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—Provost Claude Steele at his University Lecture

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CHINA'S MOST WANTED | Rebiya Kadeer addressed an audience of about 70 at an event sponsored by the Columbia International Relations Council and Association. She faced Uyghur advocates as well as protestors.

Kadeer ignites support, outrage

BY ZEYNEP MEMECAN AND JAMES TYSON
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China's most wanted woman spoke at Columbia Tuesday evening at a forum hosted by the Columbia International Relations Council and Association.

Rebiya Kadeer, president of the World Uyghur Congress and the Uyghur American Association, spoke to an audience of about 70 as a guest of CIRCA, a student organization focused on engagement with international affairs. Wearing a traditional Turkic hat atop her two long braids and speak-

ing through a translator, Kadeer discussed the long-standing tensions between the Muslim Uyghur minority and the Chinese government as well as this summer's violent clashes in the Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region of China.

Kadeer was born in the Xinjiang province—which she refers to as East Turkistan—and lived as one of China's richest businesswomen until she was jailed in 2000 as a result of her political activism in support of the Uyghur cause. Released five years later, she came to the United States and now continues her activism from Washington, D.C. In recent state-

ments, the Chinese government has named her culpable for inciting the summer's ethnic riots at the cost of an estimated 200 lives, a charge that Kadeer vehemently denied at the event.

The controversy surrounding the Xinjiang riots elicited protest, and in Havemeyer Hall students posted signs saying "Rebiya Kadeer is a terrorist" and distributed brochures near the building's entrance prior to the speech. One student held a poster that read "Stop Lying Rebiya Kadeer" while two other students handed

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Provost and psychologist
Claude Steele explains his theory of stereotype threat

BY AMBER TUNNELL
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Although Columbia knows Claude Steele as its new provost, his University Lecture on Tuesday night brought the psychologist of 35 years back to his professorial roots.

Before moving to New York, Steele taught at Stanford University as a professor in social psychology. On Tuesday evening, his crowded Low Library lecture, "Identity and Stereotype Threat: Their Nature and What to do About Them at School and Work," was based on his upcoming book, "Whistling Vivaldi." Steele rose to fame within the

field of psychology with his theory of stereotype threat, which addresses the threat implied in any situation by virtue of a predetermined stereotype's existence.

University President Lee Bollinger warmly welcomed both Steele—who, in a recent interview, recalled bumping into Bollinger at the University of Michigan's gym—and Steele's wife, Dorothy.. Bollinger lauded their choice to come to Columbia despite the familial "tug of war" they experienced during their decision to move from coast to coast. With one

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STEELE IN THE SPOTLIGHT | At Tuesday evening's University Lecture, Columbia's new provost Claude Steele discussed his research.

Martinez to fill new post in multicultural affairs

BY LIZA WEINGARTEN
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Yet another new dean is joining Columbia's administration.

On Tuesday afternoon, Dean of Student Affairs Kevin Shollenberger announced by e-mail the appointment of Theresa Martinez to the newly created senior position of Dean of Community Development and Multicultural Affairs.

Martinez's title is the product of ongoing conversation between students and staff during which they established the need to continue building a sense of community on campus with increased co-curricular coordination. In her position, she will serve as leader and organizer for the Office of Student Development and Activities, the Office of Multicultural Affairs, the Office of Student Group Advising, and the Office of Residential Programs.

"The students and staff on the search committee were enthusiastic about her candidacy, and we are thrilled that she has accepted our offer," Shollenberger wrote in his e-mail announcement.

Martinez will come to



Courtesy of Columbia University

THERESA MARTINEZ

Columbia in November as the chosen candidate out of a nationwide search. She has long worked in the realm of student affairs, most recently at Ithaca College, where she worked as Director of Student Engagement and Multicultural Affairs. Under her supervision and leadership at Ithaca, the Center for Student Leadership and Involvement, the Office for New Student Programs, and the Office of Multicultural Affairs

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Coup leaves housing bills vulnerable

BY KATHERINE MEDUSKI
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With legislative uncertainty for several major housing bills continuing through the summer into fall, local tenant leaders and residents say they fear that longtime affordable housing units are vulnerable to political action.

Since the Republicans took control of the New York state Senate on June 8 by a 32 to 30 advantage, three bills that tenant organizers say are imperative to the protection of affordable housing have yet to make it to the floor.

Locally, this inaction is worrisome to whole housing units. At Trinity House on 92nd Street and Columbus Avenue, which the

Trinity School built in 1968 and has since owned as part of the middle-income subsidy program, Mitchell-Lama, the future is as uncertain as the frozen legislation in Albany.

In Albany, the major standstill for housing legislation has left several bills hanging, which in turn has left many local issues—such as vacancy decontrol, the Mitchell-Lama subsidy program, and Section 8 voucher tenant laws—in a state of flux.

And residents and tenants' activists in Harlem and in Trinity House have their eyes on one bill that would amend the Emergency Tenant Protection Act of 1974,

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What's in a runoff? Not much change, New Yorkers say

BY SAM LEVIN
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Two weeks after the city primaries lit up the neighborhood with voters and aggressive campaigners, the runoff elections on Tuesday for public advocate and comptroller found many local poll sites relatively quiet.

And the results announced Tuesday night prove that voters had not changed their minds.

For comptroller, the race came down to Councilman David Yassky who earned 30 percent of the vote two weeks ago, and Councilman John Liu with 38 percent—just barely missing the 40 percent he needed to secure the

win. This time around, Liu won with a definitive 55.55 percent majority.

For public advocate, Councilman Bill de Blasio and Mark Green dueling again on Tuesday after neither candidate reached the required 40 percent in the first primary. De Blasio took the lead again in the runoff, with a 62.5 percent advantage.

While talk on the streets two weeks ago was largely about low voter turnout, many candidates, campaigners, voters, and volunteers on Tuesday were in agreement that the runoffs were much, much worse.

"There is always a light turnout," Jim Wetzell, the business agent for the Hotel Trades

Council, said while campaigning on 97th Street this morning. "People don't care."

Local voter Carol Lapidus said, as she was leaving PS 163 after voting, "I believe this is one of the only ways we can exercise our voice," adding her frustration that so few people took a minute out of the day to stop by the voting booths.

At the 109th Street site, Paula Diamond Román, a local Democratic district leader and member of the Broadway Democrats, said "A lot of people don't even seem to know there is a runoff today."

"I voted the other day," one woman said to a campaigner. "I have to vote again?"

Though the Upper West Side scene was quiet, at 3 p.m. on 134th Street in Harlem, the streets filled with energy as Liu banded together with local political supporters state Sen. Bill Perkins and Councilman Robert Jackson stopping every passerby to court a vote for Liu.

"In my visions of the city, Liu is the perfect piece of the puzzle," Perkins said in an interview, while continuing to shout "John Liu—here for you," to passing pedestrians.

Perkins said that Liu in fact carried the "energy of Obama." Perkins said he came out today to "make sure we get the best city comptroller ever. Not only that—we want to make history."

One woman approached Liu and said, "You look better in person," to which Liu replied, "Not only that. I can do the job." Liu, Perkins, and Jackson then ran eastward to Malcolm X Boulevard, where they stopped pedestrians and even campaigned inside a few stores.

After Jackson took several photographs on his BlackBerry of Liu and Harlem residents—immediately e-mailing them to the supporters—Liu said in interview, "I've done everything I can. It is a beautiful day, and

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ROCK THE VOTE? | Comptroller candidate David Yassky augmented a campaign sign outside the subway station at 110th St. and Broadway.

De Blasio, Liu victors in election

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these are beautiful people. I've been through three boroughs, and the reactions have been great."

Jackson expressed disappointment that Liu was not able to take the win two weeks ago. "We should've got him in last time. 38—he was so close to that 40." He added, "I will be confident when we finish at the finish line."

Others echoed Jackson's frustration over the runoff process.

Joe Lawrence, the head coordinator at the 97th Street site who has worked there for nine consecutive years, said, "Runoffs are certainly unique to New York. A lot of people don't understand what we are doing, and it is a waste of the city's money, I think," he said.

When asked what he thought about the runoff, Liu—who would have won two weeks ago if these rules weren't in place—said, "Listen, I am out here having fun."

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CASTING BALLOTS | Signs point to city runoff voting booths within Columbia's Wien Hall. Residents voted for the city public advocate and comptroller positions, since candidates did not earn the 40 percent majority on the Sept. 15 primary.

Pricing issues hit Trinity House on Upper West Side

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which, if extended would protect affordability for existing tenants, while still allowing owners eligibility for rent increases under specific guidelines.

Here in New York, a number of private developers are now in the process of buying out of the Mitchell-Lama state housing subsidy program, while other landlords are allowing Section 8 federal housing subsidy contracts to expire without renewal, or terminate altogether.

This new Emergency Tenant Protection Act—now in deadlock—would provide a safety net for current tenants who fear loss of Mitchell-Lama or Section 8 housing due to private deals between developers and landlord.

This bill died in 2008 in the housing, construction, and community development committee in the state Senate. Sen. Andrea Stewart-Cousins of Yonkers currently represents this bill and another concerning vacancy decontrol, which would protect tenants against induced vacancy through harassment or ignored maintenance problems.

"There is a consistent and growing need for affordable housing," Stewart-Cousins said. "People are very concerned about the affordability of their apartments. There are thousands of districts with vacancy decontrol, and we're talking about hundreds of thousands of people who would be impacted," she said of these retroactive bills that would protect current rent-regulated tenants against future losses.

"The day the coup happened, we were trying to vote these bills out of the housing committee, but that vote never took place," Stewart-Cousins said of the Republican control established this summer. "It has been lying in the committee since then."

The Trinity House had a mandatory 40-year preservation period that expired in 2008. The landlord, the Trinity School, sought in the spring to sell the apartments to a developer, Pembroke Companies Inc., according to Myles Amend, director of development and alumni relations at the Trinity School.

The deal was cancelled in a mutual agree-

ment after the city did not approve the sale, Amend added.

So for anxious tenants of Trinity House, the stalled legislation is of immediate importance, and some feel they are playing a waiting game.

"We all hope it'll stay in the program, but we just don't know," Trinity resident Sheila Denner said last week.

Amend said in interview on Tuesday, "All I can say about that at the moment is there are no plans or discussion about leaving the Mitchell-Lama program, but a year from now we might take up that idea."

Some residents expressed hopelessness. "It's only a matter of time before someone buys this building out of the program," a resident named Nieves, who declined to give his last name and has lived in the building since the 1970s, said. "It's very likely."

Amend said there is currently no sale in progress, and he predicts there wouldn't be one anytime soon considering the economy. But, they would like to leave the business of real estate as soon as possible.

"Selling would provide funds for the school to pursue its mission," he said.

While local tenants continue to express these fears, politicians express a mirrored frustration over the legislative roadblock. Carolyn Burke, legislative director for Sen. Liz Krueger, who is sponsoring one of the affordable housing bills, said, "We have a very slim majority, 32-30, and if just one Democrat opposes the bill, we can't move it. If not next year, then definitely the year after because with the election, we'll pick up more seats."

"There are over twenty sponsors of my bill, but we need 32," Stewart-Cousins added.

Tom Briggs, a representative from the office of Sen. Bill Perkins, said that it is not uncommon for a bill to sit in the committee. "This is the aging process," he said.

Nellie Bailey, co-founder of the Harlem Tenants Council, said that this is more than just stalled legislation. "As to whether the bills will be passed, that is anyone's guess."

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New dean will come from Ithaca to Columbia in November

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revamped their approaches to student life and diversity initiatives. While at Ithaca, Martinez also served as the Director of the Center for Student Leadership and Involvement.

Prior to Ithaca, Dean Martinez also worked for 12 years in student affairs at Wells College, where she held various positions, including Director of Residence Life. Additionally, she has served as a leader in student affairs divisions at SUNY Old Westbury, where she acted as the Residence Halls Director, as well as at St. Joseph's College in Brooklyn, operating as Interim Director of Counseling and Career Services.

As an established leader in multicultural affairs, residential life, and student advocacy, Martinez "will support the Community Development and Multicultural Affairs team in continuing the excellent work that has already

begun," Shollenberger's e-mail announced.

In her position at Columbia, Martinez aims to help enhance organizational advising, leadership development, advocacy, diversity education, and civic engagement, as well as continue to support and foster a greater sense of community.

"I am very excited about joining a talented and committed staff to create a community that extends beyond the classroom; one that believes in a shared sense of responsibility for creating an environment that encourages a free exchange of ideas, a connection to each other, and an opportunity to develop lifelong skills," Martinez said in a Columbia University press release.

"Theresa Martinez has much to offer the Columbia community," Shollenberger wrote. "We look forward to welcoming her to Columbia in early November."

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Steele discusses stereotype threat

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child in California and another in New York, the decision was tough, but Bollinger concluded that, "If we know anything about psychology ... their decision to move here was the best."

After praising Steele's scholarship, Bollinger said the "best way to introduce him to the University" is to "just sit and listen to him talk about his ideas."

For his part, Steele said he is enjoying the "thrill of an anthropologist learning about a new place."

Two problems launched Steele's career, he said: the underperformance of women and minority students on cognitive tests in academic settings, and what he called the "diversity problem," or the difficulty that arises when trying to make a situation comfortable for everyone, while at the same time integrating different groups.

"Everyone experiences a stereotype a couple times a day," Steele said, highlighting the thrust of his speech.

"Identity contingencies," he said, are the identity questions central to daily existence. For example, Steele said he developed an identity contingency the moment he first discovered he was black. "If you have to deal with things in situations because you have a certain identity, that identity will

be important to you," he said.

"Most psychologically impactful identity contingencies are those that in some way threaten the individual," he said, while explaining that "stereotype threat" is the most important identity contingency.

Steele then described the experiments he conducted to gauge stereotype threat in schools. One discussed female performance on math tests. In this experiment, psychologists gave mathematically-adept, high-school level men and women a difficult math test. The results showed that women performed much worse than the men because they "experienced a different type of frustration" when faced with difficult problems. As the women became frustrated, they grappled with the fear of conforming to a gender stereotype, while the men were unaffected. The psychologists then conducted the experiment again and they told the subjects that women generally perform well on this specific test, and the women's scores increased dramatically.

Steele then asked, "What makes the threat really stronger and what makes it weak?"

Steele said that "people that show this effect the most are the strongest. ... They are the ones that care the most ... , have the most skills ... , the ones that try too hard."

"Identity threat is intrinsic to most diverse settings" and it is "the default state of affairs unless something is done to reduce it," Steele said. "Some level and salience of identity safety cues in a setting can foster trust even when other cues in the setting might suggest otherwise," he added optimistically.

After his presentation, more faculty members than students asked Steele questions.

In fact, Michele Moody-Adams, the new dean of Columbia College, asked the first question. She inquired about what should be done in a situation where the threat is coming from the group itself, like when a mother tells her daughter that girls always do worse in math and to not worry about it.

Steele replied that he "doesn't know" but that everyone should "try to make people aware how costly these situations are."

Another question came from a student asking about Muslim stereotypes in society. She asked what Muslim women are supposed to do when they feel they are perceived to be weak or subservient. While Steele replied that he didn't have the knowledge to answer the question, he answered that "generally it will have negative effects."

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Kadeer presses Uyghur cause

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out pamphlets. As Kadeer began her speech, Public Safety officers removed one protesting student and confiscated his sign.

Speaking through an interpreter, Kadeer highlighted the Chinese government's "Develop the West" program, which she characterized as one geared toward the assimilation of the Uyghur ethnicity into the greater Han Chinese majority.

According to Kadeer, the government has succeeded in encouraging Han Chinese to move to Xinjiang by offering priority status for employment, as well as easily obtainable housing.

Kadeer lamented these efforts to resettle Xinjiang with Han Chinese which she said, when combined with forced movement of Uyghur youths to other regions of China for work, created major population imbalances. As Han Chinese moved to Xinjiang and took jobs there, the government "forced young Uyghur girls and young Uyghur boys to go to big cities like Guangdong, Shanghai, and Beijing and take up jobs in factories," she

said. "Why can't they find jobs for them in East Turkistan when millions of Chinese immigrants get jobs? Why are they moved to different, alien places?"

Kadeer also criticized what she characterized as the Chinese government's opportunism in using the war on terror to brand "obscure" Uyghur groups as terrorists. Kadeer described the government's campaign to control coverage of this summer's unrest in Xinjiang as a broad effort to portray Han Chinese residents of the region as victims of Uyghur violence. "What you hear from the Chinese propaganda is not the truth," she said. "They showed gruesome images of Chinese victims 24 hours a day ... as a result [Han] Chinese took to the street."

In the question and answer session following her speech, one student asked Kadeer for her thoughts on the Chinese government's policy of favoring Uyghur and other minority students in college entrance exams. The policy, which some Han Chinese view as discriminatory, dictates that minority students receive an extra 15 points on

their exam scores.

Kadeer responded that, while this may benefit Uyghur students in the short term, discrimination in the job market negates any positive impact it may have on Uyghur unemployment.

Despite her criticism of the Chinese government, in an interview with the Spectator prior to her speech, Kadeer mentioned what she saw as a possibility for coexistence between Uyghurs and Han Chinese. This summer "Uyghur students, for the first time, held Chinese flags during the protests," she said. "They wanted to send a message that they accept Chinese rule but want to be treated as citizens."

In the meantime, Kadeer called for openness and international attention to the Xinjiang unrest and the plight of the Uyghur people. "I want the world to stop the genocide of Uyghur people. I call for democratic countries, especially, to go to China and find out the truth for themselves," she said. "We are asking the help of the world, because we cannot help ourselves."

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CORRECTION

In "Local residents reach out to elders," we incorrectly stated Paul Nikolaidis' career goals. Though he wants to devote his career to nursing home reforms, he may do so through consulting and does not plan to give that up.

In an article that ran in the Sept. 28 issue of Spectator, the location of tonight's CCW Bookies event was printed incorrectly. It is in fact located at the new Columbia Alumni Center, 622 W. 113th St. between Broadway and Riverside Drive, and will begin at 6 p.m. Spectator regrets the errors.

DANCE

Dance majors work hard to make it all look effortless

BY LAURA TAYLOR
Columbia Daily Spectator

There is a stigma against dance majors—it is thought of as an easy, unacademic major, somehow less serious than other fields of study. Needless to say, dance majors and their advisors would beg to differ.

According to Mary Cochran, dance professor and chair of the dance department at Barnard, Columbia's dance program, which is housed at Barnard, is "one of strongest dance programs in the country," and one of only two dance majors in the Ivy League. (Cornell has the other.)

It is certainly a substantial program, with over 2,000 students and more than 116 courses offered every year. Its majors benefit from the opportunities and networking connections available to them from the greater dance world of New York City. Cochran said that dance majors benefit from the breadth of the program, as it gives them the most input and choice possible in their program selection. She believes that it provides dancers with a "more invested, active role in their major."

In addition to multiple hours of rehearsal and performance a week

as well as membership in dance organizations like Orchestis, CoLAB, and Columbia Ballet Collaborative, dance majors also often maintain a second major. These span a broad range of subjects, from applied physics to American studies to art history. Colleen Thomas, a dance professor at Barnard, has noticed that "dance majors here have a thirst for knowledge that is inspiring." Though Thomas has taught all over the world, she said that Barnard and Columbia students in particular are curious, committed, and driven.

Marie Janicek, BC '12, dances because she "can't imagine life without it." She hopes to one day become a choreographer, and to embark on a professional dance career.

She shares this goal with Caroline Walthall, BC '11, who hopes to dance in a modern or contemporary dance company after graduating. Walthall decided to double major in dance and American studies at Barnard in order to balance her intellectual and creative sides.

Though most dance majors aspire to professional dance careers in some capacity, they also share realistic foresight into the need for

other options. Alexandra Duffey BC '10, majors in art history in addition to dance. She has worked for several dance companies and presenters, and would also like to work in arts administration, so that she is never far from dance.

Despite opportunities offered by the department, majors have legitimate ideas for improvement—specifically, active university efforts to perpetuate community and networking within the major pool as well as professional career development services specifically to help students interested in pursuing dance. Ideally such a service would give students help in writing a performance resume and getting headshots, while also offering advice for the auditioning process, which varies greatly from Broadway dance calls to modern and contemporary company auditions.

Professor Cochran stressed that dance is a career field that is always struggling, so the current economic climate is nothing new to dance majors. Fortunately, they have a support team of accomplished dance professionals who are committed to cultivating a new generation of accomplished dancers.



Embry Owen / Staff photographer

PRIMA BALLERINA | Think majoring in dance is easy? Try juggling academic classes, dance group rehearsals, and hours upon hours of practicing—all while completing a double major.

FILM

Chinese communist films get rare attention at NYFF

BY MICHELLE ONG
Columbia Daily Spectator

Communist films aren't exactly easy viewing. Plotlines tend to slowly meander around a didactic message, opening credits sometimes drone on with communist slogans for ten minutes, and the acting ranges from uncomfortably stilted to laughable. But for those with the patience to sit through lines like "How vast are the misfortunes of the common people," the New York Film Festival's first-ever major U.S. retrospective on Chinese communist film provides a rare chronicle of Chinese film-

makers trying to find their voice in a newly socialist state.

The retrospective entitled "(Re)Inventing China: A New Cinema for a New Society, 1949-1966" features 20 selected films that were made in China during the crucial 17 years between the Communist takeover and the Cultural Revolution. Because the government poured resources into bringing movies to the most remote provinces, Chinese cinema flourished with the rise of communism, a timely relationship that resulted in tensions between artistic and moralistic tendencies.

The best films are those that marry these two tendencies seamlessly, as in the movies

"Family" and "This Life of Mine."

The first captures the breakdown of a large family, due to the tyrannical rule of reigning patriarch Old Man Kao. Kao's bullying, representative of feudal class oppression, smothers the happiness of the younger generations, creating a convenient microcosm in which the new communist regime is indirectly celebrated by showing the misery of a passing age. Grandson Hui laments that his family "is like a tomb—gloomy and suffocating." This sinister quality is emphasized effectively by long shots of the traditional courtyard home, where tension remains high until drama explodes into public space.

Like "Family," "New Year Sacrifice" attempts to prove how much better life is under communism. A warped Cinderella story featuring the excellent actress Bai Yang, it tells the tragedy of a woman with the worst luck imaginable. Lu Xun, a poor but virtuous double-widow is crushed in her attempts to build a new life by a feudal society whose superstitious beliefs brand her as "unlucky." The film ends with her going insane from grief, and gives the message "Such things are gone forever. We are lucky these things do not happen anymore."

Also deserving of attention is the film "Two Stage Sisters," which wife of former Chinese leader Mao Zedong described as "a poisonous weed," and the film "Big Li, Little Li, and Old Li," which was influenced by 50s Hollywood comedies.

Contrasted with the vibrancy of modern Chinese cinema, known for extreme horror films and frequent kung-fu period pieces, this retrospective may appear colorless. But, genuinely funny and moving moments throb beneath the nationalistic finger-wagging. They point to another, less obvious face of China, one often forgotten in its rising superpower—one in which its ideology still holds a light to the truth of the country—a dichotomy that still holds true today.



Courtesy of Lincoln Center

RED CINEMA | The New York Film Festival's retrospective, "(Re)Inventing China," features Chinese films made from 1949-1966. The films can be slow and overly instructive, but can also contain moving moments.

TV

Characters go gay to get ratings up, but not for long

BY JOE DALY
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What do Samantha Jones and Chuck Bass have in common? Great shoes? Yes. But also something more controversial. After this season of "Gossip Girl," both characters will have "gone gay" for a string of episodes.

It's an age-old plot twist that's been used in TV shows to up ratings when plotlines have gone stale. Samantha Jones (Kim Cattrall) experimented with lesbianism for a few episodes in "Sex and the City." Marissa Cooper (Mischa Barton) rebelled against Orange County rigidity by sharing some steamy scenes with Alex (Olivia Wilde) on "The OC."

While the public has become somewhat used to gay characters on TV shows like Will from "Will and Grace," and Lloyd from "Entourage," there's something about straight characters going gay for a few episodes that sparks controversy.

Now, news that Chuck Bass (Ed Westwick) will be sharing a gay kiss has hit the Internet and seems to have people worked up. Celebrity gossip blogger Perez Hilton reported, "Sources within the Gossip Girl camp say Westwick shares an on-screen smooch with Neal Bledsoe, who will play Josh Ellis, the head of freshman affairs at NYU." All of Hilton's postings about the plotline (reported to start in the season's sixth episode) since have incurred an onslaught of people commenting—some furious, and some relieved to see this representation of the LGBTQ community on the small screen.

Some students are happy with this change, grateful that having a gay plotline on a show like "Gossip Girl" will raise awareness for the LGBTQ community. "It doesn't educate people on all the realities but a TV show is never going to educate people on the reality. I like that it normalizes and encourages questioning sexuality," says Kevin Magos, CC '12, a member of the LGBTQ and allied community at Columbia.

For Magos, it's not a problem that Chuck (and other characters who have had this plotline) usually return to being straight after the arc is through. "I like that it shows that sexuality is fluid and not dichotomous," he went on to say.

However, others think that having a character return to being straight makes being straight seem like the norm, a perennial problem for the gay community. "It's maybe creating ideas of what the gay community is that are unrealistic and perhaps affecting negatively students who might be LGBTQ, by seeing this character who is going back to being straight for whatever reason. They always go back. What does that say to a student?" said Laura Torre, CC '11 and former online editor of The Eye, a member of a Columbia LGBTQ group.

Sam Preston, CC '12, agreed, saying, "It is negative for the fact that it portrays people as gay for just one month or just one episode. That's a really bad message. I really don't like the idea that you can be gay and then not gay. I consider it an identity—not a choice that can be switched."

Whether or not the idea of the character returning to being straight seems problematic, many agree that simply showing a gay character is a step in the right direction.

"It's a good first step. It's something we have that we can work with," said Magos.

"It's awesome to normalize these things. We would not have had these sorts of things on a popular teen drama ten years ago," said Preston, who went on to add, "The point is that it's showing queer sexuality at all. It's a wonderful thing that it's there."



Courtesy of The CW

GAY FOR A DAY | Though many TV shows feature gay characters, some, such as "Gossip Girl" turn straight characters gay, if only briefly, to spark controversy and hopefully improve network ratings.

BOOKS

Searching for and finding oneself in a good book



LUCY TANG

SENTIMENTAL EDUCATION

Many "Lifetime" movies (and lots of bad chick lit, for that matter) begin with a despondent and downtrodden wife who has the following epiphany about her husband: "How is it possible that I've lived with someone for my whole life, but I don't even know who he is?" At many points during the last three weeks, I've had that same thought—but about myself.

As many of you may know (perhaps even from experience), almost all academic fellowships, such as the Fulbright, Marshall, and Rhodes, require a personal statement from their applicants—they rightly like to know to whom their money is going. The prompt is not outrageous and merely requests a short essay (1,000 words or so) recounting one's personal and intellectual growth. I didn't worry too much about the personal statements at first. After all, I've written over 25 pages on multiple people who aren't myself and I write in my journal weekly, so 1,000 words about myself should have been a nice self-indulgent vacation.

Or so I thought. When I showed my personal statements to a professor, I did not expect her to grimace and tell me, "Lucy, this is well-written and all. But you should be more playful! Be yourself." Another friend gave me this tidbit of advice: "This isn't you. This isn't sparkly." After I came to terms with the fact that the adjectives used to characterize me—"playful" and "sparkly"—are also seen on advertisements for My Little Pony, I had to face the daunting process of first figuring out who I was and then putting that knowledge to paper. Though I have been alive for more than 21 years, I quickly arrived at the sinking realization that I could conceive neither of the events that had changed my life nor of my aspirations for the future—even my Facebook "About Me" was a quote from a friend!

Over 40 years after it was written, that Beatles lyric still rings true—"I get by with a little help from my friends"—because my friends were the ones who eventually revealed me to myself. My professor suggested that I restructure an old "Spec" column and a friend reminded me of a particularly traumatic childhood confrontation with the American Girl doll company (I waited 11 years for an Asian American Girl doll). Somehow they knew the anecdotes that best constituted myself better than I did.

In "Clarissa," Samuel Richardson puts forth the notion that a good friend qua letter-reader can discern truths in a letter that may not even be manifest to the letter-writer. Anna Howe accuses Clarissa of denying the "glow" and "throbs" that she feels for Mr. Lovelace because she can read from Clarissa's letter better than Clarissa can herself. At this point, a friend started referring to herself as the Anna Howe to my Clarissa Harlowe as a crack at my unawareness of self.

Perhaps there is something to this outside perspective that enables us to more accurately know ourselves. But a physical person is not necessary, because we can acquire this external view of ourselves through literature. I first read "A Doll's House" when I was 15 and still naively idealistic. Rereading the play at 21, I no longer felt the same excitement and admiration when Nora leaves her family to discover herself as a person. Instead, I now view Nora's action as self-absorbed and irresponsible. The moment I realized that my response to the play had drastically changed, I also became aware of an inner change.

During lecture, I suggested that Nora in "A Doll's House" deludes herself. Her happy family life is only a narrative that she constructs, and eventually the intrusion of reality forces her to recognize that she can no longer sustain the fantasy and must leave her husband. As the words rolled out of my mouth, I understood that I, too, was in Nora's position. Yet only after I belittled her for mythmaking did I realize that I had to turn the critique on myself.

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It's so easy to forget

BY ALIKO CARTER

As my junior year begins to take form, I find myself in a constant state of introspection. My mind is all over the place thinking about my future, the impending end of my tenure at Columbia College, and how I'm going to face what is sure to be, in terms of work, the hardest year of my life up to this point. It happens at the beginning of every year for me, kind of like a routine to help my mind get back into 'school-mode' after a beautiful and sunny summer in California.

Ever the Columbia student, however, my introspection has recently taken forays into more all-encompassing subjects that do not directly relate to school, such as my growing disdain for capitalism, annoyance at how the media is dealing with the President's race, and my ever-increasing appreciation of New York City. The last of these became very pertinent to me during the first week of school. Last year, Senators McCain and Obama were facing off in a pseudo-debate environment on our very campus. I, along with thousands of other students, descended upon the steps to hear the candidates talk about what 'service' meant to them. What it took me a while to realize was that September 11, 2008 had become more of a publicity opportunity for the candidates than an opportunity for respect and remembrance.

So this year I decided to spend 9/11 a little differently. I had plans with one of my best friends



to go to an undisclosed roof in Morningside Heights to see the Tribute in Light, an annual lighted memorial that has become a symbol of New York City. However, the weather had other plans. It had been raining most of the day and the clouds prevented good visibility. We got up there and couldn't see anything past 40th Street. We were also going to light a small fire in tribute, but the high winds prevented that too. Needless to say, we were disappointed. Another failure attributed to perpetually crappy but endearing New York weather.

But instead of letting the night end there, I said to my friend, "Hey, why don't we just go down there?" It was already after 11 p.m. on a Friday, so we knew that there would be no express trains running on the way back. It was a commitment, but one that neither of us had to think twice about.

When we got off at Chambers St. (the 1 train wasn't going past there at that time of night), we weren't quite sure where to go, but as we turned the corner out of the station I immediately knew why I had decided to make the trip. I had never seen the Tribute in Light at this range before, and as we walked closer all the concerns I had about the beginning of school seemed to matter less and less. The lights were incredible, and bounced off the clouds in a way that made me glad it wasn't a clear night. Everything was perfect.

We made it to ground zero, and realized that the lights weren't even there; they were a little further downtown. Interestingly, this made me very happy, because it meant there was actual construction going on down there. Keeping all political affiliations aside, it is a shame that bureaucracy has kept that space barren for eight years. The sight of progress brought me



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Staff Editorial

A work order for Columbia Housing

With the semester well on its way, students should be settled into their dormitories and back into the hustle and bustle of Morningside Heights, but not all are. Some students still need repairs to be made to their rooms—repairs that should have been made during the summer.

This summer, Housing and Dining evaluated individual rooms to determine whether walls need to be painted, carpets cleaned, or furniture fixed. Prior residents are supposed to be held accountable for the condition of their rooms, and by the time new residents move in, repairs should not be necessary. At move-in, students are expected to complete Web Inventory Reports, which ask them to list any damage to their rooms at the beginning of the year, so they can later be charged if their dormitories are in worse condition at the year's end. Fees for the damage are meant to cover the cost of repairs made during

the summer. If the system goes as planned, the next residents should find their rooms in near perfect condition.

This year, though, Web Inventory Reports have not yet been made available to students. And when the WIRs are finally sent out, Housing and Dining still has no way of verifying whether or not students filled them out truthfully. Without a system of oversight, the WIRs will prove to be ineffective. Since Housing and Dining has many responsibilities on campus, it could solicit the assistance of resident advisors, who could check in on residents and help them submit reports if their rooms are damaged. And finally, it must ensure that the repairs are actually made.

With a proper system in place, Housing and Dining will be able to enforce its own policy of charging fees to repair students' rooms. By cooperating with students it can help make living at Columbia feel not just like living in dorms, but in actual homes.

Breaking the glass

BY ANNA SCAIFE

During the 2008 presidential election cycle, we were inundated with analyses of the status of gender in politics. The historic candidacies of Sarah Palin and Hillary Clinton forced a dialogue about the ways we perceive women leaders. However, the inspiring prominence of these two candidates—and women like them—masks the continuing representational gap between women and men. In the last 15 years, the number and stature of women in the highest levels of political office have skyrocketed. It is, however, a fallacy to believe that this progress is adequate.

According to the National Women's Political Caucus, at the current rate, gender parity will not be achieved for another 200 years. Currently, there are only 73 female representatives, 17 female senators, and six female governors. New York is among the 27 states never to have elected a female governor. Going forward into the November elections, there are no women running for the top four city positions. Women fare only slightly better in the New York State Legislature, where they comprise 20 percent of members. While the discussion of gender parity in politics may have died down after the presidential election, the issue has not lost its relevance or importance.

The underrepresentation of women in political decision-making is problematic outside of its violation of progressive equity values. As Eleanor Roosevelt said, "Only women in power would consider the needs of women without power." Women tend to take into consideration the needs of diverse communities in determining policy priorities. This tendency has no real correlation with

political party: a Rutgers University study found that Republican women are more likely to work on bills aiding women than Democratic men. Since 1992, when substantial numbers of women were first elected to Congress, the Congressional Caucus for Women's Issues has developed many policies proactively addressing women's concerns, including the Women's Health Equity Act, the Family and Medical Leave Act, and the Pregnancy Discrimination Act. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison (R-TX) clarified the importance of women's representation, saying, "It wasn't that men were against these changes. They just hadn't considered the issue before because they hadn't experienced the problem in their own lives. As women have become a part of the system, that's changing."

In spite of these changes, the continuing necessity for parity has been manifest in the health care debate. As mandates for coverage were being considered, Sen. Jon Kyl (R-AZ) stated, "I don't need maternity care. And, so requiring that to be on my insurance policy is something that I don't need and will make the policy more expensive," ignoring the obvious community benefits of maternity care. Fortunately, Sen. Debbie Stabenow (D-MI) stood up for community interests, immediately reminding Kyl that, while he might never be able to avail himself of maternity care, assuredly, his mother had need of such services. It is crucial to advance women's political leadership to ensure that there is a voice in the room to stand up for the needs of women and families.

The question, then, is how best to foster women's political leadership. Women face significant challenges resulting from cultural perceptions of leadership, and from insufficient candidate recruitment (women are 40 percent less likely than men to be recruited). Marie Wilson posits that the best way to overcome these challenges is for women to foster mentoring relationships and support networks for each other, enabling them to advance to higher career levels.

hope and excitement.

We spent a while at the site, observing, thinking, and reflecting. We then decided to try to see exactly where the Tribute in Light was coming from. As we walked closer we were able to see just how many lights there were, as well as the details of their interactions with the clouds, making it even more spectacular. The actual lights were set up atop a massive parking garage a little south of ground zero. We were told only VIPs could go up there, but we were content from our perch on the street, because even from that vantage point it was one of the most beautiful things I've ever seen.

Going downtown with my friend that night helped me put my year into some semblance of real perspective. Although the lights were our catalyst in this instance, just being down there can be a moving and therapeutic experience. Sometimes I get so caught up in my Columbia life that I lose track of why we're here in the first place. I'm sure many of you readers, like me, want to use your education to do some good in this world. It's so easy to forget, but every now and then New York City has ways of reminding you.

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There are many organizations working on a national level to advance women's political leadership. Among them is Wilson's White House Project, a non-partisan organization working to further women's leadership in all fields, but especially in politics. Its "Vote, Run, Lead" workshops have produced over a hundred female candidates, and have opened up networking opportunities for countless others. Wilson will be speaking about the White House Project, and opportunities for finally breaking the political glass ceiling on Thursday October 1, at 6:00 p.m. in the James Room, Barnard Hall.

At Barnard and Columbia, there are several organizations working to advance women's leadership. Barnard is in the process of overhauling its Athena Center for Leadership Studies, set to launch in January. There are two organizations which work primarily on women's political leadership. Smart Women Lead was formed in 2004 as Smart Women Vote, a spin-off program of the White House Project. The club provides career information, networking opportunities, and informal mentoring relationships to its members. This fall, Alma's List, the women's caucus of Columbia University College Democrats was formed. The List aims to support Democratic women's candidacies. The efforts of these organizations are crucial, as the college years are when the disparity between women and men's political participation first appears, with twice as many men participating in politics as women.

Those looking to learn more should consult Marie Wilson's book, "Closing the Leadership Gap", from which this article draws heavily, and attend the speech on Thursday. Further resources can be found on the Center for American Women and Politics Institute's Web site.

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as nothing other than the musings of a crackpot.

The "international community" is supposed to be a representation of the world's states coming together to peacefully resolve issues for the betterment of humanity. I realize this description is idealistic to the extreme, but compare it for a moment to what the UN is today: a cabal of mostly undemocratic states, who consistently vote against measures designed to increase freedom throughout the world. Incidents like the election of Zimbabwe to head the UN Council on Sustainable Development in 2007 or the election of Libya to lead the now-defunct UN Commission on Human Rights in 2003 are nothing less than a mockery of the international system.

Unfortunately, this is a problem that is rooted in the Charter of the UN itself. Sovereign equality—the idea that states are both inviolable and equal—has been used for over 60 years as a cover for some of the world's worst atrocities. The implication of this principle is that no matter how brutal your regime, no matter how much instability and violence your country exports to the rest of the world, you have an

equal seat on the UN General Assembly. This flaw taints the entire organization because the UN decides on committee membership through election—hence the sorry state of the UN Human Rights Council. Even on the all-powerful UN Security Council, the concept of sovereign equality does its damage—it is politically much easier for China and Russia to stonewall an initiative when the majority of the UN membership is itself intransigent on the issue.

My quarrel is not with the semantics of sovereignty, but rather with the practical implications that this concept has on the ability of free, developed nations to exercise power on the international stage. Rather than buy into the spurious notion that Muammar Gaddafi is somehow on the same level as Barack Obama, the West should take the view that our respect for a given country is something that has to be earned, not something that a state is entitled to merely because it exists. Now, that is not to say that every nation has to westernize in order to be treated as an equal partner in the international community—in considering who we deal with, the West needs to consider both the individual country's power and its principles, even if those two criteria diverge considerably. This way, countries like Russia and China will still be key players, while states like Zimbabwe will be shut out of important decision making.

I am not advocating Western isolation, or even an abolition of the UN, but rather a more streamlined and effective policy-making process. Just as NATO was created out of the realization that the UN Security Council could not effectively meet the West's security needs, so too must a new international organization arise in order to give the world's influential states the ability to tackle critical problems, without the distractions of irrelevant dictatorships.

Fortunately, an organization along the lines of what I am describing already exists, and looks as if it is beginning to take a leading role. This past weekend, the countries responsible for 85 percent of the world's economic output agreed that the G-20 summit would replace the G-8 summit as the main forum for discussing issues of international economic and political importance. Although it lacks the kind of institutionalized power with which the UN is bestowed, the G-20 is a critical recognition of the fact that non-Western countries can have influence over world affairs. Specifically, the G-20 rewards countries for good economic stewardship, rather than the UN's approach of ignoring geopolitical realities in the interests of adhering to some abstract philosophical principle.

When thinking about an effective international body, it is important to recognize that the West simply cannot go it alone. Industrialization and capitalism are leading to unprecedented increases in living standards across the globe, and developing countries are destined to become a key part of the global power structure. What the West needs to decide is whether it is necessary to subordinate our interests to the wills of marginal countries run by unelected governments, or if we can achieve more by working primarily with states like China, Russia, India, Brazil, and South Africa. If we want to tackle the great challenges of the 21st century, we need a new forum that brings together the world's major stakeholders, where one's seat at the table of nations is considered to be a privilege, not a right.

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UNTYING THE NOT | With the score tied at one goal a piece, back-to-back overtimes were forced. However, neither team was able to come up with a goal and the game ended in a tie.



Lions battle Rams to draw after two tense overtimes

BY SABINE SCHULZ
Spectator Staff Writer

After two tense overtimes, Columbia and local rival Fordham both had to settle for their first ties of the season. The Lions (2-4-1) entered the match following nearly a week of rest since their 2-1 victory over Bryant in which junior forward Bayo Adafin delivered a late second-half equalizer and overtime goal. This late burst of energy would appear once again in the Lions' match against Fordham. The Light Blue had a strong start, but an early Columbia foul at the end of the eighth minute gave the Rams the opening they needed. Freshman Marcus Axelsson took the free kick and connected with sophomore Tim Richardson, who headed the ball in the far left corner of the goal, past the hands of Alex Aurrichio. Nick Scott led the Light Blue effort to tie the score in the first half, setting

up shots in the box and clashing with Fordham defenders—while often outnumbered—for corner kicks. A pass to Adafin by Scott in the 33rd minute gave the power forward a perfect run, as he evaded the Rams defense to land a solid shot only to be denied by Fordham goalkeeper Ryan Meara. The score remained 1-0 Fordham as the second half began. The Lions returned to the field with even greater pressure on the Rams defense. Just as Scott brought a cross into the box in the 59th minute, senior James Prince took on Meara and buried the shot in the far left, lighting up the board and knotting the score 1-1. “I had just come off a defender when Nick played the perfect shot, all I had to do was give a touch to sink the shot in the far left of the goal,” Prince said, adding that the goal was all thanks to Scott's setup. The real battle began after Prince's equalizer. With 16 seconds left in regu-

lation, the Lions had a golden opportunity but hit the crossbar, dashing hopes of a quick 2-1 win. As regulation time ended without another goal the teams were forced into a sudden-death overtime. Shots by sophomores Francois Anderson and Michael Mazzullo in the 96th and 98th minute both went wide, forcing a second extra period. The second overtime was much like the first, as the Lions put on tremendous pressure but failed to find the back of the net several times, despite outshooting Fordham 5-2 in overtime and 19-10 overall. After another 20 minutes without a goal, the match ended in a disappointing 1-1 tie. “These past games were more difficult than they needed to be,” head coach Kevin Anderson said. “The boys worked extremely hard to get back into the game, but there was not enough quality. We had enough volume in the attack and in shots, restarts, and all

	COLUMBIA	1	
	FORDHAM	1	

of those statistical categories, but not enough quality.” The next challenge the Lions face will be the Ivy League opener against no. 25 Brown on Saturday. The inability to score has remained an inhibiting factor to the otherwise capable team. However, if the Lions cannot step up their shooting abilities, the opener against Brown will be a difficult match. “We don't need any motivation to open Ivy League play against a team that represents our league well nationally,” Anderson said. “This is a game that needs quality and consistency.” Prince echoed the coach's sentiment: “We have all the right elements—we just need to bring them together.” The Lions open Ivy League play on Saturday at 7 p.m. against the Brown Bears at home.



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Harvard, Cornell top conference standings after week two

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Penn (0-2, 0-0 Ivy) also nearly succeeded in another comeback effort Saturday, scoring two unanswered third-quarter touchdowns to force overtime against Lafayette in Easton, Pa. Penn senior Kyle Olson threw for 83 yards and two touchdowns in the third quarter to lead the late charge, while junior linebacker Zach Heller had 13 tackles (3.0 for a loss) and one sack to fend off the Leopards.

In overtime, Penn kicker Andrew Samson missed his second 42-yard field goal of the game, allowing Lafayette (2-1) to convert on their first OT possession with a 28-yarder to seal a 20-17 victory.

Princeton (1-1, 0-0 Ivy) also visited a Patriot League opponent this weekend in Bethlehem, Pa, picking up their first win of the year against Lehigh. Despite losing reigning Ivy League rushing champion Jordan Culbreath early with an injury, Princeton was able to hold onto an early lead to edge out a 17-14 win.

Lehigh (0-3) starting quarterback J.B. Clark was replaced after two interceptions, as the Mountain Hawks' sloppy play prevented them from capitalizing on their significant possession advantage.

The game was decided for Princeton on two big first-half plays: quarterback Tommy Wornham's 67-yard touchdown dash and linebacker Steven Cody's 77-yard interception return for a touchdown.

The only game on the Ivy slate that ended in a rout was Dartmouth's matchup with no. 6 ranked New Hampshire (3-0). The Big Green (0-2, 0-0 Ivy) stayed in the game early, out-possessing New Hampshire by four and a half minutes in the first half and trailing by just six at halftime.

However, three fumbles lost and two interceptions caught up with Dartmouth, who faced a second-half onslaught and were outscored 24-0 over the final two quarters en route to a 44-14 loss.

Sophomore tailback Nick Schwieger rushed for 119 yards and senior quarterback Alex Jenny was 20-29 with 166 yards and two touchdowns for Dartmouth in the loss.

Modern-day medicine remedy for retirement

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when I look at my team—the White Sox—I realize that most of my childhood favorites (Ozzie Guillen, Joey Cora, Harold Baines, Tim Lincecum, etc.) have remained with the organization in their retirement. Hell, Frank Thomas isn't even officially retired yet. So while my childhood baseball heroes are no longer playing, I don't feel the same sense of loss I do with Michael Jordan.

But in continuing to consider this issue, I've come to think that sports have undergone a significant change that has transformed the way succeeding generations remember former players. And both reasons for this have to do with modern medicine.

To begin with, modern medicine has not only increased the ability of injured players to return to the field, but has also enabled players to lengthen their careers. While many still get hurt and are never again the same, most who sustain serious injuries are back in perfect shape in time for the next season.

However, it's the smaller medical improvements that have saved many players from declaring their retirement. The fact that Jim Thome can still drill 30 homers per year or that Brett Favre can still hit a receiver for a touchdown as the fourth quarter expires is testament to the improved care that these players receive. How Ken Griffey, Jr. is still playing is a matter for only God to understand, but the end result is that many players that I grew up watching still remain on the active roster.

Furthermore, the steroid saga has also had a profound impact on the way we remember players. It is plausible to argue that most '90s players who retired only quit after seeing their skills rapidly diminish after going cold turkey off drugs. And while I thought Mark McGwire & Co. were great at the time, I have not felt any remorse for their retirements or absences from the game.

So for these reasons and several more, my generation has so far lacked this reminiscent aspect of sports. Also, this ability to recall the memories of the players of yesteryear—and more importantly the ability to pass those memories on to future generations—is what makes sports more than just a game.

So as some players finally decide to retire, it will be interesting to see how the steroid era impacts my generation's memory of our childhood greats. One thing's for sure—I'll never forget Michael Jordan's shot on Craig Ehlo.

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SEASON PREVIEW: CORNELL FOOTBALL

Early-season success bodes well for Big Red after rough 2008 campaign

BY VICTORIA JONES
Columbia Daily Spectator

With 17 juniors and seniors returning to starting positions on the gridiron this fall, Cornell football looks to capitalize on its players' experience to finish this season with a winning record. Last year the Big Red finished with a 4-6 overall mark (2-5 Ivy). The team is on the road to success so far thanks to 33-9 and 14-12 victories over Bucknell and Yale, respectively, in their first two games of the season.

The offense familiar ground for star players Ben Ganter, Bryan Walters, Stephen Liuzza, Randy Barbour and Horatio Blackman. Ganter fills the void left at quarterback by graduate Nathan Ford. Thus far this season he has demonstrated that he possesses the skills needed to lead the team. In the Big Red's game against Bucknell he threw 17-25 for 172 yards and scored two touchdowns.

Helping out Ganter downfield are senior wide receivers Bryan Walters and Stephen Liuzza. Last year Walters received honorable mention all-Ivy honors and moved into second place in school history with 4,079 all-purpose yards. Liuzza finished third on the team in 2008 with 159 rushing yards. As seniors, Barbour and Blackman bring experience to the field as a running back and wide receiver, respectively.

The core of the defense lies within senior Chris Costello. Costello finished third in the Ancient Eight with 90 tackles last year and has already recorded 21 since the start of this season. He will be joined by nine new starters taking the field. Junior Dempsey Quinn and senior Aaron Levine look to be strong supports for the defensive line.

Returning to the field this fall is junior Brad Greenway, last year's lead scorer with 45 points as place kicker. After two years of junior varsity play, fellow junior Drew Alston has already begun to

make his mark after punting 15 times against Yale this past weekend.

Cornell hopes its early-season success bodes better than it did in 2008. The Big Red started last season off strong with three straight victories against Bucknell, Yale, and Lehigh. The season opener versus Bucknell came down to the wire, but Cornell was able to pull off the 21-20 win, thanks to a blocked extra-point in the fourth quarter. At its homecoming game, the Big Red was able to edge out Yale 17-14 before pulling off another narrow 25-24 victory against Lehigh in which Jesse Baker caught the game-winning pass in the endzone just as the clock ran out.

Cornell was finally tripped up in their fourth game of the season by the Harvard Crimson with a tough 38-17 loss on the road. The game ignited a string of losses—the Big Red dropped the next three games before finally regaining its footing. In a 38-22 loss against Colgate, Cornell still saw impressive plays such as Blackman's 31-yard reception and Walters' 41-yard punt return. After a 27-7 drubbing at the hands of Brown, Cornell dropped a close one, 31-26, to Princeton as a last-minute drive down the field fell short.

Cornell broke out of its slump by crushing Dartmouth 37-14 in a game featuring the school's second-longest touchdown pass in history, a 96-yarder from Ford to Walters. However, in their second-to-last game of the season, the Big Red fell to Columbia 17-7 despite Ford's 376 passing yards and Costello's 13 tackles. Cornell closed out 2008 with loss to Penn, 23-6. Walters, however, picked up his last 42 yards of the season that made him the all-time leader in the Ancient Eight in kickoff return yards.

Cornell continues its 2009 season this coming Saturday in Hamilton, N.Y. against Colgate University. Its next conference game will be Oct. 10 at home versus Harvard, one of last year's Ivy League co-champions.

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OFFENSE



Bryan Walters # 18

HEAD COACH



Jim Knowles

The Big Red struggled in 2008 and finished the season with a record of 4-6 (2-5 Ivy). However, if the first two games of the season are any indication, Cornell football has a very real chance to be a fierce competitor in the Ivy League this season. The Big Red have defeated Bucknell and Yale thus far this season.



DEFENSE



Christ Costello # 55

2009 STATS

Record 2-0 (1-0)
Scoring 23.5 PPG
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Total Offense 490. YPG
Total Defense 534 YPG
Passing Offense 301 YPG
Run Offense 189 YPG
Passing Defense 283 YPG
Run Defense 251 YPG

SCHEDULE

Sept. 19 at Bucknell, W 33-9
Sept. 26 vs. Yale, W 14-12
Oct. 3 at Colgate
Oct. 10 at Harvard
Oct. 17 vs. Fordham
Oct. 24 vs. Brown
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In many ways, Michael Jordan's Hall of Fame induction a few weeks ago caused me to think about my childhood and the constant impact that sports have had on my life.

As Jordan proceeded to give his (bizarre) speech, I couldn't help but recall the hundreds of memories from my childhood that I have

of him. Growing up in Chicago in the '90s, Michael Jordan was all I knew.

While I was certainly young during Jordan's development as a player, I clearly remember the rivalries, the amazing shots, and the championships. I remember going to the Bulls games, and will never forget that distinct starting lineup ceremony that so many teams have tried to emulate: "And now ... the starting lineup ... for YOUR, Chicago BULLS!"




But in a weird way, I know deep down that I didn't fully appreciate Jordan & Co. when I was younger. To be honest, most of the regular season games were boring: the Bulls just steam-rolled over the competition and the outcome was usually predictable.

Regardless of my memories of Jordan, his induction to the Hall of Fame was one of the first times that I had witnessed a player enter the league, rise to greatness, retire, and finally obtain recognition. And like many sports fans, I couldn't help but feel some sadness during Jordan's induction. All at once, I realized that I would never see him play again and that because of his status as the greatest player ever, I would likely never see anyone like him play again. But because I grew up with Michael Jordan, the realization that a certain part of my life is over only added to my meditative thoughts.

I know that I'm only 21 years old, but for the last few weeks I've been trying to figure out why I haven't had this experience more often.

Those who know me will tell you without hesitation that baseball is my favorite sport. And

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Rank	Ivy Football Power Rankings	Last Week
1	<div>HARVARD (1-1, 1-0 IVY)</div> <div>The Crimson staved off a solid Brown team on Friday night, which was a strong first step toward a third straight Ivy title.</div>	-
2	<div>PENN (0-2, 0-0 IVY)</div> <div>The Quakers may be 0-2, but they've faced tough teams in Villinova and Lafayette. If they can avoid injuries, they'll be dangerous.</div>	-
3	<div>BROWN (0-2, 0-1 IVY)</div> <div>The Bears lost to Harvard by a field goal, but they will regroup and still be a force in the Ivy League this season.</div>	-
4	<div>CORNELL (2-0, 1-0 IVY)</div> <div>The Big Red surprised a lot of people by going to Yale on Saturday and knocking off the Bulldogs. Can they keep it up?</div>	-
5	<div>COLUMBIA (1-1, 0-0 IVY)</div> <div>After an upset victory versus Fordham, a second-half collapse against CCSU dashed hopes for a 2-0 start.</div>	-
6	<div>PRINCETON (1-1, 0-0 IVY)</div> <div>The Citadel dismantled the Tigers 38-7 in Princeton's season opener. The defense buckled down against Lehigh as the Tigers picked up a 17-14 win.</div>	-
7	<div>YALE (1-1, 0-1 IVY)</div> <div>The Bulldogs beat a weak Georgetown team in week one then were surprised at home by Cornell.</div>	-
8	<div>DARTMOUTH (0-2, 0-0 IVY)</div> <div>The Big Green lost its first two games by a combined 49 points, which pushed its losing streak to 14.</div>	-



Courtesy of Harvard Crimson

TOSsing THE PIGSKIN | Junior quarterback Collier Winters led Harvard to a 24-21 win over Brown by throwing for 233 passing yards and all three of the Crimson's touchdowns.

Late-game heroics the
theme for Ivy football

BY TOM DI BENEDETTO
Columbia Daily Spectator



Harvard and Brown led off a mostly tight Ivy League week-end with a thriller in Cambridge last Friday night. Trailing by 10 with under a minute left in the fourth quarter, Brown (0=2, 0-1 Ivy) began a furious comeback attempt when versatile wideout Bobby Sewall caught an eight-yard touchdown pass from junior quarterback Kyle Newhall-Caballero. The Bears were able to recover the ensuing onsides kick, eventually setting up three failed passes to the end zone from the Harvard 25 on the game's final three plays. The Crimson (1-1, 1-0 Ivy) were led by junior quarterback and first-year starter Collier Winters who accounted for all three Harvard touchdowns in the 24-21 win. This standout performance earned Winters Ivy League Offensive Player of the Week honors.

There was more late-game drama on Saturday at the Yale Bowl, as Cornell (2-0, 1-0 Ivy) held off

Yale (1-1, 0-1 Ivy) for a road victory in front of a national television audience. Cornell scored on its first offensive play of the game with a trick play—senior wide receiver Stephen Liuzza hit Bryan Walters for an 81-yard touchdown pass. Yale dominated the rest of the game statistically, completing 15 first downs to Cornell's three, and running 35 more offensive plays than the Big Red. Nevertheless, Yale quarterback Patrick Witt's first of three fourth-quarter interceptions was returned for a touchdown by Ivy League Defender of the Week Anthony Ambrosi, stretching Cornell's second-half cushion to 14-6.

Witt was almost able to make amends in the final moments—Yale gained possession with 1:37 remaining in the fourth quarter. The sophomore quarterback marched the Bulldogs into the red zone and scored on a third and goal run with no time remaining. However, the two-point conversion attempt to tie the game fell incomplete, ruining the home debut for Yale head coach Tom Williams as the Bulldogs fell 14-12.

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