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FUNNERY AT THE NUNNERY | Columbia has acquired a set of brownstones that will be used for undergraduate housing in 2013.

## Suspect arrested in Morningside Park sexual assault

BY FINN VIGELAND  
*Spectator Senior Staff Writer*

A 19-year-old man has been arrested in connection to a sexual assault that happened in Morningside Park on Sunday evening.

A spokesperson for the New York Police Department confirmed that Jason Harris had been arrested and taken to Manhattan Criminal Court on charges of first-degree sexual assault.

The assault took place on a running path in one of the western hills of the park. The victim was walking, engaged in a short conversation with the suspect, and was then sexually assaulted, according to a Columbia University Public Safety alert.

Public Safety began circulating pictures and a surveillance camera video of a suspect on Tuesday morning, and by the afternoon NYPD officers said they had identified and detained a suspect.

Brad Taylor, secretary of Friends of Morningside Park, said that the attack was particularly disturbing because it took place during daylight hours.

After two shootings in and around the park rattled West Harlem residents this summer, politicians met with the community in August to discuss how to improve safety in the park.

Although there was talk of installing security cameras, finding funding to move forward with the project has proven difficult.

“Looking at the proposal, the funding is the only thing we have to deal with,” State Senator Bill Perkins, whose district includes Morningside Park, said on Tuesday.

Friends of Morningside Park held a benefit dinner on Tuesday evening that would partially fund the cameras, according to Taylor. The Friends have been working with Perkins’ office to plan other kinds of fundraisers.

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## Society Coffee serves its last cup of joe

BY GINA LEE  
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A chalkboard sign thanked customers for seven years of loyalty as they walked into Society Coffee for the last time Monday evening.

Karl Franz Williams, owner of Society Coffee, decided to close the popular Harlem café on Frederick Douglass Boulevard and 114th Street because he felt “it served its purpose,” which was to show the community that locally owned coffee shops could be successful.

“We set the stage for what this could be,” Williams said. “We gave the opportunity for people to connect.”

In 2004, Williams—who also owns the bar 67 Orange Street just one block down on Frederick Douglass

Boulevard—said he opened the doors of Society Coffee as a casual space for people to build relationships over food and drinks. With large communal tables surrounded by wooden benches, a collage of framed photographs on the brick wall, and an open kitchen area where the café’s signature red velvet waffles are prepared, the customers and staff have developed into what Williams called “a family.” Over the years, the café has been a place to work for writers, musicians, and artists in Harlem.

“I saw a gap in what was here,” Williams said. Among the sit-down restaurants and the fast food places, there was no locally owned business where Harlem residents could take their time to read a book and have a cup of artisanal coffee, which is exactly what

Williams sought to provide.

Williams and his employees have built friendly relationships with their regular customers, and many have expressed disappointment over the end of Society.

“I met such an incredible crowd of people.”

—Tom Kurlus,  
*Society regular*

“A lot of people are emotional,” Williams said. “Some people are very disappointed, some people are just disappointed.”

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## Club budgets hold steady after F@CU scare

BY CHARLOTTE MURTISHAW AND SHIRA LAUCHAREON  
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Many clubs under the Student Governing Board will maintain budgets similar to last year’s, despite concerns that SGB’s budget had been cut by the Funding at Columbia University committee, known as F@CU, in August. Members of the InterGreek Council said they have planned additional programming after receiving a significant funding increase from F@CU.

SGB initially thought its 2011-2012 allocation would be \$6,000

less than the budget from last year, prompting a minor panic from within the board’s ranks. However, it recently learned that it will only have to endure minor budgetary cuts, due to a 3 percent hike in student life fees.

“In reality, SGB’s budget is less than \$200 different from its previous year’s budget and still substantially higher over the budget two years ago,” Aki Terasaki, CC ’12, F@CU member, and CCSC president, said.

F@CU members, drawn from incoming and outgoing student councils, meet at the end of spring semester to evaluate budget request packets from Columbia’s governing boards, which distribute funds to clubs. F@CU then issues budgets for each board from a collective pot

of nearly a million dollars drawn from undergraduate student life fees.

Barry Weinberg, CC ’12 and SGB chair, said the board had planned to minimize the effect on individual clubs’ budgets by “not touching the allocated funds as much as possible.” To preserve their budgets, he said he pulled funds from the regular pool of money SGB uses to co-sponsor campus events.

Jordana Kaminetsky, BC ’12 and president of the Columbia/Barnard Hillel, said she’s not worried about the cuts to co-sponsorship funds.

“I don’t think this will affect our fundraising that much,” Kaminetsky said. “We’ll either

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## At fireside chat, Bollinger talks globalism, Wall St.

BY BEN GITTELSON  
*Columbia Daily Spectator*

Around 60 students joined University President Lee Bollinger on Tuesday night for rounds of brie at his personal residence—even as Bollinger urged them to pass on Paris for study abroad.

At his first fireside chat of the year, Bollinger covered familiar territory and touched on current events, discussing Occupy Wall Street demonstrations, the University’s role in an increasingly global world, and his love of nature writing.

“Attacking Wall Street and attacking the wealthy and so on is really a serious oversimplification of what America’s problems are and the causes of the crisis,” Bollinger said. “They were, in my view, significantly responsible for the collapse, but they

were not the only ones.”

He said, though, that he understands the demonstrators’ anger and that Americans would be “unwise” to ignore them. Bollinger said he shares Americans’ concerns about a gap between them and their politicians. He added that he believes it may be time for the United States to draft a new constitution that can better equip the country to perform in the modern world.

Bollinger spent much of the hour discussing globalization, from the World Leaders Forum to his Global Centers initiative.

He sought student input on the World Leaders Forum, asking how many students had gone to its events—most had—and how they thought the University could improve them. Students suggested changes from easier registration to

more controversial, high-profile speakers.

Bollinger stressed that he remains committed to encouraging study abroad at Columbia’s global centers and wants to push students outside of their comfort zones. He said he believes students are “risk averse” and that he wants to get them to destinations besides London and Paris.

In one of the night’s lighter moments, a student asked Bollinger about the books he was reading. Bollinger got a few laughs from the crowd with his response: “I always hate questions like that.”

In addition to two books about Pakistan, though, Bollinger said that he still has time to read Core Curriculum staples Shakespeare and Montaigne.

Tobias Fuchs, GS ’12, said he

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WHERE’S THE FIRE? | Some students got fiery about the Occupy Wall Street demonstrations.

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#### The part-time protester

Amanda Gutterman exposes the Wall Street protestor’s true morality.



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Freshman outside hitter Caitlin Brenton has already tallied 73 kills for the Light Blue this season while also earning Ivy League Rookie of the Week honors.

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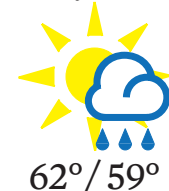
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# Bollinger pushes exotic study abroad

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took issue with Bollinger's characterization of the Occupy Wall Street demonstrators. He said Bollinger misrepresented the movement's goals.

"What he basically said was Occupy Wall Street is too narrow-minded in attacking Wall Street," Fuchs said. "Either he's misinformed, or that was not a sincere answer."

But both Fuchs and Rachel Chung, SEAS '15, agreed that Bollinger's focus on globalization was appropriate and necessary. Chung said she appreciated Bollinger's responses and that he cleared up some of her concerns.

"I thought it was brilliant," Chung said. "He handled tough and varying questions with ease. He didn't gloss over anything."

Pablo Mota, GS '13, agreed, saying that Bollinger's responses were reassuring. He said Bollinger's views on issues like Occupy Wall Street and globalization were in line with his own and that he enjoyed his presentation style.

"He seems very knowledgeable about what's happening in the world," Mota said. "He has a plan. It gives me peace of mind."

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**TRICK OR TREAT** | Students came prepared to snack at President Bollinger's first fireside chat of the year. Cheese, fruit, and pastries were on the menu Tuesday night.

## Greek governing board plans more programming with new funds

**F@CU from front page**

fundraise a little extra or ask F@CU for funds."

One of the few SGB clubs to receive less money this year is the Columbia Queer Alliance—its budget was cut by \$20. CQA's budget has increased each year between 5 to 10 percent, so the small cut was a setback for the group, which hosts a widely-attended LGBT-themed dance party called "First Fridays" every month.

"We have to be smarter with our money, smarter with what we want to do," Matt Martinez, CC

'13 and president of CQA, said. "It'll slightly affect the group, but they also said that this year's budget cut is temporary and won't affect our allocation for next year."

The InterGreek Council's budget rose from \$9,680 last year to \$23,112.83 for 2011-2012. The board, which represents fraternities, sororities, and multicultural Greek organizations, received a dramatic funding increase due to Barnard's student government's agreement to recognize sororities last spring, fiscal responsibility, and a steady rise in membership over the years, said Narayan

Subramanian, SEAS '13, a member of F@CU, and outgoing vice president of Engineering Student Council intergroup.

The IGC allocates funds to three other councils, the Interfraternity Council, the Panhellenic Council, and the Multicultural Greek Council, which in turn organizes co-sponsorships with their affiliated fraternity and sorority chapters.

The higher budget will generate development for boards like the InterFraternity Council, whose co-sponsorships enable programming of conferences,

cultural shows, and dances with humanitarian or political components, Bruno Esquen, CC '12 and IFC vice president of finance, said. This year, more expansive programming for Greek life included a barbecue to benefit UNICEF last Friday, which was run by Sigma Phi Epsilon and Lambda Phi Epsilon.

"With the IFC programming, we aim to do events that foster unity among Greek member organizations and to work with other campus organizations in the Columbia community," Esquen said.

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## Newest residence hall was former convent for nuns

**BROWNSTONES**  
from front page

in the spring. Shollenberger said that a former chapel will be converted into bedroom space.

Small common area lounges will be added to each floor and the basement floor will be altered to create study spaces, a computer lab, and kitchen. A public safety officer desk will also be placed in the lobby. The yearly cost for students has not yet been determined.

"We are very excited about it," Aki Terasaki, CC'11 and CCSC president, said. "I think it's a

little difficult for student council to speak on it right now because it's still every much in the development stage."

Terasaki said he looks forward to working with the deans on developing the possible themes of the new housing. Communities centered around entrepreneurship and technology have been discussed in early conversations, but Terasaki said he thinks committees will be formed with students, deans, and council members to make any final decisions.

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## Locals look to improve safety in M'side Park, following assault

**ASSAULT from front page**

Taylor said on Monday that local institutions, like Columbia and the Morningside Area Alliance, aren't funding as many Parks Enforcement Patrol officers as they should.

Perkins said he questioned whether more police officers would be the right solution.

"I'm not quite sure what level [of patrol] it would take—we don't want the place swarming with cops," Perkins said on Tuesday. "Clearly, officers in the park, walking the park, showing some presence, especially in the upper areas, will have a deterring effect."

Dottie Janotka, who has overseen the park's dog run for 10

years, said that better lighting will diminish the risk of assaults.

"This year, all over the park, everything is in full bloom—meaning the trees are blocking the light and everything is very dark," Janotka said. The heavy tree cover makes it difficult to see around the many bends in the park's hilly paths, she said.

She said she's asked the city's Parks Department for "just one 300-watt bulb. They're \$300 apiece. ... They said 'yes,' but that was four years ago and we still didn't get it," she said.

Perkins suggested that bringing more neighborhood events to the park is more important than ramped-up police presence.

"We need to keep programming the park so that there's

more community activity. That's constructive and helpful," Perkins said.

"I see young ladies walking in the park late, all the time, wearing those," Janotka said, gesturing to the headphones of a young woman entering the park alone after nightfall on Tuesday. "They're not observing their surroundings."

Janotka said she always walks with Captain, her 10-year-old mutt, a labrador mix. She said that when a stranger passes the dog run, Captain will run up to the fence and check them out. "They may not even be close. But he knows they're up to something."

Lauren Herold, CC '12 and a member of Take Back the Night, an annual march that protests

sexual violence, said that she was alarmed reading comments on a post about the assault, in which commenters advised against going into Morningside Park alone.

"I don't think there is always going to be a rapist in the park," she said. "I think that's really a racialized stereotype and a cliché about what sexual assault is."

She urged the community to refrain from that kind of subconscious "blame the victim" mentality.

"We should advise people not to go in the parks and rape, instead of not to go in the parks and be afraid of being assaulted," she said.

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KEVIN ROARK FOR SPECTATOR

**ON THE ALERT** | The assault occurred on a running path close to the 116th Street entrance to Morningside Park on Sunday evening.

## On last night, owner gathers "family" for free sangria

**SOCIETY from front page**

At the "closing party" on Monday evening, Williams treated customers—both first-timers and regulars—to free sangria and lots of conversation. Many customers stopped in to say goodbye to the owner on their way out.

"It's a piece of history that is going away," said Society regular Tom Kurlus, who said he has enjoyed his favorite menu item, French toast, for nearly all of its seven-year lifespan. "I met such an incredible crowd

of people." Although sad, Kurlus said that "it was a good decision" for Williams.

Meron Andom, another regular at Society, disagreed.

"It's sad because there's nowhere else we can go," Andom, who had ordered her favorite shrimp and grits for the last time, said. She described the café as "new age, new Harlem."

For Williams, not returning to the society he has created tomorrow and every day after will be strange, but he said "it's time."

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**BYE SOCIETY** | Regulars said they're disappointed to see the homey café go after years of memories on Frederick Douglass Blvd.



# Lions, Tigers, and Bears—why not?

FROM GLUBIAK, back page

the Buffalo. Baylor has twin bears Joy and Lady. LSU has Mike the Tiger.

According to USA Today, 33 Division I colleges or universities have live animals roaming the sidelines at football games. This may seem like just another fun fact, but I would argue that an 1,800-pound steer is no laughing matter.

Fans at LSU would agree. Mike the Tiger, when he's not standing patrol outside of the opponents' locker room before games (seriously), enjoys the digs at his \$3-million facility built in 2005 by private donors. His 15,000-square-foot habitat includes such amenities as lush plantings, a waterfall, a flowing stream that empties into a wading pond, and rocky plateaus.

But don't feel bad for some of the other live mascots around the country. Bevo gets royal treatment at Texas. Everyone knows Texans take their football seriously, and the mascot is no different. The current mascot, Bevo XIV, has traveled from California (to the Rose Bowl in 2006) to Washington D.C. (George W. Bush's second inauguration in 2005). Standing 5' 8" tall, weighing in at 1,800 pounds, and rocking horns which measure 72 inches from tip-to-tip, he is an imposing presence—whether he's at a presidential inauguration or a football game. (And fun fact: Bevo I was actually slaughtered and served to be eaten by the team for its 1920 football banquet, in case the CU athletics department was looking for an entree for this December.)

That brings me back to Morningside Heights. This very paper has printed countless columns detailing various methods of improving Columbia sports. Ideas have been critiqued, praised, rejected. Proposals have ranged from cutting teams down to a bare minimum (bad idea) to adding a men's lacrosse team (good idea) to building an athletics center in the Manhattanville development. (We're already on it, just up at Baker.) While there have been all kinds of ideas thrown around, we have not exhausted all the possibilities. In fact—and I think you see where I am going with this—we have yet to hit on, in my opinion, the best one.

A real, live lion as our mascot. If Baylor can have twin bears and LSU can have a tiger, I think we can bring a lion into the fold. Our fellow Ivy League competition is already in on the trick—Yale's Handsome Dan, a bulldog, has been a faithful supporter of the Elis since 2006. (His lineage at Yale runs as far back as the 19th century, according to some accounts.)

What's not to like: We would instantly have an added element of legitimacy at football games. A lion would bring another level of intrigue and would absolutely add to the excitement. There are definite downsides: As much fun as he would be at an open-air, outdoor game at Wein Stadium, I think the baseline at a basketball game in Leven might feel a little cramped with a flesh-eating beast roaming around. That doesn't mean, though, that our mascot—I'm going to put in a strong plug for "Mufasa" as his name—wouldn't be busy when he's not prowling the sidelines up at Baker.

David Baker, a LSU veterinarian, told USA Today that Mike the Tiger attracts over 100,000 visitors a year, and the center which houses him is developing a location with information on issues such as the endangered species status of tigers around the world.

Beyond Mufasa's potential educational value, the attention some mascots receive benefits other animals that are in harm's way. Auburn's performing eagles, Spirit and Nova, are housed in the same center where injured birds are treated. (Although Auburn's official mascot is Aubie the Tiger—of the human-in-a-costume variety—"War Eagle" serves as a battle cry of sorts for the school's faithful.)

Now, I recognize that the cost of caring for a lion and providing a practical and comfortable living space would be hard to justify (unless, of course, the Bronx Zoo wanted to step up...). And I recognize that there are probably less extravagant ways of increasing excitement about football games and providing a little intimidation factor. But come on—wouldn't it be cool? Our fight song is "Roar, Lion Roar" after all.

Even if you disagree, I would be careful—Bevo II charged a SMU cheerleader, and Bevo V once got loose and scattered the Baylor band.

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**SAY IT AIN'T SO** | Despite back-up goalie Jourdan Sayers holding Monmouth to one goal, the Lions fell to the Hawks.



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**STILL SCORE-LIZ** | Liz Wicks and the Lions offense have now failed to find the back of the net in three straight games.

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# Struggles to find the net continue to limit Lions

BY MOLLY TOW  
*Spectator Staff Writer*



The Columbia women's soccer team has lost eight games. And all eight have been shutouts.

Every time the Light Blue's offense appears to have life, it goes quiet soon after like the flip of a switch. For two week-ends in a row, home field advantage resuscitated the Lions after tough losses on the road, as they began the season with a 3-0 record at Columbia Soccer Stadium. However, Friday's home match against defending Ivy League champ Penn ended that streak.

After the two shutout losses this past weekend to the Quakers and Northeast Conference leader Monmouth two days later, Columbia has now lost three straight games, conceding six goals while scoring none. As if the endless zeroes weren't telling enough, the Light Blue has been outshot in its losses 116-56 by its opponents. Only in two of these games, the first against St. John's and the second against Monmouth, did the Lions hold the advantage in shot attempts.

Sitting at 2-1 in the conference, the Lions are in a four-way tie for second place with Penn, Brown, and Yale. Their solid wins against Cornell and Brown earlier this season have kept them in contention for the Ivy League title, but head coach Kevin McCarthy is certain that the Lions must find some offensive consistency, not only within games but also between games, to remain near the top of the pack.

"We're going to focus on creating the conditions that will bring us success," head coach Kevin McCarthy said. "That obviously entails us scoring goals, but also, soccer is a game where the result is always dancing along a razor-thin line."

Although the Lions haven't been defeated by more than three goals this season (only conceding on average 1.25 goals in their 12 games), good defense and goalkeeping can only do so much. Two of the eight losses were decided in overtime (Cal State Fullerton 0-1 and Lehigh 0-1), meaning Columbia has been given ample time to put itself on the board.

It's not even that the Light Blue hasn't been able to create chances. In six of its eight shutout losses, Columbia tallied more corner kicks than its opponents.

**"Some of this is making sure we pick the best group of gals who are going to be ready."**

—Kevin McCarthy,  
women's soccer head coach

Hard-fought matches often come down to the intangibles, but it's possible that Columbia is just plain exhausted. Plagued with multiple injuries throughout the season, the Lions have had to make do with fewer options for substitutions and new, unfamiliar starting lineups. Because of this unpredictability, Columbia has needed to adapt quickly to any last-minute changes, which can become chaotic and mentally draining.

"We've really been depleted with injuries in our defending players, so we have to see who's going to be available, who's going to be healthy, and who's going to train really well," McCarthy said. "Some of this is making sure we pick the best group of gals who are going to be ready with the intensity and focus to perform well. The other aspect will be getting a goal and refining our finishing."

The players don't seem concerned by the trend either.

"With a couple of games, it's almost like luck's not on our side. All of the bounces that could've gone our way went the other team's way, and sometimes you can't account for that," senior forward/midfielder Liz Wicks said. "But now we've got players coming back in and we're more at full strength than we have been, and I think that those players coming back in and getting back into training will really help us."

After the upcoming weekend, the four-way tie for second place is bound to be broken up. As they hit the halfway point of the Ivy season, the Lions hope to secure a win against a weaker Princeton team and make a statement to the rest of the league.





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# Learning for learning's sake

BY JOSH FATTAL

My daily planner and I are engaged in a duel. At the beginning of the year, I penned in a number of workshops that seemed prudent to attend. The topics of these sessions seemed usefully varied and pointed—how to draft resumes and cover letters, how to conduct internship searches through Lionshare, and tips on interviewing and networking. These are resources offered by the Center for Career Education, and they present opportunities to become more acquainted and involved with the professional world. And yet I've decided not to attend a single one of these short sessions—and not because of the inflexibility and business of my schedule. I've crossed them off my list because the confluence of academics and career education at this early point in my college career seems incomplete and misplaced. Thinking so far ahead has the acute ability to preclude the enjoyment of the now, and it is the now—my time at Columbia—which I so wish to enjoy.

As a freshman, a career doesn't have to be high on my list of priorities. The opportunity to occupy oneself with the preprofessional experience—which is facilitated by the existence of CCE's outreach to first-years—is what troubles me. During NSOP, I, along with other first-years, walked into a CCE session curious to learn more about career paths. But when classes began in earnest, I became enveloped by the Greek literary tradition. I found myself enamored of the readings I had been assigned and the knowledge I slowly began to internalize. The sea looked endless and I wanted to jump in.

So, the CCE info sessions have fallen by the wayside—not because I don't have the time, but because my academic enthusiasm is unwilling to make the time for them. Ever since I was introduced to CCE and the complexities of attaining a career, my lack of enthusiasm for the process has haunted me. Am I sacrificing my future by exploring

## Protesting Part-Time

Spectator has been awash this week with Occupy Wall Street pieces: The Columbia affiliates who have been involved or arrested, the lecture by Goldman Sachs CEO Lloyd Blankfein canceled under fishy circumstances. After hours spent “trolling” the comments on these articles, I can see two distinct voices emerging. To quote a few gems, a commenter wrote, “Lloyd [Blankfein] is Satan in a Keebler Elf disguise.” Another commenter called him out: “People who protest at these figures should not be allowed to attend campus recruiting events from these firms.” I hope the first guy has some good disguises to wear to his Goldman interview—or at least a suit and tie.



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### The Far Side of the Familiar

## Smart, engaged Columbia kids seem to have a very polar set of options.

Though probably not the most mature, these nameless interlocutors represent the dominant factions of the Wall Street debate. One camp is earnestly in favor of action, protest, and even arrest. The other is suspicious of their motives—and with good reason. Columbia students are sitting on a fence in that we are uniquely qualified for jobs in the financial services industry (we live in New York, study economics, and go to tons of recruitment fairs), but at the same time, we are uniquely qualified to be the people who change the system. The leaders, even of anti-elitist movements, are most often educated and upper-middle-class. Columbia has a distinguished history of being at the vanguard of protest and progress. Smart, engaged Columbia kids seem to have a very polar set of options.

However, a new figure has subtly crept into the mix, one that is compelling and unique, who weaves through crowds of suits and dreadlocks with ease. This chameleon, this double agent, is the part-time protestor.

The part-time protestor has a couple of errands to run downtown, maybe a dinner date in the Meatpacking District. She takes the subway to the City Hall stop “just to check it out.” The protest is a spectacle, something like a street fair, a public hanging, or the Thanksgiving Day Parade. She looks for the concession stand and doesn't find it. But seriously: She thinks the U.S. income inequality gap is atrocious. In 2010, the top 20 percent of the population earned 50 percent of the income. This year,

“The Odyssey?” Now, as I pore over my readings and write my papers, I feel strangely vulnerable. I walked through Columbia's gates in September breathtakingly excited that I could begin to live a dream, immerse myself in books and knowledge, and achieve endless wisdom. I want to internalize theory and not fuss over practice. I want four years of ideals, four years when a profession and a livelihood can't tie me down. But the books I've surrounded myself with are ceasing to protect me.

## Am I sacrificing my future by exploring “The Odyssey?”

CCE has become a part of my Columbia journey, even in the first semester of my first year. And I understand why. Since we live in a competitive world, I will jeopardize my ability to attain a good job if I don't prepare for one early on. The academic world and the professional world have come to overlap—the next step has become a feature of the current step. And so the offerings of CCE can be more than valuable—they offer the ability to immediate knowledge into a lasting profession.

College, as much as it is an arena sheltered from the difficulties of society at large, is also a stepping-stone. It would be unwise for us to throw away our futures because of a blind preoccupation with the present.

At the same time, I refuse to limit the capabilities of my mind in the world of academics just because another, more bustling world, threatens to set in. Yes, I can make time for CCE's workshops—I can let them become a part of my education, too. But if I did that now, I'd forfeit the chance to fully immerse myself in the college classroom. I want the learning experience itself before I entertain the notion of professionalizing it. I still have that raw and sincere excitement for knowledge and knowledge alone.

As a freshman, I still choose to lend my mind to Homer.

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the Huffington Post reports, the gap is gaping wider than ever. She thinks that qualified people deserve to be employed, and that the government should reach out to make this happen. She doesn't think it's fair to socialize losses and privatize gains. She believes in regulation, maybe even higher taxes for her family. She wanders through the crowd for a couple hours and makes it back uptown in time—a drive-by.

Recently I went to a lecture by Stéphane Hessel in the business school. The 93-year-old Holocaust survivor was touring America to promote his book, “Indignez vous!” which has been translated from French to English as “Time for Outrage!” Hessel wondered aloud to the audience about whether his idea would catch on in the states: That young people needed to commit to championing an issue, stick to it, and fight to bring about a better, more equal world. He asked, “Why don't Americans get into this?” I think the answer to Hessel's question does not lie with the Keebler Elf or the Cynic—or any character to be trolled up from the Internet. The real key to the problem is the part-time protestor.

Something significant has changed since Post-War times, since Hessel's day, or the era of the Vietnam War protests—we are able to be chameleons like never before. If we wish, we are able to keep our political beliefs separate from our work. Our concept of morality has changed.

It is acceptable to believe that the income inequality gap should be closed, to support higher taxes on the wealthy, that green energy should replace oil, and a slew of other altruistic sentiments. Concurrently, it is acceptable to work in an industry that serves to widen the income inequality gap, to try one's best to evade tax increases, to invest in big oil. There is work, and there is play. Ideas are play, and work is money. Even if we think the system should change—whatever the system—we will try to reap its benefits and exploit its flaws. For better or worse, our generation has experienced a philosophical divorce between thought and action.

Are there exceptions? Certainly, and millions of them. They're all over the Internet, and plenty of them are camped out downtown. What I am tracing is a trend in conventional morality, a trend that explains the part-time protestor and suggests a response to “Time for Outrage!” Stéphane Hessel's memory includes visions of swastikas and stars and the flags carried by American soldiers, clear demarcations of identity and purpose. In the lecture, he asked the audience, “Where are the forces against which one must commit oneself?” He could not have asked a better question. To us, the sides are not clear. We are capable of being enemy and ally at once, because to us, they are indistinguishable enough to wear the same suit.

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## Teach for yourself (and America)

BY MERIRA KELTNER

He walked into my class with tears rolling down his face because he couldn't read the sign on my door, and thus was 10 minutes late for the first day of school. I had heard people talk about love at first sight, but since I had never heard of a neuronal connection or chemical reaction supporting this idea, I found it repugnant to my premed sensibilities. That was until I met mine: 3-foot -7, had an affinity for Justin Bieber, enjoyed singing and choreographing dances—his endearing shortcomings included not being able to control his crying or tie his shoelaces.

Until this moment I had been struggling with my recent decision to join Teach For America. As I saw my classmates going to medical school, law school, and starting their incredibly linear 10-year plans, I questioned whether I was simply taking a detour on my safe path to medical school. When I was at Columbia, I had always felt uncomfortable with the fact that I was able to sit in my oak-paneled room learning more than what could fit between my ears, while just outside of the campus gates I knew there were kids growing up in poverty who were falling farther and farther behind. I joined Teach For America because I wanted to do what I could to stop that gap from widening, but I had begun to question whether I would have the impact I hoped for. Should I have just tried to get into medical school?

When Randell walked into my room, the statistics that I thought I had known so well suddenly stood in front of me, literally crying out for a fair chance at an education. When Randell entered kindergarten, he was already academically behind his wealthier peers. This gap in educational opportunity would only widen over time for him. Statistically, by the fourth grade, he would be at a first-grade level. Randell would have a 50 percent chance of graduating from high school, and an eight percent chance of graduating from college. It all became overwhelmingly real and urgent—I needed to do whatever it took to give Randell the chance at the education that he deserved. I spent my first year struggling to close the educational achievement gap in my second-grade classroom. I wanted, more than anything, to produce a room full of scholars who were ready for the third grade and knew college was in their future. Randell came in not reading, not writing, and having daily tantrums. I used every last tool I had to make sure that he would not become one of the statistics. My Columbia statistics classes became spreadsheets analyzing his progress as compared to national standards, my neuro-bio classes became a way for me to integrate new learning strategies specifically for his developing brain, and Contemporary Civilizations became a way for me to actually understand and apply the different philosophies of education.

## I know now that Teach For America is the farthest thing from a detour—it was the most necessary step in becoming a professional.

Randell started reading. He started writing. He realized that he liked to keep a journal instead of cry, could read lyrics to the songs he loved, and was itching to go to third grade. Randell showed me it is not only possible to close that gap—it is both necessary and possible.

Teach for America put a face to the statistics. As a teacher, I found my mission and built many critical skills. It helped me apply everything I learned at Columbia. Somehow, by giving me 25 eight-year-olds, Teach For America taught me how to function in the adult world. I cared so much for the students in my classroom that I operated at the highest level in everything I did. I learned what it meant to interact successfully with coworkers, parents, and administrations. I learned what it meant to really want to work hard. I know now that Teach For America is the farthest thing from a detour—it was the most necessary step in becoming a professional. It gave me the skills I will need to be successful in a professional world, the connections to get there, and the actual passion and direction that I need to succeed. When I think about what I do next with my life, Randell (now with a dry nose and tied shoes) will be my motivation. There are millions of Randells out there. I hope that you will consider joining Teach For America and finding your Randell. Not just because he needs you, but because you won't be the same if you don't find him.

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# Bulldogs, Crimson triumph in Ivy Games, while Big Red and Big Green fall

BY MUNEEB ALAM  
*Columbia Daily Spectator*

It was not a good weekend for the Big colors, as Harvard, Yale, and Penn continue to establish themselves as the top teams in the Ivy League.

**HARVARD 41, CORNELL 31**  
The heavily favored Harvard (3-1, 2-0 Ivy) came from behind to defeat Cornell (2-2, 0-2 Ivy) on Saturday. Junior quarterback Colton Chapple threw for 414 yards, the second-most single-game passing yards in school history, while tacking on four touchdowns. The Crimson had a scare when it found itself trailing 24-20 in the third quarter, but Chapple threw three touchdown passes in a seven-minute stretch to put Harvard back in front. While the Big Red's pass defense gave up over 400 yards, sophomore quarterback Jeff Mathews, the 2010 Ivy League Rookie of the Year, didn't let Chapple show him up. Mathews threw for 322 yards and three touchdowns, despite being sacked four times. However, Cornell converted on only one of 10 third downs and only gained 60 rushing yards. Harvard plays this Saturday against Bucknell and Cornell faces Colgate.

**DARTMOUTH 0, YALE 30**  
The Elis (3-1, 2-0 Ivy) mercilessly devoured Dartmouth (1-3, 0-2 Ivy) in New Haven. The Bulldogs gained 269 yards on the ground and 480 total yards, and they held a 266-51 yards gained advantage after the first half. Senior running back Alex Thomas led the way with 130 yards on just 12 rushes, mostly from a 74-yard touchdown run. The loss is the Big Green's first shutout loss since its Oct. 28, 2006 game against Harvard. Dartmouth only gained 178 yards in the game. In the losing effort, senior running back Nick Schwieger broke the Dartmouth record for career rushing yards. Yale plays Lafayette on Saturday while the Big Green will face Holy Cross.

**HOLY CROSS 13, BROWN 20**  
Brown (3-1, 0-1 Ivy) defeated Holy Cross to continue its winning season. Senior quarterback Kyle Newhall-Caballero led a 99-yard scoring drive with the score tied at 13 in the fourth quarter to put the Bears ahead. Newhall-Caballero also threw for 299 yards and two touchdowns. The Bears gained 377 total yards, 49 more than Holy Cross. Senior safety Stephen Peyton was named Ivy Defensive Player of the Week with 10 tackles,



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**HARD HIT** | Yale demolished Dartmouth 30-0 behind a 130-yard performance from senior running back Alex Thomas.

and he picked off a pass with less than a minute remaining to seal the win. Brown takes on Princeton next.

**FORDHAM 20, PENN 35**  
Penn (2-2, 1-0 Ivy) beat Fordham to get back to .500 after the two-time defending champs opened the season 0-2. Penn dominated the rushing game, generating five touchdowns on the ground,

including three from junior running back Lyle Marsh. Senior linebacker Erik Rask had 13 tackles, the most by a Penn player since 2009. This weekend, Penn comes to New York to play Columbia in the Lions' homecoming game, which will be nationally televised on Versus.


**PRINCETON 23, HAMPTON 28**  
Princeton (1-3, 1-0 Ivy) lost to

Hampton after snapping its 11-game losing streak the weekend before against Columbia. Despite leading Hampton 256-94 in rushing yards and 427-396 in total yards, the Tigers were only able to muster one touchdown in seven red-zone possessions.

Princeton had a chance to win after gaining possession of the ball on the Hampton 29 with less than three minutes

RK (IVY)	TEAM
1 3-1 (2-0)	<b>HARVARD CRIMSON</b>  While its defense was less than stellar against Cornell, the Big Red took the top spot in the Ivy League behind 414 passing yards.
2 3-1 (0-1)	<b>BROWN BEARS</b>  A late touchdown and strong defense helped Brown earn a win over a strong Holy Cross team which already beat Harvard.
3 3-1 (2-0)	<b>YALE BULLDOGS</b>  With strong passing, rushing, and defensive games, Yale looks primed to win the conference title, but stronger Ivy foes await.
4 2-2 (1-0)	<b>PENN QUAKERS</b>  A perennially strong team with a strong rushing game, the Quakers have rebounded from 0-2, but still have injuries.
5 2-2 (0-2)	<b>CORNELL BIG RED</b>  The Big Red posted an admirable passing performance, but could not avoid dropping into a tie for last in the Ivy League..
6 1-3 (0-2)	<b>DARTMOUTH BIG GREEN</b>  The Big Green did not even reach 200 total yards as it was handed its second Ivy loss in a shellacking by Yale.
7 1-3 (1-0)	<b>PRINCETON TIGERS</b>  The Tigers had a dreadful time in the red zone against Hampton, only converting one of seven chances into touchdowns.
8 0-4 (0-1)	<b>COLUMBIA LIONS</b>  The Lions hope they can treat their fans with their first win of the season in their homecoming game against Penn.

to go, but it turned the ball over after a first-and-goal turned into a third-and-goal from the 16-yard line. Freshman running back Chuck Dibilio was named Ivy League Rookie of the Week for the second time this season, breaking a 12-year Princeton rookie record for rushing yards in a single game by recording 147 yards and a touchdown on 21 carries. Princeton next plays Saturday at Brown.



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## Freshman predicts multiple titles for CU

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block, making her formidable against opponents. During the game against Princeton last weekend, Brenton managed to score eight kills, hitting .571 while recording four blocks. She continued to perform against Penn the next day with 12 kills, hitting .440 with three digs and five blocks. Her source of power and dynamics seems to lie in her ability to focus and then explode with intensity as she rises up over the net.

"I'm just getting comfortable with the system, the way we do things as a team, the way the team does here at Columbia. The whole team was playing really well," Brenton said. "No player can do really well without the rest of the team."

Katz believes that Brenton's performance on the court may have stemmed from her spirit of friendly competition. "There's always a competition regarding a position, and Cate's competitiveness for her own position raises the expectation for the entire team," Katz said.

Before being part of the Light Blue, Brenton earned three varsity letters in volleyball at Valley Christian High School in San Jose, Calif., where she served as the team captain during her junior and senior year. In her sophomore and junior years, she helped the team advance to the finals

and finish second at sectionals.

The NCAA game is a long way from her high school days in the Bay Area, though. However, Brenton attributes the easy transition to the college game to help from her fellow freshmen teammates.

"The game moves a lot faster. Players are bigger, stronger, jump higher. We are playing more like a leveled game," Brenton said. "To get ready for college, we all worked really hard during the summer. When we got here, we were physically ready to work with the team."

Brenton isn't taking her initial splash for granted, though, and is instantly working to improve her game.

"Sometimes it's hard waking up really early. But I know that if you don't do well during practice, you're not going perform," the rookie said. "For me every day is the chance to get better, to make myself better, and the team better."

According to veteran captain Chen, Brenton has risen to the challenge.

"Caitlin definitely has her eye on the prize. She comes in early for preventative treatment, and she gives her all in drills," she said.

Her hard work has paid off, as she has helped the Lions to a 4-1 record in Ivy play, good enough for a tie for second place as well as the best starting record the team has ever had. Last Saturday, the Light Blue

defeated Penn for the first time since 2005, marking Wilson's first win against the Quakers in her career. The performance earned Brenton Ivy League Rookie of the Week, and she became the second Columbia player to win the award after now-junior Meagan Gaughn in 2009.

"I'm really honored. It's a really great feeling," the California native said. "But I can't take all the credit, though. I wouldn't have done it without the team, like the middle blockers and Colleen helped me out a lot. I'm just very grateful." Katz believes the award is more than deserved.

"It speaks really highly of the work she has put in practice and her effort put in the games. It speaks for the team's performance too," she said. "It's nice that a player well-focused and ready gets recognized. It sets a great example for the team."

While the rest of the team is well-versed in Columbia's sporting history, Brenton doesn't seem to be phased by the fact that the Light Blue has never won a title in the 34-year history of the Ivy volleyball championship.

"I want to keep playing well. You're never done getting better because there's always something to get better. I want to win the championship—maybe even two or three times during my years at Columbia," Brenton said.





# COLUMBIALIONS

## FOOTBALL 2011



Dear Fellow Lions,

I am so excited about Homecoming 2011 this Saturday, October 15 at 3:30 PM at the Baker Athletics Complex when Columbia Football takes on Penn!

I want to let you know about some minor changes at the Baker Athletics Complex this year. Construction is underway on the new *Campbell Sports Center*! This awesome building will revolutionize Columbia Athletics. Because of construction of the *Campbell Sports Center*, the automobile gate is closed. All fans will enter through the Class of 1905 Gates.

Even though automobiles will NOT be able to park inside the Baker Athletics Complex on Homecoming, we are looking forward to an exciting gameday atmosphere. Come tailgate in our Pregame Picnic Area presented by Mel's Burger Bar. The Pregame Picnic Area features communal barbecue grills and picnic tables. On Homecoming, there will be a second Pregame Picnic Area next to the Columbia Softball Field for all fans to enjoy!

Fans are encouraged to bring their own food and non-alcoholic beverages to enjoy. Those of legal age (21 and older) may receive up to four **FREE** beers in the Pregame Picnic Area. **FREE** water and soft drinks are also available. Join me for music, food, and fun!

Here is other great stuff you need to know for Homecoming:

- **FREE** shuttle buses that run between 116th Street and Broadway and the Baker Athletics Complex (buses will begin leaving campus at 12 noon and return to campus at the end of the game)
- **FREE** beverages in the Pregame Picnic Area starting at 2 PM
- **FREE** admission with a valid Columbia or Barnard Student ID

If you don't want to take the free shuttle bus from campus, the 1 Train will run on Homecoming. For more information, you can visit [gocolumbialions.com](http://gocolumbialions.com).

Remember to join me at all future home football games also!

DAY	DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
Saturday	October 15	Penn	3:30 p.m.
Saturday	October 29	Yale	12 noon
Saturday	November 5	Harvard	12:30 p.m.
Saturday	November 19	Brown	12:30 p.m.

Homecoming is going to be exciting. I'm counting on you to join me! Wear your Columbia Blue as we ROAR our Lions to victory. I'll see ya there!

Roar, Lion, Roar!

Roar-ee



P.S. Friend me (Roar-ee Lion) on Facebook!





King of the jungle, king of the field

We need a lion. Not a man in a costume—a real, roaring lion with a full mane in all its glory. Why? Just imagine the following: You're up at Wien Stadium taking in a football game. The Light Blue is on defense, protecting a slim lead late in the fourth quarter. A crucial third down play comes up, and right as the two teams approach the line of scrimmage, you hear a massive roar. Not a piped-in recording of a lion's roar from the JumboTron but a full-throated roar from a live lion prowling the sidelines (on a leash, of course).



**ZACH GLUBIAK**  
**Boom Goes the Dynamite**

If Baylor can have twin bears and LSU can have a tiger, I think we can bring a lion into the fold.

You cannot tell me this would not be an effective way to get in opponents' heads, or at the very least, that it wouldn't be cool. And it's not unprecedented. Texas has Bevo the Longhorn. Georgia has Uga the Bulldog. Colorado has Ralphie

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# Killer Caitlin

## Freshman draws fresh blood on the court

BY MIA PARK  
*Columbia Daily Spectator*

Kills and blocks—that's all it took for freshman outside hitter Caitlin Brenton to bring the volleyball team to a series of outstanding performances and consequential victories. First, Cornell fell; Brown followed next. The Lions then stomped on Princeton 3-0 and most recently gained a riveting win against Penn, 3-2. There seems to be a magical spell in the team that has garnered victories—and that spell might be Brenton. The freshman has proven her resilience and honed judgment in split second decisions during all of her past games as she runs back and forth, from defense to offense, and from a kill to a block.

"Cate's competitive attitude helps her and the team tremendously. Everyone on the court knows that Cate wants the ball, wants to score, and to win the game," associate head coach Brie Katz said. "She has incredible physicality along with athletic explosiveness. She and the setter Colleen [junior Colleen Brennan] had a good connection this weekend, and the middle blockers who got the honor roll helped Cate, who took advantage of what the team gave."

According to senior captain Cindy Chen, Brenton is a power hitter who can hit above the

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# Injured Cities: Urban Afterlives



This conference, marking the tenth anniversary of the events of September 11, 2001, aims to explore the effects of catastrophe on cities and their inhabitants, to analyze the politics of shock and terror states use in response to their vulnerability, and to imagine more life-affirming modes of redress and re-invention.

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Miller Theatre/Avery Hall — Wood Auditorium

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