

Undergrads examine interschool relationships

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Have you ever been treated differently for being a member of your college? That's the tough question students from all four undergraduate schools discussed on Monday in a forum dedicated to working out the relationships between Columbia's undergraduate colleges.

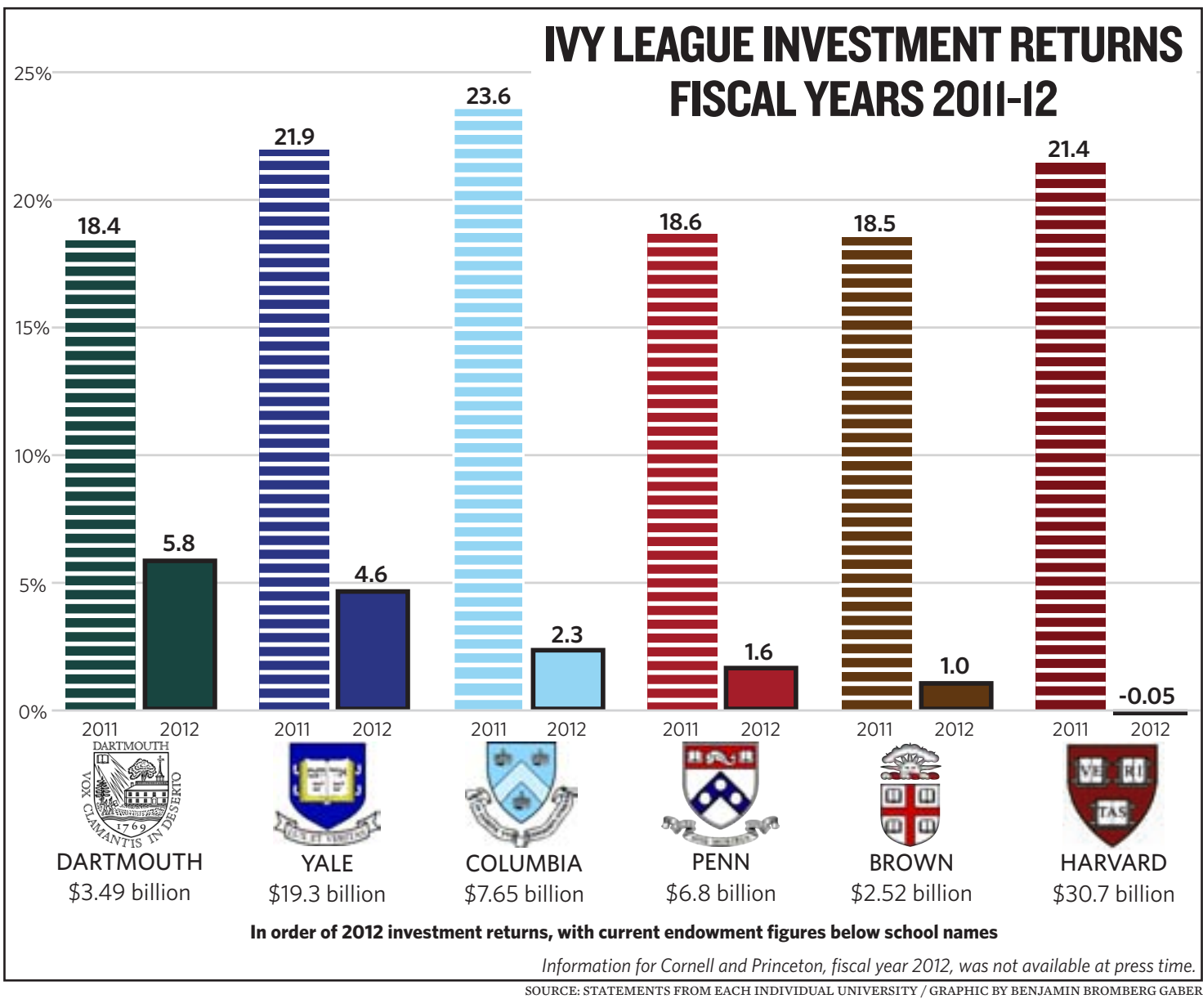
Nearly 50 students at Monday's University Unity Forum discussed "Obamanard"—the fallout resulting from the announcement last spring that President Barack Obama, CC '83, would speak at Barnard's Commencement and would force the School of General Studies to reschedule its Class Day—as well as the stereotypes associated with each undergraduate college and the administration's activeness in encouraging unity between the schools.

Derogatory jokes about Barnard women or students' general ignorance regarding GS' mission are some of the most divisive parts of undergraduate life, students said.

Katharine Celentano, GS '14, said she appreciated the extent to which the other colleges assisted GS seniors when Class Day was moved in the spring.

She asked, "Should we blend the colleges together, or emphasize their uniqueness?" To be truly united, she said, it is necessary to do both.

Aliza Hassine, president of the Barnard class of 2014, said in an email after the forum that



Columbia reports modest returns

Endowment grows by 2.3 percent, third in Ivy League

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The Ivy League saw significantly smaller growth to its endowment returns this fiscal year, with Columbia's investments producing a return of 2.3 percent, the University announced on Monday. The University's total endowment stood at \$7.65 billion as of June 30.

"In a year when leading endowments earned only modest returns, it is notable that Columbia's investment managers again placed in the top quartile in our peer group," University President Lee Bollinger said in a statement. "Over the past decade, our investment performance has consistently outpaced the market and continued to help Columbia compete academically with other great universities that have far larger endowments."

This year's return was substantially smaller than last year's. In fiscal year 2011, the University generated a 23.6 percent return on its investment portfolio, the highest among the Ivy League

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On national tour, 'Kindness Bus' spreads vibes on College Walk

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Vehicles aren't usually allowed on College Walk, but Columbia made room on Tuesday for the "kindness bus."

Feel-goodisms adorn the white bus driven by Bob Votruba of Ohio, who has traveled across the United States with his Boston terrier Bogart for the last three and a half years to spread good energy.

His journey, he said, is intended to raise awareness about bullying and adolescent suicide.

"There are lots of challenges piled on kids when they're young. They have tons of worries piled on them," Votruba said. His goal is to lessen that load.

Votruba decided to start his tour after the 2007 Virginia Tech massacre. Since then, he has driven his bus to meet random people and hold speaking events that spread his message. He's spoken at the White House

and on the Oprah Winfrey Show. Votruba calls his tour "One Million Acts of Kindness," a goal he sets for each individual in their lifetime.

"It's just so important for everyone to know their importance in the world and how much they're loved," Votruba said. "We could all hear that a little more in this society."

"Hatred is something that's taught, that's learned," he added. "None of us should teach a child hatred. ... Wouldn't it be wonderful if none of us knew what hatred was?"

On College Walk, he passed out fliers about his mission to students, faculty, and passersby, with Bogart at his side.

"It doesn't matter what stage, age, religion—kindness is for everyone," Votruba said. "Kindness has no boundaries."

"Even Bogart here, he could always use a little more loving too," he added.

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JUST SMILE | Bob Votruba and his Boston terrier Bogart are driving around the country in a white van covered in feel-goodisms in an anti-bullying effort. See video at spc.me/kindness2012.

SEAS alum wins econ Nobel, CU's 2nd of year

BY JEREMY BUDD
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Alvin Roth, SEAS '71, was named a Nobel Laureate in economics on Monday, snagging Columbia its second Nobel Prize of 2012.

Roth, a professor at Stanford and Harvard, earned a bachelor's degree in operations research at the School of Engineering and Applied Science. He shared the award from the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences with University of California, Los Angeles economics professor Lloyd Shapley, although the two researchers work independently of one another.

Roth is the second engineering graduate to have won the Nobel Prize in economics, according to SEAS Interim Dean Donald Goldfarb, the other being Robert Merton, SEAS '66, who also studied in a program that is now housed in the department of industrial engineering and operations research.

"This is another highly visible confirmation of the great strengths at our school—superb students and professors," Goldfarb said in a statement to Spectator.

The academy has recognized Roth and Shapley for their work investigating "how to match different agents as well as possible," it said in a statement.

In the 1950s and '60s, Shapley devised the Gale-Shapley algorithm, and in the

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Dems looks for alternate abortion funding

BY BEN GITTELSON
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A revision to Columbia's health policy this year could potentially leave many students without insurance coverage for abortion—a change that has the Columbia Democrats up in arms.

Last year, abortions were covered by the Columbia Health Program fee, which all students are required to pay. This year, abortion and three other previously covered services became components of the Columbia Student Medical Insurance Plan and thus are no longer covered by the required fee, leaving students who remain on their parents' or their own insurance policies without guaranteed coverage for those services. (Students are not required to purchase the Columbia plan if their parents' health plans meet certain requirements, but coverage for abortion is not one of those stipulations.)

The change was not widely publicized, so when Zoe Ridolfi-Starr, CC '15 and CU Dems' lead activist, came across the revised policy, she set out for an explanation from administrators—and was disappointed that they were not as alarmed as she was.

"They're not really feeling pressured or that this is an urgent need for students ... even though they know what a vulnerable position that is for young women who have to make that choice," said Ridolfi-Starr, who is leading discussions for CU Dems about potential alternate funding options for student abortions.

Administrators from Health Services initially deferred comment to Senior Executive



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CHOICES | Zoe Ridolfi-Starr, CC '15, has asked the administration to explain its decision to remove guaranteed coverage for abortions.

Vice President Robert Kasdin, who in turn deferred comment back to Health Services. Health Services did not respond to further repeated requests for comment.

Ridolfi-Starr said she and CU Dems are particularly concerned because the required fee used to cover confidential abortions.

"If you can't talk to your parents about that, then you're in a very challenging position, one that could affect your mental health but also your ability to be a student, and one that Columbia should be very, very concerned about," Ridolfi-Starr said.

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Obama for President

The Editorial Board voices its support for a second term.

Step up

Ryan Cho explains we all have a duty to prevent sexual assault.



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Offensive consistency looms large for football

At the season's midpoint, CU football has hit its defensive stride, while its offense is still a work in progress.

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The Harriman Institute presents a talk in its series on Balkan LGBT issues.
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Valentini sets goal to pair CC upperclassmen with alum mentors

Columbia College Dean James Valentini would like to harness the power of the school's alumni network more effectively by pairing upperclassmen with graduates in a mentorship program, he said this weekend.

In a speech at the Columbia Alumni Leaders Weekend, Valentini said that he hopes to match each CC junior and senior with an alumni mentor to help them navigate their final two years at Columbia and transition to life after college.

"This is a long-term goal—an aspirational one—and will take time to achieve," he said in a statement to Spectator. "But it is a goal nonetheless."

Valentini said he was inspired by the success of the Columbia College Women Mentoring Program, which has over 175 student participants.

"I believe that our 46,000 alumni are one of

the greatest resources that Columbia College has," he said. "I want students to be able to learn from their extraordinary and diverse experiences."

Valentini's announcement this weekend represents one of several promises he made in a June interview with Spectator.

Addressing student concerns that the Center for Career Education focuses too heavily on jobs in finance and consulting, Valentini said he wanted to do a better job of connecting students and alumni.

"If you look at the trajectories of former students, you see that they have lots of twists and turns in their lives, in their careers. They wind up doing things they never would have anticipated doing when they were students," he said at the time. "Their life stories are so interesting. I think you'd find it reassuring."

—Jeremy Budd

SEAS alum wins Nobel in economics

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1980s, Roth applied it to existing institutions—including hospitals and universities—to help create better matches between new doctors and hospitals. The National Resident Matching Program, which was established in the 1950s, had used an algorithm to match newly trained physicians with hospitals, and Roth noticed that the algorithm it used closely resembled the Gale-Shapley algorithm.

In 2003, Roth used the Gale-Shapley algorithm to reform the matching process that New York City public high schools use, allowing for a 90 percent reduction in the number of students being matched to schools in which they had no interest.

Last week, two-time Columbia graduate Robert Lefkowitz, CC '62 and P&S '66, won a Nobel Prize in chemistry.

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Columbia's returns leave endowment at \$7.65B

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universities, increasing the total endowment to \$7.8 billion.

Despite these decreases, Columbia remained near the top of the Ivy League in endowment performance among those schools that have released their numbers for this year. Dartmouth posted a 5.8 percent return, while Yale saw a 4.6 percent return.

Trailing Columbia in the

Ivy league were Harvard with a -0.05 percent return, Brown with a 1.0 percent return, and the University of Pennsylvania with a 1.6 percent return. Stanford University saw a 1.0 percent return, while Massachusetts Institute of Technology posted an 8.0 percent return.

But Columbia's endowment can't compete with Harvard's, which at \$30.7 billion makes Harvard the world's richest school, or Yale's, at \$19.3 billion.

Princeton and Cornell had

not yet posted their fiscal year 2012 statements as of press time.

The 10.4 percent growth of Columbia's endowment over the past 10 years is also among the highest of peer institutions. The endowment consists of money and financial assets that have been donated to the University for investment by the Columbia Investment Management Company, a subsidiary of the University.

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Abortion policy change concerning, CU Dems say

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The Student Health Insurance Plan brochure says that the fee was reduced from \$900 last year to \$824 this year because it no longer covers elective termination of pregnancy, off-campus mental health emergencies, outpatient treatment for chemical abuse, and treatment of accidental injury or medical emergencies.

The notice comes on the 17th page of the 101-page brochure, available online, which CU Dems members said was unacceptable notification.

"This used to be a guarantee that all students had ... and Columbia has taken that away, both without sufficient notification to the students who are going to be affected and without implementing any formal guarantee," said Austin Heyroth, CC '15 and CU Dems media director. Club members had been

trying to contact administrators for over a month before they were able to speak with someone who was "in the know" about the change, Heyroth said, and once they did, they were disappointed in the response.

"They knew that it was going to have a huge financial impact on students for whom this did become an issue," Ridolfi-Starr said. "And their plan was to Google a list of people in New York who would give abortions and tell students to go out into the city and fend for themselves."

Ridolfi-Starr and Heyroth said that administrators reportedly told them that moving the four services, including abortion, out from the required fee was in line with the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

Ridolfi-Starr said that the CU Dems plan on reaching out to women-, gender-, and queer-related clubs and progressive

activist groups such as Law Students for Reproductive Justice and Radical College Undergraduates Not Tolerating Sexism.

She said one possible solution would be to create an "access fund" to pay for abortions—a pool of money similar to a grant that could cover medically necessary abortions.

At least one campus group is in support of Health Services' change. Nathan Grubb, SEAS '13 and webmaster of Columbia Right to Life, said the club had not been aware of the policy change when asked by a reporter, but would support it.

"Subsidizing something that is unhealthy and that is a bad choice—it's the same thing as subsidizing cigarettes," Grubb said. "We believe that there are better choices that the administration could support."

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4 colleges look to respect, reconcile differences

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everyone in every undergraduate school on campus," Joanna Kelly, vice president of the Columbia College class of 2014, said in an email.

Daniel O'Leary, president of the School of Engineering and

Applied Science class of 2014, said that the four schools' junior class councils were planning as many as three inter-school events. "We are planning two forums together, one for each semester, and our council presidents meet on a weekly basis to keep up to date on junior

concerns," he said.

"I don't think this level of communication has happened before on a class level," O'Leary added. "I think we're taking major steps toward more cooperation between the different undergraduate schools."

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For Lions, risks could reap large rewards

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in a sense, this strategy is more aggressive. It could give you a better chance of winning both games, but also of losing both games.

When I watched the men's soccer team play a scoreless tie with Princeton on Saturday, the strategies employed by Columbia and by Princeton in the first half struck me as pretty risk-averse. That meant no shots on goal from either team in the first half and only one shot on goal from the Light Blue in 110 minutes against a beatable Princeton side (narrow loss to nationally ranked Creighton aside). It certainly wasn't the most enjoyable soccer I've ever seen.

But with a constant flux of players into and off of the roster, only nine nonconference games to tune up and gel, and the demands of everyday work, the coaching staff and

players don't really have time to create, learn, and perfect multiple systems. They need to pick one or two and stick with them.

This year's team is two goals behind last year's team (which could have won the conference crown with a win in its finale) and has only scored multiple goals in a game once this season. Defensively, it is four goals better (though the team last year had the disadvantage of losing 5-1 to powerhouse New Mexico). It can't "run and gun" like Penn tries to do—the Quakers are second to Cornell in goals, but dead last in goals against by almost a goal a game—so it needs to try to lock the game up when it is outmatched and let the game be decided (or drawn) by one or two great individual efforts, crazy bounces of the ball, or errors.

If a team is clearly about as good as any other team

in the conference, maybe it doesn't need to employ this strategy to bolster its chances of winning a conference title. But after almost winning the Ivy crown last season, seeing Brown and Cornell surge ahead, and losing some key contributors, the Lions are going for broke. This strategy may either backfire or allow them to squeak out a win against one of the best sides in the country, Cornell. Add the latter outcome to some fortunate results earlier in the year, and maybe Ivy men's soccer decides it will anoint big cats, not colors, kings of the Ancient jungle.

This strategy within the context of one game is risk-averse. Within the context of the season, however, it's plenty aggressive. And that, ladies and gentlemen, is exciting.

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However, the Monmouth effort fell short as Cornell managed to score a field goal between the two Frazier touchdowns. The three points made the difference, and Cornell remain undefeated at home. After Saturday's exciting game, the Big Red now heads to Providence to take on Brown.

DARTMOUTH

The Big Green (3-2, 1-1 Ivy) fell to Sacred Heart at home this weekend, losing 27-10. Dartmouth hurt its chances of winning by turning the ball over four times, with sophomore quarterback Alex Park tossing a pair of interceptions and the Sacred Heart defense forcing two additional fumbles in the second half. Sacred Heart's 27 points came off of a meager 231 yards of total offense, 138 of which were generated solely by sophomore running back Keshaudas Spence. Despite taking the early lead on a field goal, the Big Green was unable to keep pace, scoring one touchdown compared to Sacred Heart's four. After the blowout loss, Dartmouth travels to New York this weekend to take on the Columbia Lions.

HARVARD

No. 22 Harvard (5-0, 2-0 Ivy) concluded a three-game home stand by putting up another dominant performance against Bucknell, dismantling the

visitors 35-7. Harvard seemed to be too much for Bucknell, as the opposition never led during the game. Senior quarterback Colton Chapple proved to be an aggressive offensive asset, completing 11 of 18 passes for 189 yards and two touchdowns, while rushing for another 120 yards on eight carries, scoring two more touchdowns on the ground. With the victory over Bucknell, Harvard outscored its opponents 132-23 during the three games. This weekend Harvard hits the road, visiting Princeton on Saturday.

PENN

The Quakers (2-3, 2-0 Ivy) managed to keep pace with conference leaders Princeton and Harvard after knocking off Columbia at home, 24-20, this past Saturday. The game began as a low-scoring affair, with Columbia controlling the scoreboard at halftime with a 6-3 lead. Penn took the lead on a third-quarter touchdown, only to lose it after a 14-point Columbia rally, giving the visitors a 20-10 lead late in the fourth quarter. With their backs against the wall, senior quarterback Billy Ragone led the Quakers to victory, tossing two into the end zone, including the game-winning six-yard touchdown pass with only 50 seconds remaining in the game. The Quakers head to New Haven to take on Yale this Saturday.

PRINCETON

After narrowly dropping

their first two games, the Tigers (3-2, 2-0 Ivy) are proving themselves to be among the conference's best squads with a decisive 19-0 shutout victory over Brown. In the nationally televised performance, the defense allowed only 17 rushing yards while scoring a safety in the second quarter. Offensively, Princeton's points came on a rare touchdown by an offensive lineman and a third-quarter score by sophomore running back Will Powers. The Tigers host undefeated and No. 22 Harvard this Saturday in what will be a battle of conference unbeatens in Princeton.

YALE

Yale's (1-4, 0-2 Ivy) losing streak extended to four this weekend as the Bulldogs dropped a third-consecutive home game to Lafayette, losing 20-10. Despite generating nearly 400 yards of total offense and winning the time-of-possession battle, the Bulldogs turned the ball over four times. Of the four turnovers, two occurred in Lafayette territory, costing the Bulldogs potential scoring opportunities early in the game. With the loss, the Bulldogs have now been outscored 101-48 in their last three home games. Yale will host undefeated Penn this Saturday as the Bulldogs continue to look for their elusive first conference win.

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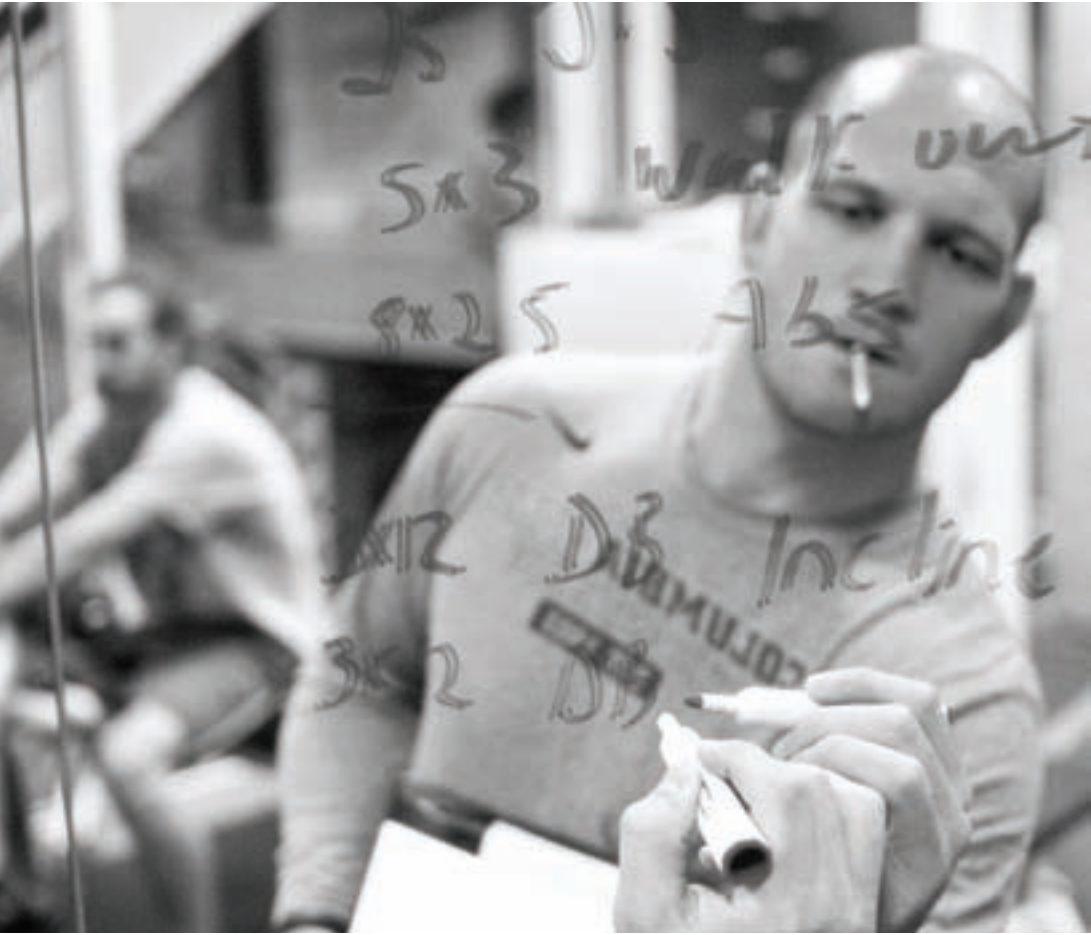


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A DIFFERENT PLAYING FIELD | Having to lead their teams and PE classes is not always easy for Light Blue coaches, but some coaches call it a positive experience.

With teaching, coaches do double duty

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hiking with assistant wrestling coach Roman Fleszar and said he found Fleszar to be a great teacher. “He was very organized, while at the same time giving people the freedom to hike at their own pace,” Santos said.

While there can be difficulties for coaches, they say the general experience is positive

since the coaches feel that they are contributing to something bigger—the comprehensive education at Columbia.

Spencer said he sees this program as a great offering to the student body. “The coaches are intrinsically prepared for teaching these things, and it’s a great opportunity to get to learn a sport from a D1 coach. It seems to follow in what Columbia

offers in the academic realm, where they have outstanding professors and teachers presenting material,” Spencer said.

McCarthy said that the presence of a requirement is a great move by Columbia. “The kids get something out of it. I think some people do it thinking ‘I have to fulfill this requirement,’ but it’s definitely a positive thing.

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MEN’S TENNIS

Lions to play in ITA Northeast Regional Championship at Yale

The Light Blue will head to Yale on Thursday for the 2012 Intercollegiate Tennis Association Northeast Regional Championship. The Lions, who most recently hosted the Columbia Classic, will compete against all the Ivies and several other Northeastern universities in doubles and singles over the course of five days. At last year’s ITA Regional Championships, two of Columbia’s doubles teams—including that of sophomores Ashok Narayana and Max Schnur—reached the quarterfinals. Narayana and

Schnur are poised to replicate last year’s success, having recently beaten three nationally ranked teams at the ITA All-American Championship. Expectations will also be high for freshman Dragos Ignat, who won the singles B draw of the USTA Collegiate Invitational in September and made it to the finals of the singles A draw at the Columbia Classic. Competition for the ITA Regional Championship begins Thursday in New Haven, Conn.

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Future of Dodge space unclear

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on what “some things” means yet. “We need to bring in architects, we need to bring in a design firm, and we really need to look at what’s possible,” Murphy said.

At the moment, the possibilities allow for better-allocated office space. With several coaches moving to the Campbell Sports Center this semester, other staff members will finally have their own offices instead of sharing with two other coaches or sitting in hallways.

Though these vacancies will be quickly filled by other coaches, leaving no new space, there may be some immediate remedies that can be made to Dodge.

“I think the machines that don’t work, I think those can be replaced or repaired, the ones that are constantly broken,” Malcolm Ray, a General Studies student who uses Dodge about six days a week, said. “And the men’s locker room is really a disaster. The toilets always have garbage bags over them to indicate they need to be repaired. And the soap dispensers in the shower, half of them are now gone and the other half are barely filled up.”

Ray said he believes that anything to improve the current situation is good but says “a reconfiguration misses the point,” and that Dodge should be gutted for a state-of-the-art gym.

Entirely new facilities may be coming to Columbia soon but likely won’t be underneath Pupin Plaza anymore. According to Murphy, the Manhattanville expansion calls for a space dedicated to recreation, intramurals, and club sports. Though she will likely retire by the time the athletic department moves, she has an image in mind for the new facilities.

“My vision would be another natatorium, squash courts, more fitness opportunities, recreation opportunities. We need that to be a part of the campus. There is a long-term plan for that. And that’s a good thing,” Murphy said.

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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

GABBY KOZLOWSKI



FILE PHOTO

Senior forward Gabby Kozlowski scored the winning goal in the Lions’ double-overtime victory over Penn on Friday. Kozlowski is one tally away from tying the all-time record set by Nikki Campbell, CC ’02.

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Diversity in Latino heritage

BY ABRIL DOZAL

To close off National Hispanic Heritage Month, a former associate at Spectator reached out to Chicano Caucus, inviting us to write an op-ed on “diversity.” After recovering from the thought of having to tackle such a broad topic, we realized the disservice we would do to the subject in responding alone, considering that the “Hispanic” opinion on diversity is so diverse in itself. Thus, we enlisted the help of the Latino Heritage Month committee. Notice that it is not called the Hispanic Heritage Month committee—the reason for that is the first point that we want to make.

“Hispanic” is an identifier that was first used in the 1970 census to categorize those of us with roots in Spanish-speaking countries. This was not a term that we created or agreed upon, but one that was imposed to lump us together by the most rudimentary commonality: our language. While language is an important factor of culture, it in no way encompasses the complexity of our identities. And so, the Columbia-Barnard student group that celebrates this month is called the Latino Heritage Month. Recognizing the duality of our identities,

Step up

We’ve all received at least one phone call from a friend who said they made a bad decision the previous night. But no one should ever have to make that call.

It’s an all too common sight. You’re at a party, maybe in East Campus or maybe at The Heights. As you talk and mingle with your friends, you see a guy out of the corner of your eye talking to a girl, flirting, obviously interested in her. He buys her another drink, continuing to chat her up, and after a while, things get more intimate. And eventually, they leave.

It doesn’t seem like anything too strange for a Friday or Saturday night. But how do you react? What do you do? Well, depending on what type of friend you are, you might stop her, knowing that she’s not in the state of mind to consent. Or, if you’re a friend of the guy, you might let him go and pat him on the back the next day for getting laid.

What too many fail to remember, though, is that they may have been witness to the precursor of sexual assault. We rarely label it that way, and we don’t want to. The guy probably thought that he had consent, even though consent can’t be given when at least one party is inebriated. The girl, too, might think that it wasn’t much of anything—she might have not wanted to go that far, but she was the one who had willingly drank (despite being pressured), and anyway, it is college, isn’t it? As long as that question lingers in her mind, though, there’s a problem.

It’s a problem that we let go too loosely in today’s college society. And even though I’ve used a heterosexual couple in my example, this can happen to anyone, regardless of their sexual orientation and regardless of their sex or gender. We never define this situation as rape because no one’s charged or arraigned in court, or because no one ever steps forward to accuse the other. I mean, it’s a big accusation. But just because there isn’t a legal proceeding or a big news story, it doesn’t mean that it didn’t happen.

But the law, in itself, seems clear. Section 130 of the New York State Penal Code defines being “mentally incapacitated,” a factor in sexual assault, as “temporarily incapable of appraising or controlling his conduct owing to the influence of a narcotic or intoxicating substance administered to him without his consent, or to any other act committed upon him without his consent.” And in many cases, that intoxicating substance is alcohol.

For those of you who don’t know, October marks Domestic Violence Awareness Month. And although Sexual Assault Awareness Month comes later on, in April, this poignant topic needs to be addressed now. And I’ll be honest. It isn’t easy to talk about this and no one really wants to. It’s one of the sides of college life that isn’t in any brochure and for which no one can really prepare. You don’t even find anything about it in AlcoholEdu, and Consent is Sexy seems so long ago. And in fact, it’s probably one of the toughest issues that plagues every college community.

That’s because there’s a large gray area with the issue. For too long, many of us have given the benefit of the doubt to those who may be committing the infraction, those who may be our friends. But we need to make the change in our perception and we need to start taking action. We cannot continue to give the benefit of the doubt to those friends. Even if the individual is not your friend, even if that person has a personal history with the person he or she’s talking to, even if the two people had been texting the night before, or even if one of them went out that night looking for sex, you must question their ability to consent.

Even after being cognizant of this new view of rape and sexual assault, many of us will find it hard to take action. We don’t want to be the ones “cockblocking” our friends, stopping them from having their “fun.” Perhaps even more of a deterrent is the fact that it may even lead to an unwanted confrontation. But we need to step up and realize that what may seem uncomfortable in the short-term may have a long-term positive effect on everyone involved. Sure, they’ll be angry with you and may not even talk to you, but you’ve made the tough decision to look at the bigger picture.

So the real question is whether you have the fortitude to do so. Tomorrow or this weekend will present the first real challenge. Don’t be afraid to step up. Stop your friends. Have the courage to prevent sexual assault, domestic violence, and even rape. Call it what it is. You won’t receive any praise, and you probably will receive anger in return, but know that you are the unsung hero. You’ve done what many of us haven’t been able to fathom, let alone commit to action.

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Let’s Be Real

“Latino” refers to those of us who trace our ancestry to Latin America, while attempting to reconcile those roots with various American environments. The term especially acknowledges that being Latino means figuring out how to balance multiple identities to create a more comprehensive one that represents all of our life experiences.

To get back to the colossal topic of “diversity,” our interpretation of the multiple Latino cultures is dependent upon our national backgrounds, the regions where we grew up, and our economic statuses, just to name a few factors. In consulting other Latino groups on campus, the responses we received on the topic were reflective of this diversity. Grupo Quisqueyano, for example, explained that their identity as Dominicans has been shaped around balancing the European elements that the history books have forced upon the minds of their people, the Taíno origins that were native to their lands, and the African ancestry that is a fundamental aspect of their culture. Meanwhile, PorColombia feels that being Colombian-American means fighting past the darker days that the media projects onto their homeland, and instead using the stories and proverbs passed down through generations to remember the wonders that give life to their childhood stories. For the Columbia University Scholar Chapter of the Hispanic Scholarship Fund, the Latino experience means channeling their energy toward their career aspirations to promote diversity in education and in the workforce through pre-professional events and high school mentorship programs. For



JULIA JARRETT

STAFF EDITORIAL

Barack Obama for president

Four years ago, President Barack Obama led a historic campaign to the White House. At a time of economic downturn, two ongoing wars abroad, and deepening partisan deadlock, Americans put their trust in the leadership of a charismatic African-American junior senator from Illinois who united thousands around the singular, dynamic idea of “Change.”

While at the time most current Columbia undergraduates were not eligible to vote, the energy and excitement of the election, particularly for students, still remains in our memories. Iconic images like the “Yes We Can” slogan and the “Hope” poster flooded our inboxes, Facebook walls, and Twitter feeds, as students throughout the country felt the presence of the election in their lives like never before. Obama’s promise for change and progress brought out record numbers of students to vote. Not only did Obama capture the largest share of votes from voters under 30 in recent history at 66 percent, but he also inspired the largest turnout rate of young voters since 1972, the year the voting age was lowered from 21 to 18.

In the four years since that election, we have had a chance to evaluate Obama’s politics and leadership. Today the stakes and situation are different. A large part of this election will be a referendum on the president’s first term: Does the Obama administration’s direction on health care, the economy, and foreign policy still appeal to us, or would Mitt Romney and a Republican administration offer a better alternative? Have Obama’s promises of “hope” and “change” turned out to be empty rhetoric?

While we leave much of that for the reader to decide, in our position as Columbia undergraduates, we endorse Barack Obama for a second term, as his policies show greater promise for the interests of college students, institutions of higher education, and the American university system.

MAKING COLLEGE AFFORDABLE

President Obama has shown a commitment to making undergraduate higher education as affordable as possible. During his first four years in office, Obama doubled funding for Pell Grants—federal aid to low-income families sending their children to institutions of higher education—and his 2013 budget proposal increases funds for Federal Work-Study programs by 15 percent. In addition, the Obama administration has shown that it sympathizes with students as they shoulder the burden of student loans. Obama was instrumental in keeping the federal student loan rate from doubling to 6 percent this summer and his administration proposed to give students more flexibility in paying back their loans with the “Pay as You Earn” plan.

On the other hand, Romney has mostly stayed silent on concrete education policy positions, which raises questions about his prioritization of federal programs for funding college education. Meanwhile, Romney’s running mate Paul Ryan gives us reason to doubt his plans for making college affordable. The 2013 congressional budget, compiled while Ryan was chairman of the House Budget Committee and endorsed by Romney, recommends drastically cutting funding for Pell Grants, so much so that some estimate that it would make more than 1 million students ineligible for Pell Grants in the next decade. Those who do qualify would receive less aid, as his proposal includes a recommendation to “adopt a sustainable maximum award” of \$5,500 (the current limit) for a decade and refuses to adjust for either inflation or rises in tuition. Obama has demonstrated his dedication to providing opportunities in higher education to all Americans regardless of income, and the same cannot be said for the Romney-Ryan ticket.

us, being Chicano means knowing that our roots are deeply founded in the Southwest and are incredibly visible around the country, but that we still have to fight to immigrate because the border decided to cross us in 1848. These rich and unique experiences are but a few of the representations of the Latino identities on our campus.

To honor these complexities, the theme for Latino Heritage Month’s programming this year is “Mis Pies En Dos Tierras”: “My Feet in Two Lands.” This month aptly commemorates the countless childhood stories, repressed ancestors, uprooted families, and ceaseless endeavors; it does justice to the experiences that make up our Latino diversity.

So when we were approached about writing a piece on diversity to honor Latino Heritage Month, we didn’t want to revisit the topic of the importance of diversity or highlight our obvious diversity on campus, but rather to reflect on the diversity within the Latino community as a whole. Admittedly, this op-ed does not embody entirely what it means to be Latino, so instead we hope that it gives everyone a new perspective of who we are and what we bring to the “diversity” conversation. We hope that, as Columbia students, we not only recognize but also celebrate the fact that there is no one Latino culture or identity.

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CONTINUING FEDERAL SUPPORT

In addition to providing greater access to higher education at a more affordable rate, Obama is more likely to support institutions like Columbia in a way that will ensure their continued success, as University President Lee Bollinger told Spectator in a recent interview. We have historical and empirical reasons to believe that American universities benefit from strong federal support. The modern American research university owes a great deal to federal government initiatives to fund cutting-edge research. The uniquely American link between research and education still contributes directly to the international stature of American universities and Columbia is no small beneficiary.

The latest data from the National Science Foundation shows that Columbia received over \$667 million in federal research grants in the 2009 fiscal year. Only four other institutions received more money. Columbia’s annual operating budget is roughly \$3 billion. Without support from the federal government, academics will be hard-pressed to find sources of funding for their research and universities like Columbia, with weaker research arms, stand to suffer enormously in their educational project. On an ideological level, we see federal government support for higher education as crucial. The principles of small government simply will not work for America’s universities.

Since the conservative resurgence of Ronald Reagan, America has watched both federal and state funding for higher education diminish. Romney will seek to continue this trend, as his five-point plan for the country mentions education but is lacking in any sort of substance on the matter. The heart of it, an eight-page paper coauthored by four economists—including Columbia and Harvard professors Glenn Hubbard and Gregory Mankiw—is titled “The Romney Plan for Economic Recovery, Growth, and Jobs” and does not discuss education at all. Romney has made few concrete proposals on higher education policy and the little information that is available, including a brief mention of “welcoming private sector participation,” would hint that Romney will cut spending toward higher education. We also wonder if “private sector participation” hints at Romney’s proposal to cede some control over federal student loans to private banks.

THE BETTER CANDIDATE

We acknowledge that Barack Obama’s four years as president have been far from perfect. However, as undergraduates at Columbia, we find his past policies and campaign platform to be significantly more promising than the alternative, at least for students, colleges and universities, and higher education as a whole.

Additionally, given that we are a group of college-aged students on a campus that embraces diversity, liberal ideology, and student activism, we sympathize with Obama’s social policies. We find moral reasons to support legislation from expanded health care to the legalization of gay marriage to the DREAM Act. For example, as college students still largely reliant on our parents’ health insurance plans, we embrace the provision in Obama’s health care plan allowing us to remain on it until we are 26.

Today, however, we arrive at our endorsement of Barack Obama independent of these reasons. We endorse Barack Obama for president because a second Obama term will better provide for us as students, our educational institutions, and the students who will inhabit them after we graduate.

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College sports call for 'go big or go home' plays

One of the plays that continues to irk me is from the AFC championship game in January between Baltimore and New England. Under a minute into the second quarter, Baltimore faced a 4th-and-1 just three yards from the New England end zone, down by three. The Ravens decided to kick a field goal instead of attempting a fourth-down conversion. They did make the field goal, but ended up losing the game, 23-20, after missing a potentially tying field goal in the dying seconds.

There's research showing that for most field positions, on average, the benefits of converting on fourth-and-short outweigh the risks, especially in this situation, when a failed conversion attempt would still give the Patriots terrible field position. (Remember that even though the Patriots' offense had very good numbers, it played a pretty easy schedule, while the Ravens had an above-average defense, as usual.) We can't know how a converted fourth down and a probable touchdown after that would have changed the game, but the Ravens likely surrendered a few points nonetheless.

But after almost winning the Ivy crown last season ... the Lions are going for broke.

In the playoffs, or whenever "the games matter more," I feel like teams of all sports, are, in general, overly risk-averse. Whether that's not going for it nearly enough on fourth down, playing the neutral-zone trap (even when, lockout to lockout, 13 of 14 Stanley Cup finalists employed an aggressive fore-check), or regularly clearing the ball to the other side of the field, foregoing any potential attacks in favor of possible chances to counterattack, risk-averse strategies frequently don't even work that well and tend to be quite boring.

At the college level, though, things are different. Notably, thanks to the sheer numbers of players and teams, the gap between best and worst is greater than in top professional leagues.

Moreover, teams probably have fewer resources and less time available to prepare (especially once schoolwork is factored into the mix). If you're playing one lesser and one better opponent in a short period of time, maybe your best chance of winning is to avoid risk: You'll still expect to win against the lesser team and fall to the better one, at the expense of decreasing the expected scoreline difference at the end of each game. But

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JUST SHORT | It will take the collective effort of quarterback Sean Brackett and his offensive squad get back on track.

For CU football, consistency remains key to success

BY MYLES SIMMONS
Spectator Senior Staff Writer

With the football team halfway through the season with a 1-4 record, along with an 0-2 record in Ivy play, there is one undeniable statistical trend—the defense is ahead of the offense.

Last season, the Lions finished with a 1-9 record and were either at or close to the bottom of the Ivy League in most statistical categories. They finished last in the Ancient Eight in—among other categories—scoring defense, total offense, total defense, first downs, and third down conversions.

So although the win-loss record for the season may not reflect the changes ushered in by new head coach Pete Mangurian, there are plenty of ways in which the Lions have tangibly improved.

Through five games, the Lions currently rank fifth in the Ancient Eight in total defense, only allowing 354.8 yards per game. That's an improvement of 60 yards a game from last season, when the Lions finished in last place. Columbia has also significantly improved its rushing defense, allowing just 111.2 yards per game on the ground, whereas last season it was 164.7.

This is in large part due to the prowess of the defensive front seven. Mangurian has identified the defensive

line and linebackers as a good group from the beginning of the season.

"I think the front seven on defense is awfully strong," the head coach said at Media Day in September. "I think it's good up front, and I think we have some legitimate depth. And I think when we have the kind of players we have in the front four and linebackers that can back them up, I think that's a rarity in this league."

The Lions have used that depth to their advantage, as 10 defensive players have totaled 14 sacks so far this season, which ranks third in the league. This is already two-thirds of the total number of sacks put up by the Lions last season, 21.

While there have been signs of improvement as the season has gone on, the offense is still a work in progress. Junior Marcus Garrett has become a force out of the backfield for the Lions, with 543 yards rushing and 98 yards receiving on the season. Garrett currently leads the Ancient Eight in rushing yards, and is fourth in all-purpose yards with 641.

On the whole, though, the offense has, at best, been inconsistent. So far, the unit ranks last in the league in points per game and yards per game, at 12.6 and 320.2 respectively. But many of the offense's struggles have come with its inability to move the ball down the field and score. The Lions are currently last in the league in first downs, at a total of 85. They've also scored touchdowns on just two of their 12 red-zone trips.

Additionally, converting on third down has been a problem all season, with the Lions having made only 20 of their 78 opportunities.

"Inconsistency on first and second down is a huge part of why we're not doing well on third down," Mangurian said after the Lions' second game against Fordham. "Third down by itself usually isn't the problem. It's what happens on first and second down that puts you in third and long. And we don't have a bunch of third and shorts we're not converting, we've got a bunch of third and sevens, third and eights, third and nines. I don't care who you are, those are tough to convert."

The Light Blue has improved on converting first down, though, as it converted 23 against Penn on Saturday.

"The plays were always there, but today we executed more often than not," said senior Sean Brackett after the game. "Obviously, it wasn't good enough, we have a long way to go. But as a whole we moved the ball up and down the field when the plays were there. Still too many dumb mistakes, too many penalties, things like that. But we've got to just keep working hard to get the system going."

Consistency will be key for the Lions in the second half of the season. If the offense can continue to progress and build on the strides it made against the Quakers, the Light Blue should have success in its last five games of 2012.

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Lions' coaches lead PE classes, interact with student body

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In his 19 years at Columbia, women's soccer head coach Kevin McCarthy has taught everything from soccer and floor hockey to strength conditioning and squash.

Most of the University's 98 physical education courses offered this semester are taught by the Lions' varsity coaches. Coaches teach one gym class per semester, regardless of whether their team is in season.

While the gym requirement affords students the opportunity to explore a new sport, McCarthy, also uses his teaching requirement to explore his own interests.

"In terms of teaching floor hockey, I used to play hockey, so I'm very comfortable there. With squash, I was the associate, helping the squash coach out. Part of it was based on where they needed people, but I had also expressed an interest in learning the game."

Another coach who teaches outside his usual realm is wrestling head coach Carl Fronhofer. In his four years at Columbia, Fronhofer has taught strength training and acknowledges the disadvantage of wrestling not being offered as a P.E. class.

"There is no wrestling, otherwise my expertise could be used a little better, but I think I am competent enough in strength training," he said.

"The coaches are intrinsically prepared for teaching these things."

—Gordon Spencer, diving coach

While the extra time commitment during the season can be seen as a distraction, most coaches say they find it manageable, or at least worth the time crunch.

"Well, I always find that I wish I had more time, but that's part of the experience. The benefits of the relationships I've developed from teaching those classes outweigh the time commitment," McCarthy said.

Coaches also say that getting to interact with the non-athlete student body is a benefit. "It gives you exposure to the regular student body, that we probably wouldn't have much of if we didn't teach these classes, so I think that's a positive," Fronhofer said. "I have found getting to know more of the general student body to be enriching," McCarthy added.

Diving coach Gordon Spencer generally teaches within his area of expertise and said he finds it refreshing to work with a different level of athletes. "I coach divers who have been diving for years, and here I'm teaching students diving they have never experienced. It's a fresh way to see the sport."

Many assistant coaches teach their own gym classes, often with another assistant coach. Senior Isaac Santos took

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Plans for Dodge renovation resurface for future

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"Overcrowded." "Dimly lit." "Underground windowless dungeon." The dissatisfied feelings regarding the quality of Dodge Fitness Center seem like tired news. Luckily, a more optimistic twist is

coming to the Morningside campus. With the Campbell Sports Center construction ending soon, Athletic Director M. Dianne Murphy is shifting her attention to the underground gym.

Murphy first began redeveloping plans for athletics facilities in 2006, though the perennial issue of space has been her

concern since she stepped on board in November 2004. She's already accomplished some of the goals with the new Campbell Sports Center at Baker Athletics Complex. Next comes a renovation and refurbishing of Dodge, she says.

"Everyone knows and acknowledges that this is something that needs to be done. And part of my desire is, once we finish Campbell and get that done and get people resituated down here, is to have more ongoing conversations with the University," she said.

Her plans extend beyond new machines and more space for students and faculty. Murphy envisions an entire reconfiguration of the facilities, which she believes necessitates a capital campaign of approximately \$20 billion and a partnership with the school deans. This wouldn't be the first time that the center has undergone an upheaval.

"There was a major reconfiguration with the tri-fitness center, I believe, I want to say in '96. I wasn't here then but they did a major reconfiguration then. This building has been reconfigured so many times that there's not a lot that can be done but there's some things," Murphy said.

Murphy says she can't be more specific

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TOO CLOSE FOR COMFORT | Lack of office space is one problem solved by the new Campbell Complex, but there is still much to be done back at Dodge.

At season's midpoint, Harvard remains perfect, still undefeated

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Halfway through the season, Harvard remains the lone undefeated team. Within the conference, Penn and Princeton are undefeated. The Tigers are scheduled to play the Crimson this Saturday, and the outcome of the game will end one team's perfect conference record. Meanwhile, Cornell and Dartmouth are 1-1, and Brown, Columbia, and Yale are winless.



BROWN

Brown (3-2, 0-2 Ivy) was shut out at Princeton on Saturday, 19-0. The road-weary Bears, who have only played one home game this season, struggled offensively at Princeton, gaining only 242 yards in total offense against the Tigers. The Princeton defense paid special attention to shutting down the Bears' ground attack, allowing Brown only 17 yards on the ground. The loss puts Brown at the bottom of conference

standings, despite the fact that the Bears remain undefeated in nonconference play. After visiting three states in the last three weeks, Brown finally returns home in search of its first conference win against Cornell this Saturday.

CORNELL

After losing by 32 last Saturday at Harvard, Cornell (3-2, 1-1 Ivy) got back on track as it hosted Monmouth, holding on to win a 41-38 shootout against the visitors. After a quiet first quarter that saw the home team go up 7-0 on Monmouth, the game exploded in the second quarter, with the two squads combining for four scores, including three touchdowns. The action continued in the third quarter, during which Monmouth came back from a 17-14 halftime deficit to take a 23-20 lead in the waning seconds. There were rallies by both teams in the fourth quarter, with Cornell scoring two touchdowns to take a 34-23 lead followed by two touchdown passes by Monmouth senior quarterback Kyle Frazier.

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