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**THE GREAT WALL** | Along with the Native American Council and Columbia University College Republicans, Latino activist group Lucha also took to College Walk Monday, promoting immigration law reform with its mock border wall, above.

## Lucha promotes campus border wall at Immigration Week

BY DANIELLE GRIERSON  
*Columbia Daily Spectator*

Students passing Low Steps Monday would have found it difficult to avoid the border wall set up by College Walk. With immigration law currently a hot-button topic, Columbia activist student group Lucha is working to bring awareness of immigrant rights to campus.

The border wall event was originally scheduled to begin Lucha's Immigration Week, an effort to promote advocacy for immigrant rights through panel discussions, documentary screenings, and a candlelight vigil. But it was rescheduled due to inclement weather.

"The issue of immigration on campus seems to be disconnected from students," Lucha leader

Malena Arnaud, BC '11, said. The group "wanted to bring it back to campus because it is such a big topic now on a national level."

The Low border wall featured pictures and handwritten messages about immigration, as well as facts about immigration law.

"A lot of people have asked questions," said Lucha member Philip Verma, CC '12. "People didn't know the facts."

After reading Lucha's information sheets, "People were thankful for them," Verma said.

Despite the scheduling delay, organizers found the wall effective in drawing passing students into conversations about immigration. Jonathan Ricketts, SEAS '12, was one of the students who stopped by the wall.

"Illegal immigrants should be offered the same benefits as

naturalized citizens because they play such an important role in America's work force," Ricketts said.

**"The issue of immigration seems disconnected from students. ."**

—Malena Arnaud, CC '11 and Lucha leader

Conor Skelding, CC '14, advocated for a larger-scale border wall in the United States.

"The reason these people [immigrants] are blighted and mistreated is because there is a surplus of labor that is too cheap

and isn't regulated," he said. A wall, he added, "keeps unregulated labor out."

He added that America should "assimilate immigrants to raise minimum wage so people can adequately raise families".

The border wall has sparked mixed, but generally positive reviews, according to Verma. Arnaud said she was approached by students who were excited by Lucha's activities.

Lucha members said they hope that the border wall will humanize the issues some immigrants face in the United States.

"Through the wall, I believe we injected a human element into the immigration debate that is often lost as the immigration issue is debated on television

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## Students crowd Low for Columbus Day protests, events

Native American Council demonstrates, CU Repubs BBQ

BY ALEXANDER CONTRATTO AND MELANIE BRODER  
*Columbia Daily Spectator*

Though Columbus Day is just a normal Monday for Columbia, students took to College Walk for protests—and hamburgers.

As members of the Native American Council and Latino outreach group Lucha held separate activist events, the Columbia University College Republicans threw their annual barbecue to "celebrate the day we should have off," said Lauren Salz, BC '11 and CU Republicans chair.

Though the University does not officially recognize Columbus Day as a holiday, students from the Native American Council assembled for the fourth year in a row on Low Plaza to lobby for a school-wide celebration of Indigenous Peoples Day.

Club leaders John Haney and Halley Hair, both CC '11, said they hoped to spread awareness about issues surrounding indigenous groups in the Americas. NAC members spelled out

"Indigenous Peoples Day" along the right-hand wall facing Low Library in mock "Wanted" posters for Christopher Columbus. The posters accused Columbus of grand theft, genocide, racism, and "initiating the destruction of a culture."

"This is not meant to be a day of anger, more of a day of celebration and awareness," Haney said, noting that he wanted to turn the holiday into a day of remembrance.

Haney and Hair also distributed informational fliers and gave passersby red ribbons to wear on their upper arms in solidarity with the cause.

Leah Curtis, GS, said she identifies her heritage as Mohawk, a tribe from upstate New York and Canada, and was less than thrilled about Columbus Day as an institution.

"I'm not a fan. I think it's unfortunate that they opt to celebrate someone who's responsible for so much genocide and torture," she said, adding that she was interested in the

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### NEWS BRIEF

#### John Jay residence hall evacuated after trash chute catches fire

John Jay residence hall was evacuated early Tuesday morning after a trash chute caught on fire.

Students reported seeing smoke in the hallways, and the fire set off the dorm's sprinklers.

Though authorities warned that it would take a while to reset the fire alarms and sprinklers, they began

letting residents back in around 1 a.m. By then, water had seeped into the elevators, and they were out of commission.

According to a public safety officer, a water line burst between floors five and seven, and a portion of the fifth floor was flooded.

—Sarah Darville

## Unfunded Fun Club aims to boost school spirit

BY EMMA STEIN  
*Columbia Daily Spectator*

General Studies students Neil Shahrestani and Lior Hemi are looking to make campus a little more fun.

With the Fun Club, one of the University's newest student groups, founders and members are hoping to build greater student cohesion and boost Columbia spirit. Hemi and Shahrestani said they were inspired to start the group, which is mostly funded by local businesses, after speaking with friends at other schools who seemed to be having a different undergraduate experience.

"Look at the other Ivies," Shahrestani said. "They are in a setting where you have to chill on campus, but here you don't. There was a need here. We both have friends at other Ivies, and they have a community that we don't have here. We wanted to bring that here."

Though this is the Fun Club's first year, the organization already has more than 500 members and has sponsored four casual events.

About 15 members showed up to a game of kickball, though both founders were positive about the turnout. "If we have one person, we're happy," Hemi said.

The next outings were more successful: Events that featured free banana pudding and Crumbs cupcakes drew about 50 people each. Participation was limited exclusively to club members—all were sent a secret password to use to pick up their cupcakes.

Fun Club member Dylan Glendinning, CC '14, was excited about the events, and said the club had helped in bringing students out from all over campus. "It's awesome because it organizes the whole student body to do fun things together," he said.

Since the club's goal is to foster a sense of unity, neither Shahrestani nor Hemi want it to have a strong central leadership.

"Hopefully a leader will emerge, but a lot of people will take ownership. We want this to be about the community, not about college resumes or anything like that," Shahrestani said.

"We want to give it to Columbia students so it belongs to them. There is no ownership and we can therefore create something sustainable that will be around after us," Hemi added.

But the Fun Club is still undergoing the process of being recognized and is not currently funded through any of the Columbia

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## Friends, family remember Rachel Swett at memorial

BY SARAH DARVILLE  
*Spectator Senior Staff Writer*

Lit by candles inside and lightning flashes from the outside, dozens of students and family members filled the fourth floor of Faculty House last night to remember Rachel Swett, CC '11, who passed away this summer.

Former suitemates, sorority sisters, and friends spoke of Swett as someone who was intensely dedicated to her friends, her study of psychology, and the pursuit of a good time.

Many of the stories came from Swett's former hall mates, and centered around her first-year adventures on Carman 5, where she would drag people

out to celebrate a birthday or holiday—no matter how much they protested about their work.

"She was so irresistible and her enthusiasm so infectious that you had to go—and, of course, she would have 100 Facebook pictures up by 10 a.m. the next morning and would be offended if you untagged any of them," said former floormate

Sejal Patel, CC '11, while others laughed in recognition.

Swett died in June due to complications from a skiing accident in New Zealand, where she had been studying abroad in Christchurch.

She was a member of the Alpha Chi Omega sorority, and

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### MARKING IT UP



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**DRAW THE LINE** | Artist Roderick Perry stands by one of his drawings in a Harlem gallery. See the back page for the full story.

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#### Fashionable professors redefine geek chic

Professors Paige West and Xavier Sala-i-Martin combat the stereotypical scholarly dress code with eye-catching clothing that fascinates their students.



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Alexandra Katz encourages us seek greater tolerance of the LGBT community in the wake of several suicides provoked by bullying.

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WANTED | The Native American Council protested Columbus Day by hanging ‘wanted’ posters of Christopher Columbus, above.

## Native American Council advocates for Indigenous Peoples Day

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vigil NAC planned on holding later that night.

Cara Buchanan, CC ’11, recently got involved with NAC. “My background is Mayan-Mexican,” she said. “So native in a separate, unique way.”

She found the Columbus Day question particularly relevant to Columbia.

“I think that, of course we have the Core at Columbia, and history is definitely taught a certain way, and it doesn’t always look at the sources and where we’re getting our history from,” she said. “So it’s important to have days like Indigenous Peoples Day because we need to bring awareness to the fact that

in elementary and middle and high school, we’re taught that Christopher Columbus sailed the ocean blue and came in 1492 to conquer the new land, and we’re never taught to critically examine whose ‘truth’ that narrative tells.”

Hair said that Columbia has not met her expectations in bringing Native-American events into the public eye, and that she’s also trying to raise enthusiasm for Native American Heritage month in November.

Meanwhile, activist group Lucha raised a partition structure in the middle of Low Plaza to protest American immigration policies.

“So much of U.S. money is funneled into building these walls, and the outcomes are

ineffective and negative. It forces those to cross the border to do so by unsafe means,” said Malena Arnaud, BC ’11 and one of the leaders of Lucha.

Commenting on the injurious effect of American media, Arnaud said she believes that the media negatively portrays immigrants in an unfortunate and distressing way. “They talk about illegals and aliens, and there is something fundamentally wrong with that. The media is to blame for lots of hate that is going on,” she said.

Although they were not affiliated with the other Columbus Day activities, Lucha had previously postponed their event due to rain. They planned to co-host the Monday night vigil with NAC.

The College Republicans took advantage of the warm weather to host their annual barbecue on Van Am Quad, and handed out free food throughout. Salz said that she witnessed this tradition during her visit to Columbia as a junior in high school, and wanted to carry on the tradition during her time at the University. Salz acknowledged the other events, but said the barbecue was not meant to run counter to them.

“We are not in opposition to the other groups. We support their right to celebrate their causes,” Salz said. “We are simply using Columbus Day as a good excuse to have a holiday and eat good food.”

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## Annan, Sachs advocate for African ‘green revolution’ at panel

BY KATIE BENTIVOGLIO AND LILLIAN JIN  
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Advocating an African green revolution, former U.N. Secretary-General—and current Columbia University Global Fellow—Kofi Annan said Monday night that Africa needed to increase its crop yields and

remove the need for imports and foreign food aid.

“You cannot eliminate poverty if you don’t grow enough to feed your community and yourself,” Annan said at Low Library, where he spoke with Earth Institute Director Jeffrey Sachs.

He noted that increased availability of food production technology would help Africa prosper.

“Africa can become a part of the solution to global food shortages,” Annan said. “We will be able to produce what we eat and what we can offer to the world.”

But simply growing more food is not enough: Annan and Sachs both emphasized the importance of connecting farmers to markets so they can sell their surpluses. They said that Africa is close to self-sustainability, noting all the currently available agricultural resources and potential growers. Sachs stressed that Africa’s green revolution would be a “practical agronomic reality” if it weren’t for politics, which have often gotten in the way.

Agriculture “disappear[ed] from the agenda because of sheer ideology—not knowledge, not historical understanding,” Sachs said.

But now, Annan and Sachs want make agriculture a priority again in Africa. “I have a feeling that we are now beginning to turn the corner,” Annan said.

In a question-and-answer session following the speech, audience questions ranged from Annan’s experiences as Secretary-General to specifics on his proposed African program.

In reference to the U.N.’s Millennium Development Goals, which promote global action to help solve poverty, Annan said that “we have not done as well as I could have expected” and that if “the Millennium Development Goals had been delivered ... we could have made a much bigger difference than today.”

He also commented on the post-election turmoil in Kenya, challenges in the wake of the global financial crisis, and the need to reform the U.N. Security Council to include the voices of emerging and developing countries.

Though he acknowledged the many challenges facing Africa, Annan remained optimistic throughout the talk.

“I’m very hopeful for the younger generation in Africa. I think they are going to make a difference,” he said.

Audience reactions to Annan were generally positive.

“It was nice to listen to African people talk about Africa,” said Botswana native Jessica Eaton, CC ’14. “I thought that all his points were very interesting and feasible.”

Professor Pedro Sanchez, director of the Tropical Agriculture and Rural Environment Program at Columbia, had similar thoughts. “I was impressed by his wisdom and the way he communicated very tough issues effectively,” Sanchez said.

But others expressed concern that Africa was not involved in the process Annan advocated. There’s a “paternalistic rhetoric that things need to be done to Africa, not by Africa,” said Devapriyo Das, a journalist from Xinhua who previously worked in Uganda. “More African leaders need to be understood and heard at platforms like the U.N.”

As Annan said, “Africa is the next frontier, and we need to pay attention.”

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REVOLUTION | At Monday night’s panel, former U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan promoted African sustainability.

## Lucha brings immigration awareness to campus

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and in congress,” Lucha member Melquiades Fernandez wrote in an email. “At the end of the day, this issue deals with more than just this supposed wall dividing two countries. It deals with the

lives and families of people, and we cannot forget that.”

Arnaud added that the border wall is “showing what border security means through photographs—human beings being affected by it.”

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## Unrecognized Fun Club may ‘stay on the fringe’ at Columbia

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student governing boards. Shahrestani and Hemi said that the majority of their funding comes from local businesses wanting to sponsor the club.

“We do have the small donations from these businesses—sometimes donations of services as long as there is no conflict of interest,” Shahrestani said.

And they’ve both thrown in some of their own money to support the club.

“It’s not about the money. Some people spend \$10 to see a movie, but if we had an extra \$10, we’d spend it on Fun Club,” Shahrestani said.

But when it comes to getting more funding through Columbia, Hemi is not sure whether the club will complete the formal recognition process. “We might choose to stay on the fringe of the club scene. If we make the choice [to stay on the fringe], we think it

better serves the mission of the club,” Hemi said.

Student interest in the club varied, with some saying they hadn’t heard about the group.

“Though I myself wouldn’t join the club, I still do think it’s a good idea,” Maria Cristina Gimenez Cavallo, CC ’14, said.

Siddhi Mittal, SEAS ’13, said she didn’t think the Fun Club distinguished itself from other organizations on campus.

“I mean, I guess it’s good, but there are a lot of clubs that I guess do the same things, so I don’t believe there is anything so different about it,” Mittal said, adding, “I don’t know why anyone would go there for free cupcakes when a lot of other clubs do the same things.”

And Karen Woodin Rodriguez, CC ’11, didn’t realize the club existed.

But still, a group devoted solely to having fun? “I think it’s a really great idea,” she said.

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## Friends, family remember Swett at memorial service

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other members said that while she was studying abroad all of last year, her reputation lingered on campus as someone with a free spirit whom the new sisters needed to meet as soon as she returned.

Katy Nowiszewski, BC ’11 and a member of Alpha Chi Omega, said that she will remember Swett as the one to order the extra fries and not worry about the little things.

“Rachel would frolic in the streets at 4 a.m. for no reason,” she said, adding that “What would Rachel do?” had become her new motto.

Alexandra Ortiz, CC ’11 and president of AXO, said that one night, on the way back from Westside Market, the two of them found a Hartley blue bin and decided to return it—but not before taking a joyride down Broadway that involved sitting in the cart eating pizza from Koronet and hiding inside from a suspicious patrol car.

Swett grew up in New York and attended Brearley, an all-girls preparatory school. Many of her friends, including Alpha Chi Omega member Sara Liben, mentioned how she maintained

strong relationships with her parents and two younger brothers while at Columbia.

“Her life was full of sharing love, so it’s only appropriate that more love has been shared with her passing,” Liben said.

Swett’s mother, Katherine, said that she was grateful to Columbia for providing a space for her daughter to find what she wanted to do by developing her passion for psychology and love of French.

Peri Sasnett, CC ’11, who studied abroad in the same program, said that Swett’s love of planning get-togethers made her the natural leader for their twice-monthly potlucks—and that same group of study-abroad participants gathered at her bedside after the accident.

Columbia College Dean Michele Moody-Adams spoke toward the end of the memorial and said that she has an additional connection to Swett since her own daughter attends Brearley.

“I can say that as an educator, a parent, and a human being, that I don’t know how to make sense of the loss of Rachel Swett,” Moody-Adams said. “We know that this is a story that ended too soon.”

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# Professors look beyond trends and tweeds

BY RUBII PHAM  
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The phrase “Ivy League professor” often conjures up images of tweedy jackets with elbow patches, beige corduroy pants, squeaky leather loafers, and the skinny, pale academics that often inhabit them. Yet, this stereotype certainly doesn’t apply to assistant professor of anthropology Paige West and economics professor Xavier Sala-i-Martin.

While their students stress over midterms and often barely have time to throw on a pair of sweatpants, West and Sala-i-Martin manage to dress sharply every day. West’s regular work wardrobe includes sophisticated suits and fierce heels, complemented by a pair of quirky eyeglasses. On the other hand, Professor Sala-i-Martin, the ever-stylish but unconventional dresser, generally opts for a monochromatic ensemble of a black button-down shirt, black dress pants, and a black tie, topped with a colorful, flamboyant suit jacket.

When asked to describe her style, West simply replied, “I like nice shoes.” Indeed, her collection of shoes complements her polished suits well. “One of the ways that I feel suits can be more interesting is with interesting shoes,” West said.

West also injects her style with a sense of humor. “I have this sweater-slash-sweatshirt thing from the ’70s that’s kind of a disco sweatshirt, and it has sequins and ... a lightning bolt on it,” she said. “It looks like something Donna Summer would have worn on Saturday Night Live in 1971. That’s probably the thing that if I wore on campus, people would be like, ‘Wow... that’s weird.’”

West’s love for fashion does not go unnoticed by her students. “It’s fun to see someone dress up like that,” Katarina Kovacevic, BC ’13, said. “It’s nice to see that they [professors] have a personality and [are] not like a scary robot.”

While West feels that the student body and faculty at Columbia are, on the whole, well dressed and put-together, there is one trend of which West doesn’t approve. “You know that the era of the pants pulled low is over, thank goodness. I want to tell them to pull their pants up,” she said.

She also offered some sage advice for fashion-conscious students. “I think people should wear what they feel comfortable in and have a little bit of fun with fashion,” she said.

Sala-i-Martin is on the same wavelength in terms of style. He offered his opinion on how to stay stylish without sacrificing one’s personality. “Here in New York and Columbia University, it’s like the cathedral of freedom. ... People can wear whatever they want, and nobody cares,” he said. “I particularly hate trends. Somebody in Paris or Milan decides that you should wear orange ... then everybody wears orange or blue.”

Sala-i-Martin also boasts an impressive collection of suit jackets. He began wearing them when he started his Ph.D. work and now has an amazing collection of jackets spanning the full range of rainbow hues, from banana yellow to neon green. Anyone who has ever Googled this world-renowned economist would notice that he even has jackets in wild leopard and zebra patterns.

“I really wanted to ask where he gets his jackets. ... I thought it was Versace,” said Yeny Oh, GS ’12, a student in Sala-i-Martin’s Intermediate Macroeconomics class.

Perhaps not surprisingly, Sala-i-Martin’s eye-catching jackets are actually custom-made. “I have three tailors—one in Barcelona, one in Beijing ... and one in Bombay,” he revealed.

Spoken like a true New Yorker, Sala-i-Martin said, “One beautiful thing about Columbia, and New York in general, is that you can dress freely. People should just have the freedom to wear what they really like.”

While the stereotype for poorly dressed professors often rings true, West and Sala-i-Martin have proven that style and substance can go hand in hand.



“One beautiful thing about Columbia, and New York in general, is that you can dress freely.”  
—Xavier Sala-i-Martin, Columbia economics professor



**STREET ART** | A number of Harlem-based artists displayed their work for the Harlem Art Walk, including Lawrence Rodriguez (far right), owner of Casa Frela Gallery, and Marcia Wilson (far left).

## Harlem opens its doors and showcases local artists’ work with weekend walking tour

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This weekend, Casa Frela Gallery (47 West 119th St.) sponsored the Harlem Art Walk—an event featuring a number of Harlem’s favorite brownstone art spaces within a two-mile radius. The gallery was the starting point of the tour and featured blue etchings by Erich Erving, GS ’06, among works by other artists. From there, visitors could continue along a path of galleries marked by a red poster with a white footprint.

Fashion Institute of Technology graduate Lawrence Rodriguez, owner and founder of the Casa Frela Gallery, described the Harlem art

experience as “sharing.” The Art Walk started based on simple dialogue between artists. “I knew a lot of the artists. People told other people. We shared information,” Rodriguez said.

Much of Harlem’s talent is concentrated here rather than in Chelsea, because the artists preferred a community that was more about collaboration than competition. Thomas Heath from the Heath Gallery (24 West 120th St.) experienced the frustration of not being able to show his work downtown, and said that many other Harlem artists felt the same way. Established in 1992, Heath Gallery was opened in the hopes that it would be more inclusive and less elitist than gallery spaces in other parts of the city.

The Art Walk celebrates the rich tradition of Harlem’s artistic past, with works inspired by the Harlem Renaissance and African-American history. Troy Johnson is the president of the African American Literature Book Club, and his Troy Johnson Gallery (64 West 119th St.) featured a collection of portraits of African-American icons by photographer Marcia Wilson.

At the Indigo Arms Guest House gallery (181 Lenox Ave.), it was clear that many Harlem-based artists don’t just look close to home for inspiration, but take on broad issues of American society and culture. Roderick Perry (also known as Orin Ink) from Indigo Arms used a simple marker to draw a

crowd of people with dollar signs instead of eyes, commenting on capitalist America by suggesting that the pursuit of wealth is all people can see. Another drawing explored the concept of unity in a community—geometric figures were physically connected to one another by shared limbs and other body parts.

The Art Walk featured a range of pieces with different mediums, styles, prices, artists, and buyers. Despite this diversity, the tour let the long-standing neighborhood identity that makes the Harlem community unique show through. Even though Harlem is just hitting its stride as a New York art epicenter, Rodriguez said, “Harlem is a legacy.”





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# Rooting out the intolerance among us

The country has recently been jolted by five highly publicized suicides by gay teens. Most recently, Tyler Clementi, a Rutgers University first-year, took his own life after his roommate and his hallmate “outed” him by secretly broadcasting his sexual encounter with another man on the Internet. Clementi’s suicide occurred the day of the launch of Project Civility, a Rutgers program that university officials say is aimed to create a “stronger, more closely knit university—healthier, happier, and celebrating diversity in all its forms.” In organizing this program, Rutgers clearly made acceptance of diversity a priority long before this devastating event took place, so why did it happen? This issue extends beyond the Rutgers campus, affecting us at Columbia and other schools as well.

As tragic as these recent suicides have been, can we really be that shocked? When religious leaders preach homophobia and anti-gay groups protest at soldiers’ funerals, screaming “God Hates Fags,” gay youths are forced to stifle their identities for fear of being rejected by their families and communities. When the Senate fails to repeal “don’t ask, don’t tell,” an anti-gay policy preventing gays and lesbians from serving openly in the military, what message does that send to homosexuals and the country as a whole? Or when states implement legislation prohibiting gays from marrying or adopt- ing children? These policies, which have been put into place by our elected officials in response to popular support, state loudly and clearly that homosexuals are not equals to heterosexuals and do not deserve to be treated as such. These policies condone bigotry and disrespect. The dangerous power of their messages reaches our campus, our communities, and the entire country.

It’s time for the American people and our govern- ment to take a long, hard look at ourselves. In theory, our country stands for “liberty and justice for all,” but our treatment of homosexuals is completely un-Ameri- can. Regardless of one’s personal feelings toward homo- sexuality, do we want our society to be one of hate and intolerance, where individuals feel so bullied and ostrac- ized that they go as far as to take their own lives? Why have we not learned from the embarrassment of this country’s historical intolerance? Years of racial segrega- tion are now regarded as a stain on American history. How is this different? Many Americans are being denied rights and are marginalized for who they are. This in- justice should certainly ring a bell or two.

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Like Rutgers and most other universities, Columbia has various clubs and organizations for the gay com- munity and their straight allies. Columbia Queer Alliance, Q, Queer Awareness Month, and other groups host events and programs that aim to provide a safe and comfortable environment for LGBT students. Ask Alice! offers numerous articles on its website, answer- ing a range of queries a gay student might have. In its ROTC ban, the University has made its stance against homophobia clear.

Like many of my peers, I find Columbia to be a gener- ally tolerant community—but how far does mere tol- erance go? It is not unusual to hear students around campus say things like “that’s so gay” or use other gay slurs when joking with friends. How can a gay student be comfortable when overhearing homophobic comments like these? We can’t get lulled into thinking that the story of Tyler Clementi would never happen here. It could.

So, how can we change our culture so that one’s sexual orientation doesn’t have the potential to make one feel disrespected on campus? I don’t have all the answers, but what I do know is that we need to have a discussion about it. Policies make a difference. Words make a difference. In our classrooms, at work, with our friends, and with our families—let’s remember that what we say has power. Asher Brown, Billy Lucas, Seth Walsh, Raymond Chase, and Tyler Clementi died as a result of intolerance. We must use their deaths as a wake-up call—both as a harsh reminder and an opportu- nity for change.

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# Bring leaders to campus, not to Low

BY LANBO ZHANG

At 11:03 p.m. two Thursdays ago, I received an email saying that Al Gore was coming to speak on the following Tuesday. Following this announcement was a registration link and the line, “Registration for both events will open on Thursday, Sept. 30, at 9 a.m.” At 9 a.m. the next day, instead of running to get to my Lit Hum class on time, I sat in my room, trying to register for Al Gore’s speech. Much to my dismay, the system failed to load—no doubt be- cause everyone else was trying to register simultaneously. By the time I had successfully accessed the website, all registration had closed—even the wait list. It didn’t take long to figure out that I wasn’t the only one who didn’t get to register for the event—there has been no shortage of people complaining about wanting to go to this event but not being able to register. The World Leaders Forum events are meant to expose Columbia students to ideas and create dialogue. Yet, when they are hosted in Low Rotunda, there is only a small audience present to receive ideas and engage in dialogue.

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Students are obviously excited that Columbia is hosting these events, but the sad reality of the situation is that most students can’t go due to the small size of Low Rotunda. This whole situation only exists because of somebody’s obnoxious decision that all of these events have to take place in Low Library, despite the fact that Roone Arledge



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But America plays a peculiar role in the Columbian experience. At Columbia, we operate on the true and valid premise that Columbia University is an American institution, a tacit assumption that influences what we study and how we study it. Still, there is a strange dearth of open discourse on what this means and what this implies, especially in a global context. Our stories are American stories, but we do not question what this means enough, and we do not celebrate it enough.

After all, under all our expressions of diversity at Columbia, there lies, quiet and under-appreciated, a common foundation upon which we construct our differ- ent identities: America. This is not a nationalistic boast or a homogenizing blanket statement. Even if New York hardly represents the rest of America, even if the diver- sity of our life experiences suggests a multiplicity of si- multaneously existing “Americas,” even if some of us, like myself, are not American, have come to America from a foreign country, and plan to leave in the future—even if all of these things are true, they do not change the reality that we have chosen, at least for four years, to merge our stories with America’s. Regardless of where we are from, our autobiographies, too, are stories of America.

We must always bear this in mind in such a way that leads not to an elitist, chauvinistic attitude, but rather to a spirit of genuine gratitude for the privilege of being in America, whether temporarily or permanently. What is so extraordinary about America that keeps us here, or brings us here in the first place? And what are our responsibilities as privileged participants in American society?

Our responsibility is not, needless to say, a fawning, unquestioning servility to all ideas and things American. There are aspects of American culture that should be ex- amined, and some that should, perhaps, be discarded al- together. As a university community, we have understood this need to question. But in our critical examination of American society, we cannot lose sight of the reason why

Auditorium in Lerner Hall just sits empty. Yes, Low Library serves as a symbol of sorts. When a huge motorcade of Secret Service vehicles pulls up on College Walk and some dignitary walks up the steps to Low Library, it makes for a great photo op and is good for Columbia’s publicity. All this is great, except that when Low hosts high-profile speak- ers, the intended recipients of the speakers’ ideas do not actually receive them.

The World Leaders Forum website has the following to say: “Established in 2003 by Lee C. Bollinger, the World Leaders Forum is a year-round event series aimed to ad- vance lively, uninhibited dialogue on the large economic, political, and social questions of our time.” A different section of Columbia’s own website publishes President Bollinger’s own statements regarding Ahmadinejad’s speech in 2007, where President Bollinger argues that “Columbia, as a community dedicated to learning and scholarship, is committed to confronting ideas—to un- derstand the world as it is and as it might be.” Yet, as a community, we cannot confront ideas unless we are ex- posed to them.

The World Leaders Forum will fail to serve this purpose until it is accessible to a bigger part of the community, and there is no better way of making these events more acces- sible than to move them out of Low and into a bigger venue.

If President Bollinger insists that the World Leaders Forum is what he says it is—an opportunity for dialogue— then there is no reason for future events to be hosted in Low. Surely, a speaker’s message does not change with the venue in which it is delivered. Given the variety of participants in the World Leaders Forum, we as an insti- tution are embracing freedom of speech. We must also be an institution that embraces the right to listen. Without the latter, the former is infringed to the point at which it becomes inconsequential. I implore President Bollinger and the rest of the administration to consider a change of venue for future speakers.

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# America the beautiful

“This book, in many ways, is a story of America,” writes Tony Blair in the introduction to the American edition of his autobiography.

Blair’s book has met with its share of controversy, for the introduction in par- ticular. Critics deride his remarks, ac- cusing him of writing a “love letter” to America as a thinly disguised sales ploy, and lambasting him for writing a simi- lar panegyric to France in the French publication of the book. But regardless of all the politics of “A Journey: My Political Life,” there’s something to be said about his personal identification with America. America has the abil- ity to make your story its story, and its story your story.

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we should scrutinize and criticize—a sense of love for the nation we share, and the knowledge that a stronger America means a stronger world. Willy-nilly, America leads the world. It is the focal point to which foreigners like me turn to get an education, to get a leg up in life. Allegiance to America, in this sense, is allegiance to the world.

Therefore, we must use the free voice America gives us, precisely because exercising that right serves to make the right and its consequences stronger. In doing so, we should not take for granted the privileges we enjoy, and we should remember their source. Columbia is a global university, but it is a global university because it benefits from America and from America’s greatest city.

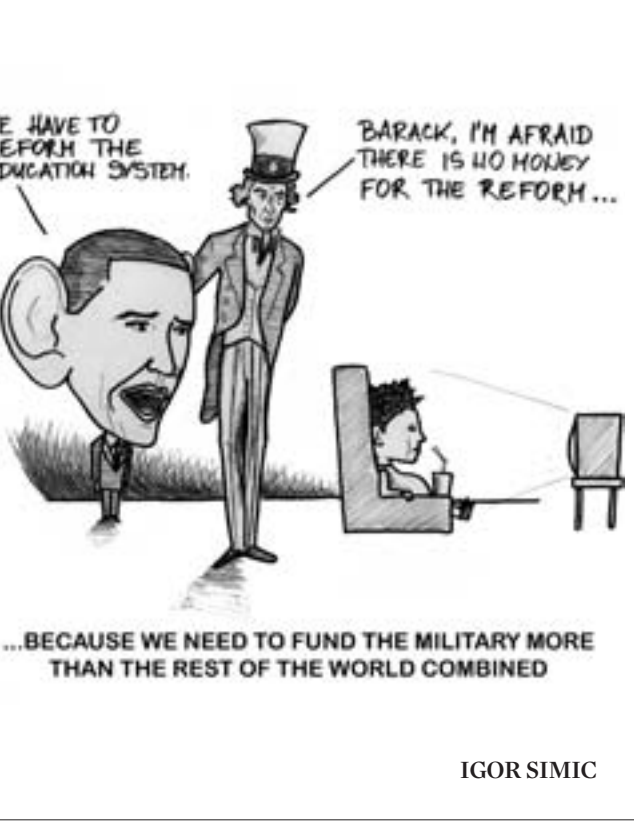
This is not a culturally imperialistic, hegemonic argu- ment. It is the contrary. Placing America and Americanism in a global context—as we do, for example, in the World Leaders Forum—underscores the greater responsibility that rests upon Americans: to use their privileged cir- cumstances to contribute to the construction of a more harmonious, more integrated world. Columbians, as ben- eficiaries of one of the finest educational institutions in America, perhaps face an even greater responsibility. We may disagree on how to go about doing that, but we can- not disagree on the principle itself.

## Under all our expressions of diversity at Columbia, there lies, quiet and under-appreciated, a common foundation upon which we construct our different identities: America.

Perhaps we can make individual efforts to remem- ber the singular advantages America affords us, and to consider more conscientiously what America means not only in our own American stories, but also in our new world order. “America is great for a reason,” Blair says in his introduction. “It is looked up to, despite all the criti- cism, for a reason.” He offers his own ideas for what that reason is. But what do we think?

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### THE ANGRY PEN



IGOR SIMIC







# The plight of having sports teams that win

So far during my tenure as sports editor, there have been only a few times where I have had to decide which sports should get the most prominent coverage. Usually it's either the team that's winning (men's tennis, golf, fencing, etc.) or the marquee sport of whatever season it is (basketball, football, and baseball).

But Sunday night, I realized that this semester might be different. For the first time that I can remember, and certainly for the first time this calendar year, the majority of the teams currently in season are doing well—very well.

The most obvious example of this is football. For a program with such a long history of futility, a three-game win streak is nothing to sneeze at. Back-to-back 42-point games is no small feat, either.

After the strong start to last season and the following collapse, I've been trying to keep my optimism about this year's squad in check. But so far, so good. Not only has the Light Blue won three straight games, it's won them convincingly—the Lions aren't just winning; they're playing well. Columbia leads the league in scoring offense, is second in scoring defense, and (I'm serious about this one) is tied for the best field goal percentage.

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Sean Brackett leads the Lions and all Ivy quarterbacks with 273 rushing yards, and he is the most efficient passer in the league with a 71.2 percent completion rate. Alex Gross has been a machine, too, leading the Ancient Eight with 50 total tackles.

Sure, they have to play perennial Ivy powerhouse Penn this weekend, but while a win may be improbable, it certainly isn't impossible. If the Lions keep playing at this level, who knows what they could do?

With football playing this well, it's hard to bump them to the back page. But then what do I do about women's soccer?

The Lions are unbeaten in league play and are only trailing Princeton—which they play this weekend—in the league standings. They lead the league in goals allowed and shutouts, and trail only Cornell in points. The 2010 edition of the women's soccer squad has already matched last year's win total with six games still left this season.

As a team, women's soccer is solid, but they have some pretty impressive individuals, too. Junior forward Ashlin Yahr, who was just named Ivy League Player of the Week, is in the top 10 for shots (eighth), points (sixth), goals (third), and game-winning goals (first).

Senior midfielder Kelly Hostetler is in the top 10 for points, too, in addition to being second in the league in assists. Junior goalkeeper Lillian Klein leads the Ancient Eight in goals allowed with just 0.52 a game, in save percentage with .897, and in shutouts with six.

This squad will most certainly finish in the top half of the league, but they'll probably be disappointed with anything less than an Ivy crown. If they win against Princeton this Saturday, then they'll be well on their way to their second title in program history.

OK, so maybe I could figure out a way to get both football and women's soccer the coverage they deserve, but they aren't the only ones exceeding expectations.

Volleyball has had a record-setting season as well. The Light Blue



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DOUBLE THREAT | Sophomore quarterback Sean Brackett dominated the gridiron this weekend against Lafayette with both the passing and rushing games.

## First quarter drought finally ends for Light Blue

BY VICTORIA JONES  
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One of the most pleasantly surprising things about Saturday's football game was that the Lions scored big points—some of them even in the first quarter.

Up until the match-up against Lafayette, the Light Blue hadn't scored a single point in the first quarter of a game all season. While head coach Norries Wilson harped on this point often, stating that the Lions' offense needed to start strong early,



the Lions had no success for three straight weeks.

In the first game against Fordham, the Light Blue went three-and-out three times in the first 15 minutes alone and only managed to pull out one first down.

The next week against Towson, the Lions only had one three-and-out and three first downs, but they were all on separate drives, meaning the offense barely made any progress downfield.

The story was quite similar in the game against Princeton, until the final possession, when the Lions put together a drive that included two first downs, though only 16 actual yards of progress.

In addition to struggling to move the chains, coming into Saturday's match-up, the Light Blue had yet to score in the first 15 minutes of any game. All of this changed, however, with a 28-yard pass from quarterback Sean Brackett to wide receiver Kurt Williams that finally got the Lions in the end zone.

"It was big," Brackett said of scoring on the first drive. "They scored first, obviously, so it was big for us to come back and answer that. So I think for us to get in a rhythm that early on was big—big for our offense and big for our entire team."

Putting seven points on the board—including the successful PAT

attempt—was not the only big change fans saw in the Lions. Right from the start, the offense was stringing together plays and making progress downfield.

That first drive involved a combination of rushing and successful passes that had been lacking from first-quarter play all season. Brackett himself rushed for 19 yards and made two completions—one to Nico Gutierrez for nine yards and the other to Williams in the end zone.

The momentum continued and the Light Blue gained another three first

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IVY VICTORY | The Crimson earned its first conference win of the season when it beat the Big Red this weekend, 31-17.

## Ancient Eight competition sees victories for Bulldogs, Crimson

BY REBEKA COHAN  
*Spectator Staff Writer*

Both Yale and Harvard were triumphant in league play this weekend, while only Penn was successful against a non-conference opponent.

Here's a closer look at how the other seven football teams in the Ivy League fared this week.



**HARVARD 31, CORNELL 17**

The Crimson (3-1, 1-1 Ivy) defeated the Big Red (1-3, 0-2 Ivy) at home for its first Ivy win of the season. Going into halftime, Harvard led by only seven due to a 19-yard run from senior running back Gino Gordon, who recorded 158 rushing yards. The game remained close going into the fourth quarter, after both teams had successful field goal attempts. However, a pass from Crimson sophomore quarterback Colton Chapple to junior wide receiver Levi Richards and a 43-yard run into the end zone by sophomore running back Rich Zajeski put the Crimson up 24-3. Cornell attempted to rally back after freshman quarterback Jeff

Mathews connected with junior tight end Ryan Houska, but the extra point attempt was blocked by sophomore defensive tackle Nnamdi Obukwelu. Harvard quickly scored again to take a 31-9 lead. The Big Red was unable to overcome the large deficit, but did manage to score in the final four seconds of the game. Harvard had 505 total offensive yards, more than double Cornell's 208.

**YALE 23, DARTMOUTH 20**

The Bulldogs (3-1, 2-0 Ivy) won over the Big Green (2-2, 0-2 Ivy) in the final seconds of the game thanks to sophomore place-kicker Philippe Panico's 19-yard field goal—the first of his career. The lead switched back and forth between the two teams four times over the course of the game. At the start of the fourth quarter, Yale led 20-13, but Dartmouth scored a touchdown off a 41-yard punt return by junior cornerback Shawn Abuhoff. Dartmouth took possession after Panico missed a 43-yard field goal attempt with 2:31 to go. However, the Big Green fumbled the ball, which was picked up by senior cornerback Chris Stanley with a little over a minute

of game time remaining, allowing Yale to set up its final scoring drive. Despite winning the game with a field goal, Yale was only 1-3 in field goal attempts.

**HOLY CROSS 17, BROWN 13**

The Bears (2-2, 1-0 Ivy) lost for the second straight week, this time to the Crusaders. The game was a defensive battle, much unlike the four previous meetings between the two teams, which were offensive showcases. Brown was missing starting quarterback Kyle Newhall-Caballero, who is out with a broken wrist after last week's game against Rhode Island. Down 10-0 in the second quarter, the Bears scored both of their touchdowns after sophomore quarterback Patrick Donnelly entered the game. However, a touchdown from Holy Cross late in the third quarter put the Crusaders back on top to end the game.

**COLGATE 44, PRINCETON 10**

Princeton (1-3, 0-1 Ivy) suffered another big loss this week, coming out on the wrong end of a lopsided score. Despite successfully kicking a 27-yard field goal early in the first quarter, the Tigers were

unable to answer 44 straight points from Colgate until late in the fourth quarter. Princeton's only touchdown was from a pass by junior quarterback Tommy Wornham to senior wide receiver Trey Peacock. Senior running back Jordan Culbreath contributed 38 rushing yards in nine carries, while Wornham had 206 passing yards and completed only 20 of his 41 passes, which included two interceptions. Both of Princeton's scoring drives required 13 plays.

**PENN 31, BUCKNELL 10**

Head coach Al Bagnoli recorded his 125th win for Penn (3-1, 1-0 Ivy), making him the winningest coach in program history. The previous record was set by George Woodruff in 1901. After having a 10-7 lead at halftime, the Red and Blue scored 21 unanswered points to blow the game open, averaging a gain of 6.5 yards per play throughout the game. Senior wide receiver David Wurst had a career-high 102 receiving yards from nine receptions, becoming the first Quaker since October 2007 to surpass 100 receiving yards in a single game. Penn has beaten Bucknell every time in their last six meetings.

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SPORTS BRIEF

Women’s soccer reclaims fourth spot in NSCAA Mid-Atlantic rankings

The Columbia women’s soccer team is once again the top-ranked Ivy League team in its region. In the National Soccer Coaches Association of America Mid-Atlantic rankings, released on Monday, the Lions (7-2-2, 2-0-1 Ivy) climbed from sixth place to fourth. Princeton remained in fifth, this time in a tie with Charlotte. Penn (5-6-0, 2-1-0), which had been tied with George Mason for 10th last week, fell out of the rankings. Columbia achieved a 2-1 road win over the Quakers on Friday. Princeton (7-4-0, 3-0-0) suffered a 2-1 double-overtime loss at

American on Monday but remained unbeaten in Ivy play with a 1-0 win over Brown on Saturday. The Tigers are the only members of the Ivy League that have won all of their conference games this year. Columbia is second to Princeton in the Ivy standings and is the only other Ivy team that still is unbeaten in league play. On Saturday, the Lions and the Tigers will face off in a battle that could alter the conference and regional landscapes. Kick-off is set for 4 p.m. at Columbia Soccer Stadium.

—Sarah Sommer



FILE PHOTO

SUPERSTAR | Junior forward Ashlin Yahr has dominated the offense so far this season, as she leads the team with five goals.

Local competition ahead for Columbia soccer

BY SARAH SOMMER  
Spectator Senior Staff Writer

After two consecutive Ivy League games, the Columbia women’s soccer team returns to nonconference play today. The Lions will face Long Island in a battle of New York powers. “They’re a quality opponent, and this is a big game for us,” senior captain Kelly Hostetler said. “Definitely, it’s a lot about our overall record and our reputation in New York.” Columbia (7-2-2, 2-0-1 Ivy) has won five of eight nonconference games this year. In the Lions’ most recent nonconference match, they battled Lehigh to a 1-1 draw. In league play, Columbia is unbeaten and is second in the conference standings. On Friday night, the Lions earned a 2-1 victory at Penn, in which junior forward Ashlin Yahr scored both of Columbia’s goals. Yahr—who received Ivy Co-Player of the Week honors on Monday—has now tallied a team-high five goals this season. “She is clearly one of the elite strikers in the league, so it’s great to see her

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get the recognition,” head coach Kevin McCarthy said. “It’s a very positive honor for our program as well.” Columbia’s defense forced Penn to work for its shots and allowed zero corner kicks on Friday. The Lions netted the first goal of the game and then rallied to win after the Quakers scored the equalizer. “Having another performance just like [against] Penn, and stepping it up even another level, will be exactly what we need to win on Tuesday,” Hostetler said. Both Columbia and Long Island (10-1-2, 4-0-1 NEC) overtook Hartford, Fordham, and Iona this year. The Blackbirds also beat Central Connecticut State, which defeated Columbia in the Lions’ first game of the season. Like Columbia, Long Island has experienced some scoring struggles this season. While the Blackbirds netted multiple goals in six of their first nine

games, their attack has been less successful in recent matches. Long Island tallied no more than one goal in each of its past four games. In one of them, a draw with Quinnipiac, the Blackbirds did not score at all. Long Island has flourished in low-scoring affairs, though, thanks to its stingy defense. The Blackbirds went 3-0-1 in their last four games and have achieved a total of five 1-0 victories this year. “It’s a team we know well and have a great deal of respect for,” McCarthy said. “They have a great coaching staff and a good group of players, so we’re looking forward to it.” Long Island has posted 10 shut-outs this season, while Columbia—also known for its defense—has earned six. The last time that Columbia and Long Island met, in 2008, the Lions rolled to a 4-0 win. Yahr scored Columbia’s last two goals and assisted on its first. If the Lions beat the Blackbirds, the win will be their eighth of the year. Columbia has not won eight games in a season since 2008, when the Lions went 11-4-2. Kick-off is set for 6 p.m. in Brooklyn.

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had a program-best nine-game win streak earlier this season, and more recently, they upset Dartmouth,

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which was undefeated in league play at the time. Though there are still 10 games left in conference play, Columbia looks to be in a good position, as it leads the league in opponent hitting percentage and is

second in hitting percentage. Men’s and women’s cross country have performed well so far, too, and field hockey is currently riding a three-game win streak. Now, I’m sure at least one of my fellow columnists will rip me for being so optimistic—after all, the season is young still and there’s plenty of time for a good, old-fashioned Light Blue meltdown. But after I finish writing this, I have to work on a four-page paper, an eight-page paper, and start studying for a midterm I have Thursday. I need something to look forward to this weekend, and why shouldn’t it be a football triumph at Penn or a women’s soccer win against Princeton? Come Sunday, I’d much rather have to face the challenge of which sport to run lead than the challenge of trying to come up with multiple synonyms for the word “lose.”

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LEAGUE LEADER | Senior captain and linebacker Alex Gross went in for the kill this past Saturday against Lafayette. Gross currently leads the Ivy league with 50 tackles, 11 of which he earned this weekend.

Light Blue defense slow through first half in weekend matchup against Lafayette

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downs on the next drive. For the first time all season, Brackett was using his time in the pocket well and finding his receivers all around the field. Before the first quarter ran out, Williams, Gutierrez, and Andrew Kennedy had all had receptions of at least five yards. All of this progress was the end to a season-long drought for the Lions. After the first quarter expired, the offense continued to dominate on the gridiron for the rest of the game, adding 14 points in the second quarter,

14 in the third, and a final seven in the fourth. By the end of the game, Brackett had 179 yards passing and a 15-for-20 completion rate, which had been started with a perfect 6-for-6 first quarter. The Light Blue’s play in the first quarter was not all perfect, however. One aspect of the game that the Lions struggled with at first was defense, which was clear from looking at the scoreboard. Despite the quick start on offense, when the clock ran out on the first 15 minutes, the Light Blue was down 10-7.

As much success as the Lions had on the offensive side of the ball to start, the Leopards had more. On Lafayette’s first drive, the offense got four first downs within five plays. Quarterback Ryan O’Neil was completing nine-, 11-, and 24-yard passes and running back Alan Elder was rushing for up to 11 yards on any given play. In eight plays, the Leopards advanced 64 yards and drew first blood, putting three points on the board. The field goal was actually a stroke of luck for the Lions, as a recovered fumble on

a missed snap set the Leopards back 19 yards. “That [the bad snap] was a blessing,” Wilson said. “It was a blessing because we weren’t even slowing them down, so that helped us out. We held them to a field goal and came up at the end.” On Lafayette’s next possession, Columbia’s defense wasn’t so lucky. In half the plays and less than half the time, the Leopards drove another 63 yards, and this time, they made it into the end zone. Yet again, it looked like the Light Blue defense was having trouble stopping both the run and the pass as the

Leopards went through the air and over the ground on their path downfield. When asked about the first quarter, senior captain and linebacker Alex Gross said quite simply, “We need to start faster all the time on defense.” This weekend, when the Lions travel to Philadelphia, they will have to carry with them the lessons they learned against Lafayette. It will be important for the offense to find its rhythm early like it did this week, and the defense will need to back them up on the gridiron with more solid coverage in the first quarter.



Harlem opens its doors to local artists

BY MEGAN MAQUERA  
*Columbia Daily Spectator*

If Chelsea is the grand dame of the New York art scene, then Harlem is the up-and-coming ingénue. Harlem's emerging artists and old favorites create an art community that is fresh and less cutthroat than the downtown scene.

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**NEW ON THE SCENE** | Casa Frela Gallery (left) participated in the Harlem Art Walk over the weekend, as did Thomas Heath Gallery and its owner, artist Thomas Heath (above).

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