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**ALMOST BUT NOT QUITE** | A strong effort against Penn brought the Lions close to victory, however the first win still remains elusive.

## Occupy Wall Street draws students, noted professor

### CU Dems join Zuccotti park protest

**BY BEN GITTELSON AND JILLIAN KUMAGAI**  
*Columbia Daily Spectator*

As word spread through Zuccotti Park before dawn on Friday that the Occupy Wall Street protesters would not have to leave their campsite, two dozen Columbia students joined the cheers.

Standing shoulder to shoulder, protesters chanted “This is what democracy looks like” and wiggled their fingers in the air—Occupy Wall Street’s universal signal of approval. Among the crowd were members of the Columbia University Democrats, who joined the demonstrators Thursday night in the park that has served as the movement’s home base since late last month.

When Brookfield Properties, which owns the park, announced that protesters would be told to leave at 6 a.m. Friday so the park could be cleaned, the movement’s leaders issued an emergency “call to action”—worrying that they would not be allowed to return and that the announcement meant an eviction.

CU Dems Media Director Sarah Gitlin, CC ’13, estimated

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**BY BRIANA LAST**  
*Columbia Daily Spectator*

Earth Institute director Jeffrey Sachs called for Americans to reclaim the political system as he spoke at Columbia and then at the Occupy Wall Street protest on Saturday.

“Wall Street isn’t going to fold its hands because there are a few thousand people protesting...but I think it’s a start. And I think it’s a very important start,” he said.

In the Satow Room in Lerner Hall on Saturday morning, Sachs called America “a big, noisy, complicated place” where citizens have to fight to make their voices

heard—which is what he said the protesters are doing. “I think it’s worthwhile to be part of it and to demonstrate solidarity with it,” he said.

During his lecture in Lerner, Sachs explained why he felt the movement had credence and talked about its basis in underlying economic and political issues, especially the forces of globalization. That speech was quite different from the more emotional one he gave later in the day to the protesters down in Zuccotti Park, who responded with cheers and “twinkling,” or wiggling fingers to signal agreement.

In his first speech, Sachs

specifically blamed the ideology of President Ronald Reagan, who “represented a set of forces and ideas that has done more damage to this country than just about any other in modern times.”

Reagan, he said, “had a famous line in his inaugural speech which is, ‘Government is not the solution. Government is the problem.’ And I’ve really come to think that if you believe that, please don’t become a president.”

Sachs began his second speech in the middle of Zuccotti Park with short, sarcastic stories. One began, “Mr. Paulson went to his friends at Goldman Sachs. He said let’s make a derivative so we can cheat some banks.” Another started with, “I’ll read you another story from the Wall Street Journal. These people are more confused than anybody on this planet.”

Sachs utilized the “people’s microphone” expertly, with protesters echoing each of his lines so that people far from him could still hear his speech. Some giggled at the humorous way the story unfolded, amused by the slights he made about Wall Street bankers.

Most of all, Sachs’ speech commended the protesters for their efforts to point fingers at what he called Wall Street’s corrupt leadership.

“That’s why we’re here on Wall Street. It’s not because we’re envious. It’s not because we think

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DAVID BRANN FOR SPECTATOR

**99 PERCENT** | Quitze Valenzuela-Stookey and Zoe Ridolfi-Starr, CC ’15, attended an Occupy Wall St. protest this weekend.

## In 119th St. garden, students learn sustainability firsthand

**BY SHAYNA ORENS**  
*Columbia Daily Spectator*

The first time Meredith Hill, BC ’07 and TC ’10, took her sixth grade English class at Columbia Secondary School outside, her students were reluctant to get their pants dirty.

Since then, some of those students have helped convert a lot at 119th Street and Amsterdam Avenue into a thriving vegetable garden—just one of many sustainability initiatives at the school, located on 123rd Street between Amsterdam and Morningside avenues.

Hill, who serves as the school’s sustainability coordinator, has been linking sustainability to the urban environment in the school for years. Every June,

Hill teaches a class on food and sustainability, through which students visit the Union Square green market, go fishing in the Hudson, and spend a week on an organic farm in upstate New York. They then discuss translating what they learned to an urban environment.

“Their experience, from getting totally muddy to collecting chicken eggs...it blows their minds,” Hill said.

Last week, the school used the vegetable garden for its first garden-to-cafeteria harvest. The students dug up basil plants, and the school cafeteria used them to prepare pasta with vegetables and pesto.

“It was great because the kids got to see that the food they were growing in the garden became

what their classmates were eating for lunch,” Hill said.

The Columbia Secondary School garden is registered with Grow to Learn NYC, the citywide school garden initiative that now includes over 120 schools. Erica Keberle, SIPA ’10 and the school’s Grow to Learn coordinator, said the opportunity for city children to spend time in a garden is rare.

“In NYC we have 1,600 schools and 1.1 million kids. Many of the playgrounds are covered in asphalt,” Keberle said. “There often isn’t a lot of green space for kids to play in or learn in.”

Anna Newman, BC ’12 and an intern who helps out at the garden, said that those opportunities are especially

important for students living in New York.

“For kids who live in the city and who’ve been here their entire lives, the chance to come here and actually get dirty making food is really cool,” she said.

Both Hill and Newman said that students now feel a sense of ownership over the garden and have even taken an active role in meetings with the Department of Education’s school food coordinator.

“I’ve had parents say, ‘My child is asking that we shop at the farmers’ market’ and ‘My child let us know that we can use food stamps at the farmers’ market,’” Hill said. “There are even

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## Football keeps game close only to lose late

### Lions put up a fight, lose 27-20 in final minute at homecoming

**BY SPENCER GYORY**  
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The Columbia football team (0-5, 0-2 Ivy) fell 27-20 against the Penn Quakers (3-2, 2-0 Ivy) in the Lions’ homecoming game. A series of penalties in the closing stages cost the Light Blue what would have been its first win of the season and allowed Penn to increase its Ivy winning streak to 17 games.

Neither team’s offense could get momentum going early in the first quarter. The Lions defense forced a quick three-and-out on the opening possession of the game, while the offense’s first drive was marred by a questionable intentional grounding call.

The Lions finally broke the defensive stalemate late in the first quarter. The Light Blue nearly scored on a flea flicker to wide receiver Kurt Williams, but the senior was unable to come down with the catch. On the next play, junior quarterback Sean Brackett hit Louis DiNovo on a slant pattern that went for 41 yards. After a costly holding penalty which negated a first down at the one-yard line, sophomore Luke Eddy put the Lions up 3-0 after a 31-yard field goal.

The momentum of the game shifted to the Lions’ side two minutes into the second quarter. On a run play, Penn’s running back Greg Schuster was stripped

by Columbia defensive back Kalasi Huggins, who recovered the fumble and ran down to the Penn 19-yard line. After a pass interference call against Penn in the end zone, sophomore running-back Marcorus Garrett ran for a 2-yard touchdown to put the Light Blue up 10-0.

On the ensuing possession, Penn’s offense started at the 46-yard line and drove down into the red zone for the first time in the game. On a critical third and five, Lions senior captain Ross Morand came up with a huge open field tackle for a loss of one to force a fourth down. Penn kicker Connor Loftus converted on a 35-yard field goal attempt to cut the Lions’ lead to seven.

Late in the second quarter, the Quakers nearly gave the Lions great field possession as they fumbled the ball twice deep in their own territory. The Light Blue was unable to come up with either but forced the Quakers to punt.

With less than two minutes left in the half, Penn began a drive at its own 33. The Quakers drove down the field, thanks in part to three Columbia penalties, to set up a fourth and goal on the one-yard line with seven seconds left in the half. Penn gambled and successfully scored a touchdown on a draw

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## Senate to vote on smoking ban across University

**BY SAMMY ROTH**  
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University senator Mark Cohen plans to introduce a resolution banning smoking on all University property at next month’s senate plenary, despite intense opposition from the senate’s Student Affairs Committee.

After indicating last month that he would present a resolution banning smoking only on the Morningside Heights campus, Cohen, a Business School professor, changed course and announced at the University Senate’s plenary meeting on Friday that he will push for a vote on a resolution banning smoking on all Columbia properties.

“What is it about Morningside that makes it different from the rest of the University?” Cohen said after the plenary.

There was not much discussion about smoking during the meeting, but Cohen told Spectator afterward that he was encouraged by several administrators, including University President Lee Bollinger, to consider framing the smoking policy debate as pertaining to the whole University,

as opposed to just Morningside Heights.

“When I thought about that, that makes completely good sense,” he said.

Cohen said he will try to get the Executive Committee—of which he is a member—to pass his new resolution and bring it to the floor next month at the Nov. 11 plenary. If that fails, he will introduce the resolution himself.

On properties where the University does not have the legal authority to prohibit smoking, his resolution would ask Columbia students and faculty members not to smoke within 50 feet of buildings. The resolution would also require that the policy be put into place no later than July 1, 2012.

Last December, the senate passed a resolution banning smoking within 20 feet of buildings on the Morningside campus and resolved to examine the effectiveness of that policy within two years. Administrators did not start implementing the 20-foot ban in earnest until last month.

It remains unclear if Cohen has the support to pass a full ban—a

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**NO SMOKING** | University senator Alex Frouman, CC ’12, voted to postpone deciding on a University-wide smoking ban on Friday.

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What about the humanities of today?

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Education should focus more on application than trial and error.



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Unlike last week, when the Lions lost on a last-minute goal, the Light Blue was able to pull out a late goal to beat Princeton.

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Lucha founders return to celebrate five years

BY BIANCA DENNIS  
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To celebrate its fifth birthday, Lucha returned to its roots on Friday night.

Four of the club's founding members returned to talk about the event that sparked its creation—the 2006 incident in which students rushed the Roone Arledge Auditorium stage to protest the presence of Jim Gilchrist, founder of the Minuteman Project, which calls for volunteers to patrol the border between the United States and Mexico.

Speakers Karina Garcia, CC '08, Martín López-Santoyo, CC '09, Johanna Ocaña, CC '10, and Rudi Batzell, CC '09, were among those protesters.

On Friday, the four panelists said that they were left feeling disappointed by the backlash from the incident. Many people on campus had spoken out against the protesters on the grounds that they had violated Gilchrist's First Amendment rights.

"It turned into a hostile

environment very quickly," Ocaña said, insisting they had a right to protest.

"Lucha" is Spanish for struggle and stands for the atmosphere from which the club was formed. Five years later, the group has focused its attention on justice issues ranging from immigrant and queer rights to unfair labor practices in restaurants, and members have taught residents in Harlem and Brooklyn what to do when approached by police officers.

"We're not a one-focus group. People have this misconception that we're just focused on Latinos," said Amanda Torres, BC '12 and vice chair of Lucha.

In the last year, Lucha members protested against local restaurant Saigon Grill's alleged labor violations and were vocal against bringing the Reserve Officers Training Corps back to the Columbia campus. They have also held Immigration Weeks every year, hosting multiple events focused on issues such as immigration law enforcement and sexual assault.

Friday's Immigration Week closing event featured paintings by Oscar López Rivera depicting the plight of people risking their lives to cross the border from Mexico to the U.S. and the conditions for those forced to seek refuge in the Superdome during Hurricane Katrina. Shoes and flip-flops, many in children's sizes, were strewn about a chair with a flyer claiming there were 5,607 deaths near the border between 1994 and 2008.

Poets Kiara "Kai" Towns and Safia Elhillo presented poems about Towns' encounters with domestic violence and what Elhillo called "ethnic-girl problems"—a playful way of introducing serious poetry addressing feelings of diaspora.

Panelists also offered advice to audience members, emphasizing the need to keep activism alive.

"It's the young people. They've been the heart of movements all over the world," Garcia said. "It's exciting to be an activist right now."

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**CROWD CONTROL** | Earth Institute director Jeffrey Sachs gave a humorous speech to protesters on Saturday, saying he understood that they were calling out the industry's greedy leadership.

Sachs voices support for protesters downtown

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wealth is bad. It's because of you! It's because we think you cheat. It's because we think you don't follow the law," he said.

In both his Lerner and Wall Street speeches, Sachs suggested that Americans need to prove to politicians that they can't be bought. He challenged presidential candidates to refuse donations from individuals of more than \$99 and use that as a strength.

Michael Cook, 29, who is a graduate student studying sustainability through the Earth Institute, attended both speeches

and called Sachs' suggestion to presidential candidates a "great metaphor."

"My worry would potentially be that that person would be torn apart in major media," he said. "To me, the question is how do you use that without being torn down in a way that you are being discredited, by you know, my grandmother or somebody else that would watch other sources of media."

But Sachs shied away from suggesting the next step for the movement. Moshe Granit, 63-year-old resident of the Upper East Side, felt the professor could have been more specific.

"There has to be meat to all of this, some more detailed ideas that people can hold to and make these changes step by step and make practical. Otherwise the other side will drown us in this theoretical discussion," he said.

Lauren Jacquisch, a New Jersey native currently working as a nanny in Providence, agreed.

"But, at this point, with all the judgments made on the people that are actually here in the mass media, I think it's pretty wise for him to make general outlines that people can agree on," she said.

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Cohen expands smoking ban plan beyond M'side

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December straw poll of 39 of the 108 senators showed 27 were in favor of a full ban, with 10 opposed and two abstaining.

But on Friday morning before the plenary, the senate's Student Affairs Committee, which consists of all 24 student senators, indicated that it does not even want to consider a new policy, let alone vote on a full ban. The committee voted 13-3, with one abstention, in support of postponing a vote on Cohen's resolution until the two-year review period of the current policy is over.

It is likely that a student senator will motion to postpone Cohen's resolution when he introduces it next month. SAC co-chair Alex Frouman, CC '12, said during the plenary that considering a new policy "breaks the senate's word with the community."

"Investigating changing the policy now, just under a month since it's been effectively implemented on this campus, is irresponsible," Frouman said.

Ron Mazor, CC '09, Law '12, agreed, saying that considering a change to the 20-foot policy so soon after passing it "works against the credibility of the senate."

"To pass legislation and revisit older decisions makes no sense and only undermines our authority," Mazor said after the plenary.

Cohen, though, said that he felt "insulted" by senators who are opposed to voting on his policy for fear of causing the senate to lose

credibility. He compared these senators to members of Congress who use procedural tactics to block votes on ideas they don't like.

"If you disagree with me, stand up and disagree on the merits of my view," he said.

Cohen also downplayed the strong student opposition to his motion. Adults, he said, better understand the harmful health effects of smoking because they have seen people they know get sick or die due to smoking addictions.

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—Ron Mazor, CC '09, Law '12, University senator

"I don't mean to be pejorative, but it's an adult issue," Cohen said. Asked to respond to that statement, Mazor said that Columbia "should not be the morality police."

"As a community of adults, we value differing viewpoints," Mazor said. "And it should not be our place to dictate to fully responsible individuals how they

should live their lives."

Not all students agreed with Frouman and Mazor. Mi Wang, GSAS, said during the plenary that she wants to vote on Cohen's proposal and that she does not see considering a new policy as "undercutting our authority in any way."

"I think the vote on the full ban is not about what we decided to do in the past," Wang said. "It's about what we want now, and what we want for the future of Columbia University."

Also at the plenary, political science professor Sharyn O'Halloran, chair of the senate's Executive Committee, said that a revised University-wide conflict of interest disclosure policy has been finalized and is being circulated among committee members.

Senators discussed the University's global centers, possible changes to staff tuition benefits, and the School of Engineering and Applied Science's hopes to win New York City funding for new buildings on the Manhattanville campus.

Barnard anthropology professor Paige West also read aloud the text of a petition expressing support for the Occupy Wall Street protesters, which she said had 408 faculty signatures.

"It just seems like it's something that so many faculty are involved in that it should be part of the record of the senate," West said.

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Teachers use garden to teach health

**GARDEN from front page**

kids who say they are cooking for their families."

Josh Arky, CC '13 and president of 4local, a campus organization that advocates local and sustainable food, said that such lessons are key when it's easier to get lunch from a fast food restaurant or to pick up foreign produce at a supermarket.

"Building awareness from a young age about the state of our agricultural system in this country is becoming increasingly important," Arky said. "The more that happens, the greater the awareness is about these issues, and the more change that can happen."

Looking forward, Hill says she wants to make the garden more accessible to the neighborhood and use it to expand the school's composting initiative in order to keep food waste from the cafeteria out of landfills.

The school is also looking for new ways to integrate the garden into the curriculum.

"You can go into science class and talk about plant biology or the growing cycle," Newman said. "Even from a social studies perspective, you can look at how food is culturally important and incorporated in our lives. You can incorporate it into every class."

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**GRASSROOTS ACTIVISM** | Anna Newman, BC '12, works on preparing the Columbia Secondary School's garden for winter.

Students spend rainy night at full Zuccotti Park

**CU DEMS from front page**

that 25 Columbia students went to Zuccotti Park to protest the planned eviction. She said that at least a quarter of them would have been willing to get arrested, although none were taken into custody.

"I think Occupy Wall Street is speaking to a lot of Columbia students, which is why we were able to grab 25 together and take them down for a night when everyone has homework, when everyone has midterms," Gitlin said, adding that the spirit of protest has extended beyond the park. "There's a lot of talk on campus, a lot of excitement on campus, and we're excited to see student activism."

Although surrounded by police vans, protesters inside the park approached their all-night vigil with calm silence: sweeping the sidewalks, ducking under tarps to avoid intermittent rain, and huddling together on sleeping bags.

At 6:28 a.m. Friday, Deputy Mayor Caswell Holloway's

announcement that cleaning would be delayed was met with cheers from a crowd that had swelled to over 1,000 people in the early morning. The announcement came during a special assembly meeting of protesters, who said the reversal made the movement's objectives "so much more possible because we are winning."

Protesters then went on an hour-long "victory march," which resulted in 15 arrests. Marching south on Broadway from the park, protesters were stopped by mounted police at barricades less than a block away from the New York Stock Exchange.

CU Dems first-year representative Zoe Ridolfi-Starr, CC '15, said she had already joined the protesters earlier in the week to register voters and went back on Thursday, willing to get arrested for the cause.

"It's extraordinary energy," Ridolfi-Starr said. "Part of the reason I was registering voters ... is because I feel like there's an incredible transformative energy

here, and I think that demonstrations of power, of anger, of frustration—I think the sentiments expressed here are extraordinarily powerful."

CU Dems member Michael Spitzer-Rubenstein, CC '12, called the cancellation of the cleanup a positive sign for the movement's future.

"I'm glad [Mayor Michael] Bloomberg and everyone else came to their senses," Spitzer-Rubenstein said. "I've never seen this large a crowd, this enthusiastic, at seven in the morning. Hopefully this is the start of even better things to come."

Gitlin said that although it is too early to tell what the movement will become, it "has the potential to grow enormously."

"As the chant goes, 'The people united will never be defeated.' The park was very energizing, it really attests to the dedication to goals of the movement, which is very inspiring and invigorating and exciting."

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113th St. residents resigned to noise from new dorms

BY EMMA STEIN  
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Not everyone's a fan of the new kids on the block.

After last week's announcement that Columbia will convert three brownstones on 113th Street into student housing beginning in fall 2013, a few residents were concerned about how more students will change the neighborhood dynamic—while others shrugged it off as inevitable.

With 600 W. 113th St. on the corner and the back of River Hall in the middle of the block, the street already sees its fair share of undergraduates.

"I remember how I was in college, and I can hear them all night," said Tabitha Silver, who has lived on the block for 24 years. With the additional students, "I think it's going to be pretty raucous," she said.

Emily Fischer, a SIPA student who lives across the street from the former convent, said the influx would be annoying.

"The block is already noisy enough, to be honest," she said. "There's a lot of drunk kids that come home on Friday and Saturday."

Some said they were concerned about Columbia

continuing to crowd out other elements of the neighborhood. Thomas Brown, a resident of a co-op building on 113th Street for over 30 years, said, "While Columbia does have the right to expand, they're doing it at the expense of the neighborhood."

"At some point, they're not going to have a neighborhood anymore," he said.

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—Thomas Brown, 113th Street resident

Columbia acquired the brownstones—at 619, 621, and 623 W. 113th St. between Broadway and Riverside Drive—from St. Hilda's House convent in 2009. The nuns who lived there moved to Washington Heights in the spring.

Silver said she was sad to see the nuns who founded her

alma mater, St. Hilda's & St. Hugh's, the private school on 114th Street, leave Morningside Heights.

"It used to be a neighborhood-y kind of block, and it's going to be really different having students live on this block," Silver said.

Residents said, however, that they already accept the realities of having college students on the block.

"When I come home at night, there's drunken kids on my stoop, and they smoke pot on my stoop because they don't want it to be on their thing, and there's people puking around the corner, and taking leaks right here," Brown said. "So, you know, that's already existing, so I'm sort of used to it."

Ultimately, residents said that they recognize that their location means they will always have lots of young students as neighbors.

"Honestly, it's not a huge deal," Aaron Freedman, who lives on 113th Street, said. "We're in the heart of Morningside Heights—every street is basically Columbia territory already."

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# Reconstruct constructivism

BY DANIEL COHEN

Ever since I learned how to read my native Hebrew language's Aleph and Bet I've wondered whether it's possible to learn a language's alphabet on my own. Would I be able to name each letter, recognize the shorter strings of letters that repeat, cross-reference an inordinate amount of literary material—all to learn a completely foreign language? This quandary was often raised at the time Western empires studied the Egyptian hieroglyphics, until the discovery of the Rosetta Stone.

But putting history aside, let's be honest. When amassing vast amounts of new, highly complex knowledge, especially in more technical classes, shouldn't there be time left for comprehension, and not just the formulaic calculation of a solution? The goal should not be wrenching numbers from the givens. Rather, the purpose behind these technical courses is that ultimately, the student be able to not only foresee but to construct problems and exercises. Unfortunately, following the recent wave of math and science midterms, that does not seem to be the case.

In the technical subjects there is an infamous emphasis on "discovery-based" learning. In other words, you are forced to rack your brain for the answer, because the journey is supposedly more valuable than the destination. The philosophy behind this trails back to Jean Piaget and his Constructivist pedagogic theory, which basically assumes that the best learning occurs through personal experience. In other words, the answer is plug-and-chug, trial-and-error, brute force. Under this creed, wasting huge blocks of time over wrong answers and misconceptions of the material is regarded as more intrinsically valuable to learning than good old-fashioned instruction. This means that some classes are taught in the air, and some on paper. Those of us who are fortunate enough to have a recitation section for a class understand the value of meeting to receive basic, pure instruction. But particularly with recitation-rich classes, lectures often devolve to either nebulous conceptualizations or nitty-gritty derivations.

This approach raises two concerns: 1) the instruction style and its consequences, and 2) the distortion of ability and the lack of integrity in "curved grades." As I explained above, the crime is that the technical classes aren't actually taught in their boasted learn-by-doing approach. Rather, they try to provide the tools to solve problems. For example, Zumdahl's chemistry textbook does an excellent job of confusing students in both the discovery and the instruction. While it gives never-ending tables, flowcharts, and complex descriptions of simple calculations, it also claims that in chemistry, there is no set way of doing much of anything. Though this is true from a professional's perspective, it is not true for the student who is seeing the material for the first time. That student is looking to master one method, and then move on to the next, rather than "appreciate" the complexity and sink into the abyss of confusion.

As an aside, often assigned homework focuses specifically on the topics at hand, and yet the expectation come test-time of applying garden-fresh concepts to problems much more complicated than ever before is a pedagogic absurdity we've long come to terms with. One can argue that such methods test a student's resourcefulness, but ultimately the shady benefit of those methods does not outweigh disproportionate, demoralizing, and simply misguided teaching. The exhilaration of "seeing-all" on one test is quickly forgotten with the horror of "seeing-nothing" on the next.

The second issue this argument raises is the problem with the grading policy. The same logic used in the Constructivist pedagogic approach leads to three exam disasters per semester in students' technical classes. The solution is grade "fixing, or "curving" more pleasantly coined. But there is no justification for giving almost half the class a B- or above when the class average is 40 percent.

One of three things must happen: Either most of the class should fail, the instructor should do his job better, or the instructor should change the testing style. Because students pay a lot of money to go to class, the latter options are the answer. What is most appropriate for exams, from a standpoint that values integrity as well as students' mental health, is a test that effectively balances knowledge and application, with more emphasis on the prior. Certainly there's reason to emphasize more application as the semester progresses, given the cumulative nature of learning.

While at the park the other day, I saw a child riding his bike for the first time without training wheels. Because it was right after the midterm, I was fascinated by how many physics problems one could create with just that example, as well as how much the child must have learned over the summer to achieve this goal. Similarly, the college student who engages in incredibly complex new languages, from math and science to the core language requirement, must be nurtured in his attempt, rather than cast off to recitation sections and long nights of wrangling. William Yeats once said, "Education is not the filling of a pail, but the lighting of a fire."

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# Now hum

Last Wednesday, Jessica Geiger wrote a thought-provoking column about how the Columbia bubble endures not just physically, but also mentally. Engrossed in the multitude of things going on in our lives and on campus—from club meetings and midterms to homecoming and parties—Columbia students allow goings-on in the rest of the world to sit on the back burner while we concern ourselves with our immediate surroundings. Despite having one of the country's more civically aware student bodies, at Columbia there is still a dearth of discussion about current global events.

How can this possibly be the case? A Columbia education features a general curriculum that is supposed to prepare each graduate to think critically in the real world. To this end, we spend hours in the classroom pouring over ancient Greek texts, looking at slides of 17th-century art, listening to Chopin, and delving into Plato's "Republic." The relevance of this may not be immediately apparent, but we ultimately use humanities classes like Lit Hum, CC, Art Hum, and Music Hum to study the human condition—to examine forms of expression and thought from the past in order to provide context in the modern-day world. For instance, learning about the intersection of morality and vengeance and the establishment of the law courts in "The Oresteia" forces us to consider the reasoning behind our current justice system. Yet while students are currently left to fill in the gap between the old ideas presented in class and the current events that affect our lives today, we rarely use the time in between studying for these "past-oriented" courses to find out what has been going on in the world presently. We are left mentally isolated by a narrow curriculum—one that is supposed to provide an all-encompassing learning experience, but provides so much context that it fails to deliver on content.

I propose a new addition to the Core—Contemporary Humanities. Although it would be another course geared toward studying the human condition, it would impel us to study our own time instead of the past. Such a class



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would make use of modern newspaper articles, journals, books, videos, and speeches to understand the thoughts and events dominating the 21st century. The curriculum would undoubtedly be flexible. Students in the Class of 2014 might have studied WikiLeaks during the first semester of their first year, while the Class of 2015 might currently be looking at Occupy Wall Street. Like in the other humanities courses, small group discussion would be the mode of communication in the classroom. With material so current, class discussion would certainly be more interesting—a discussion this week might even include perspectives of people who had protested at Liberty Square the night before.

One might say that this proposal ignores the science side of academia, but Frontiers of Science already accomplishes the goal of including current events in the Core by presenting students with issues like language evolution and nuclear physics, which are on the forefront of scientific research. Science is not the only discipline where the material is changing, and a new course focused on contemporary social sciences would help to reflect that.

Is the interest present? Looking at activist student groups and registration for events like the World Leaders Forum, Columbia students clearly care about goings-on around the world. But time-crunched, stressed-out college kids really like to care about things only when it is convenient to do so. When learning about current events is not required, CC reading is always going to take precedent over the Christian Science Monitor. Having a class like Contemporary Humanities would certainly not exempt students from taking responsibility for keeping themselves informed. There is little excuse when the New York Times sits ready for the taking across campus and the Internet has bridged the gap for getting up-to-the-minute headlines. Nonetheless, it would serve as an important supplement that could help make Columbia graduates more prepared to tackle the challenges of today's world.

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# BLACK AND BLUE AND WHITE



AMALIA RINEHART

# LETTER TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor:

As members of the Religion Departments at Barnard and Columbia, we have followed the Spectator's reporting of charges against Professor Rachel McDermott of Barnard's department of Asian and Middle Eastern cultures with distress. In addition to her role at AMEC, Professor McDermott is also a member of Columbia's religion department. She is a highly valued and respected colleague. We know her well as the embodiment of diligence, attentiveness, good judgment, and professionalism.

These qualities and more led Barnard to award Professor McDermott with the 36th annual Emily Gregory Award for Excellence in Teaching in the spring of 2010, an honor conveyed by the College on the basis of student nominations. This was her second teaching award at the College. That a person so devoted to her students, both in the classroom and beyond, should be accused of bias, condescension, or short-sightedness strikes us as beyond belief.

It is critical in a situation such as this one to remember that, while the US Department of Education's Office of

Civil Rights is investigating the complaint, this complaint is based merely on allegation. From Spectator's reporting, it seems that some people have already passed judgment on the allegation without having access to the full range of evidence, a very dangerous leap to judgment indeed.

Because of the ongoing investigation, Professor McDermott is prohibited from speaking about the case in any way. As a consequence, the only voices that are being heard are those of her accusers. We wish, therefore, to raise our own voices in a collective expression of our support for and confidence in our valued colleague.

Sincerely,

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# Fire Coach Wilson: part 2

The results of Saturday's homecoming game were heartbreaking, if expected. The Lions put up a fight against the Quakers in the first half, and at Penn's four-yard line, with less than two minutes remaining, they had a chance to score a touchdown to win the game. Instead, a series of errors forced Columbia to accept a 20-20 tie that, in the final minute of the game, Penn turned into a 27-20 victory. While the players are partially responsible for the loss, it was poor coaching that ultimately cost the Lions what would have been their first homecoming win in 11 years. Now they are continuing their losing streak for the season—a deplorable 0-5. Coach Norries Wilson is largely the one to blame for these pathetic results, and as such must be fired at the end of this season.

A number of bad play calls in Saturday's game, for instance the bizarre decision to squib kick near the

end—which set up Penn's game-winning touchdown drive—show that Wilson is unequipped to strategize effectively. Additionally, the team garnered three consecutive penalties at the crucial moment, with the delay of game being entirely Wilson's fault. And he has partial responsibility for the other penalties as well, as the team showed a lack of discipline and focus with its two false starts. The head coach is charged with preparing and training the team, as well as recruiting top-performing players. While Wilson shares responsibility for this lack of execution on the part of the team, his bad decisions and inattention during this game were his fault alone.

To the Lions' credit, the Quakers are at the top of the Ivy League, undefeated for their past 17 games and championship winners for the past two seasons. A 27-20 loss, then, is not the worst that could have happened. But with the Lions so close to finally snatching a win from a top-notch team, their sloppy finish on Saturday was all the more unacceptable. That they came so near to victory indicates that the players have potential, but the leadership is lacking.

This is Wilson's sixth season as head coach of the Lions, and superfluous penalties and poor play-calling have always been the hallmark of his coaching.

Consequently, Columbia students were unsurprised by Saturday's loss, as by now they are used to rallying for homecoming and making the trek to Baker Field only to see the Lions defeated by their opponents. But even if this is the norm, students want a football team they can see win on a somewhat regular basis. Alumni, too, are upset by the loss on Saturday and have expressed frustration at the Lions' underwhelming performance.

Columbia has managed to hire coaches who have led other sports teams to a decent number of triumphs, particularly its outstanding fencing program and solid men's soccer team. Other marquee sports such as men's basketball, which took quite a beating for a large part of the late '90s and early 2000s, are on the rise and are respected within the Ancient Eight now. Football is the last hold-out. We aren't asking to be at the top of the Ivy League, but as a school that prides itself on the excellence of its faculty, administrators, students, and services, Columbia should have a football team that is not the laughing-stock of the Ivy League.

Firing Wilson mid-season would do nobody any good, and would only cause drama and disorganization. But come next season, there must be someone more qualified in his place. Victory is not too much to ask.



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5 Dirt bike relatives,  
briefly

9 Dressed like a  
judge

14 "Jeopardy!" first  
name

15 Actress Periman

16 Get the lead out?

17 Bossa \_\_\_\_

18 Blurted out

19 Full of attitude

20 "The sky is  
falling" critic

23 Get the lead out

24 Visits, as a doctor

25 Cook and drake

28 Suffice with dexi-

29 Snapshot, for short

31 One who doesn't  
have much  
laundry to do?

33 Seven-time  
winner of the  
Daytona 500

36 Modest skirt  
length

39 Have a life

40 Tennis great  
Arthur

41 Like Chopin's  
"Funeral March,"  
keywise

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51 Air France flier  
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55 Styria, as plans

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3 Tattooed's  
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4 Not off by even a  
hair

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6 Comparative  
word

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8 \_\_\_\_ Hawkins

9 Gathers strength  
for a big day

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spoon

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flashlight power  
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42 "Hands off!"

43 For two voices  
together, in  
scores

44 One with a screw  
loose

45 Fed. workplace  
monitor

48 Talking parrot  
voiced by Jay  
Mohr

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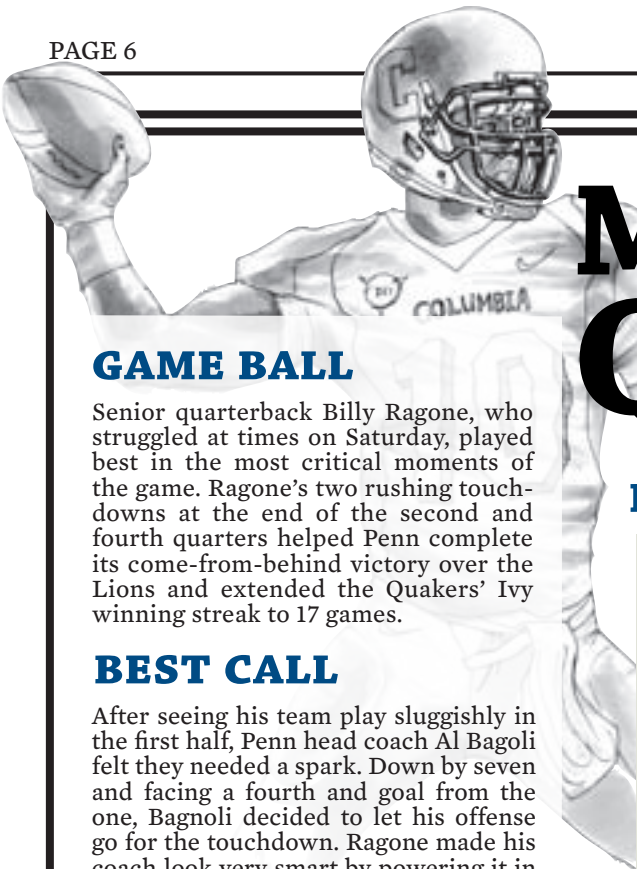
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By Kelly Clark

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GAME BALL

Senior quarterback Billy Ragone, who struggled at times on Saturday, played best in the most critical moments of the game. Ragone's two rushing touchdowns at the end of the second and fourth quarters helped Penn complete its come-from-behind victory over the Lions and extended the Quakers' Ivy winning streak to 17 games.

BEST CALL

After seeing his team play sluggishly in the first half, Penn head coach Al Bagoli felt they needed a spark. Down by seven and facing a fourth and goal from the one, Bagnoli decided to let his offense go for the touchdown. Ragone made his coach look very smart by powering it in to tie the game at 10 going into halftime.

WORST CALL

After tying the game at 20-20, Columbia needed to hold Penn scoreless for the last minute and a half of the game. Unfortunately the Lions decided to call a squib kick, which they had failed to execute the previous week. After a poor kick by Greg Guttas, which gave Penn the ball at their own 46, it took the Quakers just one minute to score the game-winning touchdown.

TURNING POINT

Down by three with less than two minutes remaining in the contest, Columbia had the ball at Penn's four-yard line. On the next three plays, Columbia was called for three penalties (two false starts and one delay of game). The offensive miscues pushed the Lions back to the 19. Instead of punching it in for a touchdown, the Lions were forced to settle for the tying field goal.

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GAME ONE  
VS. FORDHAM  
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GAME TWO  
VS. ALBANY  
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GAME THREE  
@ PRINCETON  
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GAME FIVE  
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GAME SIX  
@ DARTMOUTH  
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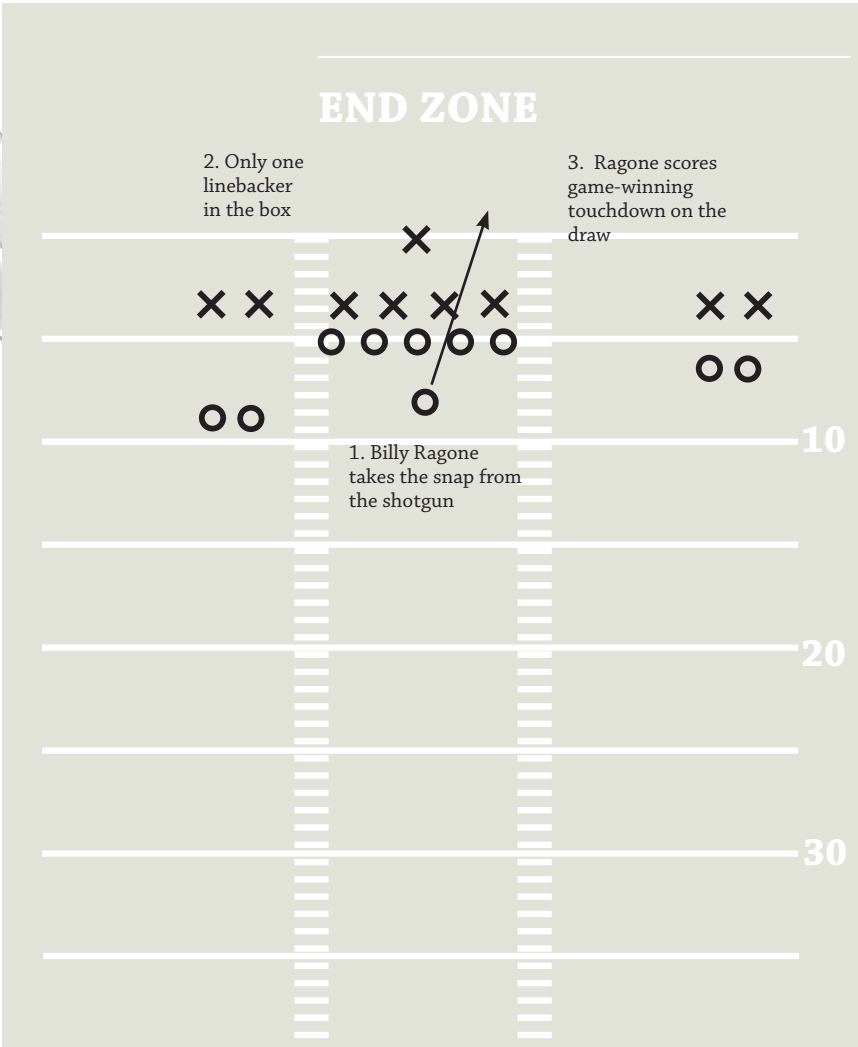


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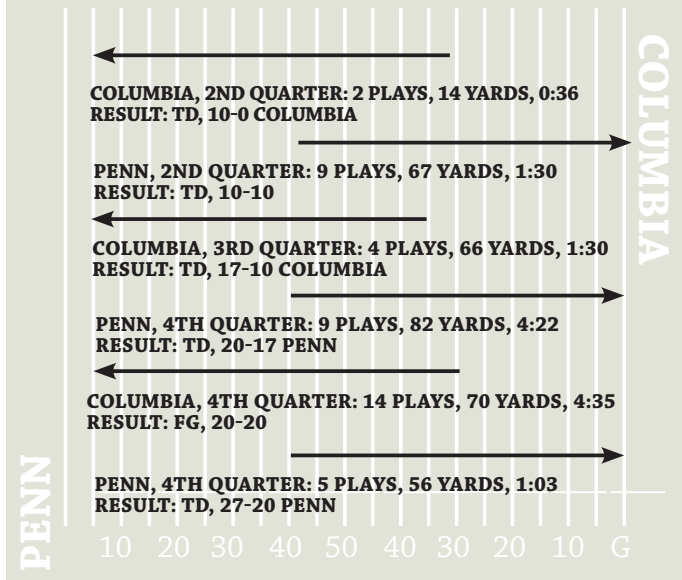
# MONDAY MORNING QUARTERBACK

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PLAY OF THE GAME



KEY DRIVES



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	IVY	OVERALL	POINTS FOR	POINTS AGAINST
YALE	2-0	3-2	130	109
HARVARD	2-0	4-1	160	74
PENN	2-0	3-2	117	127
PRINCETON	1-1	1-4	78	151
BROWN	1-1	4-1	117	78
COLUMBIA	0-2	0-5	101	150
CORNELL	0-2	2-3	131	133
DARTMOUTH	0-2	1-4	95	121

PIXBOX STANDINGS: WEEK 4

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7	Michael "Turn Up the Mike" Shapiro	20-20
8	Ryan "Roar Ryan Roar" Young	18-22
9	Benjamin "The Top Spin" Spener	17-23
10	Jim "On the Couch" Pagels	16-24

## In spite of effort, no one else to blame

YOUNG, from back page

analyst Ross Tucker referred to as an "Ed Reed-Troy Palamalu-esque" play. The play led to the Lions' first touchdown to open up a 10-0 lead.

Junior quarterback Sean Brackett also appeared to be more in control than he had been in the previous four weeks, making comfortable passes over the middle of the field in big spots. Even kicker Luke Eddy was able to rebound from his missed extra points last week by knocking down two field goals, including a pressure-filled 35-yard field goal into the wind to tie the game with 1:31 to go.

On the visiting sidelines, head coach Al Bagnoli appeared to be livid for much of the first half—his team was not playing like the two-time defending Ivy champions. In the first half, they completely botched a double reverse on second and one, shanked a punt, and kept fumbling the football. They even set the Lions up on the Penn 36-yard line, after a punt hit a Quaker who wasn't paying attention to the football in the back.

This was the perfect storm for the Lions to pull off the ultimate upset. Alas, even though Penn gave Columbia the chance to end the Quakers' 16-game Ivy League winning streak, the Lions decided to beat themselves.

Penalties were the biggest culprit. There were multiple flags in the first half on the Lions that turned third and short situations into third and long, stalling drives. Crucial 15-yard penalties on Columbia aided all three of the Quakers' touchdown-scoring drives. However, the penalties that came in the final two minutes are what may have turned the game in Penn's favor. Two false starts and then a delay of game penalty turned a second and three on the four-yard line into a third and 18 on the Penn 19. To make matters worse on the delay penalty, it took the Lions so long to communicate the plays they wanted to run

that they were not even close to getting the play off in time, and they barely got off the third and 18 play. I think to say this is unacceptable is more of an understatement than saying midterm week is not particularly enjoyable. For this to happen simply speaks volumes about potential coaching problems.

Finally, the misuse of timeouts has been plaguing the Lions all season, and the fact that they used all three timeouts before the final two minutes of what was a close game is simply inexcusable.

There were also a couple of questionable play calls, such as a passing play on second and one which turned into an interception, possibly shifting momentum as it allowed for Penn to earn its first points of the second half. More pressing was the call for a squib kick to Penn with 1:31 left in the fourth quarter. The kick would almost certainly set the Quakers up in good field position, and they only needed to get into field goal range, which was extended because the wind was at Penn's backs.

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Heading into this game, I thought the Quakers would destroy the Lions so badly, that Columbia would not have a

chance to beat itself. The fact that the Lions actually had opportunities is what makes the loss so frustrating—especially when you think about what could have been.

This would have been one of the biggest victories in Columbia football's 141 year history. It would have snapped the longest current conference-winning streak in all of the Football Championship Subdivision and almost certainly would have been the largest Ivy upset of the season. It would've been Columbia's first homecoming win since 2000 and first win over Penn since 1996! More importantly, it would have been 2011's first victory of the season, in front of the season's biggest crowd and a national TV audience, which would completely have changed the vibes around this football team.

You could see how badly coach Norries Wilson wanted to win the game by the passion he displayed on the sideline throughout the nearly four-hour affair. He knew a win would have almost erased the first four losses of the season. And his team actually came out and played with that same passion—the problem is poor coaching.

Most of the students who came out to see their only Columbia football game of the year were unaware of Penn's long winning streaks against Columbia and the rest of the league—so they would not equate a close loss to a moral victory. Instead of applauding Columbia's inspired attempt at an upset, they came away with the notion that this is a typical winless Columbia football team that likes to shoot itself in the foot. And despite the great effort put forth for much of the game, you can't blame the fans for feeling this way.

The harsh reality is the Lions are 0-5, and they have no one to blame but themselves.

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MEN'S GOLF

### Volleyball splits road games, falls to third in Ivy League

The Light Blue's New England weekend road trip ended on somewhat of a sour note this past Saturday as the Lions (11-6, 5-2 Ivy) lost to Harvard after beating Dartmouth in Friday's matchup.

The road trip began on Friday with a game against the Big Green. Dartmouth, who had struggled against other top-caliber Ivy opponents, came prepared for the Light Blue. The two teams were rather evenly matched throughout—the Big Green took home court advantage to compensate for

mismatch in skill. Dartmouth initially came out to an 8-2 lead in the first set, but the Lions fought back, bringing the set close several times before eventually losing 25-21. The second set was much the same. Much like they did against Cornell in their Ivy opener, the Lions battled back from the brink of defeat to overcome the Big Green in five sets.

Their win over Dartmouth placed the Lions into a short-lived tie for first place in the conference with Yale. However, the Lions' hopes of staying in

first were crushed on Saturday evening during their match against Harvard in Cambridge. The Crimson breezed past the Light Blue in straight sets, winning 3-0. The Crimson kept the Lions at bay throughout, and the visitors were unable to mount a solid offensive.

The Lions fell behind both Princeton and Yale and are currently in third place in the Ivies.

The Lions will see their next action at Leven against Cornell on Friday and Yale on Saturday.

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# Women’s soccer falls at Princeton, tied for fourth in Ivies

BY MOLLY TOW  
*Spectator Staff Writer*

After going three games without scoring a goal, the Lions avoided a shutout. But they still could not escape defeat.

On Saturday afternoon, the women’s soccer team (4-9, 2-2 Ivy) fell to Princeton (4-8-1, 1-3 Ivy) 4-1. With the loss, the Light Blue fell to .500 in conference play and dropped to fourth place in the league, tied with Brown.

“We’re obviously very discouraged with the result and the performance but we know we clearly made some mistakes and went down early,” head coach Kevin McCarthy said. “We battled and fought well, so the attitude and the mentality of not giving up, dealing with the adversity of being in that big of a hole early on in the road, are encouraging signs.”

“It’s always disappointing to lose, and it was a little hard to lose by that much,” senior forward and co-captain Ashlin Yahr said. “Right after the game everyone was pretty down, but our coach had really positive things to say after and told us to keep our heads up. We all worked really hard, everyone did their best all the way until the last second of the game, and no one gave up.”

Even before a minute ticked off the game clock, Columbia found itself trailing. Freshman forward/midfielder Lauren Lazo scored just 59 seconds into the first half with help from senior forward/midfielder Sara Chehrehsa and sophomore defender/midfielder Gabriella Guzman to put Princeton up 1-0. The Tigers didn’t wait long to double their lead, as junior forward Jen Hoy found the back of the net in the 12th minute. Chehrehsa recorded her second assist of the day on the goal.

“When you go down that early, you’re really chasing the match,” McCarthy said. “You never really set in and get comfortable with the play, and that sets the tone for the whole match. We fought hard, but when you commit numbers forward and you have players getting forward looking to turn an equalizer and claw your way back into the game, you leave gaps in the back. We were very vulnerable on the counterattack.”

But the Lions responded quickly by pulling their score one goal closer in

the 15th minute. Junior defender Isabel King, who has been key on many transition plays this year, found Yahr running up the left side of Princeton’s defensive third. Yahr capitalized on prime field position and made the score 2-1. With the goal, Yahr is now just two goals away from the Columbia all-time record for career goals scored.

“It’s a great feeling,” Yahr said of coming closer to the milestone. “As a personal goal, I’m happy that I’m so close and I hope that I’ll be able to pass it, but I just wish that our whole team could be a part of this and that my goals could help our team win and improve. I’m not too focused on my personal goal of getting as many goals as the record, and I want to focus more on our team’s success, because I think that’s what matters most.”

Despite five corner kicks, the Light Blue could not tie it up, and Princeton took its 2-1 lead into halftime.

The Tigers struck early again in the second half, expanding their lead back to two on a goal by freshman Melissa Downey in the 47th minute. The match remained relatively quiet until the 76th minute, when Hoy scored her second goal of the game and effectively put the match out of reach for the Light Blue. Hoy now leads the Tigers in scoring with five goals in 2011.

Continuing the trend of the season, the Lions had seven corner kicks but were unable to capitalize on any of those opportunities. The Lions hold the advantage in corner kicks against their opponents, 57-51, but have fallen short on finishing.

The Tigers outshot the Lions 14-4 in the game, and Princeton junior goalkeeper Kristin Watson only needed to make one save. Senior goalkeeper and co-captain Lillian Klein has had previous success against the Tigers, as she did not allow them to record a goal in both 2009 and 2010, but she gave up four goals and made four saves on Saturday.

Saturday’s result marked the first time since 1991 that the Tigers were able to score four against Columbia, and the first time since 2003 that Princeton defeated the Light Blue by three or more goals.

Columbia will look to redeem itself in Ivy League play as it next takes the field against Dartmouth on Saturday, Oct. 22.

# Penalties cost Lions in key drive at homecoming

BY VICTORIA JONES  
*Spectator Senior Staff Writer*

With 6:06 left on the game clock in Saturday’s homecoming game against Penn, Columbia’s football team began what would be its final scoring drive in a 27-20 loss. While the drive did result in a game-tying field goal, the Lions could have taken the lead and possibly changed the outcome of the game had it not been for a series of miscues and poor decisions.

At the beginning of the drive, the offense was working like a well-oiled machine. The first six plays saw three rushes, three passes, and four first downs. In under three minutes the Lions had marched from their own 11-yard line to Penn’s 35.

Play stalled after three incomplete passes from junior quarterback Sean Brackett, but a connection between him and senior wide receiver Kurt Williams was all it took to put the Light Blue back on track. On fourth and 10, Brackett tossed the ball to Williams, who ran the ball all the way down to the 11-yard line. After a quick seven-yard rush by Brackett, Columbia was just four yards from the end zone and three points down with 1:53 left on the clock.

However, after Penn called a timeout with 1:45 to go, things began to head south for the Light Blue. The two teams were at the line of scrimmage, just four yards away from the end zone, when offensive lineman sophomore Jimmy Yukevich jumped the line early, moving the Lions five yards farther away from the end zone.

The Lions moved back and lined up once again—but whistles quickly blew, and yellow flags were once again thrown as a second false start was called, this time on senior offensive lineman Jeff Adams.

The Light Blue has struggled consistently with penalties this season. Before Saturday’s game, Columbia had already accumulated 23 penalties for 232 yards in just four games. By the end of Saturday’s game, there were 10 more penalties and 82 yards to add to the total.

On this very critical drive, the two consecutive false starts had a significant effect on the Light Blue’s field position—the Lions had now backed themselves into a second-and-long. An incomplete pass to sophomore tight end Hamilton Garner only made things worse, bringing up third and 13 for the Lions—a situation that has challenged

them all season long.

With the change in field position from second and three to third and 13 and a quarterback who, as he explained after the game, couldn’t run at the time, the Lions needed a new game plan.

Brackett consulted with the sideline to establish a new play but wasn’t able to call the snap before the clock ran down. The resulting delay of game call added another five penalty yards to the 10 already incurred on the drive and brought up third and 18 for the Lions.

With two false starts and a delay of game, the Lions had managed to strip themselves of 15 yards of progress without even hiking the ball. The delay of game call in particular demonstrated a lack of preparation and attention on the part of both players and coaches.

“Well, we were trying to get a play call in,” Brackett said of the penalty. “There was a sprint-out and I couldn’t run, so I told coach I couldn’t run. There was some problems with the communication there, so coach tried to call a play. We tried to get it off, couldn’t get it off.”

Facing third and 18 and difficulty running, Brackett once again consulted with Wilson for a play call. Fans became nervous as they watched the play clock wind down to 10 with Wilson still standing on the field. In 10 seconds, coach Wilson had to hurry off to the sideline, and Brackett had to spread the call, line the team up, and get the ball snapped before incurring a fourth penalty. The Lions managed to beat the clock but not the Quakers, as Brackett’s pass to Williams was incomplete. A field goal by sophomore kicker Luke Eddy tied up the game instead of giving the Light Blue the go-ahead.

“I had to get Sean a play because Sean couldn’t run,” Wilson said of the apparent difficulty on the field.

This drive highlighted all the major problems the Lions have faced this season. Unnecessary penalties, struggles to convert on third and long, and poor decisions have halted their progress throughout the season.

“For the most part it’s the same thing we’ve had all season,” Brackett said. “I think we hurt ourselves more than they actually hurt us. ... I think we just shot ourselves in the foot too many times.”



ALYSON GOULDEN / SENIOR STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

**COOL RUNNINGS** | Quarterback Sean Brackett picked up a hit that prevented him from being able to run, and the Lions could not establish a new play in time.

# Football unable to hold on to lead at homecoming, remains winless in 2011

**HOMECOMING, from front page**

by quarterback Billy Ragone. The score tied the game at 10-10 heading into the half.

The Lions received the kickoff to start the second half and immediately marched down the field on four plays to go up 17-10. Brackett completed four passes on four attempts to three different receivers, including a 31-yard pass to Williams. The drive was capped off by a 16-yard touchdown pass to tight end Hamilton Garner.

The Light Blue refused to let the Quakers take back momentum, and the Lions defense came up big eight minutes into the third quarter. Thanks to strong tackling by senior safety Neil Schuster and coverage by defensive backs Huggins and Morand, the Lions

forced a turnover on downs at their own 29-yard line.

Unfortunately for the Lions, an offensive error gave the momentum right back. Penn defensive back Matt Hamscher cut inside on an out route and picked off a pass from Brackett near midfield. Penn’s rushing attack was strong, but Columbia’s pass defense stood up tall when it counted. The Lions held the Quakers to a 36-yard field goal which cut their lead to four with two minutes left in the third quarter.

The Quakers opened up the fourth quarter by conducting an efficient nine-play 82-yard drive in which the Lions’ front seven were unable to stop the Quaker rushing attack. Running back Brandon Colavita finished off the drive with a three-yard rushing touchdown to put the Quakers up 20-17, their

first lead of the game.

The Lions were forced to punt after a costly drop by wide receiver Louis DiNovo and a sack. However, Paul Delaney’s punt deflected off a Penn player and was recovered by fullback Nico Papas on the Penn 36.

The offense was unable to take advantage of the golden opportunity to take back the lead. The Lions failed to gain any yardage, and Brackett threw an interception on third and 10 inside the 10-yard line.

After the Lions defense forced the Penn offense off the field, the special teams nearly made a mistake that probably would have lost the game. Columbia’s Mike Murphy judged the punt poorly and was unable to make a clean catch. The ball was up for grabs deep in Columbia territory, but it was recovered by a Lion.

The offense began the next drive at its own 10 but was able to drive into Penn territory thanks to an important play by Brackett. The junior quarterback was able to get two first downs on his legs, including a play in which he avoided a huge sack. Later in the drive, Columbia faced fourth and 10 with around two and a half minutes left in the game. The offensive line gave Brackett just enough time to find Kurt Williams for a 24-yard gain over the middle. On the next play, Brackett ran down to the three-yard line, putting the Lions in a position to win the ball game.

Mistakes wasted that opportunity. Two straight false start penalties and a delay of game because of a late play call by the coaching staff—which nearly occurred on the next play as well—pushed the Lions out of the red zone. On the fourth down, Luke Eddy tied

the game at 20 with a 36-yard field goal.

With less than two minutes in the game, the defense had to keep Penn from scoring. It didn’t. After a terrible squib kick by Greg Guttas, Penn got the ball at their own 44. Morand was called for a questionable pass interference, and Ragone completed a post pattern to wide receiver Ryan Calvert, which put the Quakers inside the Columbia 10-yard line. Ragone then found a seam in the defense and ran in for a touchdown with 25 seconds left in the game to put the Quakers up 27-20.

Senior quarterback Jerry Bell came in to replace Brackett, who picked up a hit on the penultimate drive—part of the reason for the late play call, since the coaches wanted him to run—but the Lions were unable to move the ball down the field.

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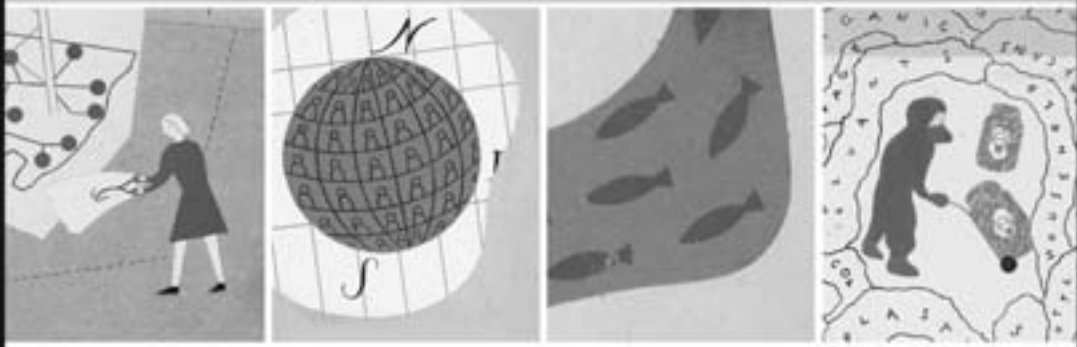
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A 1928 Documentary on Spanish  
Galicians in Buenos Aires

6 PM

Event Oval, The Diana Center

10/24

STATES OF EXCEPTION:  
Children's Human Rights and  
the Humanities

6:30 PM

Sulzberger Parlor, 3rd Floor Barnard Hall

10/27

HUMANISTIC SCHOLARSHIP:  
Why It Matters

7 PM

Event Oval, The Diana Center

MARISOL

8 PM

Minor Latham Playhouse, 118 Milbank Hall

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PERFORMING TRADITION  
& INNOVATION

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## Homecoming turns typical from magical

If you told me on Saturday morning that the Lions would have a second down on the four-yard line, trailing by only three points with under two minutes left in the game—I would've said either you're one of those wide-eyed, overly optimistic freshmen or you know nothing about Ivy League football. In fact, most of us who have followed the Light Blue this year just hoped they could limit the embarrassment of getting annihilated by the defending Ivy champions in front of the large homecoming crowd. Yet even though inspired play by Columbia made that situation a reality with 1:45 to go, the overwhelming sentiment after the game was completed was agonizing frustration.

In order for the Lions to give themselves such a great opportunity to complete the stunning upset, they had to play up to their highest capabilities in combination with a mistake-filled performance by the Quakers. That is exactly what happened.

Columbia's defense was easily the best it has been all season for the first three quarters of the game. In the first quarter, the Quakers could not move the ball at all, as the Lions brought an impressive pass rush. They were also doing their best to create turnovers—forcing five Penn fumbles (not including a sixth, where the referees mistakenly ruled the Penn receiver down by contact) and recovering two of them. Kalasi Huggins especially elevated his game, including when he stripped the ball from Penn running back Greg Schuster, on what Versus



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## Men's soccer snatches victory in closing stages

BY MRINAL MOHANKA  
*Spectator Senior Staff Writer*

The Columbia men's soccer team (5-6-1, 2-1 Ivy) returned to winning ways at the home of the defending Ivy champion, Princeton (3-8-1, 0-3 Ivy). While last weekend saw the Light Blue suffer heartbreak at the very end of the match against Penn, this time it was the Lions that dealt their opposition a killer blow.

"The team executed the tactics

that provided us with the foundation to be successful," head coach Kevin Anderson said. "The players won their individual battles and we were able to accent our strengths. It was a very positive response from our last result."

Columbia took the lead in the 17th when sophomore forward Henning Sauerbier scored for the third game in a row, and the Lions stayed in front until the 84th minute, when the Tigers equalized thanks to a goal from junior forward Matt Sanner. The

game seemed destined for overtime, but Light Blue junior forward Will Stamatis scored his fourth game-winning goal of the season with an 89th minute effort that lifted the Lions to a 2-1 win and second place in the conference standings. The result was Columbia's first win over the Tigers since 2002.

"It was a great way for us to rebound after a tough loss against Penn," senior captain Mike Mazzullo said. "A win against the Ivy champions on their turf

should give us plenty of confidence."

Sauerbier scored after assists from Mazzullo and junior winger Nick Scott, and while there were plenty of shots in the first half—seven for Columbia, eight for Princeton—Sauerbier's was only one of two on target. The other was an effort from senior left-back Jesse Vella for the Lions.

Princeton nearly equalized soon after the break, but senior forward Antoine Hoppenot, the reigning Ivy League Player of the Year, saw his effort come back off the post in the 51st minute.

The Lions conceded a free-kick from about 30 yards out in the 56th minute, and senior goalkeeper Alex Aurricchio was forced to make a diving save to deny Princeton sophomore Chris Benedict.

In the 84th minute, the Tigers levelled the contest thanks to another Benedict set-piece. The ball fell to Sanner who made no mistake.

Princeton had a chance to win it through Manny Sardinha soon after the equalizer, but Aurricchio was there to make the save.

Mazzullo's ball into the box in the 89th minute found his classmate Will Young, who set up the junior striker for the decisive goal. Stamatis finished with aplomb and now has five goals this season.

"Looking back, they may have been the best goals all year," Mazzullo said. "What makes them great is the teamwork on both goals—the outside mids provided service into the box, where our forwards scored. Henning and Stamatis' primary responsibility is scoring, so I couldn't be happier that they both got on the score-sheet."

While the Lions took the win, it was the Tigers that dominated the shot count in both periods and ended on top with 13-11.

Next up for the Lions is a trip to Hanover to take on the Big Green on Saturday.

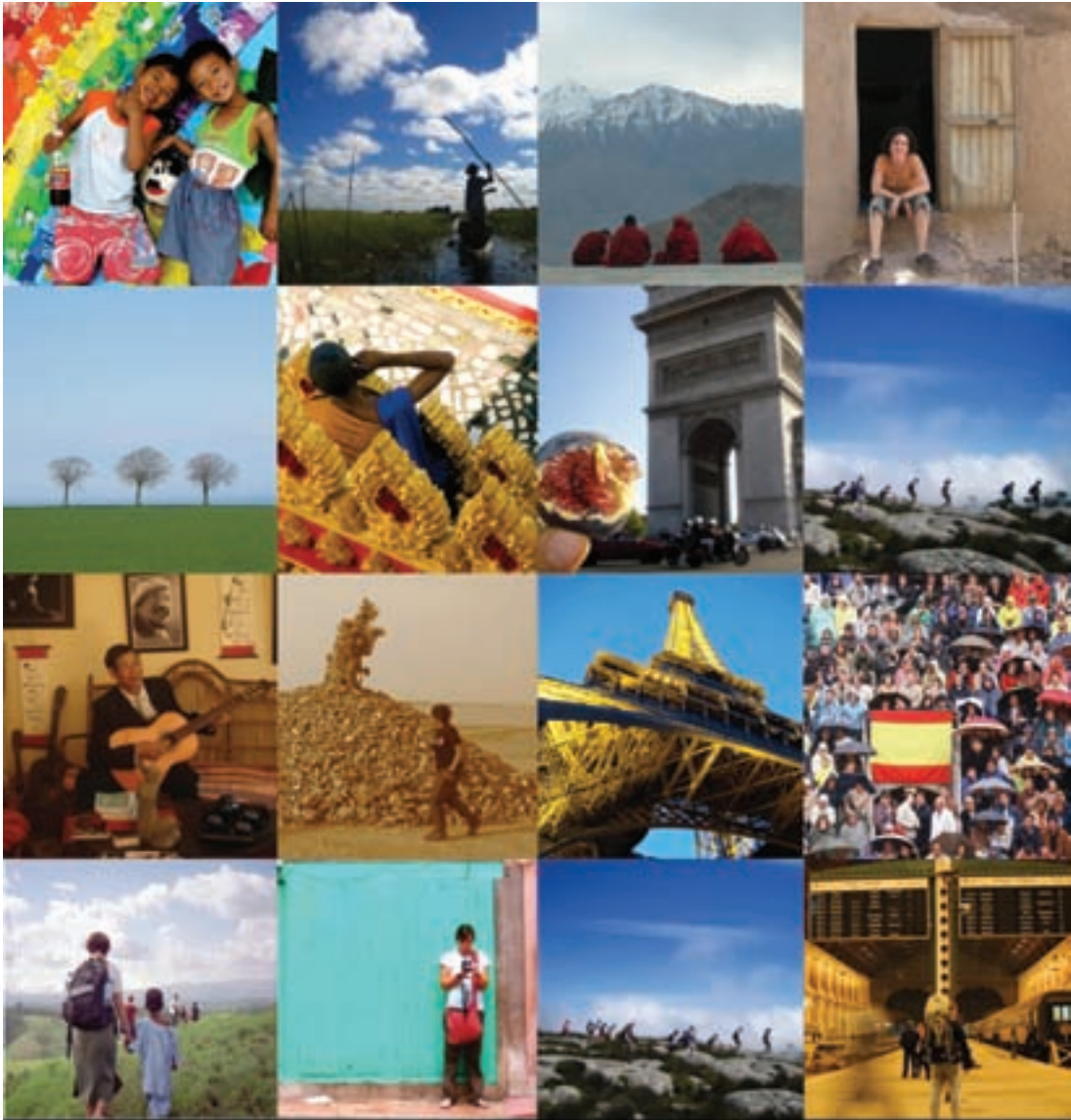
"We've got a tough game against Dartmouth," Mazzullo said. "We're tied in the table, and it will be another tough away contest. We'll need to continue improving in a great week of practice leading up to Saturday."



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**STAMINA** | Junior forward Will Stamatis has scored the game-winning goal for the Lions in each of their last four wins.

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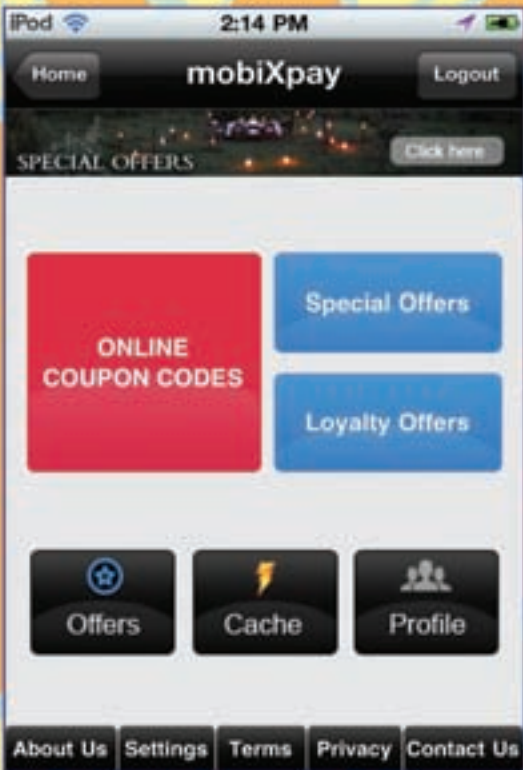
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