

CU counters student harassment claim

BY ABBY ABRAMS
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Columbia has responded to the lawsuit filed by Ph.D. student Alberto Leguina, who claims he was sexually harassed by his Medical Center supervisor and then unfairly fired in June after complaining to the University.

The University filed a counterclaim on Sept. 24, to which Leguina responded on Friday. The case is set to be tried by jury but could begin as late as March 2013.

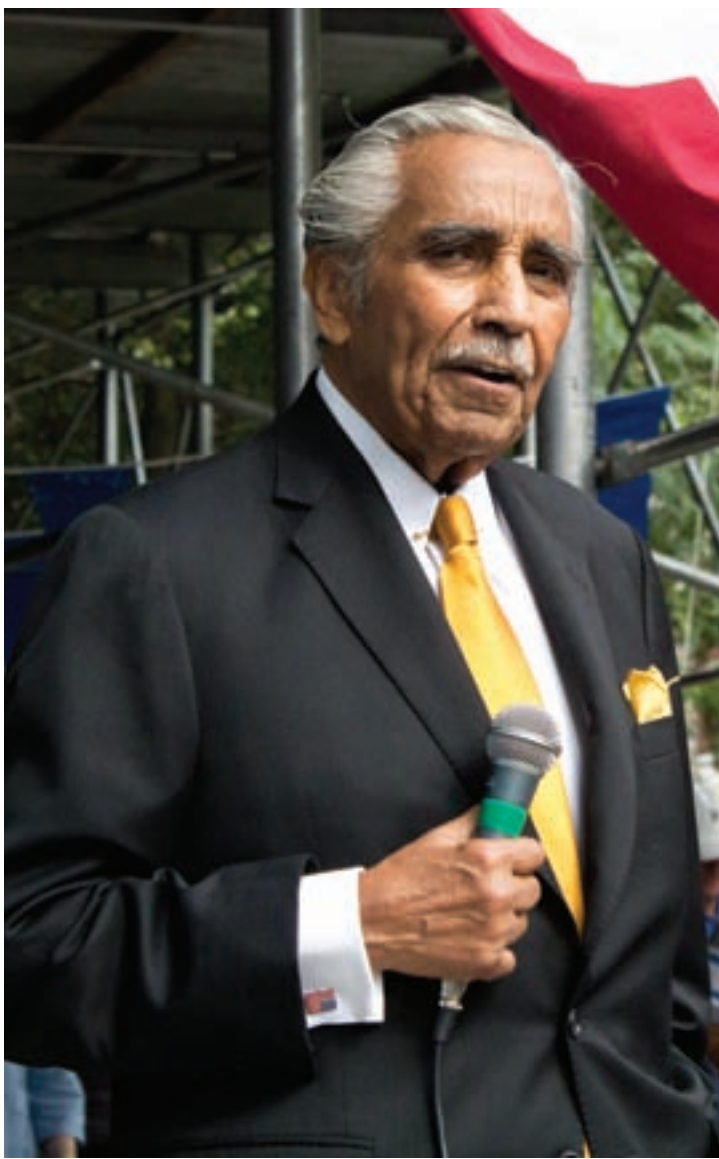
Leguina alleged that after he rejected the advances of Qais Al-Awqati, a professor of medicine, nephrology, and hypertension, the supervisor grew angry with his student. According to the lawsuit, another supervisor and a human resources representative failed to support him or help him file a complaint which Leguina contended eventually led to his firing.

While Columbia denied most of the original claim, it acknowledged that “on or about March 9, 2012 in the late afternoon, Dr. Al-Awqati sent a message via Grindr, an all male location-based social network application, to an anonymous individual he later determined to be Leguina and that the two had a written exchange that included the exchange of photographs.”

Despite the statement that Al-Awqati sent the Grindr message to an anonymous person, Leguina’s Grindr profile at the time—a screen shot of which



WE BUILT IT | Clockwise from top left, City Council member Robert Jackson, Rep. Charles Rangel, and State Senator Adriano Espaillat spoke at the opening of an Obama/Biden campaign office Saturday.



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Obama campaign office opens on UWS

Politicians fire up volunteers at second campaign office in city

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Chants of “O-ba-ma, O-ba-ma” echoed across Broadway Saturday afternoon at the opening of the Upper West Side Obama/Biden Campaign Center, the second Obama office in the city.

With exactly one month to go before the November election, the event at the new office, between 102nd and 103rd streets, was attended by local political luminaries as well as nearly 100 supporters of Democratic presidential candidate Barack Obama, CC ’83.

Rep. Charles Rangel pumped the crowd up, telling them that New York volunteers are important for the Obama campaign. “For our kids and our grand-kids, we can’t afford the luxury of waiting to see what happens in November,” he said.

After his speech, he told Spectator, “We might be a blue state, but we have red blood in our veins, and the courage to make sure this fight goes on.”

Some attendees said they were unhappy with Obama’s widely criticized performance in the first presidential debate Wednesday night.

“This election is very, very close,” Minh Nguyen, a volunteer from the Upper West Side, said. “It wasn’t close two weeks ago, but it’s very close now.” Nguyen, who said he was worried Obama’s lead in the polls might waver, called the debate “a

wake-up call” for the campaign.

Christine Verzar, another volunteer, said she was “disappointed in Obama’s affect” in the debate. “It was horrible to listen to all the lies that Romney was spewing,” Verzar said.

Rangel said voters would not be swayed by Romney’s performance.

“The arrogant contempt that Mitt Romney and the Republican Party have shown for decent Americans has at last been caught on tape, and he can’t run away from it,” the veteran congressman told the crowd.

Other Democrats, including City Council member Robert Jackson, said that the Obama campaign had reasons to remain optimistic, pointing to Friday’s announcement of the national unemployment rate, which at 7.8 percent has dipped below the 8 percent mark for the first time since January 2009.

“That’s due to President Obama,” Jackson told Spectator. “Clearly the country is happy to hear that—and obviously President Obama is also.”

Volunteers widely acknowledged that New York is a Democratic stronghold, and vowed to focus efforts toward persuading swing states like Pennsylvania, Ohio, and Virginia.

Besides manning phone banks and distributing materials, the campaign office has planned several bus trips to take volunteers into the crucial states to

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Developer quits, but St. John apartments will go on

BY CASEY TOLAN
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The company working to develop two controversial 15-story apartment buildings on the grounds of the Cathedral of St. John the Divine has dropped out of the project—but that won’t stop the buildings from being built.

The developer, Equity Residential, was occupied with other ventures, said Rev. James Kowalski, the dean of the cathedral. “We’ve been trying, particularly in this economy, to find a developer who’s ready to go to a lease,” he said. “They’ve decided they have some other projects that are easier for them to consummate.”

Still, construction will go on, Kowalski said. “We’re in conversation right now with another developer ... who’s talking to us and saying, ‘We like this project a lot,’” he said.

The residential development, which would occupy the north side of the cathedral’s grounds on 113th Street between Amsterdam Avenue and Morningside Drive, has riled up critics, who say the buildings are too large to be so close to the world’s largest cathedral. St. John officials say the revenue generated from building tenants is needed to stabilize the institution’s rocky finances.

“We’ve done everything we could have done to balance the budget,” including layoffs, Kowalski said at a public meeting in February. “If we don’t find a way to pay for the mission of the cathedral, we’re going to go out of business.”

The plans and architect for the development will remain the same, as will the cathedral’s

agreement to take up only a limited volume of open space. “As we’ve been developing this, we’ve come up with some architectural ideas that actually are smaller than even what we said we’d do,” Kowalski said.

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—Rev. James Kowalski,
dean of St. John the Divine

The change in developer is not swaying the main opponents of the project. “They intend on building the same thing. They’re looking for someone else to do it for them,” said Harry Schwartz, a leader of the Friends of the Cathedral of St. John the Divine. The Friends are an offshoot of the Morningside Heights Historic District Committee, which has led the opposition to the project.

The Friends had been doubly concerned about Equity Residential’s involvement on the project because the Chicago-based firm is owned by controversial investor Sam Zell, the owner of the Tribune Company who is known for his harsh criticism of unions. The St. John project would have included union labor under Equity Residential.

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SIPA website educates, encourages local voters

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New York City residents are not known for shying away from expressing their political views. Still, voter turnout remains a problem, and Ester Fuchs has set out to fix it.

Fuchs, a professor of public affairs and political science in the School of International and Public Affairs, spearheaded the creation of the website Who’s on the Ballot in an effort to combat voter apathy. Users enter their home addresses, and the website provides a list of candidates, polling locations, and other election information—ranging from the presidential nominees to state assembly candidates. It also allows users to schedule a reminder to vote on their smartphones or computers.

“The catalyst of the project was a conversation with a former student who expressed frustration about getting information on candidates,” Fuchs said.

Although 61.5 percent of New York City voters turned out in the 2008 presidential election, only 5 percent of registered voters participated in the 2011 judicial elections, a decline Fuchs attributed to the difficulty of demonstrating the importance of voting.

The website targets young voters and new immigrants, who have historically been disengaged from the political process. In particular, Fuchs wanted

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At youth center opening, kids dare to dream

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Eleven-year-old DeAndre DeCarmo knows exactly what he wants to do when he grows up.

“I want to be in law enforcement or be a lawyer,” DeAndre said. “I want to get all the drugs off the streets so that younger youth will be able to lead wholesome lives.”

DeAndre, a seventh-grader from Co-op City, Bronx, was wandering along the bright red walls of Dream Center Harlem on Saturday to celebrate the opening of the youth center’s permanent home at 119th Street and Adam Clayton Powell Jr. Boulevard.

The middle schooler’s ambition is exactly what the Dream Center, an initiative by the First Corinthian Baptist Church, encourages.

“The thought we came from is that most people dream,” Mike

Dream Center Harlem works to empower youth

Walrond, a pastor at the church and the director of the Dream Center, said. But the key, he said, is “dreaming while awake.”

“We want to be those kinds of escorts to help escort those people to the fulfillment of their dreams so they can see their vision come true,” he added.

In the new building, three blocks north of the church, inspirational quotes and words adorned the walls, and a blackboard on one wall displayed a “dream of the day.”

The idea for the Dream Center came to Walrond when he met a nine-year-old boy in

Durham, North Carolina who, when asked whether he wanted to go to Duke University, said that he “just can’t.”

“It blew my mind,” Walrond said, “because somewhere in this nine-year-old’s mind, he’s already had a limit that’s told him that Duke is something he can’t attain. And that for me really sparked the idea to really empower young people.”

At the ceremony, Rep. Charles Rangel told the kids to inspire themselves by solving their generation’s most pressing problems.

“The problem that old people have, they’ve forgotten what made life exciting for us,” Rangel said. “And somehow we need a visionary. And that means you guys have the means for yourself to find something that excites you.”

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DAYDREAMING | At the opening of Dream Center Harlem on Saturday, participants literally embodied the organization’s goal: to encourage the pursuit of dreams.

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Budgeting for ballet

Ariana Lott speaks to the problems affecting Columbia’s arts community.

Military marginalized

Why is military service so underrepresented on campus?



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Football drops first road contest to Lehigh, 35-14

The Lions fell behind Lehigh by two touchdowns early, and while the offense showed glimpses of potential, the team was unable to overcome the deficit.

EVENTS

Feminist to the Core

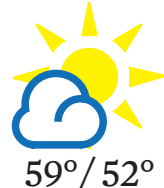
Professor Helene Foley will explore the role of women in Greek drama.
Schermerhorn 754, 12 p.m.

Is War with Iran Inevitable?

Three foreign policy experts discuss the possibility of military action with Iran.
International Affairs Building 1501, 2 p.m.

WEATHER

Today



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Tomorrow



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VISIONARY | Rep. Charles Rangel told young people at the opening of Dream Center Harlem to “find something that excites you.” The organization empowers students to follow their dreams.

Harlem youth center opens, encouraging dreams

DREAM from front page

The Dream Center will run a yearlong Visionary Academy beginning this fall, aimed at providing young people with the resources to start their own community action projects. There, 25 students will study topics in social justice, entrepreneurship, and the arts, learning to “take everything they’ve learned and develop it into their own community project,” pastor Tory Liferidge, an administrator at Dream Center, said.

Liferidge expects each student to have developed a project to fruition by the end of the year.

Khadim Diop will be enrolled in Visionary Academy this fall. Wearing a blue Dream Center T-shirt, the 15-year old sophomore at Repertory Company High School, said he hopes to one day become an actor.

“I want to be known around the world,” Khadim said. “Right now, I’m just known in New York City. Eventually New York state. Then eventually the United States. Then eventually North America, then South America, then Africa, then Asia, and then Europe, Australia, even Antarctica.”

His friend and fellow actor, Bharata Selassie, 15, shares a

similar vision. “I want to pursue my acting career more,” he said. “Movies, plays, just anything.”

DeAndre, Khadim, and Bharata all took part in a five-week Dream Center pilot program over the summer and consider the place a second home.

“If you need help with your grades or tests, or if you need someone just to hug you or just give you some emotional support, you can’t really get that at school,” DeAndre said. “This is different from school. This is a place where you can just come and talk to other people, socialize, and get to see other people’s dreams.”

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CUMC harassment trial to begin by March ’13

LAWSUIT from front page

was provided by Leguina to Spectator—including a photograph of the student’s face.

On the advice of his lawyer, Leguina declined an interview after Columbia’s response was filed, but said in an email that both sides were continuing to gather evidence and that a forensic investigation was run on both his and Al-Awqati’s cell phones.

A Columbia spokesperson also declined to comment because the University does not comment on pending litigation. Al-Awqati and Leguina’s other supervisor, professor of clinical medicine Rosemary Sampogna, each deferred to the spokesperson, and Mayra Marte-Miraz, the HR representative and the other defendant in the case, did not respond to requests for comment.

Columbia’s official response also states that “Sampogna and Marte-Miraz deny knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations” regarding the Grindr message. Leguina told Spectator before the response was filed that he showed Sampogna the message from Al-Awqati shortly after receiving it to help confirm its authenticity.

Al-Awqati, who filed a separate response from Columbia, also denied most allegations made by Leguina. In his defense, he claimed that his decisions



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TRIAL PERIOD | Columbia has filed a response in the lawsuit lodged by Alberto Leguina, a former Ph.D student in medicine.

“were taken for legitimate business reasons and totally unrelated to plaintiff’s gender or sexual orientation,” according to court documents.

The University’s counterclaim alleges that Leguina remains in possession of a laptop that Sampogna ordered for him shortly after he complained about Al-Awqati. Columbia asked Leguina to return the laptop last month but the student has not done so.

Leguina said last month that when he first received the computer, he was skeptical and considered it an extravagant gift, but

Sampogna told him the laptop was his to take home. Leguina said that no one ever asked him to sign any paperwork regarding the laptop, leading him to believe he could keep it.

While court proceedings continue, Leguina plans to return to his home in Chile at the end of the month because he can no longer afford to live in New York. He said he would return to the United States as needed to continue pursuing the case. The next case management conference is set for Feb. 15, 2013.

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Apartments at St. John will go on with new developer

ST. JOHN from front page

Schwartz said he thought that Zell’s reputation would have generated bad publicity. “People are savvy in this neighborhood,” he said. “Enough people know about his history with labor unions and the newspaper field to be shocked.”

To combat the development, the Friends have also submitted a nomination of the cathedral to the National Register of Historic Places. If approved, Schwartz said, its spot on the list “doesn’t have any legal force, but it has a certain kind of symbolic value ... if a national organization considers this a treasure,” he said.

Schwartz said he expected to hear back from the National Register early next year.

The Friends have been tabling once a month for several months in Morningside Heights, handing out leaflets and asking people to sign petitions against the development.

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THE BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS



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FURRY FRIENDS | Bees, birds, camels, and even kangaroos gathered at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine for the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi and the Blessing of the Animals on Sunday. *Check out a video at spc.me/animalblessings.*



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10/08

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

Event Oval, The Diana Center

10/09

DIGITAL COMMUNITY FORMATION
6:30 PM

Event Oval, The Diana Center

10/11

AN EVENING WITH ELIE WIESEL
6 PM

Event Oval, The Diana Center

10/15

RACE, GENDER & THE NEW
BIOCITIZEN
6:30 PM

James Room, 4th Floor Barnard Hall

NEW PLAYS

A reading with New York
Stage & Film
7 PM

Glicker-Milstein Theatre, The Diana Center

10/15–10/16

RUSSIAN MIGRATION
ACROSS BORDERS,
ACROSS TIME
Time to be announced

Kraft Center, 606 West 115th Street

10/18–10/20

EURYDICE
3 PM (Saturday) & 8 PM

Minor Latham Playhouse, 118 Milbank Hall

10/19

PERFORMING TRADITION
& INNOVATION
1:30 PM

Barnard Hall 305

ELECTION 2012
Race, Gender, Power
3 PM

Event Oval, The Diana Center

THE MUSE'S VOICE
7 PM

Sulzberger Parlor, 3rd Floor Barnard Hall

10/23

MOVING IMAGES
Documenting the Lives of Women
Migrants and Asylum-Seekers
6:30 PM

James Room, 4th Floor Barnard Hall

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SIPA prof Fuchs’ website educates NYC voters

BALLOT from front page

to stress social media by providing links to the candidates’ Facebook and Twitter pages, a feature designed to cater to young people’s interests as well as provide accessible information to voters with busy work schedules.

“The differences between this website and, I think, other efforts to do this are partly the streamlined nature of it, the simplicity of it, the ability to just access the information you need quickly and easily,” Fuchs said. “Ours is really a public service.”

The creative team behind Who’s on the Ballot hosted



whosontheballot.org

Visit the site, enter your home address, and get a preview of your ballot.

a video contest that ends on Monday, challenging Columbia students to create a promotional video for the site. The winning team will have their video posted on the site and dine with Fuchs and Katherine Oliver, commissioner of the New York City Mayor’s Office of Media and Entertainment.

“It’s a great way to engage students,” Fuchs said. “I’m hoping the students get into it and enjoy it.”

Although Fuchs has made an effort to publicize the website,

political science professor Andrew Gelman said that “the hard thing is getting people to go to the site in the first place. Personal recommendations have a larger effect” than big systems like websites, he noted.

The website may help spread information on local elections, which garner less attention than national ones and are often overlooked by the public, said Janine Balekdjian, CC ’13 and president of Columbia University Democrats.

“Plenty of informed people who pay close attention to presidential, senatorial, and congressional elections forget about or pay less attention to state and local elections, and yet it is often those political offices which have the most impact on their day-to-day life,” Balekdjian said.

Mingming Feng, CC ’14 and general manager of the Columbia Political Union, said that the website will serve as a valuable tool to help citizens understand the importance of voting.

“By consolidating voter information, the website gives voters the opportunity to examine the political issues at stake and make educated decisions,” she said. “Voting shows a basic level of commitment and attachment to political issues, but certainly, educating voters is an effort that extends beyond the casting of a ballot.”

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CIVIC DUTY | Ester Fuchs, professor of public affairs and political science at the School of International and Public Affairs, has spearheaded the creation of a voter information website.

Lions fall to Lehigh in first road test

FOOTBALL from back page

the second quarter. But Lehigh didn’t stay silent for long. Lehigh’s offense capped off a 14-play drive with a five-yard touchdown run by Colvin, putting the Mountain Hawks up 21-7 with under a minute left in the half. The drive took nearly seven minutes off the clock.

Luck wasn’t on the Lions’ side after halftime. Midway through the third quarter, Olinger, who leads the Lions in tackles, left the game after an apparent injury to the neck area. Olinger did not return to the game.

The Light Blue defense held Lehigh scoreless for most of the third quarter, but the Mountain Hawks finally broke through with 4:34 left in the quarter. Colvin found Haggins for a 30-yard touchdown pass, Lehigh’s second connection of the day, which extended Lehigh’s lead to 28-7.

Still in the third quarter, a fumble recovery by the punt coverage unit gave the Lions

the ball inside Lehigh territory. On the very next play, running back Marcorus Garrett bounced outside and dashed away from Lehigh’s defense for a 26-yard touchdown run that cut Lehigh’s lead to 28-14 with just seconds remaining in the third quarter.

But the Lions’ scoring stopped there. In the fourth quarter, dropped balls and penalties prevented the Lions from chipping away at Lehigh’s lead.

“We need to be more consistent,” Brackett said. “Half the time we’re making plays and half the time we’re not. We need to make the plays when they’re there, and if they’re not, then make adjustments. Coaches are doing a good job making adjustments. We just need to make the plays that are out there.”

Lehigh’s air attack came through once again after forcing the Lions to turn the ball over on downs. Colvin found wide receiver Sergio Fernandez-Soto wide open in the end zone for a 24-yard

touchdown with 4:25 left in the fourth quarter. Colvin completed 76 percent of his passes and finished the game with four touchdown passes and one rushing touchdown.

Lehigh head coach Andy Coen was impressed with his quarterback’s ability to spread the ball out to his receivers. Colvin completed at least four passes to five different receivers in Saturday’s game.

“I’ve been impressed with how he distributed the football,” Coen said. “You would see him go not only to his primary read but his secondary reads. That’s all a part of a quarterback’s development that you’d like to see. He does a great job with the deep balls. You saw some of that today. I’m thrilled for Mike that he’s continuing to develop.”

With the 35-14 victory, Lehigh extended its regular-season win streak to 15 games, which leads the nation among Football Bowl Subdivision schools.

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Moments create excitement within sports

YOUNG from back page

the Football Championship Subdivision. The Light Blue offense continues to struggle outside of Marcorus Garrett and the defense has its moments. Princeton football is clearly much improved, but getting shellacked by a team that threw for one touchdown in its previous nine games—all losses—is not a good sign to open up Ivy play for the Light Blue.

Clearly, as many other Spec columns have told you, there is some reason for hope in the future and this is just the start of a new era. That’s probably true, but I’m going to be selfish and say I am much more concerned with witnessing some type of excitement in the next season and a half while I am actually a student here.

How can the team generate excitement when the Lions are clearly not going very far in Ivy play this season? Create a moment.

While the drama of a game or a story may be what elevates the popularity of sports, it is these two elements that help make a moment the most memorable aspect.

They are so memorable because they form pictures and feelings that last forever in your mind. And they are never foretold, so they provide a genuine rush—whether positive or negative.

Even though it was four years earlier, the Giants’ first Super Bowl victory over the Patriots probably stands

out over the second. One of the major reasons is Tyree’s catch created a moment that Bradshaw’s stumbling touchdown did not.

Last year’s World Series was probably the most memorable in the last decade, thanks to the lasting images of Freese’s drives to right and center.

Moments are not always glorious, such as in Friday’s first-ever wild-card game, where most blamed the Braves’ loss on a controversial call by an umpire even though the defeat was mostly caused by their awful defense. And it was no surprise that most reactions referenced the replacement refs from the ill-fated Monday night football game two weeks ago rather than recent umpiring gaffes in baseball. This is because the shock from the call that literally decided that NFL game is still entrenched in people’s minds.

Moments are what make sports photography so great. They are what make Twitter so popular, because everyone can be a part of them. They are why Big Bird has taken so much of the national spotlight this week. They are why you remember exactly how you felt when you were accepted to Columbia, first stepped on campus, or handed in your last final, rather than the blurs that are orientation or finals week.

They can also turn subpar seasons into special ones. This is why I will always

endearingly remember 2012 as a Mets fan when compared to other recent years. Because of the Mets’ (lack of) history with no-hitters and R.A. Dickey’s awe-inspiring back-story, the final outs of Johan Santana’s no-hitter and Dickey’s 20th win created a teary-eyed sensation that will never leave me.

Thus, the Lions can make a moment too. They did it last year with their goal-line stand in double overtime. I think of the 2011 football team as one that persevered rather than just a disappointing 1-9 team.

So they don’t need Jeremy Lin to arrive in the crowd to form that special moment like the basketball team had last year. They can do it on the field, whether it takes luck or an inordinate effort. Being underdogs will help, and so would having large crowd support. These elements help ratchet up the excitement that otherwise may be sorely lacking the rest of this season.

So regardless of what happens at Penn this week, at the very least, come to Homecoming against Dartmouth because you can help make a moment. If so, I can promise you will never forget it. (That is, unless you’re a senior with other incentives to come to Homecoming...)

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At UPenn, Coursera co-founder hails online ed

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Less than a year ago, 20 people were injured and one killed in a stampede over admission to South Africa’s University of Johannesburg.

Daphne Koller, co-founder and CEO of the free online course provider Coursera, hopes to end the education scarcity that produced this tragedy. Koller spoke to a full audience in University of Pennsylvania’s College Hall Thursday afternoon about her company’s mission.

Her presentation, entitled “The Online Revolution: High-Quality Education for Everyone,” began with the social justice implications of Coursera. “We have come to the point in this modern world where it is very difficult for a person to make a good life for themselves without access to good education,” she said. Coursera aims to bring this access to anyone in the world with Internet connection.

Today, there are 33 universities around the world offering a total of 198 classes through Coursera. Unlike most online course options, Coursera attempts to offer mass education without sacrificing quality. “They have selected the best professors from the best universities,” said Penn College and Engineering senior Pratham Mittal, who has already taken three classes through Coursera. “They haven’t compromised even a little bit on that.”

However, Koller recognizes that there is more to a

classroom experience than great professors, since students learn best from active participation. But do large lectures actually give students this opportunity?

“When I ask a question in class, 80 percent of the students are still scribbling down what I just said,” said Koller, who teaches at Stanford. “There’s that group in the back row that’s on Facebook, and then there’s a smarty pants in the front row who comes out with the answer before everyone has the chance to realize that the question has even been asked.”

She added, “So the question is answered, the class moves on, and very few people had a chance to really engage with it.”

Because it is online, Coursera also allows its students to learn at their own pace. “You can actually go back and see the lecture all over again, pause, or take a quiz in the middle of class,” Mittal said. “You also get really good feedback, which is not really common with other online learning platforms.” Coursera employs a number of grading methods, including multiple choice and numerical answers.

However, for business, humanities, and social science classes, these cut-and-dry evaluations would not leave room for deeper analysis, Koller said. Because there is no way for a single professor and a few teaching assistants to read tens of thousands of essays, many assignments are graded by peer evaluation. Instructors issue grading rubrics as guidelines, and students are required to

practice grading sample essays.

“Only when they demonstrate that they are in the ballpark of what the instructor is looking for are they then declared qualified to grade the work of their peers,” Koller said. While this seems like a watered-down method of grading, Koller maintains that peer evaluations are no less accurate than “two tired TAs grading the same piece of work.”

Freed of the constraints of the one-hour time slot, many Coursera professors also choose to post optional videos and discussions for interested students. “This allows us to break free from the ‘one size fits all’ model of education,” Koller said.

Deirdre Woods, interim executive director of Penn’s Open Learning Initiative, spoke about Coursera’s potential to impact in-class learning. Since all students’ homework responses and quiz and test scores are saved in databases, she asked, “Wouldn’t it be interesting to study this data to understand more about online teaching and learning?”

Koller finished her speech by putting Coursera into a global context.

“We don’t know where talent is hidden. The next Steve Jobs might be living in Africa or Bangladesh,” Koller said. “If we give that person access to this kind of education, allow them to live up to their potential, then maybe they will make the world a better place for all of us.”

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COURTESY OF CEAPHAS STUBBS / DAILY PENNSYLVANIAN

GET ON LINE | Coursera co-founder and Stanford professor Daphne Koller spoke at the University of Pennsylvania Thursday about the virtues of online education.

102nd St. office will get out the vote for Obama

OBAMA from front page

persuade “the significant level” of remaining undecided voters.

State Senator Bill Perkins, dressed in bejeweled traditional Nigerian attire, told the crowd that it was time for “the nitty-gritty work” of “getting on the phones and to the important parts of the country.”

“We may have it solid in New York,” he said. “But we have to make sure it’s solid in other places as well.”

According to New York State Assembly member Keith Wright, who chairs the State Democratic Committee, campaign offices in the city have always been an important engine for Democratic

campaigns.

Political clubs like the Three Parks Independent Democrats and the Broadway Democrats, which both organized the event, “make this campaign the easiest campaign in the world,” Wright said.

Curtis Arluck, CC ’73, a Morningside Heights Democratic district leader and Broadway Democrats member, said he hopes the new office will bring out more college students in the push of the final month.

“Whether students vote at Wien Hall or in their home states, this campaign needs their energy and enthusiasm,” Arluck said.

Organizers said that the new office would serve as a draw

for an increasing number of local volunteers, like Upper West Side residents and famed comic duo Jerry Stiller and Anne Meara, who stopped in to show their support.

“Everyone knows that the Upper West Side is going to go blue,” Stiller said. “But it’s still important for this office to be here, for people to know there’s a Democratic hub. That’s good for the community.”

When the crowd dissipated after the event, volunteers went off to man a phone bank and reach a 968-call target for the weekend, conscious as ever of how much work remained to be done.

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Diversity is a dialogue

BY TALIA LAKRITZ

If you've ever walked through the greeting card section of a drugstore around December, you're probably familiar with the Jewish holiday of Hanukkah. Maybe you've even heard of the sukkah ("hut" in Hebrew) in Barnard's quad was for the purposes of a Fire Prevention Week demonstration, I think it's safe to assume that the holiday of Sukkot is not one that many students have been exposed to.

If you've seen groups of students taking their lunches out into the aforementioned tentlike booth in the quad, or been offered a curious arrangement of three branches and a bumpy lemon, or been asked if you'd like to recite a blessing and give it a shake, allow me to solve the mystery: These are some of the ways Sukkot is observed. These rituals may seem unusual, or even bizarre, but they are only a few of the many practices that start conversations on campus.

Since I've grown up celebrating Sukkot, the sight of an outdoor cubicle at this time of year, as autumn stealthily creeps up on summer, is something I've come to expect. Yet having one in such a central area of campus caused me to look at it with a different set of eyes. I watched passersby quizzically glance at the sukkah on their way to class. I saw students peek in as those sitting inside ate lunch under the roof of bamboo shoots. I observed clusters of prospective students touring the quad and circling the structure, trying to decide whether or not it is a permanent part of Barnard's landscape. When I carried the eye-catching collection of plants that made up the Four Species through campus, it was a similar experience, causing raised eyebrows and puzzled looks. I suppose I always knew that to the average person, a holiday that involved sitting outside in makeshift booths and waving around a bundle of obscure plants would seem really weird. Still, it felt odd to see objects so familiar to me appear so foreign to others. I was always relieved when occasionally a curious onlooker finally would ask the question that everyone else was probably thinking: "What's that?"

This type of communication is essential for a cohesive community, especially one as broad and panoptic as ours. Diversity is a dialogue that should not be passively experienced during one's time in college. It is claimed to enrich one's view of the world, to broaden one's mind to the vastness of the human condition, but it is not merely this overarching ideology that we all ascribed to by enrolling. Diversity is alive—something to take in, as well as take part in. Every one of us contributes to its existence by openly living our lives the way we want to and asking others the questions that start conversations.

Going public with our practices or seeking answers that we're curious for may feel strange, but we must be willing to transcend that if we are to truly call ourselves a diverse campus. Otherwise, the sukkah will remain a Fire Prevention Week demonstration, and the Four Species will just be a bunch of random vegetation.

The four colleges that make up our community are a microcosm of the four corners of the earth, but that fact alone is not enough. It is daring to make a public display of who we are. It is the awkward questions and the subsequent helpful explanations. It is only when we share with our peers the different practices and perspectives that we brought along to New York that the multicultural, multiracial splendor of the student body can be appreciated and experienced with all of the senses.

Despite the weirdness—or perhaps because of it.

The author is a Barnard College first-year.

STAFF EDITORIAL

Keep an eye on arts funding

When University President Lee Bollinger first came to Columbia, he identified three main goals for the years ahead. Alongside promoting research and collaboration across the University's campuses and encouraging globalization, Bollinger announced a plan to "integrate the arts more into the University and into the undergraduate program, in particular." Since Bollinger made those remarks in 2002, CUArts, the centerpiece of the president's plan for the arts, has established itself as a key driver for student arts initiatives and has provided an affordable means for students to access New York's museums and theaters.

In 2009, however, this initiative began to lose momentum as Bollinger transferred control of CUArts from his office—the Office of the President—to the School of the Arts. While the effects of the transition were not immediately clear, over the last few years there seems to have been a significant loss of support and funding for the CUArts initiative and CUArts-sponsored programs.

In last Friday's article ("Student group, former director question CUArts, Miller engagement," Oct. 5), Spectator reported that the Columbia Ballet Collaborative, an undergraduate student dance group, is incrementally losing its free use of the Miller Theatre space. At the same time, data for Gatsby grants—officially known as the Arts Initiative Student Arts Fund awards—show that the total award money granted out of the fund has been in consistent decline since it reached a high of just over \$70,314 in 2008—the last year before CUArts was transferred out of the president's office.

Especially concerning about the apparent decline in funding is that many campus arts groups are reliant on Gatsby grants for their operations. While there has been no official confirmation that funding has declined, available indicators suggest as much.

When interviewed about CUArts' 2009 transition in an October 2011 article in The Eye, founding director Gregory Mosher said of the program, "I wanted to build it so deeply into the fabric of the University that it wouldn't occur to anyone to get rid of it any more than they'd think to get rid of the Core Curriculum."

To many artists and performing arts groups, the first part of Mosher's statement has become a reality—CUArts has become an essential part of the University experience. Unfortunately for them, the University has not seemed so devoted to a robust CUArts as Mosher might have desired. Overall funding for CUArts has dropped 40 percent. For one of the president's earliest and most publicized initiatives, such a drop would previously have been unfathomable. While Mosher's departure from the program may have contributed to its decline, it is important to note that no CUArts director has the ability to do what was done before with a smaller budget.

Indicative of CUArts' declining relevance in the University's institutional priorities is the extent to which Bollinger has taken leave of the initiative. In a recent interview, Spectator asked Bollinger if he had been keeping an eye on the CUArts since it left his office or had heard of concerns about its focus on undergraduates. Bollinger said that he hadn't.

Steele Sternberg recused himself from the writing of this editorial because he is president of Latenite Theatre, a theater organization sponsored by CUArts.

Promoting private over public service

I was pleased to read Ryan Cho's column last week, "Where's ROTC again?" in which he convincingly probed the invisibility of the Reserve Officers' Training Corps on campus. I admit, I had no idea where their office was (or that they had one) until I read the comments under Ryan's piece. The debate over whether or not ROTC should return to campus was a bitter and divisive one. How it has virtually disappeared from campus discourse only two years later is mind-boggling. On the one hand, I am relieved to see the angry drum-beating rabble outside Columbia's President's House and self-righteous Spec op-eds gone—on the other, I am disheartened. The debate itself raised important questions about the relationship between Columbia and service. To paraphrase Admiral Mike Mullen, the "best and brightest" cannot continue to see themselves as "above" public service.

Columbia's negative attitude toward public service is not limited to ROTC.

Amid all the talk of the gap between the rich and poor, the human element is lost. We tend to imagine this divide as a numerical one: Gini coefficients, who pays X percent in taxes, the amount the real wages for the bottom quintile have risen. But the greatest divide will always be a cultural one. The notion that serving in the armed forces is for the "lower classes" is one deeply embedded in our society. Perhaps this is an inevitable result of the professionalization of the armed forces—it is an all-volunteer contingent, after all. I should confess some bias: Two of my siblings are currently serving, one as a newly minted second lieutenant in the Air Force and one as a private first class in the Marines. Whenever I hear that the service is "predatory," or a place for those with devilish sadistic tendencies who couldn't function in "real society," it strikes very close to home. Certainly, the worst war crimes committed in Iraq or Afghanistan have had less impact than predatory banking practices, a career path decidedly more popular for Columbians.

Regardless, most people join the armed forces out of a sense of service to country, the desire to give back. And how do we treat those who wish to do so? By exiling



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them to some forgotten corner on the first floor of Lerner. The signals the school's administration (and student body) are sending could not be more clear. Goldman Sachs gets a conference room named after it in the Center for Career Education, while ROTC gets zero campus visibility and a cramped office that (I would posit) few of us knew existed. All of this is made more outrageous by the fact that ROTC grants scholarships and aid, along with the manifold career benefits offered by the armed services. It is a shame that Columbia would turn its back on such a driver of upward social mobility.

Unfortunately, this negative attitude toward public service is not limited to ROTC. Expressing an interest in a teaching career is judged as lacking ambition—unless, of course, that career is a two-year stint in Teach For America to pad the résumé before applying to law school. While the critique of CCE as a resource only for jobs in consulting and finance is tired, there is an element of truth to it nonetheless. But this should not be surprising given the general antipathy toward jobs in public service, which are perceived as underpaid and (as a result) not prestigious. In a hypercompetitive environment like Columbia, these careers get shoved under the rug.

The low priority Columbia gives to potential service members is a slap in the face to those who already have served. Columbia has actively sought to recruit veterans: Through the School of General Studies, Columbia currently enrolls more veterans than any other Ivy League school. I can say from personal experience that they are the single most driven group of students with whom I have studied. Why, then, does Columbia continue to discourage this career option among students in the other undergraduate schools? Columbia should send a clear message that it stands behind our men and women in uniform while doing more to encourage students to explore other areas of public service.

I can understand the fear of resurrecting the specter of the ROTC debate. But I argue that this debate is one worth having, if only because it forces us to deal with the larger question of the relationship between service and Columbia. Do we continue to view public service as an occupation solely for those who couldn't get high-paying jobs in the private sector? The profit incentive is a strong one—we shouldn't fault those who follow it. Rather, let's salute those who devote their lives to service by giving them the respect they deserve.

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ILANA SCHULDER

Stepping on our toes

BY ARIANA LOTT

I came to Columbia three years ago, passionate about ballet and eager to take advantage of all of the opportunities available at the University. I was particularly interested in joining Columbia Ballet Collaborative. As a member of CBC since my freshman year, I have had the opportunity to dance and work with extremely talented and dedicated students. The organization has provided me and my fellow dancers with a place to develop our creativity as part of our education at Columbia. This year, as the company's artistic director, I have become even more involved in the company (and thereby invested in its legacy), and it is in support of all of the members of CBC that I express my concerns about the current level of support of undergraduate performing arts student groups on campus.

The absence of a dedicated space for the presentation of undergraduate theater, dance, and music should be of great concern.

CBC was founded six years ago by five former professional dancers in order to expand the presence of ballet on the Columbia campus. They wanted to increase the opportunities for students to dance and choreograph ballet at Columbia and to give up-and-coming choreographers in New York City a chance to work with Columbia students. Since its foundation, CBC has presented to the Columbia community multi-night professional-quality productions of new ballets each semester. Many of our dancers have had professional careers or are still dancing with major professional ballet companies. In addition, CBC's choreographers have regularly included future renowned professionals. For example, Justin Peck's "Year of the Rabbit," a ballet that the New York City Ballet premiered last Friday night, had its beginnings at CBC's spring 2010 performances at Miller Theatre. This is just one example that reflects the quality of work that is being created and produced by undergraduate student arts organizations at Columbia.

However, due to recent policy changes at Miller Theatre, the existence of our organization—and our mission—has been placed in jeopardy. As a result of Miller's programming focus on being an on-campus producer of professional performances, CBC is being forced to rent the theater at a price close to what would be paid by a third-party organization—in other words, at a cost that is not compatible with a student group budget. Miller Theatre has increased our rent from \$0 to \$9,600 over a three-year period. In order to cope with these new costs, we have nearly exhausted our resources, and our organization may not be able to continue after this year.

The changes at Miller Theatre impact all of the student arts organizations at Columbia. While CBC's difficulties have been particularly troubling to me, there is a much larger issue that the University needs to address: Although Miller Theatre's official title includes Columbia University, as a result of Miller's mission there is currently no venue on campus that is dedicated to undergraduate performing arts organizations and that allows them to present professional-quality performances. To me, this is surprising, especially considering that we attend an Ivy League institution in New York City. The absence of a dedicated space for the presentation of undergraduate theater, dance, and music should be of great concern among the Columbia community. It is as though our basketball team had to pay rent to play at Levien Gymnasium or our football team had to pay rent to play at Baker Field. The same support should be given to undergraduate arts organizations that is given to other organizations on campus, especially when we are only asking that the school better utilize the resources that are currently on our campus. It is astonishing that Columbia has so far been unwilling to spend a relatively insignificant amount to support its undergraduate arts organizations at a time when Columbia is spending billions of dollars on new construction projects.

Each year, student productions in music, dance, and theater showcase the talents of the undergraduate student body. These groups are important not only for their performances, but also for the communities that they create on campus. The arts have a unique ability to connect people. Rather than continuing to promote outside performing groups at the expense of the undergraduate performing arts community, the University should give greater priority to Columbia students and their organizations.

The author is a Columbia College senior majoring in dance and biology. She is the artistic director of the Columbia Ballet Collaborative.

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Lions lose weekend matches, slip to fourth place

BY ERIC WONG
Spectator Staff Writer

It was a forgettable weekend for Columbia volleyball (7-7, 2-3 Ivy League) as the team dropped matches to Princeton, 3-1, and Penn, 3-0. The Lions are in the midst of a three-match losing streak, dropping them to fourth in the Ivy League standings behind Yale, Princeton, and Penn.

The Lions had a bright start against Princeton, edging the Tigers out in a closely contested first set, 34-32. The two teams traded side-outs until a kill by sophomore Kirsten Watson and an error from Princeton setter Ginny Willis ended the match.

But the Lions couldn't find a way to slow down Princeton's offense, letting the Tigers convert 78 percent of their side-out opportunities in the second set. While generating more service pressure

to disrupt the opposition's offense had been one of the Lions' main goals, the Tigers still controlled the game, never giving up the lead in the second set.

The Lions responded in the third set, but with the score tied at 21-21, the Tigers went on a 4-1 run for the set victory. Princeton closed out the match with a 25-19 fourth-set win.

The Light Blue could not find answers to Princeton's outside hitter Lydia Rudnick nor its right-side hitter Kendall Peterkin. Rudnick got 19 kills while Peterkin got 18 kills, and both players also contributed 13 digs each.

For the Lions, senior Megan Gaughn and freshman Atlanta Moye-McLaren led the way with 10 and 13 kills, respectively. Moye-McLaren also led the Lions defensively with 16 digs.

The next night, the Lions had a rough time with Penn, falling in three straight sets. For a period in the first match,

Columbia trailed by 11 points on a string of kills by Penn and four attack errors by the Light Blue.

Despite a disappointing team showing, there were some strong individual performances. Gaughn continued to display her all-around skills with 12 kills and 14 digs. Sophomore libero Molly Winger led the team with 16 digs. Freshman outside hitter Bailey Springer had 10 kills and sophomore outside hitter Caitlin Brenton picked up nine kills.

Penn libero Dani Shepherd dominated the backcourt with a 26-dig performance, as she continues to lead the Division 1 standings for digs per set.

The Lions hope to bounce back with home matches against Dartmouth and Harvard this weekend. The Light Blue plays Dartmouth on Friday at 7 p.m. and Harvard on Saturday at 5 p.m. for Dig Pink Night.

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BIG SWINGS | Freshman Bailey Springer contributed 10 kills in the loss to Penn. After the Lions' pair of weekend losses, the Lions have a chance to bounce back as they play Dartmouth and Harvard at Levien Gymnasium this weekend.

Stellar goalkeeping leads to close win over Penn

BY MUNEEB ALAM
Spectator Staff Writer

In a low-scoring game like soccer, an unlucky bounce or a single short lapse in effort or execution can turn an otherwise even, scoreless game into a loss something the men's soccer team has experienced several times this season. But on Saturday, the Lions (3-6-1, 1-1 Ivy) were on the opposite end of that storyline, converting on a good bounce and putting together that elusive all-around solid performance for a win at Penn (2-8, 0-2 Ivy).

"I think certainly the effort was there, not just the effort but the execution of how we're looking to tactically position ourselves and how we're looking to execute in individual and small groups on the defensive side of the ball," Lions head coach Kevin Anderson said.

In the 38th minute, sophomore defender Jack Gagné, who has frequently started in midfield, became the eighth individual player to score a goal for the

Lions this season. He found some open space near the right post and deposited a rebound into the net for the first goal of his college career. Freshman midfielder/defender Antonio Matarazzo picked up an assist with the shot that generated the rebound.

"I think the first half, we came out and followed the game plan that we had set," Anderson said. "Maybe we exerted a little too much energy in the first 20 minutes of the game, but it set a pretty good tempo. For us to go in at halftime 1-0, I think that was well deserved."

The match wasn't without its close calls. In the 74th minute, a shot from sophomore midfielder Mike Abraham got past the goalkeeper but was cleared by the Quakers defense. Senior midfielder/forward Nick Scott was involved in some opportunities, leading the Light Blue with two shots on goal and finding teammates with his crosses.

One of the Red and Blue's leading goal scorers, senior Travis Cantrell, also got a couple of good chances to tie the

game in the final 11 minutes. But freshman goalie Kyle Jackson stopped both chances, including a one-on-one right in front of the goal, to preserve his first career shutout. He and junior goalie Michael Attal had combined for another shutout earlier this season.

In between the saves on Cantrell, Jackson also stopped high-scoring junior forward Stephen Baker, who led all players with five shots.

Jackson's eight saves were especially important considering Penn's explosive offense, which averaged over two goals a game coming into the contest.

"We're happy to keep a clean scoresheet," Anderson said. "At the end of the day it doesn't matter who puts the ball in the back of the net as long as we've got more in the back of their net than they have in the back of ours."

Columbia next plays Tuesday night at home against Providence, before re-summing conference play on Saturday against Princeton.

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GREAT SCOTT | Senior midfielder/forward Nick Scott had a strong effort with two shots on goal and multiple crosses that found targets in the 1-0 win over Penn. The Lions took a deserved 1-0 lead in the first half and held on for the win.

SPORTS BRIEFLY

MEN'S TENNIS

The Lions came up short in two finals matches this weekend in both the Columbia Classic and the ITA Men's All-American Championships. In Columbia's invitational, freshman Dragos Ignat nearly had his second singles draw title of the fall, but he fell in two sets, 6-2, 6-2, to his fellow Romanian Dragos Dima, a Cornell freshman. Light Blue freshman Daniel Morgan and sophomore Bert Vancura both made it to the quarterfinals of their respective draws before being knocked out. At the ITA Championships, sophomores Ashok Narayana and Max Schnur fought their way through the doubles consolation bracket after losing in the main draw on Thursday. But Georgia's Hernus Pieters and Ben Wagland defeated the Light Blue doubles team 3-6, 7-6(5), 6-1 in the consolation finals. The Lions' next competition will be the ITA Northeast Regional Championships, which begin Oct. 18.

—Steven Lau

WOMEN'S TENNIS

At the Billie Jean King National Tennis Center Collegiate Invitational this past weekend, the Light Blue dominated the courts of Flushing Meadows, sending four singles players to the finals. The tournament consisted of nine flights of singles and four of doubles. Freshman Kanika Vaidya had a nice performance, downing Brown's Misia Krasowski, 6-0, 6-4, and will be facing off against Princeton's Lindsay Graff in the finals. Bianca Sanon will challenge Princeton's Amanda Muliawan, having defeated Dartmouth's Janet Liu in a third-set tie-breaker. After their respective straight set wins, sophomores Crystal Leung and Amy Li will also be moving on to the finals, while Lauren Stratman was defeated in the semifinals. In doubles, Sanon and Takenaga beat Binghamton's Medianik and Tashiro 8-0 in the quarterfinals, while another doubles team, Leung and Li, lost to North Carolina State's Nelson and Sipes 8-3. The three-day tournament ends Monday.

—Carmen Ren

MEN'S GOLF

Columbia men's golf finished the John Dallio Memorial Tournament in 11th place this weekend, paced by freshman Harrison Shih's third-place finish. Sunday began with the conclusion of the second round, which had been delayed due to darkness on Saturday night. Shih had a great second round, scoring a 70, as he finished 74-70-78-224. The next top finishes for the Lions were sophomore Brandon Jowers (78-80-78-236) in 44th place and junior Andrew Kim (81-77-79-237) in 48th place. The team was only three strokes behind Wisconsin-Green Bay for a top-10 finish. The Lions will conclude their fall schedule with the Big 5 Invitational at the Philadelphia Cricket Club.

—Eric Wong

FIELD HOCKEY

The Lions (7-4, 2-1 Ivy) faced No. 22 Albany in a tight defensive contest, but ended up losing the game 2-0 on a penalty corner in the seventh minute and a penalty stroke in the 50th minute. The Light Blue had a comprehensive team effort on defense, only allowing six shots on goal. Unfortunately, the offense was unable to generate momentum and break through the Albany defense. Freshman goalie Kimberly Pianucci started her second match after making 11 stops in the 3-2 win over the Rider Broncs the previous night. Pianucci made three saves on the night in the loss. The Light Blue continues its Ivy League campaign against Penn on Friday at 6:15 p.m.

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OUT IN FRONT | Senior Mallory Anderson finished first at the Metropolitan Championships with a time of 18:14.99. Six Light Blue runners finished in the top 10.

Women's cross country wins Metropolitan Championships

BY MELISSA CHEUNG
Spectator Staff Writer

Both men's and women's cross country had successful weekends at the Metropolitan Championships over the weekend, with the women capturing their 15th straight victory at the 5K event.

The women's team took first through third place in the race and six places out of the top 10. Senior Mallory Anderson, junior Caroline Williams, and freshman Leila Mantilla led the pack to another win at what has become a meet the Lions dominate year in and year out.

Claiming the win was especially important for the women's confidence as they head toward the most critical meets of the season—the Ivy League Heptagonal Championships and the NCAA Championships.

"There are 12 girls competing at Heps and for the next two meets, everyone is very motivated to perform well," senior Clare Buck said. Buck did not run at the Metropolitan Championships, but will compete next week in Columbia's final meet before the Heptagonal Championships. "One of our goals is to win Heps because we lost by two last year to Cornell. We've been training really hard and staying focused even with a large break since Toledo."

On the men's side, Columbia ran a

squad of younger athletes who claimed third place for the Lions. Sophomore Nate Brennand had a top-10 finish, while freshman Jonathon Harper, freshman Ben Deal, senior Paul Snyder, and sophomore Noah Chodos placed in the top 20. Much like the women, the men have continually had strong showings at the Metropolitan Championships, and look to use that success to build momentum for the coming championships.

"A lot of the guys are trying to make the Heps team, so they have that in mind," junior Jacob Sienko said. "These next two meets are preparing us for the rest of the season."

Like Buck, Sienko did not run at Metropolitan Championships, but is scheduled to run next week.

As the final stretch of the season approaches, the Lions are using their last opportunities to work out their strategies in race environments. Assistant coach Will Boylan-Pett said that everything is falling into place.

"We knew it would come down to us and Princeton," he said. "We've had no surprises, and in a sport like this, that's what you want, to keep the plan intact."

The Light Blue next races at the Wisconsin Adidas Invitational on Friday, its last competition before the Heptagonal Championships.

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GAME BALL

This week's game ball goes to Lehigh quarterback Mike Colvin. The senior picked apart the Lions defense, completing 29 of his 38 passes for 296 yards and four touchdowns. He also added 38 yards and a touchdown on the ground. Perhaps most impressive was Colvin's ability to spread the ball around to his receivers, as five Mountain Hawks had four or more receptions.

BEST CALL

After Lehigh's returner muffed a punt deep in the Mountain Hawks' own territory, the Lions took possession at their own 26-yard line. Junior running back Marcorus Garrett then took a handoff over the left side of the line, turned the corner, and outran everyone to the end zone for a touchdown. It was Garrett's longest run of the day and the Light Blue's only offensive touchdown.

TURNING POINT

This game's turning point came early and seemed to signal the kind of inconsistent day the Lions were to have on offense. After Lehigh took its opening drive 12 plays and 75 yards for a touchdown, the Light Blue put together a good drive of its own. Senior quarterback Sean Brackett completed three passes, along with a timely scramble, leading the Lions down to the Lehigh 24-yard line. But on first and 10 from that spot, Brackett threw his first interception of the day, knocking the wind out of the Lions' sails as Lehigh turned the turnover into a touchdown for a 14-0 lead.

RECORD



GAME ONE
VS. MARIST
W 10-9



GAME TWO
VS. FORDHAM
L 20-13



GAME THREE
VS. PRINCETON
L 33-6



GAME FOUR
@ LEHIGH
L 35-14



GAME FIVE
@ PENN
10/13



GAME SIX
VS. DARTMOUTH
10/20



GAME SEVEN
VS. YALE
10/27



GAME EIGHT
@ HARVARD
11/3



GAME NINE
VS. CORNELL
11/10



GAME TEN
VS. BROWN
11/17

| | Lehigh | Columbia |
|--------------------------------|---------|----------|
| Total offensive yards | 415 | 245 |
| Total offensive plays | 72 | 63 |
| Average gain per play | 5.8 | 3.9 |
| Total first downs | 20 | 15 |
| Rushing | 6 | 6 |
| Passing | 14 | 8 |
| Penalty | 0 | 1 |
| Net yards rushing | 119 | 82 |
| Rushing attempts | 34 | 27 |
| Average per rush | 3.5 | 3.0 |
| Yards gained rushing | 124 | 109 |
| Yards lost rushing | 5 | 27 |
| Net yards passing | 296 | 163 |
| Completions-attempts-int | 29-38-1 | 16-36-2 |
| Average per completion | 7.8 | 4.5 |
| Passing touchdowns | 4 | 0 |
| Third-down conversions | 9/16 | 5/14 |
| Fourth-down conversions | 0/0 | 0/2 |
| Time of possession | 31:51 | 28:09 |
| Fumbles: Number-lost | 2-1 | 2-0 |
| Penalties: Number-yards | 10-75 | 5-55 |
| Interceptions: Number-yards-TD | 2-65-0 | 1-14-1 |
| Red-zone: Chances-scores | 3-4 | 0-0 |

| Passing | Comp-Att-Int | | Yds | TD | |
|----------------|--------------|-----|-----|-----|----------|
| Brackett, S. | 16-36-2 | | 163 | 0 | |
| Rushing | Att | Yds | TD | LG | Avg |
| Garrett, M. | 17 | 81 | 1 | 26 | 4.8 |
| Receiving | Receptions | | Yds | TD | LG |
| Nelligan, C. | 6 | | 42 | 0 | 9 |
| Garner, H. | 3 | | 71 | 0 | 34 |
| Wanamaker, J. | 3 | | 23 | 0 | 12 |
| Tackles | Solo | | Ast | | Total |
| Olinger, Z. | 10 | | 2 | | 12 |
| DiTommasso, M. | 40 | 50 | 40 | 230 | 20 106 G |

| IVY LEAGUE FOOTBALL STANDINGS | | | | |
|-------------------------------|-----|---------|------------|----------------|
| IVY | IVY | OVERALL | POINTS FOR | POINTS AGAINST |
| HARVARD | 2-0 | 4-0 | 170 | 60 |
| PRINCETON | 1-0 | 2-2 | 102 | 58 |
| PENN | 1-0 | 1-3 | 85 | 107 |
| DARTMOUTH | 1-1 | 3-1 | 103 | 59 |
| CORNELL | 1-1 | 2-2 | 100 | 95 |
| BROWN | 0-1 | 3-1 | 109 | 83 |
| COLUMBIA | 0-1 | 1-3 | 43 | 97 |
| YALE | 0-2 | 1-3 | 68 | 147 |

PIXBBOX STANDINGS: WEEK 4

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| 1 | Muneeb "Picked Apart" Alam | 17-6 |
| 2 | Sam "Booth Review" Tydings | 15-8 |
| 2 | Ryan "Roar Ryan Roar" Young | 15-8 |
| 4 | Peter "For Pete's Sake" Andrews | 13-10 |
| 5 | Alex "Armchair Athletics" Jones | 8-15 |
| 6 | David "The Whole Fine Yards" Fine | 4-19 |
| 7 | Katie "In the Zone" Quan | 2-21 |

Lions shutout streak snapped by Penn in tight defensive performance

BY CAROLINE BOWMAN
Spectator Staff Writer

Women's soccer (5-6-0, 2-1-0 Ivy) had its shutout streak and perfect record in the Ivy League snapped on Friday night in a 1-0 loss to Penn (7-4-1, 3-0-0). Although the loss bumped the Lions down to third place in the league, they managed a strong defensive performance overall against arguably the most dominant Ivy team on offense. But the Light Blue was able to bounce back with a victory over NJIT on Sunday night.

Throughout her career for the Lions, junior forward Coleen Rizzo has recognized a different competitive quality to Ivy League matchups.

"It is always interesting to see how an Ivy League team comes out to play because there is always a lot more intensity that goes into those matches," she said.

While the Lions ultimately fell short against Penn, they stayed intense for the majority of the

match. Going into the game, the Quakers averaged over 14 shots a game in their first 12 matches this season. The Lions allowed less than half of that average shot total, with the Quakers only making six shots tallied from the Quakers in the match.

Sophomore goalkeeper and recent Ivy League Player of the Week Grace Redmon said last week, "It's been like 11 people playing defense, and it has been great how well we have worked together."

Despite their early defensive strength, the Lions ultimately couldn't maintain their strong start and failed to generate an offense against the stout defense from Penn. Quakers junior forward Kerry Scalora found a breach in the Lions' previously ironclad defense in the 67th minute and drove home the only goal of the match—her third goal of the season.

Offensively, the Lions tallied nine shots against the Quakers from six different players in the lineup. Junior midfielder Beverly Leon led the charge with three

shot attempts. Penn senior goalkeeper Sarah Banks was strong between the posts, recording four saves for the day.

Going into the match, the Lions had been battling recent fatigue after passing the midway point in their season. Rizzo said last week, "We are working on getting our players back from tired legs."

The Lions also came off a tough double-overtime loss to Lehigh just days before, which head coach Kevin McCarthy called "a bit of a letdown mentally."

While these factors may have contributed to the loss, McCarthy said that the team "was looking good in practices in preparation for Friday night."

The Lions soundly defeated NJIT (2-10-3) on Sunday night. Going into the match, NJIT had been outscored by opponents 26-11. (Check back for a full recap Oct. 9.)

The Lions will face Princeton in their next matchup on Saturday night at 7 p.m. at home. sports@columbiaspectator.com



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TRIGGER HAPPY | Junior Beverly Leon led the Light Blue with three shot attempts in the 1-0 loss to Penn over the weekend.

Lions must improve on execution

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many other occasions was forced to make passes and runs under heavy pressure. Colvin was only sacked once.

Junior running back Marcorus Garrett cited execution and consistency as areas in which the Lions could improve and emphasized the importance of quarterback protection.

"We've got to protect Sean," he said. "We've got to give him time to throw it."

Doomed by miscues that cut short a number of promising drives and unable to slow down an opponent that has come to epitomize consistency in the form of a 15-game winning streak, Columbia ended its first road game of the season in disappointment.

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Light Blue can make a moment for memories

Moments are one of the prime reasons sports are great. A moment can be generically defined as “a very brief period in time.” For the scope of this column, it’s probably longer than an instant but less than a minute. You can picture it when closing your eyes, but it should not be long enough to require a dream.



RYAN YOUNG
Roar Ryan Roar

I think of the 2011 football team as one that persevered.

Sadly, my favorite moment of Saturday’s trip to Lehigh was a toss-up between getting spooked by the cannon that went off after a Mountain Hawks touchdown, feasting on a pretty good spread in the press box, and arriving back on campus before 5:30. This is not a good sign for Columbia football. There’s not much to say. The Lions were expected to lose by at least three touchdowns to a Lehigh team that ranks among the best in

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DUAL THREAT | Lehigh quarterback Mike Colvin had four passing touchdowns and one rushing touchdown in the Mountain Hawks 35-14 victory over the Light Blue.

Lions defense unable to stop Lehigh in first road loss

BY SPENCER GYORY
Spectator Staff Writer

An inconsistent offense and defense prevented the football team (1-3, 0-1 Ivy) from overcoming an early deficit as the Light Blue fell to Lehigh (6-0) 35-14 in its first road contest of the year. “We gave up big plays,” Lions head coach Pete Mangurian said. “Coverage. Missed assignments. Not getting over where you’re supposed to be. It’s the mentality. It’s the lack of concentration and competitiveness in a moment

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| COLUMBIA | 14 |
| LEHIGH | 35 |

when guys don’t do what they’ve been taught to do.” On the opening drive of the game, Lehigh’s offense drove right down the field and quarterback Mike Colvin found wide receiver Ryan Spadola in the back of the end zone for a 17-yard touchdown reception to put the Mountain Hawks up 7-0. The Lions responded with a drive into Lehigh territory, thanks to a bootleg pass from

quarterback Sean Brackett to tight end Hamilton Garner. But on the next play, Brackett threw into double coverage, and Lehigh cornerback Bryan Andrews undercut the route, intercepted the pass, and returned the ball deep into the Lions side of the field. Just two plays later, Lehigh capitalized on the mistake with another touchdown pass, this time from Colvin to tight end Jamel Higgins, which put the Mountain Hawks up 14-0 midway through the first quarter. On the ensuing series, Brackett

escaped a collapsing pocket and threw toward wide receiver Connor Nelligan. But instead of hitting the Light Blue receiver, Brackett’s pass found the hands of Lehigh cornerback Gabe Johnson, who returned the interception to Columbia’s 25-yard line. Luckily for the Light Blue, the Lions’ defense forced Lehigh’s Jake Peery to attempt a 38-yard field goal after holding the offense to a three-and-out. Peery’s kick had plenty of leg, but fell short after hitting the left upright. After an effective punt to put

Lehigh inside its own five-yard line, the Lions forced the Mountain Hawks into a third and long. On the play, linebacker Zach Olinger intercepted Colvin’s pass—which was forced by a strong rush from defensive end Will Patterson—and ran for the 12-yard touchdown. The score cut Lehigh’s lead to 14-7 two minutes into the second quarter. After the flurry of scoring, both teams failed to put any points on the board for over 12 minutes in

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Consistency will be key to football’s success

BY ELI SCHULTZ
Spectator Staff Writer

Less than nine minutes into Saturday’s game at Lehigh, the Lions found themselves staring at a two-touchdown deficit. Mountain Hawks quarterback Mike Colvin had just hit tight end Jamel Haggins with a 12-yard pass, giving Colvin his second passing touchdown of the quarter. Lehigh’s dual-threat signal caller continued to pick apart the Light Blue all afternoon, completing 76 percent of his passes and throwing for a total of four touchdowns to three different receivers. But there was one major factor that distinguished Colvin and the Lehigh offense from its Columbia counterpart: consistency. The Lions’ offense showed flares of excellence throughout the game, but was never really able to hit its stride and string enough plays together to put points on the board. “We’re not consistent enough playing-wise, and we’re too up-and-down mentally to put consistent drives together and come back in games after making mistakes,” Lions head coach Pete Mangurian said. “That’s who we are. And that’s what we’re trying to fix.” Columbia’s first possession of the game showed both what the Lions were capable of and their inability to sustain offensive production. The Light Blue got the ball at its own 25, and in under three minutes was able to take the ball all the

way to the Lehigh 24. Senior quarterback Sean Brackett made some big plays with his legs and his arm and, with the help of the rest of the offense, put the Lions in position to even the score after the Mountain Hawks had scored on their first possession. But Brackett’s first-down pass was picked off at the Lehigh 19 and returned all the way to Columbia 15. Colvin and the Mountain Hawks lost little time in capitalizing on the opportunity and got the ball into the end zone in just two plays. The Lions continued to provide fleeting glimpses of what they were capable of offensively throughout the game. Early in the fourth quarter, Columbia, down by two touchdowns, put together another drive that briefly looked like it could get the Lions back into the game. After getting the ball at their own 24, the Lions marched up the field, thanks in large part to Brackett. Twice, Brackett again used his legs to turn broken third-down plays into first downs. But, the Lions’ offense stalled at the Lehigh 45 and turned the ball over on downs. Junior tight end Hamilton Garner caught a couple of balls for big gains toward the end of the fourth, but at that point the game was already out of reach. Relentless defensive pressure by Lehigh played a part in the Lions’ offensive struggles. Brackett was sacked four times, and on

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BROUGHT DOWN | In the loss against Lehigh, quarterback Sean Brackett was sacked four times by the Mountain Hawks defense.

SCOREBOARD

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| WOMEN’S TENNIS Four Lions made finals for singles draws at USTA BJK NTC Women’s College Invitational. Juniors Bianca Sanon and Tiana Takenaga also reached the semifinals of the doubles draw. Play resumes on Monday. | |
| VOLLEYBALL | |
| Columbia | 1 |
| Princeton | 3 |
| Columbia | 0 |
| Penn | 3 |
| MEN’S SOCCER | |
| Columbia | 1 |
| Penn | 0 |
| WOMEN’S SOCCER | |
| Columbia | 0 |
| Penn | 1 |
| Columbia | 2 |
| NJIT | 0 |
| CROSS COUNTRY | |
| Women won 5K at Metropolitan Championships for 15th time in a row. Light Blue runners finished in places one through three. | |
| FIELD HOCKEY | |
| Columbia | 2 |
| Albany | 0 |
| FOOTBALL | |
| Columbia | 14 |
| Lehigh | 35 |
| MEN’S TENNIS | |
| Freshman Dragos Ignat fell in finals of Columbia Classic to Cornell’s Dragos Dima, 6-2, 6-2. | |
| MEN’S GOLF | |
| Lions finished 11th at John Dallio Memorial. | |