Who takes them seriously, anyway? They believe that Christ and the anti-Christ have somehow set aside their differences to annihilate the Jews.

These are all fair points that I had to consider, but as a Christian, I had a much larger stake in this protest. They were representing Jesus in a way that his followers simply can’t allow to go unchallenged. The God of Westboro is primarily one of judgment. He applauds only those who have achieved a high moral status by following

the right rules, holding the right doctrines, and condemning the right groups of sinners.

Contrast this with one of the stories from Luke in Chapter 18. The passage begins, “To some who were confident of their own righteousness and looked down on everyone else, Jesus told this parable...” (Luke 18:9). The story is about two prayers from two very different people, a priest and a tax collector. First, the priest thanks God that he is not like all the sinners he sees around him, like the tax collector beside him, and then lists a couple of ways in which he is particularly holy.

The tax collector, however, could make no such prayer. People in his profession were known for extracting far more than the government actually required of its citizens so that they could reap the benefits. They went unchecked by the empire, and were thus common symbols of greed, corruption, and Roman imperial oppression. His prayer was simple. “God, have mercy on me, a sinner” (Luke 18:13). When he finishes his parable, Jesus says, “I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home justified before God. For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted” (Luke 18:14).

One of the main criticisms raised against Jesus by the religious establishment of his day was that he spent time hanging out with prostitutes, tax collectors, and sinners, and this is why I had to try to correct Thursday’s misrepresentation of him. Westboro isn’t just a group of off-the-wall religious fanatics—they represent something larger, the idea that God is interested in the morally upright. He is not. People who followed what they believed to be God’s law couldn’t stand Jesus because he accepted many people that they always rejected. God is instead interested in people with humility and the willingness to listen.

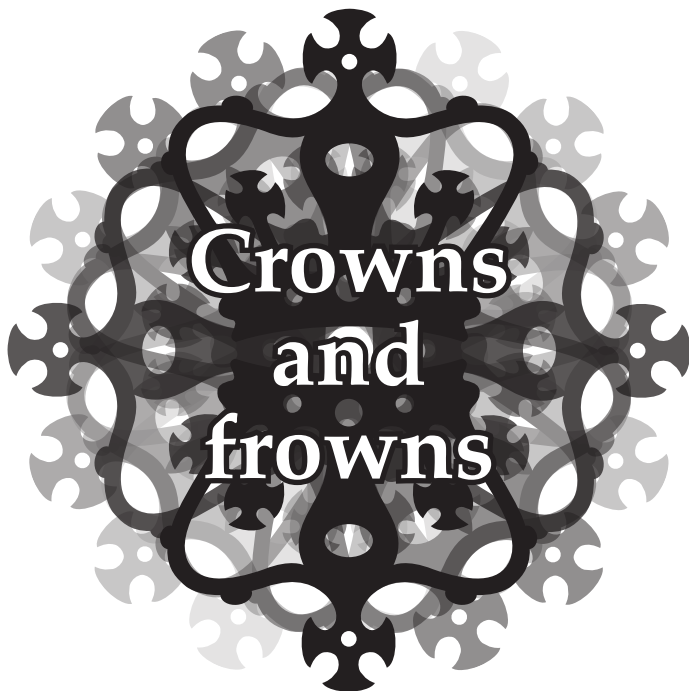
Don’t get me wrong. Just a brief glance at several passages in the Bible would reveal that God is clearly a judge who will punish wrongdoing, but the manner of that punishment makes known His true character. The Torah sets up a system of laws showing the Hebrew people right from wrong and punishing them when they choose the latter. Sacrifices were always required to make up for infringements, which makes sense. A holy God, perfect in every way, could not be in the presence of imperfect beings by definition. Some change on the part of the imperfect had to transpire, and sacrifice was the usual method. But God wanted to commune with his creation more than anything, which is why he sacrificed himself in order to be with his creation. He had nothing else to gain from such behavior. And so Christians celebrate. We are undeserving, but blessed.

When we see ourselves or others living in ways that violate God’s law, we can’t condemn anyone because God did not condemn anyone. Instead, we attempt to show people the God who can be trusted to provide us the right way to live because of His sacrifice.

So, to all whom the church has ever excluded—Jews, homosexuals, or anyone else—we welcome you. We hope you will spend time with the Christians at Columbia as we try to follow the rabbi who is teaching us to live with true humility and love. As for the Westboro crowd, if they wanted to join us, we would welcome them, too. For now, I can only pray that God grants them the mercy they so want him to withhold from everyone else.

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Staff Editorial



Crown: J School recording student perspectives that challenge Glenn Beck on health care reform.

Frown: Greenpeace reps pan-handling students for monthly donations while spa representatives defy the barriers of social aptitude by asking students about their haircuts.

Crown: Apples from local farms are perfectly in season, delicious, bred by local student scientists, and for sale at the farmer’s market right outside the gates.

(C/F)frown: The Yankees clinched the division, won their 100th game of the year, and swept Boston all on one night. The world has found its natural order.

(C/F)frown: Boston will probably make it to the playoffs too. Perhaps there are still some things to iron out in that natural order.

Frown: Columbia football lost to Central Connecticut State.

Crown: We weren’t the only Ivy to take a big hit.

Crown: Tons of eager first-years running for CCSC.

Frown: Tons of seemingly impossible goals in their platforms.

Crown: Columbia posts a schedule for shuttle buses in the lobby of Lerner.

Frown: Where on earth (or at least on the Upper West Side) do the routes go? Maybe some maps would help?

Crown: Columbia defies its nerdy, dry reputation with merriment on the weekends.

Frown: Rumor has it that the class of 2013 has set a CAVA record (in unhealthy competition with Florida and Wisconsin).

Crown: Public Safety has been especially on top of its game. Thanks to them, students can appreciate the great outdoors of Morningside Heights (if Greenpeace would chill out for a while).

Crown: You can still drop a class that’s kicking your liberal arts-loving behind.

A defense of the examined life

BY EVAN BURGER

People practice philosophy every day whether they realize it or not. Whenever people interact with a physical object, they act on the principle that the material world exists. Whenever people makes a decision, they put a system of ethics into motion. And every time politicians make a speech, an entire universe of philosophical doctrines come into play, from the freedom of the will to the existence of a deity. Unfortunately, most people are extremely bad at philosophy.

In my experience, the average person cannot justify any of these beliefs, except to say that everyone else also holds them. Doing things without understanding why is a dangerous way to live life, especially when the questions are so fundamental and important. Without questioning the basic tenets of your life, you run the dire risk of being completely mistaken about the nature of the universe and yourself. As the quote attributed to Socrates says, “The unexamined life is not worth living.”

Philosophy is a frequently maligned discipline, but a systematic look at one’s fundamental assumptions is the only way to ensure that such assumptions are sound. It may be easier to simply accept what culture teaches, but that

choice does not appeal to me. Rational study may have its limits, but the only way to find them is, that’s right, through philosophy.

I am not asserting that philosophy has all the answers. In fact, I would say that I know less now than I knew before I started studying it. For every question, it seems that there are many equally well-supported positions and the same number of flawless counterarguments. There is, however, a difference between accepting a philosophy without thinking it over and choosing the best of many flawed theories. Even if you are still mistaken, you now know what alternatives exist. Just like everything in life, philosophy is uncertain. That does not make it less important.

An excellent first step to making sure your worldview is consistent is to simply think about what fundamental assumptions underlie how you see the world. After you have a firm grip on what you believe, you need to subject it to outside scrutiny. The best way to do this is to read. A lot. History has seen many brilliant people, and the best way to discover new ideas is to read what they wrote. Due to the nature of philosophy, in which each generation builds off of the preceding thinkers, the best course of action is to read the great works in chronological order. Is this starting to sound familiar?

As a first-year, I have yet to take Contemporary Civilization. And as much as I am ashamed to say it, I am looking forward to it. One of the reasons I chose to attend Columbia was so someone would force me to read and, hopefully, think about

these works. I think that a single two-semester class devoted to thinking about the important things in life is not too much to ask. That leaves plenty of time to learn all those practical disciplines like physics or economics.

The important thing to realize is that those disciplines, in one way or another, are all grounded in philosophy. How can you hope to understand physics if you don’t understand the limits of empirical study? Shouldn’t the question of whether or not every human action is selfish be of the utmost importance to the economist? As I said earlier, everyone is doing philosophy all the time. The people who have studied it simply do it better than everyone else. Philosophy is the only discipline that is fundamental in this way. While many academic fields depend on other fields, philosophy is the only one that ties to all of them.

I’m sure this is what the designers of the Core Curriculum had in mind. Of course, they added the ability to write as well as the ability to enjoy literature and art to the list of necessary skills for everyone, regardless of academic interest. While I agree that these are important things to learn, I still hold that philosophy is the most fundamental of fields. So we should be thankful we go to a university that knows how to teach the important things. And when the Core begins to feel unnecessary and arduous, we should keep in mind that we are doing the most important thing a human can do: philosophizing.

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Sustainability and the categorical imperative



MONICA VARMAN

GREEN PIECE

necessary and adequate climate agreement reverberates in media portals and political bodies throughout the world. The Columbia community is one of many centers for such discourse, with events such as speeches by former U.N. Secretary General Kofi Annan and Guyanese President Bharrat Jagdeo at the World Leaders Forum and the law school’s debate on the Waxman-Markey climate change bill last week. At Columbia, the Core Curriculum teaches us the intricacies of the hallowed arguments of old white men, all the while insisting on their relevance to contemporary issues and debates. Perhaps, then, a fresh perspective on the debate over climate policy can be gleaned by such a return to the old—specifically to Kant, whom Contemporary Civilization students should have studied.

In “Groundwork of the Metaphysics of Morals,” Immanuel Kant develops a system of morality based on his “categorical imperative,” which delineates a core basis from which society may derive a rationally moral system. It states, “I ought never to act except in such a way that I could also will that my maxim should become a universal law.” The categorical imperative provides the first criterion for a Kantian moral principle—universalizability (Kant’s own term). This implies that an action is not rationally moral unless it can be adopted as a universal practice.

The categorical imperative provides a valuable framework on which an argument for climate change may be made on purely rational and ethical grounds. Earth’s systems are so interdependent and sensitive to the collective choices made by humankind that the categorical imperative is a perfect lens through which to view and develop the ethics of climate change policy. It provides a useful framework for the construction of necessary and moral policies that are universally reproducible and sustainable.

This criterion of “universalizability” of moral action is almost synonymous with the idea of sustainability—development that can be equitably distributed across regions and timescales. This universalizability is therefore both static and dynamic—that is, within and across timespans—when applied to development policy.

Regarding the question of carbon emissions, this implies that it is moral to emit only the amount that would not cause permanent environmental damage or deplete resources necessary for present and future development. Current emission practices of industrialized countries are extremely detrimental to the environment as well as unsustainable. Therefore, they are immoral by a Kantian definition because, if all people or countries acted like those with large carbon footprints, the environment would collapse within a few years. Climate change policy that preceded the Kyoto Protocol required developing countries to curb emissions and therefore hindered their ability to bridge the development gap because of transgressions they did not commit. UNFCCC agreed to “common but differentiated responsibility” when formulating the Kyoto Protocol and, therefore, set emission control goals commensurate with per capita emissions before 1990. Although this is an attempt to be just to developing countries like

China and India, in the long term this is not moral in the Kantian sense because the emission levels that China and India will need to maintain in order to keep their economic development as rapid as it has been are not universalizable.

In another formulation of the categorical imperative, Kant posits a “kingdom of ends” in which rational beings unite through common laws and in which every individual is simultaneously capable of making the law and of following existing maxims. This kingdom is a model of the categorical imperative in practice and should be applied to all countries willing to cooperate with the goal of global sustainability. A global body analogous to the “kingdom of ends” would be a multinational organization that transcends international politics and economic dynamics (the United Nations would be inadequate) to address problems of environmental degradation, climate change, and inequality that transcend national borders. The “legislative law” referred to in this formulation is manifest in documents such as the Kyoto Protocol, which constitute legally binding codes of conduct that all ratifying signatories are required to follow.

The UNFCCC has the potential to be either a great disappointment or a turning point in the history of international politics. It is time sustainable development is recognized for what it really is—not just an environmental or political “issue,” but a global and interdisciplinary policy imperative in and of itself with far-reaching implications for everyone on the planet.

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Freshmen impress at first invitational

BY KUNAL GUPTA
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Columbia's Nicole Bartnik was highly touted coming out of high school as the No. 5 player in the nation, and she did not disappoint in her collegiate debut at the Cissie Leary Invitational, hosted by Penn.

Bartnik, a freshman, reached the finals of the singles draw before losing to No. 1 seed Yevgeniya Stupak from East Tennessee State. Bartnik was seeded third overall at the tournament due to her strong junior ranking.

Bartnik had a bye in the first round because of her seed and won her second-round match against Stevi Petrelli from Yale 6-4, 6-2. She then defeated Jennifer Rabot from Purdue in straight sets and Emily Wolf from Penn to advance to the semifinals. In the semifinals, Bartnik encountered her first real test, where she squared off against Elizabeth Epstein from Yale. Bartnik won the first set 6-2 but lost the second set 3-6. The third set went to a tiebreak, which Bartnik won 7-1 to advance to the final. In the finals, Stupak defeated Bartnik 6-1, 6-1.

In addition to Bartnik, several other Lions have had success in the singles draw. Fellow freshman Chelsea Davis advanced to the second round with a win over Kelly Holtzhausen from Eastern Tennessee State. Davis, originally from San Francisco, won an up-and-down match, winning the first set 6-0 and then losing the second set 4-6. Davis recovered to win the third 6-4, advancing to the second round. She was defeated in the next round by Stephanie Kent from Yale, 7-6 (9-7), 6-0.

Another freshman, Katarina Kovacevic, defeated Melissa Bohm from Drexel in the first round but was defeated by another player from Yale in the second round, 6-2, 7-5.

Last season's No. 1 singles player for the Lions, junior



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OPENING WEEKEND | The Columbia women's tennis team began the 2009 fall season with a successful outing at the Cissie Leary Invitational this past weekend in Philadelphia, Pa.

Natasha Makarova, won her first round match against Silia DeFilippis from Yale 6-2, 6-2. In the next round, however, Makarova was defeated by Michelle Sammons from Purdue in straight sets.

Senior Carling Donovan won her first-round match over Julianna Rodin from Penn but was defeated by eventual semifinalist Epstein in the next round.

The Lions had success in doubles as well, when Bartnik teamed up with Makarova to

advance to the semifinals. After a bye in the first round, the duo, seeded No. 3, defeated a team from Penn 8-3 in the second round and then a team from Purdue to advance to the next round. In the semifinals, they were upended 8-3 by the doubles team of Vicky Brook and Sarah Lederhandler from Yale.

The Lions will play in the ITA All-American Tournament, which is scheduled to begin on Oct. 3 in Pacific Palisades, Calif.

Kicking blunders prove too costly

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evidenced during the Lions' home opener on Saturday.

In fact, poor special teams play has been a common theme for the Columbia football team for the past two seasons. Last week, a missed extra point had the Lions holding on to a vulnerable six-point lead at Fordham when freshman punter Michael Williamson saved the game by scooping up a bad snap inside his own 30-yard line and still delivering a solid punt.

On Saturday, the Lions had a punt blocked, a 30-yard field goal blocked, an extra point blocked (and returned for two points), and a first down given up for a penalty while receiving a punt.

Aside from the possible six-point swing these mistakes cost Columbia, the special teams meltdown hindered the Light Blue in a less hypothetical way. Mistakes in kicking and punting killed the offensive momentum in the first half while overexerting a defense intent on keeping the Blue Devils off the scoreboard.

In the second half, the offense continued to be out of rhythm despite the hot start, and the special teams unit continued to struggle. When all was said and done, the Light Blue were out-possessed 21:23 to 8:37 in the second half while efficient CCSU coaching continued to run plays against a battered defense—a defense that never got a rest period of

more than two minutes and 56 seconds of game time in the final two quarters.

I never said I was going to be an optimist every week, and sometimes the factors of a loss need to be thoroughly scrutinized to yield improvement. Last week, special teams unacceptably cost Columbia a victory, an experience that will hopefully prove beneficial to an up-and-coming team seeking to learn how to win.

On Saturday, the team learned its first lesson: you cannot win if you beat yourself.

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Pressure on the quarterback is key

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on the afternoon with 135 passing yards. The Blue Devils' ability to run the ball opened up the passing game, and when Norris rolled out, the Light Blue had to keep defenders close to the line of scrimmage and respect Norris's ability to run—something they learned when Norris rolled out and found empty space for a 28-yard touchdown run in second quarter.

After recording just two sacks through its first two games and allowing 129 rushing yards to quarterbacks, the Columbia defense will be tested by another mobile quarterback on Saturday—Princeton's Tommy Wornham. The Tigers' sophomore quarterback has run for 118 yards (excluding 20 yards lost to sacks) this season, including a 68-yard touchdown run against Lehigh on Saturday.

If Jordan Culbreath, Princeton's star running back, cannot play on Saturday after being injured against Lehigh, the offense will only go as far as Wornham takes it. If this is the case, the Lions will need to focus on pressuring Worham in the pocket and wrapping him up when he tucks the ball and runs—two things they were unable to do on Saturday.

While Columbia has struggled to contain opposing quarterbacks this season, Skelton and Norris were also special cases. Skelton is a talented player—especially as a passer—whom many believe has the ability to play in the NFL. Given that skill, the Lions needed to be solid in their pass coverage, which was evident in their three interceptions. Having fewer men in



Lisa Lewis / Senior staff photographer

RUSHING THE FIELD | Columbia's defense has struggled so far this season at stopping the rushing game of the opposing quarterbacks.

the box allocated to pressuring Skelton is a necessary evil when compared to giving him the opportunity to attack a defense that has fewer defenders in coverage.

Norris is a tremendous athlete for any position, not just at quarterback. Columbia may not face a quarterback in the Ivy League that has Norris's speed and skills. Thus, the Lions' speed on defense will be

more evenly matched by their upcoming Ivy opponents and will not be as much of a detriment as it appeared to be against CCSU.

Only time will tell if the past two weeks are indicative of how Columbia's defense will fare against opposing quarterbacks this season. One thing is for sure, though—there is room for improvement.

Crimson aims for third straight Ivy title

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dominance and make Cambridge a daunting place for opposing quarterbacks.

Consistency on special teams was an integral part of the Crimson's '08 success, and both of the specialists from last season have returned. Patrick Long is still the kicker, and Thomas Hull continues to handle the punting duties. Long will look to build upon his record-setting 2008 season when he set the team record, converting 13 field goals. Junior Marco Iannuzzi will look to spark Harvard's special teams as the primary kick returner.

Thus far in 2009, Harvard lost a hard-fought opener to the Holy Cross Crusaders 27-20, a team that many experts expect to win the Patriot League championship. Last week, the Crimson began its quest to defend its league title by scoring an exciting home win 24-21 against last year's co-champion, Brown. The remainder of the schedule is the same as the one the Crimson played in 2008, culminating in the 126th occurrence of "The Game" against the Yale Bulldogs, the oldest rivalry in college sports. Harvard would like nothing more than to once again defeat its rivals from New Haven and defend its place atop the Ancient Eight.

Soccer looks for first back-to-back wins of season

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as Shawn Buchanan scored an unanswered goal that gave CCSU a 2-1 victory.

When the Lions and the Rams meet on Tuesday, it will be the first time since the 2006 season that the two have faced each other. In the last match, senior Ryan Scully and former Lion Tom Davison scored a goal apiece. While Scully's goal gave the Lions a 1-0 advantage, the Rams scored twice to take a 2-1 lead. Davison tied the game at 2-2, but then a handball gave the Rams a penalty kick with five seconds on the clock. Former Ram Kevin Meyer put the penalty kick away for the Rams, giving them a 3-2 victory.

The years apart have given both the Lions and the Rams time to improve and refine their skills. While the Light Blue has been consistently outshooting its opponents and maintaining a tight-knit defense, it has failed to find the back of the net, and the Rams will be a difficult opponent. Prior to the loss against CCSU, Fordham had ended a four-game losing streak with two straight 1-0 wins against Marist College and Manhattan College.

Columbia faces Fordham on Tuesday, Sept. 29 at 7 p.m. at Columbia Soccer Stadium.

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Be sure to pick up the Spec tomorrow to see how men's soccer fared in its contest against Fordham.

TOMORROW

Lions unable to stop quarterback rush

Norris's athleticism proves too much for Columbia defense

BY MATT VELAZQUEZ
Spectator Senior Staff Writer

When Central Connecticut State University head coach Jeff McNerney put quarterback Aubrey Norris in for the Blue Devils' final drive of the second quarter, it changed the complexion of the game and led to a 22-13 loss for the Columbia football team. Norris's athleticism and ability to run the ball put the Columbia defense on its heels and highlighted its weakness at containing opposing quarterbacks.



In the Lions' season-opening win at Fordham, Rams quarterback John Skelton ran for 62 yards and was sacked twice for a loss of 12 yards. Last Wednesday, Columbia head coach Norries Wilson emphasized that the Light Blue defense needed to do a better job of limiting the running production of opposing quarterbacks, as well as generating more pressure. "We didn't do a good job containing the quarterback [against Fordham]," Wilson said. "Skelton got 50 yards scrambling, and we only got to him twice." The defense didn't improve in containing the quarterback against CCSU, though, as Norris ran 10 times for 75 yards and a touchdown. Though he was generally running the

same plays as starting quarterback Hunter Wanket, Norris brought more speed and athleticism to the table, which the Lions were unable to curb. This was exactly what McNerney had expected and what became, in his opinion, the difference in the game. "I thought if we got our guys out in the alleys that we were faster than them and I thought we could take advantage of our speed versus their speed in open space," McNerney said. "Aubrey's a little bit different out there on the edge and that seemed to be the difference in my opinion." Not only did Norris hurt the Lions with his legs, but he was also perfect in the air, going 8-8

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DEFENSIVE STRUGGLE: STOPPING THE QB RUSH

Columbia's defense has been plagued thus far by strong rushing attacks from opposing quarterbacks. It stands to face another this weekend from Princeton sophomore Tommy Wornham.

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120 RUSHING YARDS GAINED, 1 TOUCHDOWN



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Special teams, not defense, cost CU victory



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You have to feel sorry for the Columbia defense this week. After allowing 325 yards rushing en route to a home-opening loss against Central Connecticut State University, the Light Blue defensive unit now feels the pressure of a second underwhelming week despite high expectations.

But honestly, who could blame them? Just look at the first quarter they had to endure on Saturday. It actually started out well, as the unit first jogged onto the field with a 7-0 lead and plenty of positive momentum still present from the Liberty Cup victory. The energy was evident as the Lions' defense held the Blue Devils on their opening drive after just four plays.

On the ensuing offensive possession, Ray Rangel broke a 49-yard run, and the Lions looked set to put the game away early. However, the drive stalled, and, in a disappointing turn of events, Columbia's field goal attempt was blocked.

By the time the Lions' defense jogged onto the field for the second time, CCSU had been rejuvenated by the stop and the blocked kick.

But the defensive unit held strong and forced CCSU into a three-and-out.

On the next punt, a Lion was charged with holding before the punter had kicked the ball, and thus the Blue Devils were awarded 10 yards and kept possession for a first down. It was another momentum shift for the defense to fight, and come through they did, getting another stop to force yet another punt.

Upon receiving the punt, the Light Blue offense failed to move the ball and was forced to kick it again, this time from a dangerous position inside the Columbia 10-yard line. The kick was easily blocked by the Blue Devils, who recovered at the two-yard line.

Junior Marc Holloway then stepped up, getting in on three of the four consecutive goal-line stops that kept the score at 7-0 heading into the second quarter. To cap it off, the Lions' defense opened the second frame by dramatically stopping star Blue Devil James Mallory again on fourth down to force a turnover.

Despite the blame this week, the Columbia defense was terrific to start the game. Unfortunately, the energy expended to minimize the early special teams damage would prove to have severe consequences in the second half.

Switching gears away from Saturday, there are certain things sports fans expect when rooting for their high-level athletic teams. Fans expect their pitchers to throw strikes the same way they expect their star forwards to convert penalty kicks during soccer games or their starting point guards to hit the majority of their free throws. Using this same progression, a football fans expect not to have to hold their breath every time their teams attempt a point after or a punt.

This is because the special teams unit carries with it the minimum expectation of executing critical plays with consistency. Because this minimum expectation exists for all competing football teams, a squad finds itself at a true advantage when special teams play exceeds expectations. Think back to the excitement that surrounded Dante Hall's kick returning abilities for the Chiefs in the early part of the decade and his appropriate nickname: the X-factor.

In much the same way that a special teams threat can dramatically enhance one team's chances, a special teams deficiency can have the opposite effect. This was

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Jasper Clyatt / Staff photographer

TWO IN A ROW? | The Columbia men's soccer team will try to string together two wins for the first time this season when it faces New York rival Fordham at Columbia Soccer Stadium on Tuesday.

Men's soccer looks for another win

BY SABINE SCHULZ
Spectator Staff Writer

After recovering from a two-game losing streak with a victory over Bryant University, the Columbia men's soccer team hopes to improve its 2-4 record as it takes on local rival Fordham (2-5) tomorrow.

Last Wednesday, the Lions regained their momentum in their match against the Yale Bulldogs, ending a two-game goal-scoring drought. Bryant claimed the first goal of the contest when Matthew Brown scored in the 15th minute.

However, the Lions fought back from the early disadvantage with offensive threat Bayo Adafin at the helm. With only nine minutes left in regulation, Adafin found the back of the net, evening the score at 1-1 and forcing an overtime. Just two minutes into overtime play, Adafin netted another goal after receiving a pass from senior Steven Keke, clinching the match 2-1 for the Light Blue.

Fordham enters the contest against Columbia after a close loss to Central Connecticut State University. While the Rams and Blue Devils each had nine shots and three saves, it was the Blue Devils who managed to take the win.

Eduardo Ortiz scored for CCSU in the 53rd minute, giving the Blue Devils the advantage until Fordham freshman Marcus Axelsson's header found the back of the net and equalized the score. Unfortunately for the Rams, the Blue Devils retaliated not three minutes later,

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COLUMBIA VS. FORDHAM

Columbia Soccer Stadium, 7 p.m.

SEASON PREVIEW: HARVARD FOOTBALL

Reigning conference champion Harvard picked to finish first again

BY KAMAL YECHOOR
Columbia Daily Spectator

Expectations are high in Cambridge for the 2009 Harvard football team.

According to head coach Tim Murphy, Harvard's goal is "to win its third consecutive Ivy championship." Many prognosticators expect the Crimson to attain this goal, as the team is predicted to finish first in the league according to the Ivy League preseason media poll.

In 2008, the Crimson won its last eight games of the season, punctuated by a 10-0 victory over bitter rival Yale, to tie with Brown for the league title. By the end of 2008, the Crimson stood at 9-1 and was the No. 14 team in the country.

Harvard may find it difficult to maintain the success it had last season, however, as the squad must replace 12 graduated all-Ivy League starters, including quarterback Chris Pizzotti, the 2008 Ivy League Player of the Year.

Junior quarterback Collier Winters will attempt to replicate Pizzotti's success, which included spearheading a potent Crimson offensive attack that scored a league-leading 27.4 points per game and averaged 392.7 yards per game in the 2008 season. After two games in 2009, Winters is off to an excellent start with four touchdown passes and a rushing touchdown without an interception. Winters' excellent scrambling ability will make him a threat as a rusher, and he will pass to a deep and talented wide receiving corps.

Harvard's receivers are led by senior all-Ivy wide receiver Matt Luft. Luft had a breakout 2008 season, posting a career-high 875 receiving

yards to go along with five touchdowns. Other weapons in the passing game include junior Chris Lorditch, sophomore Adam Chrissis, and junior tight end Nicolai Schwarzkopf.

Two solid running backs lead the Crimson rushing attack. Junior running back Gino Gordon is coming off a solid season in which he rushed for 578 yards and five touchdowns. Also returning is senior running back Cheng Ho, who was hampered by injuries in 2008 but rushed for 722 yards and eight touchdowns in 2007.

Provided that the Crimson offensive line, anchored by two-time All-American offensive tackle James Williams, can open up some holes for the running backs, the two should provide the consistency necessary on the ground to complement the powerful Crimson air attack.

On the defensive side of the ball, team captain and senior tackle Carl Ehrlich will attempt to bring some veteran leadership to an inexperienced unit that has lost six starters to graduation. Unlike in previous years, the defense is not the driving force behind this Harvard team, and Murphy says that younger players "must grow up fast and minimize mistakes" for the Crimson defense to enjoy success in 2009.

The defense will hinge on the secondary's ability to replace All-American cornerback Andrew Berry. Stepping up to fill the void is last year's Ivy League Rookie of the Year, Matthew Hanson, who led the team with four interceptions in 2008. In addition, experienced safeties Ryan Barnes and Collin Zych will attempt to return the secondary to last year's level of

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OFFENSE



Collier Winters # 16

HEAD COACH



Tim Murphy

After sharing the Ivy title with Brown last season, Harvard is looking to sit alone atop the Ancient Eight. Quarterback Collier Winters will have to fill the shoes of Chris Pizzotti, 2008 Ivy Player of the Year, as the offensive leader of the team, while Carl Ehrlich will be leading the defense.



DEFENSE



Carl Ehrlich # 8

2009 STATS

Record 1-1 (1-0)
Scoring 22.0 PPG
Scoring Defense 24.0 PPG
Total Offense 339.5 YPG
Total Defense 357 YPG
Passing Offense 209 YPG
Run Offense 130.5 YPG
Passing Defense 259 YPG
Run Defense 98 YPG

SCHEDULE

Sept. 19 at Holy Cross, L 27-20
Sept. 25 vs. Brown, W 24-21
Oct. 3 at Lehigh
Oct. 10 at Cornell
Oct. 17 vs. Lafayette
Oct. 24 vs. Princeton
Oct. 31 vs. Dartmouth
Nov. 7 at Columbia
Nov. 14 vs. Penn
Nov. 21 at Yale

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