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**SHOW OF SOLIDARITY** | Clockwise from top: Alex Klein, CC '12, directs students outside the gates; Virgilio Lazardi, CC '15, and Vincente Atria protest among other Columbia students; and Helene Barthelemy, CC '13, makes a protest sign at 116th Street.

# Students, professors join Wall St. walkout

## Columbians join CUNY, SUNY students to protest rising tuition

BY KARLA JIMENEZ  
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Holding up a sign reading “Columbia Students Against Greed” and whistling the beat to the chant, “Show me what democracy looks like! This is what democracy looks like!” Maya Gaul, CC '13, marched down to Wall Street on Wednesday with about 100 other students.

They joined thousands of people at City Hall after a walkout in solidarity with the Occupy Wall Street protests, which have been taking place since Sept. 17. Students met outside the campus gates before heading downtown to join community groups and a number of large unions, as well as students from SUNY and CUNY.

But even though solidarity with Occupy Wall Street was the main uniting factor for the protestors, students and faculty had dozens of reasons for attending.

One student, Trenton Barnes, CC '12, was arrested last week at one of the protests. The son of factory workers, Barnes said his parents support his participation in Occupy Wall Street.

“My dad was sick and had to take too much time off work,” Barnes said, explaining how his dad lost his job.

Sam Shuman, GS/JTS '13, said his personal situation was much different, but he still wanted to participate.

“I am a privileged, white man who fancily doesn't have to deal with a lot of the problems that I'm fighting for on a day-to-day basis,” Shuman said. “Whenever

there is abuse going on, it needs to be addressed.”

Initially marked as a youth movement, Occupy Wall Street has now attracted people of all ages, including Columbia faculty and alumni. Some professors encouraged their students to walk out, while others participated in the walkout themselves.

Mae Ngai, Lung Family Professor of Asian American Studies and professor of history, and Michael Thaddeus, associate professor of mathematics, met at the gates and rode the subway downtown with students.

“This march doesn't have a well-defined agenda,” Thaddeus said. “It's a way to allow the ordinary citizen to display outrage.”

Ngai added that if she had class during that time, she would have canceled it.

“We're mad too,” she said.

### HOW IT CAME TOGETHER

CUNY and SUNY students organized a walkout this summer in order to challenge soaring tuition rates and cuts to faculty benefits.

Yoni Golijov, CC '12 and one of the organizers of the walkout, attended some of the planning meetings over the summer, but didn't think to bring the movement to Columbia. But after the emergence of Occupy Wall Street, a protest against corporate greed, unemployment, and corrupt financial institutions, students saw cause to join the two protests.

“Student debt affects private schools as well,” Golijov said.

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## Full-time tuition changes anger BC students

BY JESSICA STALLONE  
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Barnard students are already protesting a decision to require students to pay four years of full-time tuition.

Dean Avis Hinkson announced on Wednesday that starting next fall, all students will be required to pay full-time fees for every semester in which they are enrolled—ending the practice that allowed many seniors to pay part-time tuition to begin a job or an internship, and alarming students who will have to rethink their senior year plans.

In an email sent to Barnard students, Hinkson said they were making the change “in order to be financially responsible.”

“Our staffing and financial plans are developed based on full-time enrollment projections. A practice of students opting to become part-time students means that our resources are not being used at the optimum level,” Hinkson said.

Current enrollment practice has allowed students, usually second-semester seniors, who are taking fewer than 12 credits per semester to pay tuition as a part-time student.

Barnard has not released the number of students who were actually taking advantage of that practice. Also unclear is how the policy change will affect students enrolled in the joint program with Barnard and the Jewish Theological Seminary, who pay part-time tuition to

Barnard during some semesters, though the change will not affect students choosing to graduate early.

Still, it will likely prompt some Barnard students to re-examine their program plans. Many Barnard students said they were caught off guard by the change, and called it unreasonable following the recent rise in annual tuition and last year's implementation of a mandatory meal plan.

Hannah Goodman, BC/JTS '12 and List College Student Council president, called the policy change unfair for Barnard students.

“Barnard is expensive, and if a student wants to save some

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## Smoking ban enforcement questioned

BY YASMIN GAGNE  
*Columbia Daily Spectator*

The University Senate will host a town hall next Monday for students and faculty to debate a campus-wide smoking ban, but it's still unclear whether the current rules are being enforced effectively.

The current smoking ban prohibits smoking within 20 feet of buildings, and new signs have been posted around building

entrances this fall. But some involved in the smoking ban debate say that the policy remains unclear to most students.

Student senator Alex Frouman, CC '12, who helped develop the 20-foot rule in the senate last year, said the ban's implementation has been ineffective.

“Facilities have moved ashtrays. Sometimes these have been moved back. Signs have been put up,” Frouman said. “It

has not been effective because it has not been communicated with a centralized voice to every member of the community.”

Business School professor and senator Mark Cohen, who has led the push for a full campus smoking ban, agreed that the current policy has had little effect on campus.

“It has not been particularly apparent,” Cohen said.

But Vice President of Student and Administrative Services Scott Wright, who has worked on the policy's enforcement across campus though he is only responsible for the residence halls and Lerner Hall, said it has been implemented effectively by moving ashtrays and putting up the new signs.

“One of the ways I felt I did communicate it in spring was through Spec and Bwog and campus email,” he said.

Wright added that he has noticed some “change in behavior” on campus, especially a notable decline in smoking on the plaza outside the International Affairs Building.

“I have yet to have a single person say to me, ‘What 20-foot rule?’” Wright said. “I'm not sure I agree with people not knowing about 20-foot rule because I don't see people violating it where there are signs.”

But Wright said that he supports Cohen's effort to ban smoking from campus entirely, saying he always viewed the 20-foot compromise as a stepping-stone to a full ban.

“I definitely support a full ban—not only smoke-free but tobacco-free campus,” Wright said.

The town hall to debate a full ban will be held Monday at 4:30 p.m. in 104 Jerome Greene Hall.

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## Starbucks starts Harlem job skills program

BY GINA LEE  
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On one Harlem corner, Starbucks is serving the neighborhood with more than just coffee.

Starbucks announced on Tuesday that it is working with the nonprofit Abyssinian Development Corporation to provide Harlem residents with business training. The coffee chain will fund the program by donating five cents of every purchase made at its 125th Street and Lenox Avenue location, the first Starbucks in Harlem, to the ADC.

At the Lenox Starbucks, local residents said they were thrilled that the partnership was moving forward—and to grab the free coffee being distributed outside.

“It's nice when you have the success, and you give it back to the community,” resident

Patricia Dowson said, drinking her free coffee.

Reverend Dr. Calvin Butts of Abyssinian Baptist Church co-founded ADC in 1989 in order to expand his church's efforts to improve the quality of life in the Harlem community, and the development corporation now runs several housing, commercial development, and youth programs in Harlem.

The Abyssinian program, which Starbucks says it will donate at least \$100,000 to in its first year, will focus on after-school programs, and Starbucks itself will offer job training and management assistance for local residents at its Lenox Avenue store.

Sheena Wright, CEO of Abyssinian Development Corporation and a Columbia alumna, said that Starbucks is a

natural fit for ADC, considering its function as a “town center” for the communities it serves.

“It gives residents in this community the opportunity to invest directly into changing the outcome for young people, for seniors, and for other vulnerable people in this population,” Wright said of the program.

Over the years, Abyssinian has been responsible for many major renovations and new developments in Harlem, including the opening of several Pathmark Supermarkets and the Harlem Center on 125th and Lenox, home to Staples and Marshalls. Those decisions have led to criticisms that ADC is aiding in the gentrification of the neighborhood by allowing large chains to come into their

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FILE PHOTO

**SMOKE OUT** | The effectiveness and possible expansion of the smoking ban will be discussed at a University Senate town hall.

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#### Can video-gaming be a sport?

Student group Columbia StarCraft participates in intercollegiate gaming competitions and is seeking club recognition.

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Jeremy Liss discusses how we're missing out if we're on a meal plan.

#### Health and wealth

Nicole Dussault argues we're lucky not to be limited by our illnesses.



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#### Pair of goals earns first year Ivy honors

Forward/midfielder Alexa Yow was recently recognized for a standout performance against Brown. Dedication and persistence have earned her increased playing time.

### EVENTS

#### Taste of the Philippines

Liga Filipina hosts an all-you-can-eat sit-down dinner with adobo, lumpia, and turon, along with performances. *Lerner Party Space, 7:30-9:30 p.m.*

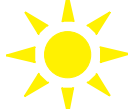
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# Gaming is no loner sport for Columbia StarCraft group

BY ANATOLE RAHMAN  
*Columbia Daily Spectator*

Columbia StarCraft is a team of a different kind—one that plays on a virtual field. For students who prefer Terrans, Zerg, and Protoss to Yankees, Mets, and Red Sox, it could be a team to root for.

VIDEO GAMES  
FEATURE

Columbia StarCraft is devoted to sharing its love of the real-time strategy video game StarCraft. The group began in 2010, around the same time as the formation of Collegiate StarLeague, an organization designed to bring together colleges and universities to play competitively. The group is part of a tournament circuit that spans many universities, with a competitive scene made up of teams and fans.

StarCraft hosts practice sessions every Saturday at 1 p.m. These are followed by intramural tournament matches between universities every Sunday at 4 p.m. The practice sessions are open to all members, some of whom can join the ranks of tournament players after winning a certain number of victories in these sessions.

The current coordinators of the group are Ben Graif, GS '14, Alex Dong, CC '14, and Max Gilmore, a fifth-year master's student.

With the release of StarCraft II in July 2010, Collegiate StarLeague—including Columbia StarCraft—has grown in popularity. This year in particular, the group has seen a huge increase in participation and in membership.

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—Max Gilmore,  
fifth-year master’s student  
and co-coordinator  
of Columbia StarCraft

“It went from being just the team to people watching, getting involved, and watching matches online,” Graif said.

Currently the group has 24 registered members, with 43 online followers, although that number tends to grow during each streamed tournament match. When asked about the type of people who are drawn to the club, the coordinators praise the diversity of its members. The coordinators represent two of Columbia’s undergraduate schools, as well as a graduate school. Followers are made up of mostly casual gamers rather than hardcore ones.

“We have a lot of fans who don’t necessarily play but want to join the team,” Dong said.

Gilmore compares Columbia StarCraft and Collegiate StarLeague to intramural sports. “It’s a way to get together with a big group of people who share an interest in a fun, competitive setting,” he said. Dong calls it “a much faster-paced game” than others.

The greatest challenge currently facing Columbia StarCraft is that of receiving club recognition from the Activities Board at Columbia. The coordinators say that being recognized as a club would solve many of the difficulties of running Columbia StarCraft. The group currently meets and competes online in chat rooms as well as on the StarCraft online server but would like a non-virtual environment for practice sessions and competitions. According to the coordinators, a physical meeting space would greatly boost their sense of community, as well as allow prospective students to become immediately oriented in their circle.

Gilmore acknowledges that the game can make “people feel at first that ... it’s a bit inaccessible, and are oftentimes scared off by how fast the game takes place.” Luckily, according to Graif, there is “an incredible amount of literature” to help newcomers adjust.

Also prohibitive to Columbia StarCraft’s recognition is the potential misconception of gamers as “nerds or loners.” “It’s very much the opposite,” Graif said, insisting that it’s more interesting to follow gamers than “professional athletes who earn six-figure salaries. These are normally college students with similar backgrounds.” Gilmore added that the term “nerd” has lost much of its negative association and become “an endearing word.”

Ultimately, Columbia StarCraft is about meeting people. “I came in during the middle of the semester, and I didn’t know anyone,” Graif said. Tournament matches are streamed at [www.twitch.tv/columbia\\_starcraft](http://www.twitch.tv/columbia_starcraft).

“It’s much more fun doing something with people you know and at your school than complete strangers,” Gilmore said. “It takes the enjoyment of the game to another level.”

Columbia StarCraft’s next few matches are against New York University, whom the coordinators call their “archrivals.” Across all teams, groups, and sports, some traditions always seem to be upheld.

## Eating along Frederick Douglass is a walk in the park away

When students arrive at Columbia, eateries on Broadway might seem like the best place to grab a bite. By second semester, though, Milano Market and Chipotle get boring, so people start to venture to Amsterdam for Kitchenette, Max Soha, and Taqueria y Fonda. When even those get old, students can trek across Morningside Park to Frederick Douglass Boulevard for even more exciting spots. In the last half-decade, a handful of new foodie havens have opened along this stretch of street, expanding the food scene in Harlem and Morningside Heights. Four stand-out eateries are featured below, but Zoma (2084 Frederick Douglass Blvd., at 113th Street), Melba’s (300 114th St., at Frederick Douglass Boulevard), and Lido (2168 Frederick Douglass Blvd., at 117th Street) are also noteworthy. —*Danielle Blake*

FOOD & DRINK  
REVIEW

### Harlem Tavern

This restaurant and beer garden opened over the summer and is always packed with customers, even during off hours. As the manager Amanda explained, they serve “glorified pub food”—sandwiches, burgers, mussels, and oysters. The tavern also offers 15 draft beers and another 30 bottled varieties. Each Saturday features a special event where a beer sponsor gives out samples and hosts a raffle. Radeberger sponsored a recent Saturday, and the raffle prize was a beach bike.

2135 Frederick Douglass Blvd., at 116th Street

### Levain Bakery

This bakery opened in Harlem, which is its third location, in March. The owners live in Harlem and have always felt a connection to the neighborhood. Their Frederick Douglass Boulevard space is also much roomier than their other Manhattan location on 74th Street, which was established 16 years ago. The bakery only makes four kinds of cookies, but they make them well. Each cookie is bigger than a fist and sold hot off a cookie sheet. Although the chocolate chip walnut is the most featured and well known of their cookies, the dark chocolate peanut butter chip is a local favorite.

2167 Frederick Douglass Blvd., between 116th and 117th streets

### 5 & Diamond

Although located at 112th Street, this restaurant’s design creates the feel of a chic Lower East Side restaurant. The cuisine is American but with Spanish-inspired flavors and twists brought by Chef David Martinez. “Ask our customers, and they will tell you that our signature mac ‘n’ cheese and the 5 & Diamond burger are hands-down the best,” executive assistant Shaquita Matthews said. Interested students should check out the spot for Mac ‘n’ Cheese Monday, when the restaurant offers five varieties of their specialty for \$8 to \$11 and live music.

2072 Frederick Douglass Blvd., between 112th and 113th streets



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**FOOD FEST** | Recently opened Harlem Tavern (2135 Frederick Douglass Blvd.) and Levain Bakery (2167 Frederick Douglass Blvd.) are just two of the many spots worth the walk to Frederick Douglass.

### Society

This little café is adorably chic, with exposed brick walls, photography featuring scenes from the Philippines, and large, square communal tables in the center. It is a great spot for students to work and eat—many patrons sip their fair-trade coffee as they sit on wooden benches and click away on laptops. Society, which opened six years ago, serves breakfast, lunch, and dinner, as well as a full coffee and tea menu. Students should go for breakfast to try the red velvet waffles, their signature item, priced at \$13 and served with piles of mascarpone.

2104 Frederick Douglass Blvd., at 114th Street

## Papasito joins the crop of MoHi Mexi joints but isn’t its cream

BY ALLISON MALECHA  
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In place of the now defunct Angelina Pizza Bar, Papasito Mexican Grill & Agave Bar purports a very different cuisine, but its flavors end up just as American.

FOOD & DRINK  
REVIEW

The space at 2728 Broadway (between 104th and 105th streets) has been transformed into a salsa club via a Southwest living room. Faux adobe walls are hung with paintings of brightly colored sombreros and flooded with red light from overhead.

A meal at Papasito begins as all Mexican dining experiences should—with a basket of complimentary salsa and tortilla chips, though these

tri-colored ones arrive a bit stale and under-salted. The waiter then tries the Mama Mexico trap of casually offering guacamole, which new patrons might not realize will cost them \$8. Those who do decide to splurge (or get tricked) can choose the avocado staple in original, pineapple, or mango. The latter two choices add a little something extra to an otherwise fresh but unremarkable guac.

A dish that gets more inventive with the same main ingredient is the appetizer “Aguacate y Cangrejo.” Circlets of delicately cut avocado are arranged in a tower, alternating with a crunchy layer. Tender chunks of crab meat, cilantro, pico de gallo, and purportedly Dijon (the flavor is undetectable) fill the cylinder to the bottom. The dish is again fresh but lacking in zest until—and

this is where the cultural cuisine confusion starts—one discovers the swirls of balsamic around the sides of the plate. A pink Hawaiian flower serves as an out-of-place garnish. “Filet Mignon y Queso Azul,” which is made with portobello mushrooms and blue cheese, is equally puzzling on a Mexican menu.

A trio of tacos seems more conventional. While most places dissuade guests from mixing and matching their taco fillings, Papasito offers a “choice of 3” on the menu. Unfortunately, those planning to make a full meal out of them may also need to choose three orders—they are doll-sized.

The sea bass option sounds sophisticated but tastes fishy—the first dish to lack freshness. Chef Vasquez might have been better off sticking to a more familiar mahi-mahi or codfish filling. Making it a double strike-out seafood-wise, the shrimp were somehow sweet yet over-salted. And this is coming from a girl who individually salts each tortilla chip. Filet mignon turns out to be the best choice, even if it substitutes French fanciness for the usual carne asada name. The beef is as tender as if it had been stewed and oozes a comparable flavor. All three types come topped with a pinch of pico and a stripe of melted white cheese.

Unlike some other sit-down Mexican places (like Mama Mexico and Cascabel), Papasito offers burritos. Chicken, steak, and shrimp are all overshadowed, though, by the yellow rice, which tastes suspiciously like Uncle Ben’s Spanish Style.

Mediocre portion sizes may leave students less than full, but those who calculate a quick mental tab (\$18 burrito + \$10 appetizer) will be inclined to say no to a dessert menu. It doesn’t depart much from the requisite churros and tres leches cake anyway.

As for drinks, considering its full title, Papasito offers few options with agave listed as an ingredient. One that does also includes St. Germain, muddled strawberries, fresh lime, and cherry tomatoes—again, a perplexing addition. Cocktails are \$12, or \$20 for a Vaso Gigante size.

Fusion food may be a long-lasting trend in New York, but Papasito’s take feels unfocused. Just as overpriced as Mama Mexico, if more flavorfully decorated, Papasito doesn’t warrant foregoing a classic Taqueria y Fonda burrito.



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**MEXI-STYLE** | The skirt steak “Fajita Del Chef” (\$30) is a two-person meal at Papasito Mexican Grill & Agave Bar, which recently opened in the former Angelina Pizza bar space on Broadway.





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# Waylaid by disease

In my last column, I discussed the distinction between health and health care. However, some may wonder why it is important to make a distinction between health and health care in the first place. Why does health matter?

Basically, the right to health is the right to opportunity. Because what does it mean to not be healthy? I like to put it this way. Let's say that you are studying for your Columbia economics final. You have seven chapters of the book to read and a bazillion problem sets to complete before tomorrow. But you have an awful, splitting headache. There is absolutely no way that you want to keep studying. In fact, there is really no way that you can keep studying, right? But here is the catch. You can take an Advil, have a short nap, eat a snack, drink some water, and probably feel much better, ready to hit the books again.

But what happens when you live in a setting where you have not eaten all day, and there is no clean water and no air conditioning? What if you are not studying for an economics final, but trying to make enough money to feed your children that day? What if you do not have a headache, but tuberculosis? What if instead of just not having Advil, you do not even have access to the medicine that will cure your disease-ridden body and rid you of its pernicious symptoms? What if you get less than four hours of sleep every night because you have to work all day just to break even? You may ask, "How



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# Food for thought

This column would be easier to write if I were a terrible cook. I'd have the perfect recipe for my kind of opinion piece: throw in a hint of culinary mishaps, my last shreds of dignity, stir for thirty minutes, and voilà! You have a Pulitzer-worthy article in three easy steps.

Unfortunately, the truth is a little more complicated. On a scale of "kitchen catastrophic" to "kitchen comfortable," I'd describe myself as "kitchen competent." I may not be able to simmer a stew or fry a fritтата, but I can zap a hot dog in the microwave with the best of 'em. The fire department has never come to my rescue (to be fair, I didn't call them) and the tips of my appendages are all intact (circumcision aside). So why do I eat takeout almost every meal?

Well, it's a long story. Let's start from conception... of a terrible idea, to be clear.

Columbia infantilizes first-years by requiring them to sign up for a dining plan. As an incoming first-year, I pictured the school as a Jewish mother, shoveling half a cow onto my plate and complaining about how skinny I am. I've since learned that the administration is more like an ambiguously related cousin, but I was young and naïve back then.

Full of enthusiasm and college spirit, I decided to sign up for the most comprehensive plan available: 19 meals per week and 75 Dining Dollars per term, plus 15 floating meals and 6 Faculty meals. (How is it possible to eat 19 meals per week if John Jay is only open twice a day? Beats me... but I digress.)

At first I enjoyed eating at a dining hall every day. It actually felt liberating. For lunch I'd load up my tray with a bowl of Apple Jacks, a glass of Diet Pepsi, and a giant cup of frozen yogurt. Dinners usually consisted of pasta with tomato sauce and a huge dollop of hummus as an appetizer. Perhaps, if I felt particularly daring, I'd spring for a stale sesame bagel. But such indulgences were few and far between.

# I pictured the school as a Jewish mother, shoveling half a cow onto my plate.

Eight months and twenty pounds later, I found myself in a conundrum. A pickle, if you will. The end of spring term was a week away, and 30 meals and 150 dining dollars lingered on my account. Faced with these daunting numbers, I had two options: resign myself to the fact that I'd been ripped off by Housing & Dining... or go on a massive spending spree. Can you guess which one I picked?

I managed to salvage most of the money I'd sunk into my meal plan, but I didn't feel great about it. Sure, it's nice to swipe a homeless person into John Jay for a free potato au gratin. And I guess it was cool to ransack Barnard's eateries till they had to ban Columbia Dining Dollars... actually, that was awesome. No regrets.

Still, though, something didn't add up. So, I performed the one act I swore I would never do again: a back-of-the-envelope calculation. (\$2,294 per term ÷ 10 percent surcharge for kosher food) ÷ (14 meals a week that I actually eat x 16 weeks) = \$11.26 per meal. And that's assuming I actually ate at the dining hall for every meal.

Then I compared that price to those at local restaurants in Morningside Heights. A sandwich at Milano? Eight dollars. A slice of pizza at Koronet? Four dollars. Getting a first-year to swipe you into Hewitt because they can't finish their pre-paid meals? Priceless. Granted, these aren't the healthiest options out there, but you weren't saving calories on a dining plan either.

And, if you shop for ingredients instead of prepared food, you can probably save even more. Take a quick stroll to the farmer's market, Westside, or M2M, and you can find some of the freshest organic foods in Manhattan (of course, "fresh" in New York is a relative term). You don't even have to know how to cook. I like to invite friends over who get their thrills from naming the five-plus types of vegetables in their salad, and let them whip up the entire meal while I take my time with the potato peeler.

If all else fails, you can always just go to a dining hall and pay on the spot. You'll only have to pay a dollar or two extra for not being on a meal plan, and there's no risk of paying for a month's worth of food you'll never eat.

Still not persuaded to go off the meal plan? That's fine. It's not like I'm going to arm-wrestle you for it—I'm too weak from hunger.

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on earth am I supposed to get through that?"

The amazing thing is, though, that millions of people on this planet are doing just that: trying to survive despite the fact that they are weak from hunger, sick from lack of clean water, and unbelievably poor. I have heard so many people say, "If the poor would only work harder, they could lift themselves out of poverty." But working harder does not always work, and it is not always an option. A lack of health is a lack of opportunities. If a person is sick, it severely limits his economic possibilities.

Our health can affect our social interactions. Many diseases, such as AIDS and leprosy, bear a social stigma. Thus those with an increased risk for disease (the poor) have an increased risk for discrimination.

# A lack of health is a lack of opportunities.

Our health plays a role in our economic lives. When your parents get sick with a cold, they can take a few days off from work, get better, and quickly return to their routines. But someone who has ill health will have a weaker immune system. Therefore, her body will not be able to fight off the disease as well. And if she lacks access to medicine, her body has to struggle through the disease by itself. It may take much longer time for the person to recover. And if she

# Beyond charity

BY VIRGILIO URBINA LAZARDI

The scene is all too familiar. Wiping off the orange ooze of a Koronet slice, already cursing what will inevitably become another bout of indigestion, I stride in the early hours of dawn toward the warm embrace of Alma, guided only by the glimmer of the teal copper roofing. Just as I can make out the outline of Furnald, a ragged shadow halts my advance. In a voice that tries to maintain its strength, in spite of the misery that weighs it down, he asks for a handful of dollars to buy a coat for the winter. Touched by his plea, I hastily reach for my wallet. However, as I look at this man in the eye, and watch him close his fist on the mere pittance I can give, it takes a substantial amount of willpower to hold back an embrace. For more than wallowing in pity, I feel ashamed that, in my seeming act of kindness, I have perpetuated the structure that keeps billions of human beings under crushing destitution.

Yet for the past three decades, the dominant strand of economic thought in the United States has taught us to accept that the vagabond is out there by his own volition. Offered the gracious liberties of the free market, this parasitic lumpenproletariat has plummeted to obscurity through purely personal failings. As a result, the country has reached a point in time in which it is unable to recognize exploitation, degradation, and systemic flaws for what they are. Unfortunately, Columbia's economics department has been largely responsible for promoting, refining, and inculcating these wayward principles. The result is that students, conditioned by the philosophy of "rational choice" and buoyed by a belief that unregulated capitalism is a purely meritocratic system that abounds with opportunity, for the most part have heartily embraced Thatcher's immemorial phrase that "there is no alternative."

This is most pronounced in the very act of charity. We as students continue to affirm that by being munificent we are simply covering blemishes in an otherwise functional system. By sparing change, purchasing certain brands, and volunteering in community service, we believe that we are all "solving" food insecurity, "chipping away" at the enormous income inequality gap, and "providing" universal occupational standards. Even as the wreckage of the latest

works at a job where she is easily replaceable, such as in a factory, she may lose her job.

And our health can even affect our political lives. If you are incredibly sick, it is much harder to participate in government, or to lead protests against the government, or to engage in the political process at all.

It's all about agency—the control we have over our lives. When you do not have proper health, you lose some of that control (especially if you do not have access to the means to regain your health). And thus you lose some of your ability to live to your full potential. Can you imagine what the world would be like if everyone on this planet were healthy? Think of the scientific progress of the past century—so many brilliant people contributed to these developments. But they represent only a small fraction of the total human population who could contribute to innovations, if given the chance. Nothing limits scientific advancement more than when humans are prevented from innovating. And try innovating if you are in the final stages of HIV/AIDS.

Health is about giving people the chance to thrive. It is so unfair that one billion people on this planet have almost insurmountable obstacles (such as poverty or ill health) placed in their lives, and that therefore they have a much more difficult time living to their full potential. Given the chance, man can accomplish great things. But he often needs his health to have this chance in the first place.

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financial crisis lies before them, too few go as far as to question whether the dismantling of institutionalized public services, the continued assault upon organized labor, and the scaling back of external, non-market forces throughout the globe have had merit to their assumptions. It appears to be of no great concern to the political groups on campus that the American median household income has not been this low since 1996, while productivity, corporate profits, and executive compensation have all soared. Neither is the fact that a forcibly unorganized labor market is now considered an acceptable trade-off to prevent "wage compression," even though it has stratified the American workforce while significantly decreasing job security. The neo-liberal model, along with its pillars of deregulation, privatization and methodological individualism, remains the only frame of our professors, despite the fact that its implementation has led towards industry monopolization, grave economic instability, and a swift redistribution of wealth toward a diminutive sliver of the populace. Sorely missing from the classroom are the notions of societal interdependence, empowerment, and solidarity.

The result of all this inculcation is the widespread acceptance by students that charity, accompanied by a "shift in attitude," is the panacea for the downtrodden. Congress' political clout is certainly of no help—close attention to political discourse lets us know how pervasive the belief that poverty can be solved by humanitarian acts of the superrich has actually become. Against the obstacles we face, however, charity is ultimately powerless. Do not misunderstand what I am trying to put forth. Never, Columbians, will I ask you to rebuff a starving child's cries. Charity will and should always exist as an immediate reprieve. Yet I urge you, now more than ever, to recognize that there exist more profound systemic barriers to the egalitarian future we strive for, and that there are many vested, powerful interests in keeping the world structured the way it is.

Today, more Americans are living under the absurdly low poverty line than in the past half century. Next time you witness the shadow that roams Broadway, be aware that his haunt is not a bothersome exception to normality. This man is the normality of a system that we have internalized as natural.

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CECILIA REYES







# Men’s tennis eyes All-American tourney

**BY MIA PARK**  
*Spectator Staff Writer*

The Light Blue men’s tennis team is facing two important overlapping tournaments this weekend as a preview to its later Ivy League matches. From Thursday, Oct. 6 to Sunday, Oct. 9, the Lions will compete in the All-American tournament in Tulsa, Oklahoma, and from Friday, Oct. 7 to Sunday, Oct. 9 the team will tackle the Columbia Classic on their home court, the Dick Savitt Tennis Center.

As much as the All-American tournament will be a good place to check the team’s 2011 form, the Columbia Classic will be a perfect scene for the Light Blue and Coach Bid Goswami to see where the other teams, including some of our league competitors, stand for this year.

“Brown and Penn are very good this year,” Goswami said. “Cornell had all their senior players graduate last year, but they have a strong freshman lineup now.”

The men’s tennis team has been sailing with a favorable wind so far. The Lions had a series of successful doubles matches at the Princeton Invitational, claimed several singles titles at the NTC Invitational led by the swift-footed freshman class, and practiced hard all last week to claim the home ground as their own den.

“The team has been working together very well,” Goswami continued. “The depth has been pretty good so far.”

Albeit lacking in Ivy League match experience, the freshman class has been swinging the racquet at its maximum potential during all of the tournaments



IN CHARGE | Senior Haig Schneiderman is one of two captains for the Lions this season.

# Construction alters football tailgating

**BY HAHN CHANG**  
*Spectator Staff Writer*

When students, alumni, and community members gather at Baker Field on October 16th to watch the Columbia Lions take on the Penn Quakers, a noticeable absence may be felt.

Many annual traditions, including the Senior Class tailgating picnic and BBQ and a family carnival hosted by the Athletics Department, will continue. However, tailgating with vehicles at the Baker Athletics Complex will not be allowed due to the current construction of the Campbell Sports Center taking up space in the parking lot.

The University has rented an off-site parking facility for homecoming; however, the facility prohibits tailgating with vehicles. As a result, some students are shifting their homecoming plans. Whereas, in the past, alumni and fraternities would host tailgating parties before the game on rented parking spaces at the Baker Field parking complex, many fraternities will be moving their pre-homecoming BBQs to their respective houses.

This change came at an inopportune time for some Columbia students and organizations, especially fraternities. Delta Sigma Phi looked to rent parking spaces to host tailgating parties at the Baker Field parking complex.

Michael Smith, CC ’12, a Delta Sigma Nu member, noted the disappointment of alumni due to the absence of tailgating.

“We thought we would have enough contributions and interest from alumni to get a parking space, and a lot of the alumni are let down. They like coming down to our house, but they like being up there with their classes and go up there for the game. The alumni are bummed,” Smith said.

Even with these changes, most of the festivities, including tailgating (without vehicles), will still continue as they have in the past.

“We’re still having tailgating. We still provide have a great entertainment, and I think fans still know that,” Daniel Spiegel, director of sports marketing, said. “Free beverages, free food, free shirts, everything is free to get up there, and I think students know it is a fun thing to be at regardless of if there are cars or not.”

Seniors in particular will still have an opportunity to celebrate before the game. The 2012 Class Council in conjunction with the Athletics Department will still host its annual Homecoming Senior Tailgate before the game.

“I don’t think that there will be too much of a change. There is no change to this senior event, and no change to where we are holding this pre-game event,”

# Yow scores twice in dream debut

**FROM YOW, back page**

and all the traditions.”

Right now, Yow’s facing forward to her college career, both academic and athletic. Though her major is undecided, she’s considering math or economics, and she doesn’t regret her decision to come to Columbia.

“The first time I visited I loved the whole campus,” she said. “It just felt right. I loved the coach and the team.”

Due to the time commitment and intensity of training, liking the team proved to be pretty important. “Because I’m with the team 24/7, we’ve become very close. You’re basically

the team has played. Under the veteran guidance of Goswami, the leadership of senior captains such as Haig Schneiderman and Rajeev Deb-Sen is the driving force for the new faces on the team.

“Upperclassmen, especially the team captains, are extremely helpful,” said freshman Eric Jacobs. “Like Haig Schneiderman, the senior captains keep the team together. They definitely are what help the team to become like a family.”

With the support of the upperclassmen and the young energy of the first-year Lions, the team hopes to prove its strength this weekend against some of its toughest rivals. Their upcoming tournaments will be an opportunity for the Lions to show whether or not they will continue their development.

2012 Class Council President Sarah Chai, CC’ 12, said.

Chai does not foresee a drop of attendance for the senior class BBQ and expects it to be as high as in previous years.

“Seniors are excited to come out to all the events. They are excited to participate in the Columbia events before they graduate... In the past there has been as many as 800 seniors, and we expect no less than 500 [this year],” said Chai.

With the construction of the Campbell Sports Center slated to end in the fall of 2012, many students expect a return to normalcy.

“I’m sure people will rebound next year when tailgating starts, the sophomores and juniors in our fraternity know what kind of environment it is, how fun it is. If the interest from the alumni is still there, they will try for [getting a parking space at Baker Field] tailgating next year,” Smith said.

Ultimately, some fear that the tradition of homecoming will be weakened if the construction gets pushed back and prevents future tailgating with vehicles at homecoming.

“I think that tailgating with vehicles is important to football, and by not having it, it will lower enthusiasm amongst students. But I am still going anyways,” said Wilson Ho, SEAS ’15 .

with you’re best friends all the time. They’re like family, which I love.”

Yahr asserts Yow’s value not only as a player, but as a teammate. “Everyone was really happy for [Alexa]. Now the rest of the freshmen are more confident that they can make an impact, even as first-years.”

# Abyssinian, Starbucks partner in Harlem

**STARBUCKS**  
**from front page**

developments—claims that Starbucks itself has also faced when moving into Harlem.

“We feel very strongly that we don’t only want to write a check,” Howard Schultz, CEO of Starbucks, said at the announcement on Tuesday. “We’re here to stay, we’re here to contribute, and we’re here to do our part.”

Schultz spoke highly of ADC, highlighting its passion and success as reasons Starbucks chose it as a partner.

“Starbucks Coffee Company, in the last 40 years has tried to build a business model that would balance profitability and social conscience,” Schultz said. “That conscience I think is never more self-evident than partnering with like-minded

people who are doing heroic things in the neighborhood.”

But for locals, the prospect of financial help for residents is a bit more straightforward.

“The community needs all the help it can get,” Harlem resident Robin Bluford said after learning about the new partnership from a Starbucks employee. “They really need a push.”

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# Town hall to take up full smoking ban

**SMOKING BAN**  
**from front page**

The USenate will likely vote on Cohen’s proposal for a full ban at its Oct. 14 plenary meeting.

The senate passed its 20-foot rule in December, but even then, Cohen was pushing for a full ban.

It’s unclear how much support he has in the senate, but in a straw poll of 39 senators remaining at the end of a plenary last year, 27 were in favor a full ban, with 10 opposed and two abstentions. There are 108 senators, although only about half tend to show up to the typical plenary.

“The core issue is that secondhand smoke is deadly,” Cohen said. “It’s not a hypothesis on my part or a presumption.”

But Frouman said that Cohen has little support outside the senate—a vote of all Engineering Student Council and Columbia College Student Council members, he said, showed 45 members opposed to a full ban, with only two in support. Another student senator, Ron Mazor, CC ’09, Law ’12 and a strong opponent of a full-campus ban, said that Cohen’s proposal would not work any better than the current policy.

“The notion of restricting personal behavior based on laws

is never going to be effective,” Mazor said.

Cohen disagreed. “Compliance with mandates which restrict—like traffic lights—is mostly voluntary ... I would suggest that the evidence where this has been done would suggest that most would comply,” Cohen said.

Cohen also argued that a full ban could save the University money. Wright agreed, although a recent report from The College Fix indicated that the University of Michigan, on a very large campus, has already spent nearly \$240,000 implementing a smoking ban it approved in July.

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# Barnard says changes a financial necessity

**TUITION** from front page

money in their final semester by not fully enrolling it is their prerogative,” she said. “I understand Barnard needs money in order to function, but there are other avenues that will not hinder the students.”

Thea Briggs, BC ’13, started a Change.org petition calling for the new policy to be retracted. The petition had gathered 155 signatures by early Thursday morning, with comments like “I’m appalled by our

administration’s casual treatment of a life-altering issue” and “Now I will graduate a semester early.”

“This greed has been apparent with the stinginess of financial aid, with the absurdity of a mandatory meal plan even for those with food allergies and food restrictions,” Naomi Rochnik BC ’12, said. “We won’t stand for this.”

Jessica Blank BC ’12 and Student Government Association president, acknowledged in a statement that

students had already been vocal in their reactions to the change.

“SGA has been receiving a lot of feedback on the new policy and we understand and share many of the student’s concerns,” Blank said. “We will be meeting with Dean Hinkson to voice student opinions and all Barnard students should feel free to email sga@barnard.edu with any questions, concerns or ideas on this topic.”

Barnard officials did not respond to requests for comment.

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# Singling out scapegoats hurts team

**FROM YOUNG, back page**

time! And while a lot of these were contributing factors, any responsibility must be placed on the team as a whole.

Indeed the coaching did not seem up to par, with some poor management of timeouts and simply ineffective play-calls on offense. But Coach Wilson has no control over the effectiveness of his players on the field and the vicious cycle of incompetence that has been unleashed.

The struggles of the offensive line have put Brackett in difficult positions to try to make passes as well as clog up the running game. Meanwhile Brackett’s throws have been inconsistent at best anyway, and his receivers have not helped him much, such as when Kurt Williams dropped

a long pass this weekend. With an ineffective passing game, there is more pressure on the running game, and Columbia’s running backs have failed to find holes. In fact, Brackett rushed for nearly as many yards (49) as both of his running backs combined on Saturday (52). The offensive problems have caused the defense to spend too much time on the field, and the effectiveness of Columbia’s tackling has been on the decline the last three weeks. In fact, if you need to place the blame on somebody, place it on every single Lion except for A.J. Maddox.

When you lose a game like this to a team that is widely regarded as the worst team in the league, the entire team needs to be adjusted instead of falling on the crutch of assigning blame.

There is a reason football (and baseball) are not individual sports. If this season continues to unravel, there will undoubtedly be actions involving scapegoats come the end of the season—whether they justly address concerns or not. Scapegoats are just a result of misfortune and panic—an unfortunately inevitable consequence for sports teams that fall on tough times and have a decent following.

Except for A-Rod—he apparently signed up to be New York’s scapegoat. It’s difficult to imagine a world in which he doesn’t take on the ire of Yankee fans. In fact, if you didn’t enjoy this column, I’ll just blame it on A-Rod.

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**Pakistan: The Most Dangerous Decade Begins?**  
5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.  
1501 International Affairs Building, 420 W. 118th St., Morningside campus

A panel discussion featuring Alfred Stepan, director of Columbia's Center for the Study of Democracy, Toleration and Religion, and Christophe Jaffrelot, senior research fellow at Sciences Po. For more info, visit [www.sipa.columbia.edu/cdtr/events](http://www.sipa.columbia.edu/cdtr/events).

**Language and Migration: A Mix of Old and New Questions**  
4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.  
509 Knox Hall, 606 W. 122nd St., Morningside campus

New York University sociologist Guillermina Jasso examines questions on language: family and VISA dynamics in patterns of language acquisition among immigrants, English as an egalitarian and liberating language, and the division of labor between languages. For more info, visit [www.iserp.columbia.edu](http://www.iserp.columbia.edu).

**Religion in America: A Political History**  
6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.  
Buell Hall, Morningside campus

Book presentation by Denis Lacorne of the Center for International Research and Studies at Sciences Po. Part of the French Embassy's "Authors on Tour" series. For more info, visit [www.iras.columbia.edu](http://www.iras.columbia.edu).

Friday, October 7

**Conversations With Algernon Austin**  
4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.  
758 Schermerhorn Ext., Morningside campus


Algernon Austin is a sociologist of racial relations with a specialization on black Americans. Prior to joining the Economic Policy Institute, he was assistant director of research at the Foundation Center and served on the faculty of Wesleyan University. Austin is the author of *Getting It Wrong: How Black Public Intellectuals Are Failing Black America*. For more info, visit [www.iraas.org](http://www.iraas.org).

**Stargazing and Screening: The City Dark**  
7:00 p.m.  
Pupin Hall, Morningside campus

The *City Dark* investigates how the health of urban dwellers is affected by the electric lights required to keep cities illuminated. Film will be followed by stargazing with telescopes, weather-permitting. For directions, weather and more info, visit <http://outreach.astro.columbia.edu>.

**Muslim American Citizenship: A Decade Since 9/11**  
10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.  
1501 International Affairs Building, 420 W. 118th St., Morningside campus

Speakers at this all-day conference represent a range of scholars, activists, artists and elected officials, including Congressman Keith Ellison. Open to the public; registration required. For more info and to register, visit [www.ircpl.org/events](http://www.ircpl.org/events) or call (212) 854-7813.

**Screening: Local Angel: Theological Political Fragments**  
6:30 p.m.  
511 Dodge Hall, Morningside campus

Director Udi Aloni will participate in a Q&A after the film. Part of a three-event series, "Theory-Art-Action: On Binationalism and Other Specters," co-sponsored by the School of the Arts and the Heyman Center for the Humanities. Free and open to the public. No tickets or registration necessary. Seating on a first-come, first-served basis. For more info, visit [www.heymancenter.org](http://www.heymancenter.org).

Getting to Columbia  
The Morningside Heights campus is located at 116th Street and Broadway. By subway: No. 1 train to 116th Street station. By bus: M4, M11, M60 or M104.

Monday, October 10

**Cafe Science: Over and Out: Augmented Reality and the Future of User Interfaces**  
6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.  
PicNic Café, 2665 Broadway at 102nd Street

Hear computer scientist Steven Feiner discuss the kind of user interface he believes will change our lives and the way we interact with computers: augmented reality. Imagine animated repair instructions overlaid on your broken bicycle chain or an arrow hovering over the street corner, showing you which way to turn. Space is limited; \$10 cover. For more info, call (212) 851-7438 or visit [www.cafes.columbia.edu](http://www.cafes.columbia.edu).

**How Do I Learn to Stop Worrying and Love Nuclear Energy?**  
6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.  
Wood Auditorium, Avery Hall, Morningside campus

Panelists: Rania Ghosn, University of Michigan; Christopher Marcinkoski, PennDesign; Matthew Wald, New York Times; moderated by Erik Carver and Janette Kim, both of Columbia University. For more info, contact Lucia Haladjian at [lh2483@columbia.edu](mailto:lh2483@columbia.edu).

Tuesday, October 11

**Achievable and Affordable: Providing Comprehensive Educational Opportunity to Low-Income Students**  
6:00 p.m. to 7:15 p.m.  
Milbank Chapel, Teachers College campus

Speaker: Michael Rebell, executive director, Campaign for Educational Equity. Moderator: Susan Fuhrman, president, Teachers College, Columbia University. Register online at [www.tc.edu/events/9838](http://www.tc.edu/events/9838) or email [tcinvite@tc.edu](mailto:tcinvite@tc.edu). For more info, call (212) 678-4198.

Thursday, October 13

**Climate Change: History, Causes, Economics, and Decisions**  
6:10 p.m. to 8:10 p.m.  
1015 Schermerhorn Ext., Morningside campus

Columbia's Center for Environmental Research and Conservation presents Bob Newton, research scientist at Columbia's Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory. Free and open to the public. Visit [www.cerc.columbia.edu](http://www.cerc.columbia.edu), or email [djb2104@columbia.edu](mailto:djb2104@columbia.edu) or call (212) 854-0149 for more information.

Friday, Oct. 14-Saturday, Oct. 15

**When Do Cities Recover From Disaster?**  
9:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.  
Friday: Miller Theatre; Saturday: Wood Auditorium, Avery Hall, Morningside campus


An international group of artists, writers and activists imagine creative modes of reinvention in response to urban catastrophe, the politics of terror and the enduring wounds catastrophe leaves on urban life. Participants include: Ariella Azoulay, Nina Bernstein, Hazel V. Carby, Teddy Cruz, Ann Jones, Dinh Q. Lê, Shirin Neshat, Walid Ra'ad, Saskia Sassen, Clive van den Berg, Eyal Weizman, Mapa Teatro, Carol Becker, Mary Marshall Clark, Saidiya Hartman. For more info, contact Lucia Haladjian at [lh2483@columbia.edu](mailto:lh2483@columbia.edu) or visit <http://socialdifference.org/injuredcities>.

Saturday, October 15

**SONIC Festival: eighth blackbird**  
7:30 p.m.  
Miller Theatre, Morningside campus

Tim Munro, flutes; Michael J. Maccaferri, clarinets; Yvonne Lam, violin and viola; Nicholas Photinos, cello; Matthew Duvall, percussion; and Lisa Kaplan, piano. Tickets \$25. For tickets or more info, visit [www.milliertheatre.com](http://www.milliertheatre.com) or call (212) 854-7799.

Sunday, October 16

**Let's Read! Reading and Activities for Kids Ages 4-12**  
1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.  
Low Memorial Library, Morningside campus

Book readings, musical performances and parent workshops. For more info, call (212) 854-1324 or visit [www.arts.columbia.edu/office-community-outreach](http://www.arts.columbia.edu/office-community-outreach).

Monday, October 17


**Café Humanities: The ABCs of the Novel**  
6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.  
PicNic Café, 2665 Broadway at 102nd Street

Speaker: Jenny Davidson, associate professor, English and Comparative Literature, Columbia University. Space is limited; \$10 cover. For more info, call (212) 851-7438 or visit [www.cafes.columbia.edu](http://www.cafes.columbia.edu).

Monday, October 17

**What's in Your Wallet? Stock Market Participation and the Origins of the "Two Recoveries"**  
4:10 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.  
707 International Affairs Building, 420 W. 118th St., Morningside campus

Speaker: Wendy Rahn, of the University of Minnesota and the Russell Sage Foundation. For more info, visit [www.iserp.columbia.edu](http://www.iserp.columbia.edu).


**World at 7 Billion: Sustaining our Future**  
3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
Alfred Lerner Hall, Morningside campus

It has only taken us 12 years to add an additional 1 billion people to the planet. This kind of rapid population growth puts strains on environmental, political and financial resources. Joel E. Cohen, author of *How Many People Can Earth Support?* will be the keynote for this event. Register online: <http://bit.ly/qSz1bi>. For more info, call (212) 851-9406 or email [events@ei.columbia.edu](mailto:events@ei.columbia.edu).


Friday, October 21

**Conversations With June Cross**  
4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.  
758 Schermerhorn Ext., Morningside campus

Award-winning producer and writer June Cross is an associate professor at Columbia's Graduate School of Journalism. For more info, visit [www.iraas.org](http://www.iraas.org).


**Stargazing and Lecture: Astronomy in Antarctica**  
7:00 p.m.  
Pupin Hall, Morningside campus

Speaker: astronomer Ross Williamson, University of Chicago. Lecture will be followed by stargazing with telescopes, weather-permitting. For directions, weather and more info, visit <http://outreach.astro.columbia.edu>.

**Columbia Conversations Online: Innovation – Columbians Break Through**  
7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.  
Online Webcast


Join moderator Brian Lehrer, host, WNYC's The Brian Lehrer Show, for a panel with alumni who are finding new ways of thinking, doing and changing the world. For more info, call (212) 854-2586 or visit [www.alumnicconnections.com](http://www.alumnicconnections.com).

Friday, October 21

**Madrigals and Metamorphoses**  
8:00 p.m.  
The Italian Academy, 1161 Amsterdam Ave., Morningside campus

Ekmeles Vocal Ensemble (Carlo Gesualdo, Elliott Carter, Carl Bettendorf, Johannes Schoellhorn, Martin Iddon, Peter Ablinger and director Jeffrey Gavett) performs works for unaccompanied voices. Free and open to the public. To register, RSVP to Rick Whitaker at [rw2115@columbia.edu](mailto:rw2115@columbia.edu) or (212) 854-1623. For more info, visit [www.italianacademy.columbia.edu](http://www.italianacademy.columbia.edu).

Tuesday, October 25

**Book Launch: The Price of Civilization: Reawakening American Virtue and Prosperity**  
6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.  
Miller Theatre, Morningside campus

Jeffrey D. Sachs, director of Columbia's Earth Institute and special advisor to UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon, will discuss his latest book. Free and open to the public; registration required. If you need special accommodations to attend this event, contact Vilma Gallagher at [vrg1@columbia.edu](mailto:vrg1@columbia.edu) at least 10 days in advance. To register, visit [www.earth.columbia.edu/events](http://www.earth.columbia.edu/events).

**Violence and Intimidation Against Journalists**  
7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.  
3rd Floor Lecture Hall, Journalism, Morningside campus

Reporting from the frontlines in the Americas, Columbia's 2011 Cabot Prize winners discuss their battles against violence and intimidation. Free and open to the public; reservations required. For more info and to register, email [cabotprizes@columbia.edu](mailto:cabotprizes@columbia.edu).

**Wall Street and the Rise of the Corporation in New York, 1791-1826**  
6:30 p.m.  
523 Butler Library, Morningside campus

Speaker: Eric D. Hilt, professor, economics, Columbia University. For more info, call (212) 854-4746 or visit [www.alumni.libraries.columbia.edu](http://www.alumni.libraries.columbia.edu).

Wednesday, October 26

**Your Dissertation: What You Need to Know About Copyright and Electronic Filing**  
12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.  
555 Alfred Lerner Hall, Morningside campus

This workshop, part of Open Access Week, is designed for graduate students who are in the process of completing their dissertations. For more info, call (212) 851-2856 or email [kp2002@columbia.edu](mailto:kp2002@columbia.edu).

Thursday, October 27

**Beyond the Copyright Wars: Fair Use, Free Speech and Reframing the Policy Debate**  
2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Morningside campus

Speaker: Pat Aufderheide, American University. For more info, call (212) 851-2856 or email [kp2002@columbia.edu](mailto:kp2002@columbia.edu).

Monday, October 31

**Where is New York? Apparitions at Willets Point, Queens**  
6:30 p.m.  
Wood Auditorium, Avery Hall, Morningside campus

Speakers: Tom Angotti, Hunter College; Sarah Crean, New York Industrial Retention Network; Neil Kittredge, Beyer Blinder Belle and Thomas McKnight, New York City Economic Development Corporation. Moderated by Richard Plunz, Graduate School of Architecture, Planning and Preservation, Columbia University. For more info, call (212) 851-5894 or visit [www.arch.columbia.edu/events](http://www.arch.columbia.edu/events).



**COLUMBIA FOOTBALL**  
**2011 HOME SCHEDULE**

OCT. 8	SACRED HEART	12:30 P.M.
OCT. 15	PENN	3:30 P.M.
OCT. 29	YALE	NOON
NOV. 5	HARVARD	12:30 P.M.
NOV. 19	BROWN	12:30 P.M.

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Lions fans need to tame blame game

“Booooooooooooo!” That is what greeted a harmless one-out eighth-inning pop-up by Alex Rodriguez at Yankee Stadium on Sunday. Meanwhile, when Derek Jeter struck out in a bigger spot in the next inning, to cap off an 0 for 5 day in which he made a key error, the response was mostly just murmurs. I’m sure Yankee fans realize that the sensible plan of action would have been to boo their beloved shortstop who was more culpable for the loss, but they couldn’t resist showering their usual scapegoat with disapproval. It certainly wasn’t the logical choice, but when assigning blame on individuals, this usually is the case. This also applies to our football team, since even though Columbia’s performance so far may be boo-worthy, by jeering specific players you would just be making illegitimate excuses for the team.

Last week seemed to be a week of playing the blame-game, which is usually the case when teams suffer meltdowns. And meltdowns were not lacking on the final day of the Major League Baseball season this year. The Red Sox and the Braves completed what may have been the worst regular season collapses ever. Despite the cloud of doom and downward momentum in addition to the Red Sox’ woeful pitching and Braves’ listless hitting being the main contributing factors, scapegoats were unfairly created instead. A disproportionate amount of the blame has fallen on Braves manager Fredi Gonzalez, while the Red Sox actually parted ways with their manager who led them to their first two World Series titles in 86 years largely in order to satisfy the passionate but blood-thirsty fans in New England.

Similarly, when the Mets suffered their (less-apocalyptic) collapse four years ago, Tom Glavine became a scapegoat, taking on much of the blame for his failure in game 162, when clearly the entire pitching staff and offense were equally inept. Yet knowing that Glavine would be kicked out of town and that manager Willie Randolph’s days were numbered comforted Mets fans, no matter the validity of the accusations.

Although, my true impetus for writing this column came after watching last week’s debut of ESPN’s documentary, “Catching Hell,” which depicted the events surrounding probably the greatest scapegoat—along with Bill Buckner—in recent sports history, Steve Bartman. Of course, Bartman was the fan that interfered with a foul ball, which may have otherwise been caught by the Chicago Cubs’ left fielder in game six of the 2003 National League Championship Series. The Cubs would have been four outs from a trip to the World Series, which they haven’t won since 1908. Instead, the Marlins scored eight runs that inning and would win the next game to clinch the series. Of course, Chicago’s pitching that inning was atrocious, its shortstop made a key error, and it still had an opportunity to win game seven.

However, due to the magnitude of the situation, Cubs fans barely went seconds in beginning to berate Bartman, since they needed something to blame their century of misfortunes on. Bartman, who still lives in the Chicago area, has more or less been forced into hiding ever since. It would have been much more difficult for Cubs fans to just accept that their team had its opportunities, but was outplayed, instead of blaming an individual who was not even one of the 25 guys on the roster.

Now, the magnitude of the football disaster at Princeton on Saturday is obviously not comparable. In fact, the Lions did not melt down. They just appeared to be inept. During and since the game—as is usually the case with each Columbia loss—the usual thing to do has been to assign varying degrees of blame on certain individuals, especially in this publication. Yet, when people assign blame, they are just looking for something tangible that can quickly be fixed before next Saturday, something that can comfort the Light Blue faithful in terms of hope for the rest of the season.

Unfortunately, once again you would be mistaken to play the blame game. On our WKCR telecast of Saturday’s Ivy opener, most blame was placed on Coach Norries Wilson and his coaching staff, some on Sean Brackett, some on the non-existent running game, and even some on the unusual 6 p.m. start



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DAVID BRANN FOR SPECTATOR

ALEXA WOW | Freshman Alexa Yow scored both goals in a 2-1 win over Brown on Saturday.

Resilience pays off for first-year Lion

BY CHARLOTTE MURTISHAW  
Spectator Staff Writer

Freshman forward/midfielder Alexa Yow is quiet and humble when asked about her season thus far.

“I expected it to be a little slow because college is more competitive,” she said. “I guess when I’m on the field I know I have to make every moment count because you never know how much playing time you’re going to get.”

In a breakout performance against Brown, the diminutive 5’4” freshman made her first collegiate start count, knocking in a pair of early goals to lead the Lions to a 2-1 victory. For the game-clinching effort, she was named Ivy League Women’s Soccer Player of the Week.

The kicker? The precocious forward/midfielder, captain of her high school team, was forced to spend her senior-year season on the bench after tearing her ACL in June of 2010. The injury halted Yow’s training for a full eight months before she could reclaim the field, wearing a brace and rusty from the recovery period.

“She’s really a fine player,” women’s soccer head coach Kevin McCarthy said. “The journey that she’s had coming back this whole cycle to become better than she was before she got hurt I think was on display Saturday night.”

Teammate and senior co-captain Ashlin Yahr had nothing but good words for the first-year. “When she came in she was wearing a brace but didn’t say anything, just worked hard like everyone else,” Yahr said. “She has a really great work ethic. You never see her giving up in practice or on the field.”

Yow acknowledges the

difficulties of coming back to a sport after a long absence. “It’s really frustrating because you think when you get back you’ll be able to do all the things you used to do but it’s not the same,” Yow said. “So the first time you can cut the same way or you can shoot the same way, it makes you really happy.”

Light on her feet, some of Yow’s strength lies in her head—literally and figuratively. McCarthy values her mental game. “Under pressure, she’s a very smart player,” he commented.

But more than what’s in it, Yow uses her head like an additional foot, punching in aerial goals. One of her goals against Brown was a header, and later in the game another header bounced off the crossbar, just missing the net. “She’s really good in the air,” said Yahr, citing the goal and subsequent near-miss.

Born and raised in Connecticut, Yow started playing soccer in kindergarten and never stopped. She also dabbled in track and squash in high school. Soccer, however, stayed her first love. Like most budding soccer players, she began finding more and more outlets for competition, entering travel leagues and playing scholastically.

However, when she was sixteen she earned one very special accolade: a spot on the Irish Under-17 national squad. Her mother retains Irish citizenship by birth, allowing Yow to qualify for competition.

“It was amazing to get the opportunity,” Yow said. “When I first went there it was a little hard because it’s five hours difference, but it was really interesting to see how they do things over there and how they play

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Aggressive on defense, Columbia gets booked more than opponents

BY MRINAL MOHANKA  
Spectator Senior Staff Writer

It has been a streaky season for the men’s soccer team (4-5-1, 1-0 Ivy). So far this year, the Lions have held a five-match unbeaten streak in the Ivy League, a three-game winning streak, a six-game winless streak, and a 562-minute scoreless streak. However, there is one longer streak that is going strong: The Lions have not been out-fouled by the opposition in any of their 10 clashes this season.

The story with fouls has been strangely consistent as they have out-fouled the opposition in nine of 10 matches so far this season. The Lions have conceded 123 fouls, while their 10 opponents combined have conceded 91. In addition, Columbia has racked up 12 yellow cards and a pair of red cards, while its opponents have only been awarded five yellows.

This imbalance is not the result of malicious desire to hurt the opposition, but rather the Lions’ style of play.

“If we move the ball really well, teams just can’t hang with us,” senior captain and defensive midfielder Michael Mazzullo said. “So in the games where we’ve played well and moved the ball around, the other team can’t get close to the player with the ball. By the time they get around to the guy, the ball is already gone.”

“I don’t know if it’s a bad thing that we foul more than the other team—it’s good to be aggressive and physical and make the referee make calls,” he said. “We just have to make sure we foul in the right parts of the field and at the right times.”

Mazzullo has already been awarded four yellow cards this season and risks a one-match suspension should he pick up a fifth.

“Mazz [Mazzullo] is a guy who leads by example and plays a critical role within our team,” head coach Kevin Anderson said. “But honestly, two of the four yellows were ridiculous calls. They were fouls, but not to the degree the ref put it. He’ll have to show his experience and we’ll address the issue tactically when the time comes.”

There is no record of successful tackles, so foul numbers only give half the story.

“Mazz, the player he is—it’s kind of what makes him so great,” senior center-back Ronnie Shaban said. “He’s one of the best tacklers I’ve ever played with—so maybe that’s just a side effect of always being around the ball when the other team has it ... I think those four

yellow cards that he’s already gotten are just cases where he’s been slightly off or hasn’t gotten the benefit of the doubt from the decision of the referee, and what that doesn’t show is all the times where he’s won the ball for us and won those important tackles that have been so key to our success.” (Shaban is also a sports columnist for Spectator.)

Some may argue that the Light Blue has been on the receiving end of some controversial, and perhaps unfair, refereeing decisions. For instance, in the Ivy opener against Brown last weekend, the Lions had reason to feel aggrieved at the free-kick that led to the Bears’ equalizer in the second half. Brown forward Austin Mandel seemed to exaggerate contact from Shaban after he found himself with nowhere to go around the half-line.

Shaban, like Mazzullo, does not think the high foul count should be looked at in a negative light.

“I don’t think it’s a sign of bad defending—rather just our way of asserting our will on the game,” Shaban said. “If we’re the more aggressive side, hopefully that puts the other team off and disrupts their attack or game plan, and I guess that’s the way we’ve gone about things. I hadn’t noticed our high foul-count, I wasn’t even aware of it until just now.”

It may raise eyebrows that the center-back who has been ever-present in the Columbia defense is yet to be booked this season.

“Personally, I’m not one for the costly fouls in bad areas, or the ones that give up yellow or red cards,” Shaban said. “I think I only have one or two in my college career. I don’t really like to foul anyone because I don’t like to give the ball away but when it’s necessary or a professional foul in the smart spot I’m more than willing.”

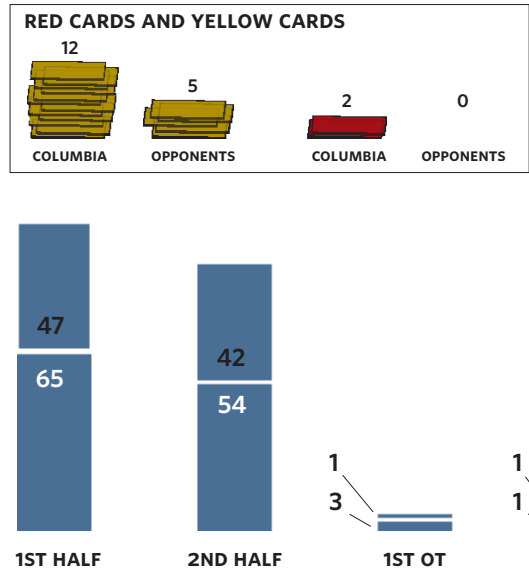
Furthermore, the Light Blue attack, with only a few exceptions, comprises players that make runs behind the opposing defense, rather than dribblers who run at defenders—so it is not that surprising that the Lions commit more fouls than they receive. However, the coach does not think this requires a change.

“To be honest, we’re an assertive team,” Anderson said. “We aren’t a group that defends passively. Our job defending is to win the ball, and the aggression is part of the mind-set the group has brought—so I make no apologies for that.”

The Lions will look to stay aggressive when they host Penn this Saturday, Oct. 8th at 7 p.m.

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Each bar compares the number of fouls committed by each team in the indicated period of play over the last 10 games.



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YELLOW CARD | Defensive midfielder Mike Mazzullo’s aggressive style of play has led to four yellow cards this season—one more and he faces a one-game suspension.

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