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NOT FOR TOURISTS | Single Room Occupancy buildings, like the 94th Street Devon, can be converted into illegal hotels, but a new law going into effect in the spring, makes that practice illegal.

Landlords' temporary hotels made illegal

BY VALERIYA SAFRONOVA
Columbia Daily Spectator

It will soon be illegal for city landlords to rent residential rooms to tourists—a controversial practice often associated with owners neglecting longtime tenants—but some local housing activists say that a new law doesn't go far enough.

Buildings known as “illegal hotels” will soon live up to their name, with a law passed this summer outlawing the practice of renting to tourists for short periods in residential

buildings, a trick which has been especially common on the Upper West Side.

Critics of illegal hotels charge that the practice not only creates dangerous conditions for tourists, but also can be a cash-cow for landlords, allowing them to disregard their actual tenants.

Legislation preventing these make-shift hotels has been a long time coming, elected officials and neighborhood residents say.

Supporters, including Mayor Michael Bloomberg, Senator Liz Krueger, and Assembly member

Richard Gottfried, have been going after illegal hotels for years, and are hoping that the bill will facilitate their efforts to stop the practice.

“From a safety perspective, the overcrowding situations are the worst problem. Illegal hotels often bill themselves as ‘hostels,’ and cram multiple sets of bunk beds into units that are designed for one or two people,” Sarra Hale-Stern, Krueger's district office director, said in an email.

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CU, Kenneth Cole partner for fellowship

BY MICA MOORE
Columbia Daily Spectator

Fashion designer and entrepreneur Kenneth Cole has partnered with Columbia—but he's not working with the University to promote shoes.

This year, Columbia is debuting the Kenneth Cole Community Engagement Program, a fellowship that combines academic study with community-based summer internship opportunities.

The program, open to Columbia College and School of Engineering and Applied Science sophomores and juniors, requires students interested in applying to take two of eight listed courses that fall under the umbrella of community and civic engagement. In the spring, 12 accepted fellows will attend a biweekly seminar series

on community engagement, and over the summer, they will live together on campus and participate in various internships with New York organizations.

“It's funny to think that a giant industry would be this idealistic.”

—Timothy Cross,
director of strategic
initiatives of CTICE

“From a career center standpoint, I think that those are areas we've seen more and more

students interested in over time,” said Heather Perceval, director of experimental education and student enterprises, referring to community-based organizations, local businesses, and not-for-profits. “There's so many industries out there. It's not just about finance or consulting.”

Students may petition for other non-listed courses to be approved as prerequisites, and the spring seminar curriculum is still in development, but will likely include lectures from faculty members and outside experts about civic issues. The application for the program is available now.

“There'll be a big focus on problem solving,” Todd Smith, associate dean of student affairs, said. “How do we work with communities to solve the needs they are expressing?”

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Nursing home opposition builds

Jewish Home to swap land, residents petition

BY SARAH DARVILLE
Spectator Senior Staff Writer

A new wave of support is building for protesters who want more scrutiny of a proposed nursing home on 100th Street, just as plans for the development near completion.

Local residents are calling for additional public hearings about the planned 22-story project, which would be the new site of Jewish Home and Hospital, a nursing home that currently sits on 106th Street between Columbus and Amsterdam avenues.

In the last two weeks, State Senator Bill Perkins, City Council member Melissa Mark-Viverito, and other local officials have spoken out in support of additional hearings with the state Department of Health, a victory for the residents who have been fighting against the proposed 100th Street site for a year.

At last week's general meeting of Community Board 7, which represents the Upper West Side, 13 local residents spoke against the plans for the 100th Street building. Most wore buttons that said “Respect Residents' Rights,” a phrase they say applies to both the residents of the surrounding neighborhood and residents of the nursing home itself.

“They announced this in August of 2009, and we've had to divine their plans from articles we read,” said Cathy Unsino, a neighborhood resident who organized the speakers at the CB7 meeting. “They haven't spoken openly with the community, and that's not a good sign.”

TRANSPARENCY CONCERNS

The project's opponents say they are incensed about a whole host of potential problems, from the increased traffic the building would bring to details about the layout of the patients' rooms. But most grating of all, they say, is the sense that the residents of Park West Village and other buildings close to the site have not been kept informed—charges that the nursing home has repeatedly denied.

“Clearly there is a great deal of concern that is being expressed, and not only by Park West Village. This is not one neighborhood pitting itself against the desires of another neighborhood, this is not 100th Street against 106th Street. ... It's about process, about transparency,” Perkins said at the meeting.

Ethan Geto, a spokesperson for Jewish Home Lifecare, the company which the nursing home is a part of, says that JHL

has committed to holding a public forum within the next two weeks to share their plans. The nursing home hasn't done that yet because negotiations with the city about the exact location of the building have been ongoing, Geto said.

“We've consistently said we have nothing new to report to the community, and as soon as we have something definite, conclusive, and new to report to the community, we'll do that,” Geto said. “It's our goal and expectation that within the month of October, we'll be prepared to sit down with the elected officials, Park West Village Tenants Association, the community advisory board at 106th Street, and report, here is the final outcome.”

While some local residents say they want answers from Jewish Home, others are advocating for a wholesale reconsideration of the plan.

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GRAPHIC BY ANN CHOU

Levain Bakery prepares Harlem expansion

BY ABBY MITCHELL
Columbia Daily Spectator

Levain Bakery is thinking big, and not just with their famous six-ounce cookies.

The Upper West Side cookie

shop began construction last week on its new Harlem location on Frederick Douglass Blvd. between 116th and 117th streets.

Although the store's expansion has been underway since

November 2009, its permit application was only approved this past September. Niko's Construction, the company undertaking the renovation, said the project is on schedule and should be finished the first or second week of November.

The expansion, the owners say, began as a necessity: Levain, which currently has a location on 74th Street and another in the Hamptons, needed space for its growing mail order service and business offices.

“That we are able to have retail area as well is just an added bonus,” co-owner Pam Weekes said, adding that she expects to open the doors in December.

“It was enough affordable space for our needs in a great location,” she added.

Though doubling as a production office, the bakery will still retain the Levain Bakery signature. “It will be along the same lines [as our other locations],” Weekes said. “Delicious, happy, fun, outgoing.”

With prices ranging from \$1 to \$7, Weekes said Levain is bringing its bargain uptown.

“They work out to be \$10.67 per pound for a fresh cookie made with excellent ingredients and no preservatives. Many bakery cookies start at \$18 per pound and ... are not even baked freshly that day,” she said.

She added, “We don't think that any cookies are a basic necessity in life.”

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JOE GIRTON FOR SPECTATOR

MOVING ON UP | Cookie shop Levain Bakery, on 74th Street, will soon open a new joint on Frederick Douglass Blvd in Harlem.

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Palestine and the English language

Amanda Gutterman questions the choice of title for the new Center for Palestine Studies. Dina Omar examines the slogan of a study abroad program in Israel and its political implications.



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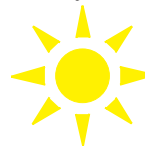
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Renting to tourists made illegal, advocates say law not enough

HOTELS from front page

“The bill closes loopholes and gives teeth to our summonses,” said Jason Post, spokesperson for the mayor, adding that the law will not be enforced until May 2011.

Prior to this summer, properties were not considered illegal unless more than half of the building had been converted into hotel rooms. The new bill changes the game by establishing that all Class A multiple dwellings—that is, traditional residential buildings—have to be occupied by residents who live there for 30 days or longer.

Despite the legislative push forward, some local groups are now advocating for provisions to make the law more effective come May.

One such organization, the Goddard Riverside SRO Law

Project, represents Single Room Occupancy buildings, which have often been converted into illegal hotels.

“The bill is a good thing, but we still need to work to ensure that landlords are punished when appropriate,” Yarrow Willman-Cole, a Goddard organizer, said.

The law’s effectiveness, she said, will center around how landlords and tenants respond to the threat of legal action.

“Landlords could continue to rent to tourists or they could say, ‘I don’t want to have the city on my back so now I’m going to do something else.’ And tenants need to be aware and complain to the proper folks,” she added.

The issue of enforcement is what concerns Victor Gonzalez, a co-chair of the housing committee for Community Board

7, which represents the Upper West Side.

He doesn’t think that the bill does nearly enough to combat the problem of illegal hotels, since agencies cannot fine a landlord for multiple violations together. Each agency, Gonzalez said, must take the landlord to court separately, and in many cases, the most that the prosecuted receives is a slap on the wrist.

“If the landlords do not get fined properly and there’s no oversight committee to watch them, the law is only going to be a Band-aid on a very serious problem,” he said.

Gonzalez fears that minor fines do little to deter landlords of illegal hotels.

Since the mayor’s office will investigate only after tenants call 311 to file complaints, Upper West Side residents had mixed feelings about the potential of the bill.

Diogenes Vizcaino, who lives near the Devon, an SRO on 94th Street, expressed concerns about the burden lying with residents to make calls that prompt investigations. “So how can we make this happen? We’re going to have to have a big march or put posters up and have a big meeting.”

Hale-Stern from Krueger’s office said of the bill’s influence, “Like all new laws, we will have to wait until the law goes into effect to evaluate its effectiveness.”

But for Upper West Side resident Denise Clock, the need to fight illegal hotels is urgent, “especially if they’re not taking care of the tenants that have been there for a while.”

She added, “It [the law] should be helpful if you complain to the right people.”

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HOUSING TOURISTS | Upper West Side hostels, such as Central Park Hostel, left, and Jazz on the City, right, may no longer be legal in May when new legislation passed this summer will go into effect.





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Levain Bakery prepares for uptown move to Harlem

BAKERY from front page

Morningside Heights and Harlem residents with award-winning confections, the Levain crew intends to continue its philanthropy tradition. “We have always donated any leftover products at the end of every day to charity and plan to continue this there [in Harlem],” Weekes said.

Neighboring businesses in Harlem said they only became aware of the move when notices appeared in the vacant windows of the former Tribal Spears Gallery and Café.

“We know it’s going to be a bakery, but that’s about it,” said Jean Milinette, an employee at nearby clothing store Bébénor.

For some nearby residents, a cookie establishment is a welcome addition to the neighborhood.

“It’s great. I have two kids ... and they’ll be very excited to

try out the new bakery,” Harlem resident Joan Greco said.

The arrival of Levain is part of a larger change, as new businesses continue to move into vacant spaces in the surrounding area.

“Having new companies come here is an opportunity to have cross-cultural exchange,” said Joe Upham, a technician at the neighboring store Focus Lighting. He added, “It brings up property values and brings in business for all of the small shops here.”

Greco said the influx of new merchants seems very rapid: “It feels like every day there’s some cool, new restaurant opening, store opening, or new construction.”

For some, though, the biggest draw is the tasty treats.

Izzy Wiggans, CC ’14 and an Upper West Side native, said, “Levain cookies are, hands down, my favorite in the city.”

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Nursing home opposition builds, residents seek transparency

JEWISH HOME from front page

Westsiders for Public Participation, a group that has taken a strong stance against the Jewish Home development, launched an online petition Tuesday morning that calls for the state Department of Health and state Hospital Review and Planning Commission to hold their own hearings. The petition how has over 120 signatures, accompanied by comments like “Appalling disregard of regulations and community desires” and “Please reconsider this ill-conceived plan.”

A COMPLEX HISTORY

How Jewish Home’s plans for a new building evolved from a reconstruction on 106th Street to a taller building on 100th Street is a three-year saga involving city zoning changes and the nursing home’s negotiations with the Chetrit Group, a developer with whom Jewish Home is finalizing a deal that would allow the two parties to swap properties.

Jewish Home first filed a certificate of need, a document that contains project details that is required for new health care facilities, with the state Department of Health in 2008 for a new facility on 106th Street.

The redevelopment at 106th would require working with another private developer, Geto said, and the initial plan in 2008 was to develop entirely on 106th.

But by 2009, the recession put strains on the plan, and Geto

said that Jewish Home was left with only one viable developer: Chetrit. And the only economically feasible plan that worked for Jewish Home and Chetrit was a land swap that would bring 100th Street into the picture.

That deal would give Jewish Home the Chetrit-owned property on 100th Street, and in exchange Chetrit would receive the 106th Street property. In the swap, Chetrit would also give Jewish Home an additional payment.

That set off a new battle with community members furious that Chetrit could potentially take advantage of less-strict zoning regulations that had been given to Jewish Home only two years before. In addition, Park West Village is adjacent to the Chetrit-owned Columbus Square, a shopping and residential complex that stretches from 97th to 100th streets that many have blamed for a host of new neighborhood problems.

For some neighborhood residents, no further development could be tolerated.

By February 2010, Jewish Home filed changes to its certificate of need reflecting the new plans for 100th Street. Mel Wymore, chair of CB7, said that the board received a letter detailing that process one week ago from Bruce Nathanson, a senior vice president of JHL.

“It seems that he was trying to pre-empt questions coming from the community about that certificate,” Wymore said.

In the letter, Nathanson

explains that Jewish Home’s proposed building on the new site is not different enough in financing, costs, number of beds, and location from the original 106th Street plan to legally require a new certificate of need.

But at last week’s community board meeting, residents said they deserved a new period of public comment this time around.

“I think you’d need a lot of imagination to say that a 20-story building is a modification from a 14-story building,” said Hillel Hoffman, vice president of Westsiders for Public Participation. “You would think that if it was only a modification, they would not have needed to file 150 pages,” Hoffman said, waving the document.

Chetrit did not respond to multiple requests for comment.

AFTER DELAY, PUSHING FORWARD

Geto said that the actual land swap deal is almost finished, with only a few minor details left to complete.

This final push, though, is coming more than a year after the swap was first made public—a delay which has left some residents feeling in the dark.

Geto explained that Jewish Home had been exploring a potential collaboration with the city, which also owns land on 100th Street just west of the parking lot. In this potential option, the nursing home would build on city property and incorporate preexisting

city departments—branches of the New York Public Library and the city’s health department—into its nursing home.

“We explored those plans at great length, which is why these months went by,” Geto said. That plan would’ve allowed them to turn the parking lot into park space for the neighborhood, he said.

But the negotiations with the city did not work out, and Jewish Home is returning to its original plan to construct its facility on the parking lot.

Still, while this alternative was discussed, rumors spread that Jewish Home might be displacing the library and health department, and the lack of answers frustrated some locals.

“Maybe they do plan to rebuild the library, but if they do, the state doesn’t know and the library doesn’t know and we don’t know,” said Paul Bunten, president of Westsiders for Public Participation.

Geto, though, reiterated that those plans were never final. “Nothing’s been happening behind their back. We’ve told them the whole picture,” he said.

He said that in addition to a public forum, JHL will also host a series of planning sessions with local residents to address issues like traffic and building layout.

“It’s a responsibility of the state to hold these meetings,” Unsino said. “We’re asking for what the community has a right to.”

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Kenneth Cole partners with Columbia for new fellowship

COLE from front page

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“When the program was first announced back at the beginning

of September, it was something I was really interested in, because I had done work in the field already but not at the local level, which is what this program offers,” said Brandon Lewis, CC ’13, an urban studies major and prospective applicant.

Cole, who will give a lecture on campus on social entrepreneurship and community engagement later this month, is also the chairman of the AIDS research

organization amfAR and a founding board member of HELP USA, a nonprofit organization that provides housing for the homeless.


“It’s funny to think that a giant industry would be this idealistic,” said Timothy Cross, director of strategic initiatives at Columbia’s Center for Technology, Innovation, and Community Engagement. “But he is very idealistic. He says this is not just a great opportunity, but

an extraordinarily privilege to be engaged in.”

The fellowship is the result of discussions over the last several years and is modeled after a similar program Cole founded at Emory University, where he attended law school.

“I think the challenge will be actually going from theory to practice this year,” Cross said. “But I’m looking forward to it.”

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The politics of a name

Last Thursday night, faculty and students celebrated the launch of the Center for Palestine Studies. It is the first of its kind in America. The center, once it receives its funding, will sponsor research in the newly independent field of Palestinian culture and history. It will also offer Palestinian intellectuals a chance to work alongside Columbia professors and students.

The creation of the center offers new opportunities, but it's problematic in at least one important way—its title. The faculty involved, from Professor Rashid Khalidi to Professor Joseph Massad, should address this type of structural question in order to clarify the mission of the center, presented only in broad strokes on its website.

Speakers at the launch event discussed the center's goals in terms of the legacy of Edward Said. Professor Brinkley Messick said of Said, "He was one of the most prominent scholars of the late 20th century in literary criticism and public intellect," and added that one of his main interests was "the question of Palestine." In his afterword to "Orientalism," Said wrote that only a "negotiated settlement between the two communities" could bring about peace in the Middle East. This vision had space for a Palestinian and an Israeli state.

But this is not a center for the study of Edward Said, but rather for Palestine—the name of a state that does not officially exist. The title of the center, then, implies a position on the state of Israel that is not necessarily consistent with Said's vision.

As far as the question this column poses—why call it the Center for Palestine Studies?—we need not wade into the contested history of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. What we know is that, from the moment the British Mandate for Palestine ended in 1948, there was no place on the United Nations' maps of the Middle East called "Palestine," and that there is no such place on them today. Yes, there are territories mainly occupied by those who identify as Palestinians, but no Palestine. The geographical region that used to be referred to as Palestine has been relabeled "Israel."

The Columbia website includes a directory of its centers, which include the centers for Brazilian Studies, Iranian Studies, and French and Francophone Studies. These centers are all named with adjectives, not nouns. So why not "Palestinian"?

What does it mean that the Center for Palestine Studies draws reference to a time before the creation of the state of Israel?

One possible explanation is that the center intends to study a period in which that area was called Palestine. The "About Us" section of its website (www.columbia.edu/cu/palestine) reveals that the center intends to study modern culture as well as the past, which leaves us with our question unanswered.

Outside of a history classroom, religion is another context in which the term "Palestine" is used. It does not seem likely, however, that the center is referring to Palestine as a biblical location, or as the home of the Philistines, the ancient tribe from which the name is thought to be derived. Though some of the faculty members involved are experts in religion, the center is thoroughly interdisciplinary. Our question is still unanswered.

A third possibility is that the distinction between "Palestine" and "Palestinian" in the title is arbitrary—that its implications are therefore unintentional and do not represent any position of the center. This, I believe, is unlikely. The Columbia website includes a directory of its centers, which include the centers for Brazilian Studies, Iranian Studies, and French and Francophone Studies. These centers are all named with adjectives, not nouns. So why not "Palestinian"? The Center for Palestine Studies cannot possibly claim that it follows a normal model for the way centers are titled.

To be clear, I believe the study of Palestinian culture has the potential to enrich Columbia's intellectual community. The problem is that the center's founders have not yet made a specific effort to clarify their position on an important issue. From an academic standpoint, it would be myopic to ignore the existence of Israel. If the center is to live up to the legacy of Edward Said, it cannot afford to make such a gross omission. It does little to assuage my concern that the word "Israel" does not appear once in the Center's 500-word mission statement, while "Occupied Territories" appears several times.

Why not call it the Center for Palestinian Studies? Those involved have a responsibility to address this type of question. Otherwise, they leave themselves open to what I can only hope is a misinterpretation of the center's position on the state of Israel.

Amanda Gutterman is a Columbia College sophomore majoring in English. The Far Side of the Familiar runs alternate Wednesdays.



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The Far Side of the Familiar

I am parkour (and so can you!)

BY PHILLIP DUPREE

One scorching Saturday morning this past summer, as I successfully jumped from pillar to pillar and then began to scale the wall next to Bethesda Fountain in Central Park—all without touching the ground—and as tourists excitedly pointed and took pictures of me, I couldn't help feeling two things. One, a bit exposed, as I happened to be wearing little (actually, nothing) more than athletic shorts at the time (shirts, shoes, totally unnecessary), and two, a vague astonishment at just how the hell I had gotten to this point.

It had all started with a few realizations I had made at the end of this past school year. Columbia University's full name is Columbia University in the City of New York for a reason. There are limitless opportunities for amazing stories, general insanity, and all-around adventure happening out there every day. At the same time that some freshman is proudly writing this pretentious-sounding full name on his résumé, the school has a tendency to pull us out of the city and wrap us in a campus bubble of work and extracurriculars. Yes, I know, you went to Westside Market just the other day. 110th Street! Congratulations.

I realized that as much as I wanted to seize life for all it was worth and go on grand adventures in New York City, Columbia University tended to push me personally toward one place and one place only—Butler Library. Attempting to break the mold, I told myself that this summer, which I was to spend in New York, I would find adventure.

There were a lot of things I thought I might do in this quest as summer began. Becoming addicted to parkour, the urban art of getting over and around obstacles as efficiently as possible, wasn't initially one of them. It was, however, love at first vault. Actually, it was love at first blistering, 101-degree, four-hour conditioning session, courtesy of New York Parkour, a group of professional traceurs (practitioners of parkour, and no, they're not called parkourists) who run sessions and host



WENDAN LI

Explore what's yours or exploit what's Palestinian?

BY DINA OMAR

"Explore What's Yours": This is the slogan of MASA Israel Journey, Barnard and Columbia's new partner in a study abroad program. A close reading of the three-word phrase suggests a multitude of problematic ideas because it seems like a harmless catch phrase. However, after discerning the meaning of the phrase and placing it in context against the backdrop of the Palestinian-Israeli conflict, the message is quite insidious, to say the least.

On the first issue, what is the meaning of "yours"? MASA funding and scholarships are only available for Jewish students. Moreover, many Jewish students may find MASA's exclusive appeal to Jews offensive to their values. For example, last year, MASA launched an \$800,000 campaign urging Israelis to report Jews "in danger" of marrying non-Jews. The

The MASA program relies on the narrative that Israel is and must remain a Jewish state.

campaign sought to persuade Jews in the Diaspora to come to Israel and re-evaluate their assimilation into "other" cultures. MASA apparently believes that assimilation or intermarriage serve as "strategic national threats" that need to be prevented. So not only does the MASA program discriminate against most Columbia students, but it also expressly promotes a version of Jewish identity that—by suggesting Jews don't belong anywhere but Israel and with anyone but other Jews—is immediately problematic, if not offensive to many Jewish people.

On the second question: What is the "what?" Obviously, it is Israel, which ties into the first question about what "yours" means, which suggests that "what" belongs to Jewish students in the Diaspora. When asked, "Do the Zionists have any historical claim to the land of Israel?" during a discussion at the

classes in the city. And so, after a summer of running around with this crowd, getting yelled at by cops, swinging from scaffolding, and acquiring some semblance of muscle mass, what do I do when the inevitable happens: Alma Mater rears her head and beckons us back to classes? Start a club, of course.

And so begins Columbia University Ninjas—er, Parkour, affectionately known as CUPK—started by myself and my constant partner in crime, Chris Jordan. If any of you readers saw that insane Bwog picture from last spring's pillow fight of the two guys with pillow swords attacking each other in midair—yeah, that was us. Anyhow, CUPK was born! Already, I have about 20 minions enduring my crazy conditioning sessions and learning the basics of parkour, such as landings, precision jumps, and basic vaults. Shockingly enough, there have been no (serious) injuries yet.

It was love at first vault.

On a more serious note, Columbia University truly is a great school to make awesome friends in an incomparable environment—the City of New York. And there is nothing wrong with having a more campus-centered life, getting your work done on time (which I have much more trouble doing now, as I've learned that practicing wall runs in Riverside is ever so much more entertaining than reading poli-sci articles), and being active in the three billion clubs on campus. However, for many of us, it tends to trap us in our rooms or various libraries as we slog through books, articles, papers, problem sets, and various other responsibilities. Just remember to take some time to get out there into the city and find your own adventure. You won't regret it. And if you just so happen to be tired of feeling your muscles atrophy cell by cell as the pages of "The Iliad" go by, and you have a taste for physical punishment and adventure, come on out to Columbia Parkour. It's a damn good time.

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University of Washington in 2003, late professor Edward Said said that he did not deny that Jews have a historical claim to the lands but that "it is not the only claim," nor the most legitimate claim. In 2004, the Hebrew University confiscated lands that belonged to more than 250 Palestinians. These families were displaced in direct violation of the Fourth Geneva Convention. Certainly, the Palestinians who were displaced to provide housing for Jewish students at the Hebrew University would contest the notion that Israel (or Palestine) belongs more to Jewish-American students than it does to themselves or their families. This program suggests that Haifa or Jerusalem belongs more to American Jews than it does to the Palestinians who have lived there for generations.

On the final question: "explore." Considering that many consider Israel to be a colonial state built on top of Palestine, the term "explore" is quite insensitive, to say the least. "Explore" suggests adventure, as if the land is an uncharted frontier for Jewish students to discover, claim, and stake out as their own. This invitation to "explore" surely glosses over Israel's racist policies of limiting and removing Palestinian people, homes, and histories and the continued occupation of the West Bank and blockade of Gaza.

On the surface, studying in Israel seems like a fun and expense-free opportunity for Jewish-American students. However, if one looks a bit closer at projects like this study abroad program, one can see the role such programs play in Israel's colonial project to create and maintain a "Jewish state" while expelling or marginalizing the indigenous Palestinian population. The MASA program relies on the narrative that Israel is and must remain a Jewish state—otherwise, how can it belong more to Jewish-Americans than Palestinian refugees and Palestinian citizens of Israel? Furthermore, to claim that Israel is a Jewish state as such would require people to believe in an Israel that's very different from the one that actually exists. Twenty percent of Israel's population is Arab, and that is not including other non-Jewish minorities. To call Israel a Jewish state would require implicit endorsement of the practices that aim to make that idea a reality. If the Jewishness of the state of Israel is predicated on importing as many Jewish people as possible to the state and exporting or eliminating as many Palestinian people as possible, then that requires the erasure of Palestine. If this imagined reality is something study abroad programs are helping to accomplish and manufacture, is this MASA partnership something Columbia University and students should support?

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STAFF EDITORIAL

Whither public speaking

There is a long tradition of public speaking at Columbia. In April 1775, Alexander Hamilton delayed a revolutionary mob with a soaring speech, giving the loyalist president of what was then King's College, Myles Cooper, time to escape and astounding everyone with his persuasive parlance. Prior to the 1934 completion of Butler Library (originally South Hall), Nicholas Murray Butler selected the great Roman orator Cicero as one of the names to be engraved above the main entrance. And, jumping back in time, 1902 saw the establishment of two public speaking contests. One, the Philolexian Society's, is

still given, though only every four years. The other, the contest for the George William Curtis Prize in Public Speaking, was not held in the 2009-2010 academic year and is unlikely to be held during the current term. This speaks (although not publicly) to a larger issue: Columbia does not give rhetoric its due respect.

That the George William Curtis Prize was not offered last year and has yet to be planned for this year is, in and of itself, unfortunate. The tradition is over 100 years old, and for it to fade away without anyone speaking up for it would be a true loss, especially because poor publicity is the most likely culprit. The contest was last held during reading week in the spring of 2009.

Rather than putting up fliers or reaching out to groups that might be interested in public speaking (e.g. Mock Trial, Model U.N., and the parliamentary and policy debate teams), the administration limited its efforts to email.

But this is not only a shame because the contest was

held every year for over a century. It is also regrettable because there is nothing else on campus that is expressly and exclusively available for public speakers.

Columbia no longer offers public speaking classes, perhaps because speech has no obvious departmental home. Barnard does offer a speaking workshop and requires students in various classes to patronize its Speaking Fellows, but the former is limited in size, and the latter is hardly the forum for a budding Mark Antony.

Public speaking is not only part of the Columbia tradition, but also a valuable component of a modern Columbian's life. We use public speaking to persuade our colleagues, relate to our friends, and communicate to all who will lend us their ears. We will articulate what we believe and express what we know from the points of view we so carefully honed in school. The George William Curtis Prize in Public Speaking was the last bastion of a forgotten but foundational part of our education, and we would be remiss if we did not speak up for that.

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- Outback critter
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- Greek leader?
- M.D.'s specialty
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- Harrow rival
- Puppeteer Tony
- Weasel
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- Picks
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Freshman phenom Keller jumpstarts collegiate career

KELLER from back page

defense, and she serve-receives well,” Wilson said. “She does all three major components of a libero’s job very well. That completeness is something that’s rare.”

Given that the libero—the player who wears a jersey with

contrasting colors—is typically the most skilled defensive player on the team and one of the most observed in games, the position is not typically given to freshmen. But Keller is not only starting at libero for the Lions—she is thriving.

Wilson lauded her potential, saying, “She is playing amongst the best of the liberos [in the Ivy League] as a freshman. ... She makes creative saves that are instinctual, that can’t be taught, and when you see that level of creativity, you know you have somebody very special.”

Still, despite Keller’s all-world abilities and potential, adjusting to collegiate competition has been difficult for her, as it is for any other athlete.

“Early-morning practices—they’re really hard to wake up to. They’re

her routine, which is something she had never done in the past. In practice, Wilson said, Keller has worked on being more physically engaged to the hitter and on some tweaks to her serve-receiving.

In terms of actual matches, the competition has been an upgrade compared to what she faced in high school. “The competition is better. People hit harder,” Keller said. “However, the freshmen have adjusted pretty well, and we’re getting used to that after a couple of games.”

The dedication Keller and the rest of the team put in has paid off. The Lions currently stand at 10-4 (2-2 Ivy) and have already set several milestones, most notably a program-record nine straight wins, a streak in which the team did not lose for an entire month.

There are many reasons for this improvement. Freshman Colleen Brennan has filled in superbly as a second setter, and sophomore second team all-Ivy player Megan Gaughn has been her usual spectacular self, winning two tournament MVP awards and Ivy League Player of the Week honors.

Perhaps the biggest difference, though, has involved Columbia’s defense. Last year, the team was ranked fifth in opponent hitting percentage, whereas this season, the team leads the Ivy League with an opponent hitting percentage of 0.133. A major component of this revamped defense comes from the team’s talented blockers.

Freshman Savannah Fletcher leads the league in blocks, and

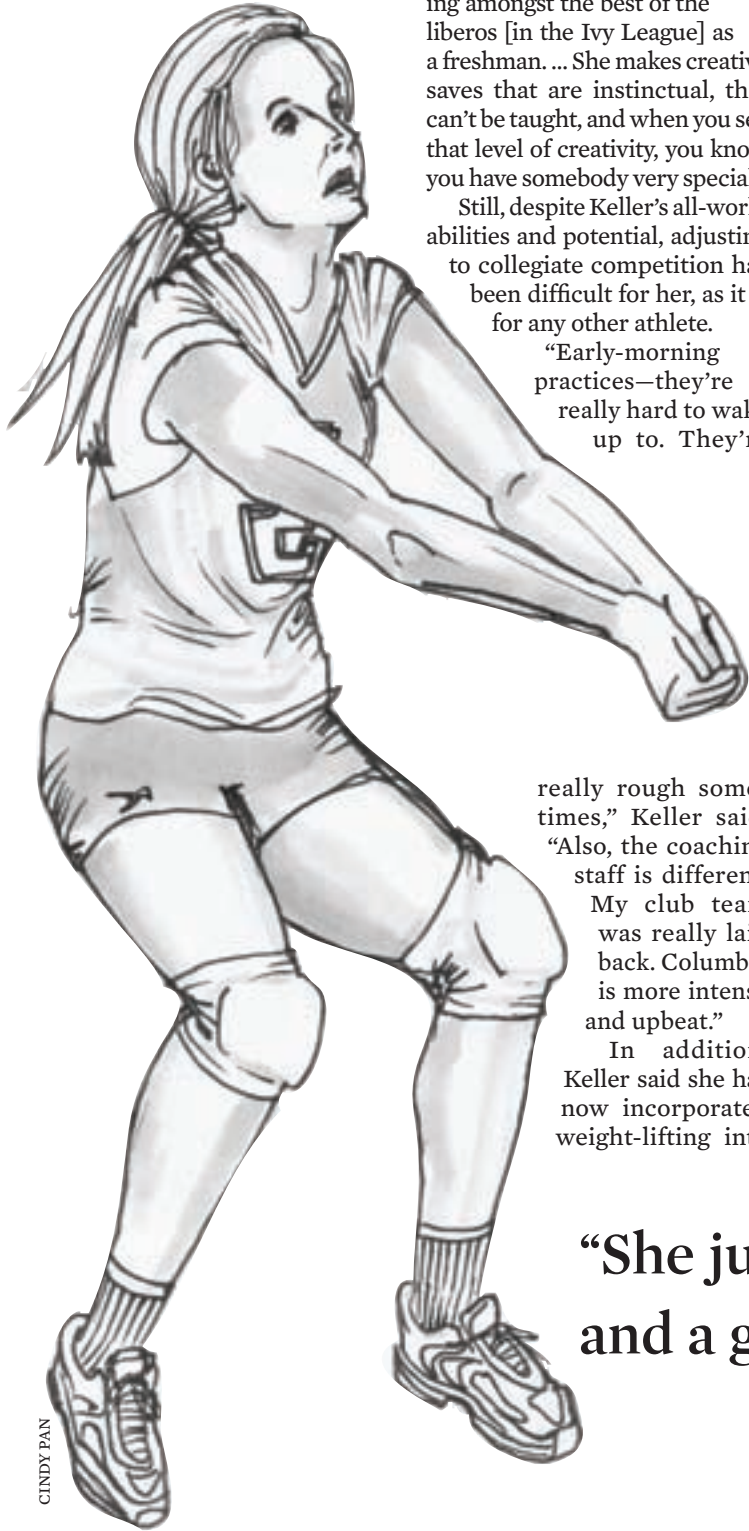


really rough sometimes,” Keller said. “Also, the coaching staff is different. My club team was really laid back. Columbia is more intense and upbeat.”

In addition, Keller said she has now incorporated weight-lifting into

“She just has a lot of natural talent and a great eye for the game.”

—Jon Wilson, head volleyball coach



CINDY PAN



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LUCKY NUMBER SEVEN | Junior goalkeeper Lillian Klein helped save the game for the Lions in their 2-2 draw against Long Island.

Long Island answers Light Blue tallies to force 2-2 draw

BY SARAH SOMMER
Spectator Senior Staff Writer

The Columbia women’s soccer team scored an early goal in each half on Tuesday night in Brooklyn, but Long Island answered with a late goal in each period to force a 2-2 draw.

Columbia (7-2-3, 2-0-1 Ivy) first struck in the 12th minute, taking a 1-0 lead after senior defender Lauren Cooke sent a corner kick into the net. Sophomore goalkeeper Jennifer Bannon got hold of the ball but did so past the goal line. Senior defender Kelly Hostetler, who took the corner,

notched her team-high sixth assist of the year.

Long Island (10-1-3, 4-0-1 NEC) answered with under 10 minutes left in the first half, when sophomore forward Katie Egan sent junior forward Toni Smith’s cross into the back of the net.

The Blackbirds switched goalkeepers at halftime, replacing Bannon with freshman standout Jessica Sexton. Sexton entered the game allowing a nation-low 0.10 goals per contest,

but Columbia scored on her just over two minutes into the second half. Junior forward Ashlin Yahr netted her team-best sixth goal of the season after freshman midfielder Chelsea Ryan’s throw-in.

The Lions held onto their advantage for most of regulation and appeared in line for their eighth win of the season. With five minutes remaining, however, a questionable foul call went against Columbia in its box. The Blackbirds tied the game at 2-2 on the ensuing penalty kick, taken by junior forward Ariana Calderon.

Junior goalkeeper Lillian Klein made seven saves for the

junior Monique Roberts, sophomore Heather Braunagel, and freshman Madeline Rumer are close behind, ranking third, eighth, and 10th, respectively.

Still, Fletcher said, the task of blocking is easier with a libero as talented as Keller behind her.

“Kat and I always both play defense,” Fletcher said. “Whenever I go up to block, I’m never sure if I’m going to get a good block, but I know Kat always has my back.”

The dynamic goes both ways, according to Keller.

“They’re good at channeling the ball to me so it’s an easy dig,” Keller said. “Also, a lot of times they just block the ball straight down so I don’t have to do anything, which is really nice.”

According to Wilson, Keller is already one of the best liberos in the league, but she still has enormous room for growth. This was demonstrated just last week in Hanover, N.H., where Keller showed some of the strides she has made as well as her tremendous potential, garnering 27 digs in just four sets to beat the previously undefeated Dartmouth squad.

“At the Dartmouth match, she certainly established herself at a level that would put her among the best,” Wilson said. “However, to be that, you have to sustain that, and she’s got the rest of the season to work on that.

“She continues to get better, and given where she’s starting, she could end up being, if not the best libero in the history of the conference, then one of the best,” Wilson said. “She just has a lot of natural talent and a great eye for the game.”

Riverside Park: a home for shameless jocks

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who got in on the action this weekend. On Sunday, I crept on the Columbia club runners trotting around town. I saw a couple college girls join the high school shirts and skins pickup soccer game. One Columbian challenged a young girl to a tree-climbing contest (he lost). Some of you played tennis and baseball and Ultimate Frisbee. Others of you raided Dinosaur Playground

like warriors, prompting many parents to pluck their children from the sandpits and go elsewhere. I saw the whole thing.

So when it’s a beautiful day in the neighborhood and your inner jock is begging to be set free, head to the park. I’m sure whatever sport you try there will fit in just fine. In Riverside, anything goes.

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CU freshmen: more than good luck charms

INFOCUS from back page

good to see from freshmen,” he said. “Henning and David have shown great confidence, which is important for the Ivies, and the experience they have from playing big games in the past is showing when they take to the field. They’re both very dangerous in the attacking third, and they know how to finish—they’re real match winners.”

He added, “All six freshmen have integrated well, and they are positive influences to have around. Even the ones who aren’t playing every week work really hard in training, and these intangibles have helped us improve.”

Sauerbier and Najem are both looking ahead to their first Ivy League game on home soil. On Saturday, the Lions take on

Princeton, which they last beat in 2002.

“We’ve been told about the history between the teams, and we want to set that right,” Najem said. “There’s really a lot of pride at stake. We haven’t performed at our top level in the Ivies and it’s a competitive league, but we’re at home now, so it will be easier, and we’re looking for a good result.”

The Lions will hope to recapture the form that boded them well in their last home stand, and if the season so far is anything to go by, Columbia’s young guns will need to be on hand for the Light Blue offense to open its account in Ivy play.

“We had our chances against Penn and need to build on that,” Sauerbier said. “Princeton’s visit is our chance to show who we are.”

FIELD HOCKEY

Columbia to face Lafayette in nonconference competition at home

Riding a hard-earned three-game win streak, the Columbia field hockey team welcomes Lafayette to town this evening for nonconference action. The Lions (7-4, 1-2 Ivy) are coming off weekend victories over Monmouth and Bucknell, while the Leopards have won three of their last four.

Lafayette (5-6) is led by sophomore Deanna DiCroke, who has seven goals and four assists on the year, and senior Meghan Cicchi, with four scores and three helpers. DiCroke had a pair of goals in the Leopards’ most recent victory over Bucknell. Kelsey Andersen has been patrolling the goal for Lafayette, playing all but 15 minutes so far this season. Andersen, a senior, has a save percentage of .632 and three shutouts to show for her efforts.

Meanwhile, Columbia, which has been highly susceptible to streaky play so far in 2010, will be looking

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Baker Field, 6 p.m.

to build on its current run. Prior to their present hot streak, the Lions suffered through a three-game skid that included losses to league foes Cornell and Princeton. The Light Blue has no time for prolonged losing streaks from here on out. After today’s matchup, only five games remain on Columbia’s season schedule, and four of them are against Ivy rivals.

For today’s game, Columbia is hoping to prolong at least one other trend: its success at home against non-league foes. The Lions are 3-0 at the Columbia Field Hockey Venue so far this season when facing opponents outside the Ivy League.

The game is scheduled for 6 p.m. Wednesday evening at Baker Field Athletics Complex.

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Riverside Park: a home for shameless jocks

Riverside Park. Gotta love it.

After spending most of Sunday in Riverside, I came to the conclusion that there is no better place in the world to play sports and stay in shape. I like to think Riverside Park is where all the oddball athletes choose to engage in their guilty pleasures of physical fitness. It's full of people who take those "Exercise... because life's too short to just sit around and enjoy it" posters hung up all over health clubs way seriously. I mean it: The regulars at Riverside Park will shamelessly do anything to let loose and stay active.

I'm assuming we've all been to the park at one point or another. But have we all really looked at it? I mean, really looked at it?

This weekend was a glorious time for me to take a break from Butler and steal a peek at park-goers in their prime. Based on some of the things I saw this weekend, I'm here to offer you a list of refreshing new ways to stay in shape in Morningside Heights.

Quidditch, anyone? That's right, folks: Hogwarts has come to the Heights in wizard sport form. At the park, I spotted a group of Harry Potter fans teaming up for a game of Quidditch, using not much more than brooms and balls. With mops jammed

Jog down to 120th street and Riverside and look for the broad in the cat sweater with the bean bag. I'll tell you right now that she would probably love your company ... and the chance to kick your butt at hacky sack.

between their legas, the gang galloped around like idiots, pegging each other with dodgeballs (Bludgers) and hurling soccer balls (Quaffles) into hoops. From what I gathered, it was a pretty rough game. And they say Columbia kids don't know the meaning of "sports." Pshh.

Next, I moved my attention to the northern part of the park, where some old lady was playing hacky sack all by herself. I'd put money down that this granny could easily crush any bro in the art of sack. So next time you've really got the itch to do something active, but all your lame friends are staked out in the library, jog down to 120th street and Riverside and look for the broad in the cat sweater with the bean bag. I'll tell you right now that she would probably love your company... and the chance to kick your butt at hacky sack.

Later, I observed something interesting that any Barnard babysitter could do on the job. Down on 96th Street, some twisted Manhattan mom was enjoying the day by taking her toddler out for a run—quite literally. Now, I don't know if any of you have ever been a witness to this brand of "leashed kids" before, but it's quite a scene. Dressed in matching running suits, mother and son jogged along the Hudson River, linked by a leash. And as they arrived at a park bench, I watched the mother hitch her leashed son to the bench leg and then sit to read a newspaper. The child looked up at his mom with big eyes that begged her to play with him. No response. After realizing that she was not going to budge, he decided to make a break for it.

The child braced himself and charged full speed in one direction. When his leash ran out, he snapped backwards and was yanked to the ground. After many futile attempts at freedom, the boy plopped in dirt, exhausted. Shortly after, the mother decided to continue the workout. She untied her son and tugged him along to finish the run down the Hudson.

Okay, so maybe you could find better ways to stay active than by dragging leashed kids with you on your jogs. But it's a thought.

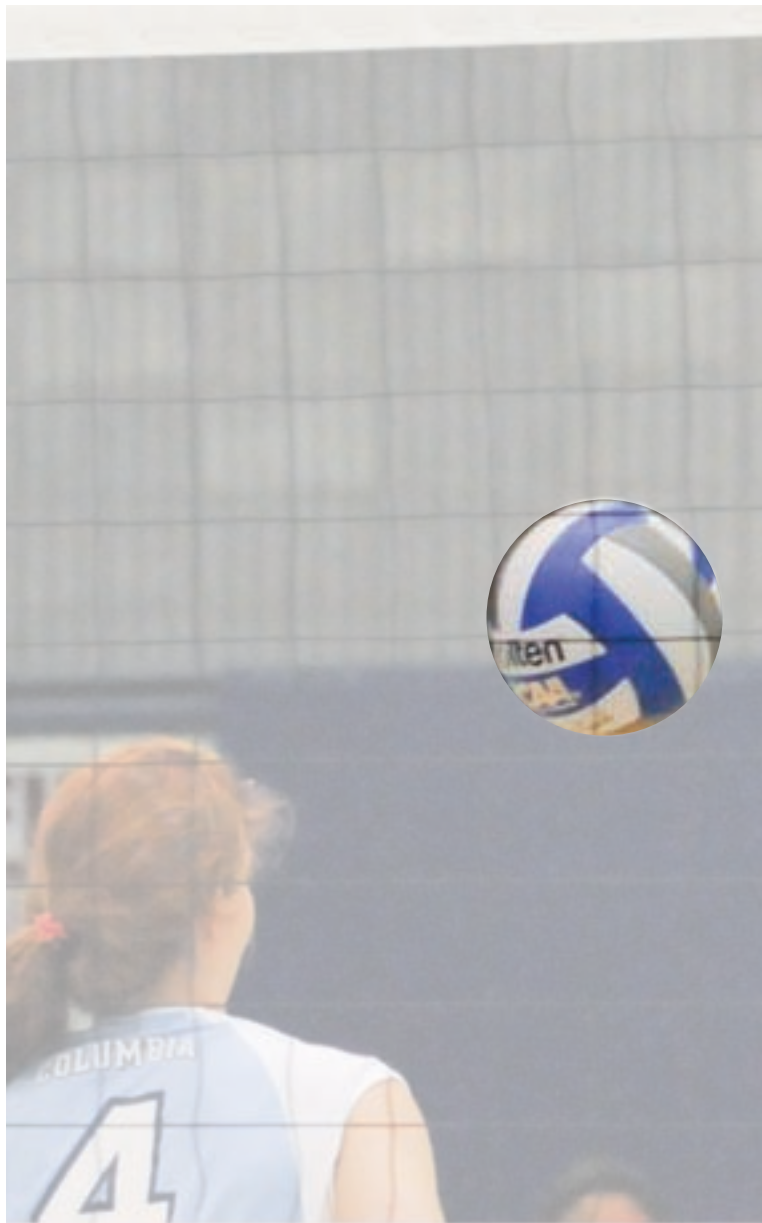
Perhaps you may have even fallen under the category of college students

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LAUREN SEAMAN

Shiver Me Timbers



EYE ON THE BALL | Katherine Keller is the first freshman in four years to start for the Lions at libero.

Freshman Keller anchors defensive effort

BY MICHAEL ZHONG
Spectator Staff Writer

Coming out of high school, freshman Katherine Keller was one of the nation's most sought-after liberos. Ironically, though, it was precisely this hype that initially obscured Columbia's evaluation of her full potential.

"It was very difficult to see her play because we would go watch her, but the other teams would have instructions not to hit to her side of the court," head coach Jon Wilson said. "So I'd go and watch her and she would never touch the ball, and I'd walk away going, 'I can't tell how good she is.'"

This is especially remarkable given that Keller attended Santa Barbara High School in southern California,

which Wilson said is one of the toughest regions in the country for volleyball.

At Santa Barbara, Keller played for both her high school team and for the Santa Barbara Volleyball Club, leading the latter to a top-seed showing at the 2010 USAV 18 Open Nationals.

When it came to the college selection process, Keller had her pick of schools. In addition to being looked at by Columbia, she was also actively recruited by powerhouse Pac-10 programs such as No. 2-ranked Stanford, No. 6 UC—Berkeley, and No. 10 UCLA. Eventually, Keller chose Columbia, citing the academic benefits, the amount of playing time, and the attractiveness of New York as a location as well as her desire to attend a college outside of California.

Now, as the first starting freshman libero at Columbia in four years, Keller is getting an opportunity to display why she was so heavily recruited. She currently stands fifth in the Ivy League with an average of 4.31 digs per set and is the only underclassman in the top 10 for that category. Keller is also one of the Light Blue's best servers—she ranks eighth in the league, averaging 0.25 service aces per set.

"What makes her so good is that she's got a great serve, she plays great

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Light Blue freshmen making impact on men's soccer scoresheet

BY MRINAL MOHANKA
Spectator Staff Writer

This year's freshmen in Ivy League men's soccer have grabbed significant attention. Penn's freshman forward Stephen Baker has already notched seven goals and is the highest goal-scorer so far this season on any Ivy League team. The next highest freshman in the scoring charts is Columbia's Henning Sauerbier, who has found the back of the net three times in 2010: a creditable return for a left-sided midfielder. Sauerbier and his classmate David Najem have played a vital role for the Lions this year. They have also collected three Ivy League Rookie of the Week awards between them and will, in all probability, add to that tally before the curtain falls on the season.

Sauerbier opened the scoring for the Lions against Syracuse, in a game that Columbia (4-6-1) won 2-0 to lift the Mayor's Cup. Later, Columbia beat Seton Hall 3-2, Delaware 3-0, and Long Island University 1-0, with the dynamic duo directly involved in at least one goal in each game.

Against Seton Hall, Sauerbier gave the Lions a 1-0 lead, which they threw away, until Najem was on hand to guide a finish from the edge of the box into the net for the equalizer. The Lions scored the winner when juniors Ronnie Shaban and Mike Mazzullo combined to put the finishing touch on a Najem set piece. In the victory over Delaware, Sauerbier scored a cracking goal from long range



FRESH FACES | Freshmen Sauerbier and Najem have already helped the Lions notch as many wins as the team had last year.

to put the Lions ahead 2-0. And against LIU, it was Najem's exquisite through ball to sophomore striker Will Stamatis that led to the game winner of the night.

"The whole team won those games—it wasn't just us," Sauerbier said. "We're learning a lot as a part of this unit, and we're benefiting a lot from the team, so it's good to play a role that lets the team benefit from us."

The Lions have never failed to win a game when either Sauerbier or Najem has been on the score sheet. Some may call it a good luck charm, but senior co-captain Peppe Carotenuto feels there is more to it. "They're both very smart players, and the stats don't lie," he said.



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"They're young, but they play with a maturity well above their years, and their composure and movement off the ball is great, which makes it easy to play alongside them. They've adapted to the college game very quickly, and I'm sure they'll accomplish many great feats in their college career."

With six games to go, the Lions have already had as many wins as last season. The freshmen have been a major factor in this improvement. Sauerbier and Najem have had the most influence so far, but the others should not be forgotten. The Light Blue lost freshman defender David Westlake to an unfortunate injury, but the rest of the freshman

class is ready to be called upon. Steven Daws has been a composed presence on the field whenever he has had a chance, Mike Attal finds himself just behind junior Alexander Aurricchio in the pecking order for the starting berth in goal, and Dan Maldonado—whom Lions fans have yet to see in action—has shown promise in training.

Co-captain Mazzullo, who has struck up a delightful central midfield partnership with Najem, feels that the intangibles the freshmen bring to the team are worth noting. "They're composed players, which is especially

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