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DOOLEY NOTED | Junior Nora Dooley scored both of Columbia's goals in its 2-0 win over then-undefeated Princeton. See page 3.

TC professor sues Philadelphia police

BY SARAH DARVILLE
Spectator Senior Staff Writer

Marc Lamont Hill, a self-proclaimed “hip-hop intellectual” and associate professor of English education at Teachers College, filed a federal lawsuit against the Philadelphia police department last week, alleging civil rights violations.

Hill, who lives in Philadelphia, alleges that he was harassed, searched, and injured during an unprovoked traffic stop, according to court documents.

After driving someone home in the early hours of June 12, Hill stopped his car at an intersection to let the passenger out. That was when Philadelphia police officer Richard DeCoatsworth, who is named in the suit, first pulled behind Hill’s car, motioned for Hill to move, and pulled away.

The suit alleges that moments later, DeCoatsworth pulled Hill over at the end of the block, pulled him from his car by his left arm, pushed him against his car, and searched his pockets.

Once he was up against the car, DeCoatsworth allegedly asked whether or not he could afford his car, and upon finding his checkbook in his pocket, questioned him about his Ph.D. title.

When he and three other officers finished a search of the car,

they told him to “get out of the neighborhood and go home.”

The suit alleges that these actions amount to violations of Hill’s rights against unlawful search and seizure and due process, and that they merit assault and false imprisonment charges.

“No officer will stop someone on Fifth Avenue for driving a Mercedes, but they will on 125th Street,” said Hill’s lawyer, and brother, Leonard Hill. “The suit is more so to say that you can’t do this. You can’t just pull people over because they fit a certain profile.”

A 2007 traffic stop had very different consequences for DeCoatsworth.

The officer was hailed as a hero when he was shot in the face by a suspect, who he then chased for blocks. After that incident, he was given the National Association of Police Organizations TOP COPS Award and was invited to sit next to First Lady Michelle Obama during President Obama’s first address to Congress.

On Twitter, where Hill has over 16,800 followers, he tweeted on Friday that he is not looking for attention. “I have NO desire to turn this into a media spectacle or try a case in public. As evidence comes out, the truth will be abundantly clear. For this reason, I will not be taking any interview requests or making any



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CIVIL RIGHTS | Teachers College associate professor Marc Hill is suing Philadelphia.

other statements about this subject,” the tweet said.

Hill has been a regular liberal voice on the Fox News program “The O’Reilly Factor”—a gig that included the YouTube-infamous exchange in which O’Reilly says that Hill looks like a cocaine dealer. Hill is currently the host of the TV show “Our World with Black Enterprise,” which airs on TVOne. In the TC directory, he is not listed as teaching any courses this academic year.

The Philadelphia Police Department could not be reached for comment.

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Harlem activists seek eminent domain reform

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As the controversy over Columbia’s proposed expansion plays out in the court system, some critics are arguing that the legal system that gave the University a green light is deeply flawed.

Attorneys and neighborhood activists gathered on Saturday at the Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture for a conference called “Columbia University’s ‘Land Grab’ and its Impact on Harlem and Beyond: A Case of Power, Greed, and

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—Christina Walsh,
Institute for Justice

Corruption.” While most discussions up to this point have honed in on the legal aspects of this court case, the panelists also debated the scientific, political, and socioeconomic issues associated with the University’s intended 17-acre campus expansion in Manhattanville.

This weekend’s discussion came on the heels of a significant court case in which the New York State Court of Appeals declared this summer that eminent domain—the process by which the state can seize private property for “public use” in exchange for market-rate compensation—can be used to obtain private properties in West Harlem. This ruling was a major victory for Columbia, as it effectively paved the way for the University to acquire the remaining private property in the neighborhood.

Now, the attorneys representing two property holdouts, who have refused to sell to Columbia,

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CU nears \$4 billion capital campaign goal
Officials hope to exceed original target by end of 2011

BY SONALEE RAU AND
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Columbia Daily Spectator

Columbia’s capital campaign may have recently reached \$3.8 billion, but University officials think they may be able to exceed the campaign’s \$4 billion goal by its Dec. 2011 end date.

The Columbia Campaign, launched in the fall of 2006, was originally conceived to raise \$4 billion for all schools and colleges within the University, and administrators hope that additional donations will be able to put them over the top by the Campaign’s conclusion.

At the time when it was announced on Sept. 29, 2006, it was the largest campaign in the history of higher education. But, shortly after, on Oct. 10, 2006, Stanford University announced a \$4.3 billion campaign.

“Compared to our peers, we’ve been doing spectacularly well,” Dan Baker, executive director of university donor relations and CC ’76, said. “The combination of money, vision, and leadership is powerful. That’s what’s happening at Columbia.”

Baker has been involved with the Capital Campaign since its inception, and said the leadership of University President Lee Bollinger and Susan Feagin, executive vice president for university development and alumni relations, has been crucial to the campaign’s success.

Feagin had high hopes for the campaign’s future fundraising. “We hope that at the end of

the day we can raise a lot more than \$4 billion for Columbia,” she said.

And as fundraising for the campaign begins to wind down, University monetary allotments have more clearly shaped up.

According to Baker, the campaign will have many effects on student life at Columbia. Enhanced financial aid and endowed professorships have been key goals of the effort, as well as shoring up Columbia’s endowment. “The goal of the campaign was for 40 percent of funds to go into endowment. You’re always trying to balance current needs with the needs of the future,” he said.

Baker also stressed the campaign’s commitment to making undergraduate education more affordable—for example, the money gifted to Columbia by the late philanthropist John Kluge, CC ’37, is dedicated entirely to student scholarships. “One of the things that keeps Columbia vibrant and diverse is its ability to bring the best and brightest here, regardless of their ability to pay,” Baker said.

Over \$1 billion of the goal will be devoted to the Columbia University Medical Center. Manhattanville, Baker said, was not the focus of the campaign.

Four billion may have been an ambitious goal, but University officials tapped into what wound up being some of their best resources: former students.

Jerry Kisslinger, executive

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CU mourns Louis Henkin, father of human rights law

BY DAPHNE CHEN
Columbia Daily Spectator

Louis Henkin, a World War II veteran and former Columbia professor widely considered a founding father of human rights law, died at age 92 on Thursday of complications of dementia.

Colleagues, students, lawyers, federal judges, and family spoke in his honor at Riverside Memorial Chapel on Sunday for a crowded ceremony that left many standing.

“I learned from this man in every single shape and form,” University President Lee Bollinger, a former student of Henkin’s, said at the ceremony. “I relish and cherish every moment I was able to have with him, the kindest, gentlest, most extraordinary human being. ... For me, personally, I have lost someone who has been truly

inspirational to me. I loved him.”

In addition to fighting in World War II—where he once earned a Silver Star for convincing 78 German soldiers to surrender to his force of 13—Henkin, University professor emeritus, served as a federal judge and at Columbia, played a major role in the creation of the Center for the Study of Human Rights.

At the University in 1978, he persuaded then-Provost William Theodore de Bary to create the Center and he went on to co-found it alongside Barnard professor and director of human rights studies J. Paul Martin.

Before entering academia, he clerked for Supreme Court Justice Felix Frankfurter as well as Second Circuit Judge Learned Hand, and he worked

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COURTESY OF INSTITUTE FOR THE STUDY OF HUMAN RIGHTS

FATHER OF HUMAN RIGHTS | Professor Louis Henkin, above with J. Paul Martin in 1991, died last week in Manhattan at age 91.

NEWS BRIEF

SGA to choose option for sorority recognition process

The Barnard Student Government Association is set to pass one of three options for how to proceed on sorority recognition on Monday.

As SGA continues to discuss the possibility of formally recognizing Greek life, an internal committee plans to present three possibilities for moving forward with campus discussion.

The committee, which is made up of SGA Representative Council members, already announced one option, which would be a Barnard campus-wide poll to gauge opinions on granting sororities recognition. They will present the two other options today. The Representative Council will vote to pass one of the choices.

Currently, SGA—which acts as a governing board as well as a council—does not officially recognize the InterGreek Council, the three-branched Greek life governing board. According to its constitution, SGA cannot recognize groups that choose members on a “discriminatory basis.”

In April, the IGC sought official recognition from SGA, which would enable IGC to receive additional privileges including financial support and access to more spaces for events. An SGA vote left the IGC unrecognized. Barnard students in sororities represent 10.4 percent of the student body, but they make up half of the sorority population.

SGA recently held a town

hall to discuss the issue, which was dominated by supporters of sorority recognition, though a smaller group of students spoke out against the idea.

Vice President of Finance Priyata Patel, BC ’11, co-chairs the committee, and previously said that the role of students and the administration in deciding whether or not sororities get recognition will be based on the option the Representative Council passes.

“How the student body and administration will be involved will be determined by the committee,” she said. “We’re not going to make a decision—we’re deciding how to make a decision.”

—Madina Toure

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Rocking out with the boy(s) who lived

Wizard rock band Harry and the Potters played a sold-out concert Saturday in Lerner. They sat down with Spectator to discuss the growth of the genre and its college fan base.



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Laugh out and loud

Neil FitzPatrick discusses whether we can both laugh and care about a single cause.

Freezing peace

Israel must extend the moratorium on settlements.

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Football falls to Penn 27-13 in Philadelphia

On Saturday, the Lions suffered their first conference loss of the season in a humbling defeat at the hands of the Quakers, the defending Ivy League champions.

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Study abroad peer advising meets in Little Senegal

BY MICA MOORE
Columbia Daily Spectator

Over lunch in Harlem’s Little Senegal, Eric Schuster, CC’13 and an African studies major, spoke to a peer advisor about his concerns that you can’t address by reading a brochure.

Peer Advisor Zawadi Baharanyi, CC ’11, who studied abroad in Senegal last spring, told Schuster she spent every Friday night there dancing with friends at Club Voyager in Dakar, and assured him that the local cuisine isn’t too spicy.

“Good, because I really can’t handle spicy food,” he said, over a traditional Senegalese yogurt dessert at Africa Kine, a restaurant east of Morningside Park on 116th Street.

Under a new University program, students returning from studying abroad work alongside the Office of Global Programs to share their experiences with prospective applicants to their specific programs.

The new peer advising system held its first event on Saturday, where Baharanyi and a small group of students strolled through the Little Senegal district on 116th to learn more about opportunities in West Africa, untraditional programs that have become increasingly popular over the years.

Students sampled theiebou djeun, the Senegalese national dish mixing eggplants, fish, carrots, and cassava in tomato



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TASTE OF AFRICA | Students discussed study abroad in Africa at a peer advising session at Africa Kine restaurant on 116th Street.

sauce, and compared bissap, a sweet fruit drink flavored with mint, to Kool-Aid.

Sara Ede, a program coordinator at the Office of Global Programs, said she hoped the new peer advising program would give students a more intimate understanding of the experiences that await them overseas.

She said she has a lot of respect for students at Columbia who choose to study abroad in sub-Saharan Africa.

“It was life-changing,” Ede said of her time as an undergraduate doing fieldwork in Kenya. “It’s the reason why I work in international education now.”

Baharanyi, who participated in the Minnesota Studies in International Development program, which combines fieldwork and academic courses, said that even though studying abroad in

Africa is more fun than people think, it’s still a very different experience from spending a semester in Europe.

“You get to go from reading about development in textbooks to seeing how it works on the ground,” she said.

She stayed in a small town with a local host family, where she had to pull water up from wells. “When you go, you come back feeling capable and confident,” she said.

African studies majors at Columbia are required to spend a semester in Africa studying or performing supervised research. The Office of Global Studies now offers more than 18 study-abroad programs in sub-Saharan Africa.

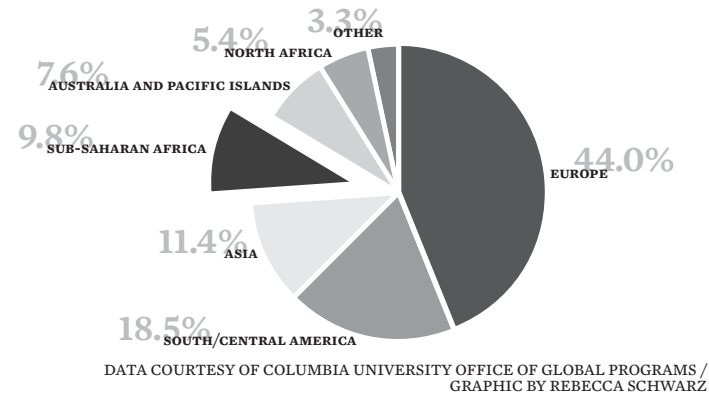
“I think it makes sense,” Schuster said. “It’s condescending to say, ‘I’m this Western student who can study everything about Africa and understand it without ever having been there.’ Living there for a semester obviously doesn’t teach you everything, but it helps,” he said.

Schuster said he was deciding between studying abroad in Europe or Africa, but the lunch with advisors helped push him toward the less traditional route.

“Reid Hall [in Paris] is an established program,” he said, “but I think this [Africa] is just as easy as going to a European country. It’s fairly well set up.”

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Breakdown of Columbia-approved study abroad programs



Siegel calls for eminent domain law reforms

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are appealing the decision to the Supreme Court of the United States, arguing that the decision promotes an abuse of eminent domain law and violates fundamental constitutional rights.

One of the two attorneys—Norman Siegel, representing Tuck-it-Away Self Storage owner and property holdout Nick Sprayregen—spoke at the conference, explaining this same argument to an audience of about 40 people in a discussion called “New Challenge of Eminent Domain in the U.S. Supreme Court.” But he went beyond the basics, offering several recommendations to fix what he calls the broken system of New York state eminent domain procedure law.

Siegel expressed concern with the current legal definition of “blight”—the condition of disrepair beyond the potential for natural relief. Though designation of an area as blighted is necessary to invoke eminent domain, Siegel said that vagueness in the language of the definition favors developers as it stands.

“Vagueness invites subjectivity, subjectivity invites selective enforcement, and selective enforcement invites favoritism,” he said. “The state legislature needs to hold public hearings soliciting public comments so that it can draft better laws clearly spelling out what constitutes blight

in the context of the use of eminent domain.”

Siegel also proposed reforming the process to challenge eminent domain. He noted that in New York state, unlike in every other state in the country, there is no trial court in eminent domain cases allowing a private property owner to cross-examine the developer. Rather, the case automatically begins in an appellate court.

In addition to being revised to provide trial court cases, Siegel also proposed that New York’s eminent domain law be changed to prohibit a government agency responsible for approving the use of eminent domain from hiring the same consulting firm to conduct a blight study that the developer of the project has also hired.

“There’s something terribly wrong with that system, and yet that’s what happened in the Columbia situation,” he said, referring to the collusion that he argues occurred between the University and the firm that carried out the blight study.

Christina Walsh, director of activism and coalitions at the Institute for Justice, echoed Siegel’s point, explaining that vaguely defined terms favor developers and disproportionately impact low-income black residents.

“We see bogus blight happening across the state using vague criteria, even when the developer himself causes the blight, even

when the city causes the blight,” Walsh said, adding that in a study conducted of 1,000 eminent domain projects, two-thirds of the people displaced were black.

But developers, city government agencies, and consulting firms are not the only ones to blame, according to Tom DeMott, CC ’80 and a member of the local activist group Coalition to Preserve Community. In his talk, “The People’s Struggle against Columbia University’s Expansion,” he discussed another set of stakeholders who he says have been at fault throughout this court battle: politicians.

“When you get a ruling like that [the Court of Appeals decision] and when there’s been opposition for eight years, you would think the elected officials might get off their asses and do something about it,” DeMott said.

Local elected officials’ compliance with the University’s plans, he said, have allowed local residents to “be victims of eminent domain.”

Audience members said the panels taught them a lot about the expansion.

“I’m very perturbed right now,” West Harlem resident William Greene, who lives near the footprint of the expansion, said in an interview. “I learned today that we need a lot more public outcry. People haven’t been heard.”

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Colleagues, friends remember Louis Henkin

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for the State Department’s United Nations Bureau, playing a major role in negotiating the U.N.’s 1951 Refugee Convention. Henkin mentored hundreds of human rights lawyers and specialists through Aspen Institute seminars and has been considered one of the greatest scholars of international law and foreign policy. Many of his books are now required reading for government officials and diplomats.

“We remember the extraordinary impact he had on so many circles and so many lives that he touched, and the lives that intersected with those

lives,” Bollinger said. “I was privileged.”

“He was so very energized and warm,” Martin said in an interview, remembering his first impression of Henkin over 40 years ago. “He was a hard man to say no to.”

And, according to Martin, the first thing that came to mind when asked what Henkin taught him was “not to use adverbs and adjectives.”

Many of the speakers at the service emphasized Henkin’s honesty.

“Louie’s North Star was the fidelity of truth,” Michael Posner, executive director of Human Rights First, said.

Daniel Henkin, his youngest

son, spoke about his father’s strong will to live.

“In deep ways he, believed he would never die—and he would be quite surprised to see us here today,” David Henkin said of his father, who is survived by his wife and three sons, as well as five grandchildren. “In these past few weeks, especially when it seemed like he might die, but he didn’t die, and didn’t die, and didn’t die again, it almost convinced those of us who loved him most that this wouldn’t happen.”

He added, “Daddy, I’m going to miss you a whole lot. I miss you a lot already, and you’ve only just gone.”

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Women’s soccer moves into first place with 2-0 win over Princeton



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UNBEATEN | Junior Ashlin Yahr and the Lions, who are undefeated in Ivy play, are now in first place in the league after defeating Princeton 2-0.

BY SARAH SOMMER
Spectator Senior Staff Writer

Junior midfielder Nora Dooley could not contain her excitement. As soon as the second half ended on Saturday, she sprinted onto the field to smother her teammates with hugs.

She had every reason to celebrate. Dooley scored two goals—her first since 2008—to lead the Columbia women’s soccer team to a 2-0 win over Princeton. With the victory, the Lions handed the Tigers their first Ivy League loss of the season. Columbia, in turn, became the only Ivy team to remain unbeaten in conference play.

The Lion team (8-2-3, 3-0-1 Ivy) is now the only Ivy squad in control of its fate. If Columbia wins its remaining three conference games, it will be the league champion no matter what any other team does.

“We have to continue to just concentrate on each match and train well each day,” head coach Kevin McCarthy said. “But it’s a great position to be in.”

Dooley played a major role in putting the Lions in that position, though she would not take full credit for their success on Saturday.

“It feels really good [to score] ... but that was an amazing team effort,” she said. “I couldn’t have done it without them, obviously. Like, it could’ve been anyone—we had a million chances—and I was the lucky one to have my goals go in.”

After a first half in which Princeton (8-5-0, 3-1-0) controlled possession and Columbia rarely created scoring opportunities, tallying even one goal seemed unlikely for the Lions. But Columbia’s second-half performance turned the first half into the improbable scenario.

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“Our second half was as excellent as our first half was poor,” McCarthy said.

The Lions spent much of the final 45 minutes in their attacking half of the field, while Princeton struggled to gain possession. In the 58th minute, Dooley scored her first goal after a long throw-in by freshman midfielder Chelsea Ryan.

Princeton keeper Kristin Watson could not hold onto the ball following Ryan’s throw, and Dooley took advantage. Her shot, from 12 yards out, found the back of the net with Watson out of position.

Dooley gave the Lions their insurance goal in the 85th minute. Senior defender Kelly Hostetler had just taken a corner, and after a flick by junior midfielder Liz Wicks, senior defender Lauren Cooke passed to Dooley. Once again, Dooley found herself with the ball and capitalized.

“I don’t know, it just—it happened, and I honestly felt like something was going to happen to take it away from me,” Dooley said of her goals. “I don’t know. I wanted to cry [after scoring], though.”

“It feels amazing,” she added. “As long as we keep winning, though, scoring is whatever, but I’m glad that I could be the one to do that today. That was really great.”

While the Lions hardly attacked in the first half, they were not entirely without scoring chances. In fact, they generated the earliest opportunity of the game.

Within the first 30 seconds of play, junior forward Marissa Schultz sent a cross toward freshman forward Beverly Leon.

Leon and the cross from the left side barely missed each other at the near post.

Watson came out to stop the ball but could not, leaving an open net. Unfortunately for the Lions, no other Columbia player was around to follow at the far post. The ball rolled wide of the goal and over the endline, last touched by Columbia.

The Light Blue eventually found its scoring touch. With two goals against Princeton, Columbia has now scored twice in three straight contests. But the Lions used more than offense to overtake the Tigers, as Princeton also became the victim of Columbia’s league-high seventh shutout.

Prior to facing Princeton, Columbia had not posted a clean sheet since its 0-0 draw with Brown on Oct. 2. The Lions allowed two goals against Long Island on Oct. 12.

Though one of Long Island’s goals was a penalty kick resulting from a controversial foul call, Columbia was dissatisfied with yielding multiple goals in one game. The Lions rebounded in a big way against the Tigers.

“This shutout was definitely a morale-booster,” junior goalkeeper Lillian Klein said. “I think we’re all pretty excited about it.”

Columbia had not beaten Princeton since 2006, the year of the Light Blue’s first and only Ivy championship. On Saturday, the Lions showed that 2010 could have the same ending.

“We still have three more huge and, like, incredibly tough games ahead of us,” Dooley said, referring to Columbia’s final Ivy contests. “But this team can do anything. We proved that in the second half today.”

Parity reigns in Ivy League football

There is no salary cap in the Ivy League.

Schools are free to woo high school stars in any number of ways. They are permitted to outspend their rivals on fitness facilities and stadium resources. They are free to recruit heavily. They can call upon the institution’s history or reputation to help attract top athletic talent.

For these reasons and others, certain Ancient Eight schools are known more for their athletic success than others. Often a school’s football or basketball or fencing program rises to the top of the pack and stays there for a while. Inertia can be a powerful factor: A high school hotshot is more likely to choose a winning program with top coaching over a struggling one.

With all this in mind, there’s something strange going on in Ivy League football right now. Every team has played five games total and has five conference matchups remaining. But there is no clear powerhouse. For whatever reasons, a salary-cap effect seems to have kicked in. The good teams aren’t so good and the bad teams aren’t so bad. Right now, the playing field in Ivy football is more or less level. Parity reigns.

Harvard, a perennial powerhouse, was picked to finish first in the league in this year’s preseason media poll. But the Crimson has already tripped up twice so far—once in week two at Brown, and once in dramatic fashion on Saturday at home against Lehigh. Harvard’s status as frontrunner is history.



JACOB LEVENFELD
Eye on the Ball

The Bears, meanwhile, promptly built upon that momentum with consecutive losses to Rhode Island (in overtime) and Holy Cross. They recovered by narrowly defeating a mediocre Princeton squad this week.

Yale has been taking care of business so far, except in a 23-20 setback at home against Albany. Together with Penn and Brown, the Bulldogs are 2-0 in the conference, but all three league leaders have struggled at times. Both Yale and Penn had serious trouble edging Dartmouth while Brown narrowly avoided extending its losing skid to three with its close win over Princeton on Saturday.

So the top half of the league is struggling. Meanwhile, the other four—those teams we’re accustomed to seeing fall on their faces week after week—are no longer pushovers. (Well, Cornell sort of is, but then again, this column is only supposed to be about schools in the Ivy League). And their collective transition from perennial losers to potential contenders has taken place rather suddenly.

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NOT SO FAST | Though Sean Brackett has had success running the ball this year, the Penn defense forced him to pass.

CU fails to dethrone reigning champ in 27-13 loss

BY JACOB LEVENFELD
Spectator Senior Staff Writer

PHILADELPHIA—In an afternoon full of undeniable implications for Columbia’s chances this year in conference play, the football team fell to Penn, the defending league champion, in a humbling 27-13 defeat on Saturday. Each team came into the contest with a 1-0 conference record, and Penn’s decisive victory in front of 10,523 hometown fans at Franklin Field reminded the Lions that though they may be on the upswing, the Quakers are still the team that claimed the Ivy crown a year ago.

“We have to improve a bunch if we’re gonna be in the class of the team that beat us today,” head coach Norries Wilson said after the game.

For a team that relies heavily on its ability to wear down the opposing defense, Columbia’s rushing game had trouble breaking through the Penn line all afternoon long. The Light Blue compiled just 44 yards on the ground in 33 rushing attempts.

“Good defense always trumps good offense,” Wilson said in a neat summary of the day’s result.

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COLUMBIA	3	0	10	0	13
PENN	14	6	7	0	27

Penn jumped out to a 7-0 lead on its first drive, pushing the ball 73 yards without even attempting to pass. Quaker quarterback Billy Ragone led the charge with several sideline rushes and found the end zone himself from seven yards out.

Columbia responded with an effective drive of its own but had to settle for a 34-yard field goal by freshman Luke Eddy after an incomplete pass to wide receiver Kurt Williams on third and four.

The Lions got the ball back after a Penn three and out, but the Quakers turned the game around when defensive lineman Brian Wing hit quarterback Sean Brackett hard for a sack, and Brackett lost control of the ball. Drew Goldsmith picked it up for the Red and Blue and ran it back 35 yards for a 14-3 advantage.

In the second quarter, the Lions were handed two golden opportunities to narrow their deficit, but the offense sputtered against a strong Quaker defensive unit. In the first instance, Penn faked a

punt on fourth and two in its own territory and failed to reach the marker, but the Lions promptly went three and out. The Light Blue had a chance for redemption when the Penn tailback fumbled on the ensuing drive, but once again could not find the first-down marker, despite advantageous field position. On fourth and five, a short pass to running back Zach Kourouma sailed over his head.

“There were some openings, but they’re a tough defense, and it was tough to get open against them,” tight end Andrew Kennedy said.

Penn’s offense picked up where its defense left off, driving 71 yards for another touchdown. Though Columbia held strong at the goal line through three plays, Quaker running back Jeff Jack took a pitch on fourth down and finally found the end zone. Penn botched the PAT but still held a 20-3 lead heading into the break.

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Missed opportunities hurt Lions in loss to Quakers

BY VICTORIA JONES
Spectator Staff Writer

When the opposing team gives your offense the ball 33 yards from the end zone, you have to capitalize on the opportunity.

However, when the Lions received the gift of great field position from the Quakers this weekend, they weren’t able to make anything of it. By the time the clock ran out, the game sung a story of missed opportunities for the Light Blue.

Columbia started with excellent field position twice in the second quarter. The first time, the Red and Blue made a strange call and faked a punt to try and get a first down on fourth and six. When they fell three yards short, they turned the ball over to the Lions on downs, and the Light Blue offense took the field just 39 yards from the end zone.

Though the Lions had shown that they could make progress against a very strong Penn defense, this opportunity ended up being a wasted drive. The Light Blue went three-and-out after quarterback Sean Brackett was sacked for a loss of seven yards.

Before Columbia even had time to mourn the loss of the opportunity to narrow the scoring deficit, defensive back Adam Mehrer forced Penn’s running back Brandon Colavita to fumble the ball. With a fumble recovery by Neil Schuster, the Light Blue offense was back on the field at the Red and Blue 33-yard line.

As the Lions were down 14-3 at the time, the Lions had now benefited from what could have been the second momentum-changer of that quarter alone.

But yet again, the Lions failed to capitalize on the Quakers’ mistake. Another three-and-out made this the second straight drive that the Light Blue offense had received the ball in Quaker territory and failed to make even five yards of progress.

“No, we didn’t capitalize on those opportunities we had, and in the first half we fumbled the ball for a touch-down,” head coach Norries Wilson said of the missed scoring chances.

Between fumbles and a lack of offensive progress, the Lions fell behind on points early in the game and failed to pick up on them later. The multiple three-and-outs and an inability to score from the positive side of the gridiron also added to the frustration.

“Bad protection, bad ball security, and I think there’s no excuses—they came out and they beat us and they earned the win,” Wilson said.

But the Light Blue continued to stay optimistic and kept trying to create opportunities to score. At the end of the third quarter, after Luke Eddy nailed a 48-yard field goal attempt, the Lions used an on-side kick to try and recover the ball. Instead of putting the ball back in Brackett’s hands, Columbia gave the Quakers good starting position at the Light Blue 48-yard line.

On the defensive side of the ball, the Quakers did, in fact, provide the Lions

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Generation overstimulation

A few hundred thousand people are expected to show up in Washington, D.C. for Jon Stewart's Rally to Restore Sanity on Oct. 30. The event will be, by all accounts, the largest rally for a cause that we've participated in with comparisons being made to Woodstock.

But the Rally to Restore Sanity is no Woodstock. Woodstock appealed to members of an already existing counterculture movement, was closely tied to the antiwar movement, and billed itself as "Three Days of Peace and Music." Stewart's event is three hours long and is specifically not aimed at any one group. As the rally's website puts it, "If we had to sum up the political view of our participants in a single sentence... we couldn't." Instead of reacting to a war or to cultural conformity—like the hippies did—participants in the Rally to Restore Sanity are reacting to extremism in the national



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Excuses and Half-Truths

In need of a Palestinian authority's perspective on Israeli abuse

BY ALAA MILBES

Maen Rashid Areikat, the Palestine Liberation Organization's ambassador to the United States, will be at Columbia Monday at the International Affairs Building to speak about the most recent phase of peace negotiations from the "Palestinian perspective." However, many Palestinians challenge and criticize Areikat and the Palestinian Authority for their participation in "peace talks." Furthermore, the world has proven time and time again that the opinions of Palestinians are of no significance. Each time Palestinians have participated in these "peace talks," they have lost more control of their land, homes, and everyday lives.

Israel's 10-month "settlement freeze" expired a few weeks ago, and despite pressure from the Palestinian Authority and the Obama administration, it appears that Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu will not extend it. Of the occupation, the settlements are the largest obstacle to the two-state solution, since they illegally confiscate 40 percent of the West Bank while their inhabitants have rained terror on Palestinians since the beginning of the occupation.

It is simple: If Israel wants a two-state solution, then it must put the settlement enterprise in reverse and return the West Bank to the Palestinians. But, as this episode verifies, the Israeli government has no interest in compromising its expansion into what would be the Palestinian state. Yet, they are insistent that Palestinians continue peace talks. Netanyahu said, "I call on President Abbas to continue with the good and honest talks we have just embarked upon, in an attempt to reach a historic peace agreement between our two peoples."

Since the end of the freeze, settlers across the West Bank have celebrated its end. (The "freeze" is so called because the Israeli group Peace Now has documented 600 violations of the freeze while the Associated Press estimated that construction has slowed by only 10 percent). Settler groups and their supporters released 2,000 balloons as a symbol of the number of houses they plan to build on stolen Palestinian land in the next week.

While there are some Palestinians who benefit from the negotiation process and are

dialogue. The rally champions no opinion except the one that says, as one of The Daily Show's premade signs reads, "Take It Down a Notch for America."

I had been pondering what kind of atmosphere could cause a generation to take up a half-joking bid to "restore sanity" as one of its defining moments when I stumbled upon a blog post mentioning the 2009 trial of Josef Fritzl. Fritzl is an Austrian man who held his daughter captive in his basement for 24 years, repeatedly assaulting and raping her, while fathering seven of her children. The post reminded me of how upset this story had made me when news of it broke in 2008 and how the American media had covered it closely for months.

And then it occurred to me—Americans' knowledge of (and fixation with) someone like Fritzl was a uniquely modern thing. Twenty years ago, word of his crimes and his case may have reached the United States, but it would have received, at most, steady coverage in certain national newspapers and evening news shows. In 1990, there were no websites on which people could receive minute-to-minute updates on the case, and the 24-hour news channels either did not exist or were less than prominent.

Our generation, on the other hand—having grown up in the age of CNN, Fox News, and MSNBC, and, more importantly, in the age of the Internet—faces a constant stream

willing to continue these farcical negotiations in the face of the continued colonization of Palestinian land, many Palestinians view the end of the settlement moratorium as proof that a two-state solution is impossible. Since the start of the peace process in the 1990s, Palestinian participation in negotiations has only produced increased land confiscation, a worsening occupation, and the persistent denial of Palestinian rights. If Palestinians continue negotiating while their land is being stolen by the acre, what prospects will they have for an outcome that achieves any of their fundamental needs?

Just last week, the Jerusalem Post reported that Obama sent a letter to Netanyahu asking for a 60-day freeze on settlements. In exchange for this, the U.S. would not ask for

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another extension, would commit to veto any United Nations Security Council proposals related to Israel, and would not request that Israeli military forces leave the Jordan Valley. These were only a few of the several offerings Obama threw at Israel. Nonetheless, Netanyahu declined the White House's offer. The opinion of Palestinians was not asked for, nor was it mentioned in Obama's letter.

With this in mind, it will be interesting to note what the Palestinian ambassador has to say regarding this issue. Due to the lack of a true partner in peace, Palestinian civil society has adopted the Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions campaign. Rather than attempting to justify the negotiation process, the PA should join mainstream Palestinian society in this new form of resistance, which has already shown numerous signs of success.

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of bad news. Whereas one once had to seek out a newspaper or magazine to learn about national or international affairs, we now get word of flooding in Pakistan, corrupt politicians, oil spills, foreign wars, muggings, and so on every time we turn on the television or open up our computer's home page. This phenomenon has, I think, resulted in a generational anxiety that often leads to apathy.

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In the face of such overstimulation, we are forced to either ignore all of the information or find some way to cope with and process it. And, of course, one obvious method our generation has developed to deal with all this bad news is to make light of it by getting our news from a comedian—Jon Stewart. Stewart alleviates our anxiety by letting us laugh at both the news-makers and the news-givers, and he keeps us informed in the process.

The only problem is that it can be hard to truly care about something you are so used to laughing at. Stewart does the admirable

Find diversity here

BY JONAH LIBEN

In response to Dina Omar's Oct. 12th op-ed, "Explore what's yours or exploit what's Palestinian?" I feel compelled to write that my experiences in Israel have proven that Israel is not only an ideal place for Columbia students to study abroad, but it is also a country that encourages people of all faiths and backgrounds to study.

During my sophomore year at Columbia, I decided to study abroad at Ben-Gurion University in Israel's Negev Desert. Having spent the year before college volunteering in northern Israel in Haifa with Arab youth, I wanted to return in an academic environment, and this time, I headed south. There, I knew I'd be able to improve my Arabic language skills and continue learning about the Arab population in Israel while studying. I figured that my peers at Ben-Gurion would be similar to me—other Jewish-American students who had previously spent time in Israel's center and wanted an experience in more of a peripheral region.

Surprisingly, I found that Christian and Muslim Europeans made up a large part of the overseas student body. They, too, were interested in gaining firsthand experience in the media hotspot. Aside from learning Arabic and Hebrew, they enrolled in courses about the Middle East conflict and volunteered with the Bedouin population nearby.

They lived alongside full-time students in the dorms—Israelis and Palestinians who were Jewish, Muslim, and Christian. When two of my Jewish classmates started a band, it was an Arab student at school who managed them and got them gigs in local Be'er Sheva pubs and cool joints in Tel Aviv. Another friend of mine, who came to Israel straight from Qatar, gave English lessons to a Muslim student in exchange for Arabic lessons. Indeed, as 20 percent of Israel's population is Arab, it should not be surprising that Arabs made up such a significant part of my Israeli collegiate experience. While Omar's argument implies that Israel is systematically trying to erase the Palestinian narrative by only encouraging Jews to study there, the reality is that Israel, as a Jewish and democratic state, provides opportunities for higher education for Jews and minorities alike.

Similarly, study abroad programs in Israel are open to people of many religious and national backgrounds. Masa Israel Journey provides grants to Jewish students so they can explore their people's

service of informing a generation which, overwhelmed, might otherwise completely ignore the goings-on of the world, but even after experiencing relief from our anxiety, we still find it difficult to pick a single issue to fight for, cawre about, or agree on. The members of our generation—or the members who watch The Daily Show—are left-leaning, but by no means are they in possession of homogenous opinions. We are really only united in our desire to relieve this anxiety, to laugh, and to restore sanity.

And is that so wrong? Is it regrettable that we have no larger cause around which to unite? Probably not. We have no Vietnam War to oppose, and as a well educated group of postmodern brats, our opinions on other issues are too complex and too diverse to facilitate mass movements. It is, however, regrettable that many of us don't fight for any issues at all. I've spent this column talking about a possible cause of the (occasional) apathy of our generation, but don't think I would mistake a cause for an excuse. We all have the capacity to do good and therefore should do good. We just need to filter through the information, find something we care about, and fight.

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of yet another forum for anti-Israel rhetoric in the form of a scholarly institution) and work to develop such exploratory programs abroad.

By the way, "Explore what's yours" won't even be Masa Israel's tagline in a few months. They are changing it to, "Find it here," suggesting that there are a ton of programs to be found in Israel. Perhaps I'll do another one after college—a professional internship in Tel Aviv, a volunteer gig at a grassroots NGO in Jerusalem promoting Palestinian-Israeli cooperation through joint water projects, or a conflict resolution studies program Haifa—and I hope that Dina Omar and other Columbia students will join me there.

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JODY'S DRAWINGS!



JODY ZELLMAN

CU nears capital campaign goal, pushes forward

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director for communications at the Office of Alumni and Development, noted the campaign’s reliance on Columbia alumni and friends. And according to Fred Van Sickle, vice president for university development, the campaign has aimed to connect these alumni to the University and each other using a multipronged strategy that includes internet outreach, alumni clubs, and networks.

“The biggest strategy is the creation of the Columbia Alumni Association,” which was founded in 2005, Kisslinger said. “Prior to that, there wasn’t a really strong university alumni association. It’s really been building over those years.”

Donors such as Michael Hindus, CC ’68, who gave a \$100,000 charitable remainder

trust to provide support to Columbia’s American studies program, are representative of this strong alumni network. “I have not contributed to Columbia for over 40 years, but I was very impressed with what [American Studies Director] Andy Delbanco has done with the Center for American Studies. ... Since this was my academic home at Columbia, it seemed fitting to contribute,” Hindus, who was an American history major, said in an email.

After attaining a doctorate in history and teaching at the university level, Hindus attended Harvard Law School and has spent 30 years practicing energy law. “Harvard Law School hits me up for money, but I tell them that all my contributions for education go to Columbia,” Hindus said. “I call it academic socialism—taking my Harvard-earned

dollars and donating it to the less well-endowed, but more deserving, Columbia.”

Feagin, who graduated from the School of General Studies in 1974, also thought that tapping into school pride had helped the fundraising effort, noting how successful GS alumni have been as contributors.

“As an alum and donor myself, that’s been very special and personally satisfying for me—something I hope I would have done even if I hadn’t been employed at Columbia,” she said.

Van Sickle echoed this positivity. “This effort has really tapped into this vein of energy and enthusiasm for Columbia that people hadn’t had the outlets to express. People feel greater pride, greater enthusiasm, a greater desire to be involved.”

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Parity reigns in Ivy League football

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Princeton has had defensive issues all year, but the Tigers nearly stunned Brown on Saturday after taking a 13-0 first-half lead. They gave up the next 17 points and lost by four, but the Bears aren’t used to running into trouble against teams like Princeton. And Dartmouth—that’s right, Dartmouth—is leading the Ivy League in scoring right now. The Big Green is winless in the Ancient Eight but 3-2 overall, and took a very good Penn team to overtime in early October. Next weekend’s Homecoming matchup in New York is going to be a close game.

Cornell started with a tough league schedule but that’s no excuse for compiling just 1,145 yards of total offense through five games when its opponents put up 2,375. The Big Red won’t be turning any heads in 2010.

In this changing Ivy football craziness, where does

Columbia fit in? I think the Lions belong somewhere in the middle of the pack. Their recent three-game win streak wasn’t a fluke. The Lions didn’t need luck to defeat Towson, Princeton, and Lafayette—they were genuinely the best team on the field for those three victories. Even in yesterday’s loss at Penn, the Lions hung around all afternoon and looked like they belonged in the same competitive realm as the Quakers.

With several top teams struggling, the Light Blue has a chance to force some upsets this year. But I also wouldn’t be shocked if Columbia lost to Dartmouth—for a second straight time—this coming Saturday. The Lions’ newfound success is encouraging but tenuous and precarious at the same time. Columbia lost a game it should have lost at Penn, but I’m still afraid the Lions are going to lose at least once this year in a contest they are supposed to win. Falling to the Quakers should only

whet Columbia’s desire to wipe the field with Dartmouth next week, but losing to the Big Green or the Big Red could damage the Light Blue’s confidence in an irreparable manner.

And one question still looms in the turbulent world of Ivy football: Who is going to beat Penn? The champs are still the champs, and someone is going to have to unseat them.

It’s obvious that key dynamics look different in the conference that they have in the recent past. From here on in, pretty much every game can go either way in league play. That’s what happens when the gap between the best and the worst begins to narrow.

Five weeks and 20 total games remain on the 2010 Ivy League football master schedule. Let the drama unfold.

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TACKLE | Neil Schuster recovered a fumble at the Penn 33-yard line, but the Lions were unable to score.

Lions fail to exploit solid field position

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with a unique opportunity to try and shut them down. Throughout the game, the Red and Blue only threw the ball five times. It became quite clear, almost from the first drive, that this offensive squad had no intention of doing anything but running the ball.

Since the rushing game was so predictable, the Light Blue should have had an easy time of lining up for the next drive. Despite the unsurprising strategy, Columbia’s defense still had trouble shutting down Penn’s offense.

Overall, the Quakers rushed for 281 yards and passed for only 45. Leading running back

Colavita took care of 103 of those yards while quarterback Billy Ragone gathered 78 of his own. As a team, the Red and Blue averaged 4.9 yards per rush—which certainly helped contribute to the 16 first downs accumulated throughout the matchup.

“We knew what to expect,” senior linebacker Alex Gross said. “Like coach said, their running backs fall forward. If we’re making the hits at two yards, that’s good on our part. But if they’re picking up three yards after contact, why stop running the ball if you can pick up the first down in two plays?”

Even with the expected offensive attack, which gave the

defense a unique opportunity to know what was coming, the Light Blue still had trouble stopping the run and making tackles when it was really needed to.

Junior Nick Mistretta led the Lions’ defense for the first time all season with just 10 total tackles. Mehrer and Gross—both of whom have put up the biggest numbers so far this season—were both limited to nine tackles in the game.

In the end, there were too many missed opportunities that prevented the Lions from grabbing their second conference win of the season, and so they left the gridiron behind 27-13, the same score as in last year’s matchup.

FIELD HOCKEY

Four-game win streak snapped as field hockey falls to Penn

This Sunday, the Columbia field hockey team (8-5, 1-3 Ivy) lost a close overtime battle to the Penn Quakers in its attempt to win five straight games.

Before Sunday’s game, the Lions had been on a four-game winning streak following a rough loss to Princeton on Oct. 1. The Lions played well throughout the game, outshooting the Quakers 8-2 in the first half. However, the Lions’ excellent play failed to translate to the scoreboard, as they trailed at the half,

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scoring on a goal by freshman Anna Tichy. Even though the Lions were able to pull ahead 2-1 in the second half on a goal by junior Leti Freaney, Penn quickly rebounded less than four minutes later, evening the score to 2-2 and eventually taking the game into overtime.


The Quakers won the game just over two minutes into overtime when Laurel

McGarvie scored the golden goal off an assist from Annie Matthews.

This defeat is part of a string of losses the Lions have had at Franklin Field. In their past five games at Franklin Field, dating back to the 2002 season, the Lions are 0-5. This loss also dropped the Light Blue to 2-2 in its last four meetings against the Quakers.

Columbia will look to return to their winning ways this Friday on the road against Rutgers.

— Robert Wren Gordon

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Struggles continue for men’s tennis

BY KUNAL GUPTA
Spectator Senior Staff Writer

The two-time defending Ivy League champion men’s tennis team struggled this weekend at its biggest fall tournament, the ITA Northeast Regional Championships. Without their top singles player Haig Schneiderman, who withdrew from the tournament at the last minute with a lingering back injury, the Lions struggled in both singles and doubles. Only Nathaniel Gery won a singles match, only Cyril and Tizan Bucher won a doubles match, and every Columbia entrant was done after the second round. After placing at least a semifinalist in singles since 2007 at the tournament, which features the top 128 singles and doubles players from all across the Northeast, Columbia’s streak of excellence came to a crashing halt this past weekend.

Although their play had been uneven all fall, the team seemed to find their stride at the Columbia Classic one week ago, where they placed a finalist in the “A” and “B” singles draw, although both were defeated. Senior co-captain Kevin Kung reached the finals of the “A” draw, beating quality players from Princeton and St. John’s along the way, and freshman Tizan Bucher reached the finals of the “B” singles draw, beating players from St. John’s and Penn, before falling in three sets in the final to Stefan Bojic from St. John’s. While the Lions played well in singles, they struggled in doubles, as no team won their first round match. The team has struggled in doubles since the Princeton Invitational, where Nathaniel Gery and Kevin Kung reached the semifinals of the “A”

draw and Schneiderman and Ian Laster reached the quarterfinals. Since then, however, every combination of doubles teams for Columbia has struggled to win consistently.

At this weekend’s Regional Championships, which were hosted by Yale, only Kung was seeded and thus given a bye. Sophomore Cyril Bucher, who played No. 4 singles in the spring, was beaten by Harvard freshman Casey MacMaster in the first round 6-1, 6-2. Both players were unseeded and MacMaster advanced to the fourth round, beating Erik Kreutzer from Boston College and fellow freshman Dan Richardson from Princeton, both in straight sets.

Junior Rajeev Deb-Sen has lost several close matches this fall, including one in a third-set super tie-break, and the pattern of close losses continued as he lost to Sergey Igel from St. Peter’s 6-4, 7-6.

Freshman Ian Laster also lost a tight match to fellow freshman Nikola Kocovic from Penn, 7-5, 7-6. Kocovic won two matches in qualifying to reach the main draw, but was defeated in the next round by Andy Gauthier from Cornell.

All players who lost in the first round were entered in the consolation draw. Laster won his first round consolation match over Alex Frakes from St. Peter’s 6-2, 6-3, but was defeated by Petr Rousar from NJIT 6-2, 6-2 in the next round. Rajeev Deb-Sen continued his streak of heartbreaking losses, losing to Chris Ujkic from Sacred Heart 6-4, 5-7, 10-7 in a third-set super tie-break, his second loss of the fall in this fashion.

Gery was the only Lion to win his main draw match, as he beat Bastian Bornkessel from

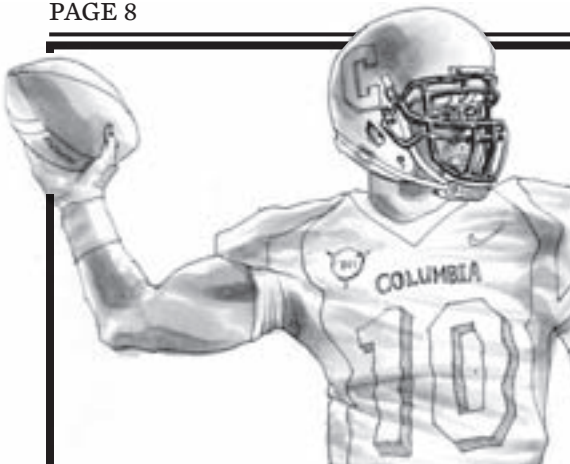
Binghamton in the first round in three sets, 6-3, 5-7, 6-1. Gery however, drew Akash Muppidi, the No. 3 seed in the second round. Gery lost 6-3, 6-1 to Muppidi, who, despite being seeded third, is the highest nationally ranked player in the region at No. 60 in the most recent ITA rankings.

Kung was seeded 17-32, but lost in the second round to Evan Bernstein from Cornell 6-1, 1-6, 6-0.

The team’s struggles continued in doubles, as Gery and Kung lost 8-2 to a team from Sacred Heart, and although the two Bucher brothers won their first round match 8-5 against a team from Quinnipiac, they lost their next match to a team from Cornell 8-2.

Columbia has a tremendous recent history of success at this tournament. In 2006, Jared Drucker reached the finals of the singles tournament and qualified for the National Indoor Championships. In 2007, Bogdan Borta and Justin Chow won the doubles tournament, and went on to reach the finals of the consolation draw of the National Indoor Championships. In 2008, Borta advanced to the finals of the singles tournament, where he lost a heartbreaker to Chris Clayton from Harvard in what both head coaches called one of the best matches they had ever seen. In 2009, Haig Schneiderman reached the semifinals of the singles tournament before falling to Marc Powers from Yale in three tight sets.

The 2010 tournament will continue through Tuesday, and the winner will automatically qualify for the 2010 USTA/ITA National Intercollegiate Indoor Championships, which are being played in Flushing, N.Y.

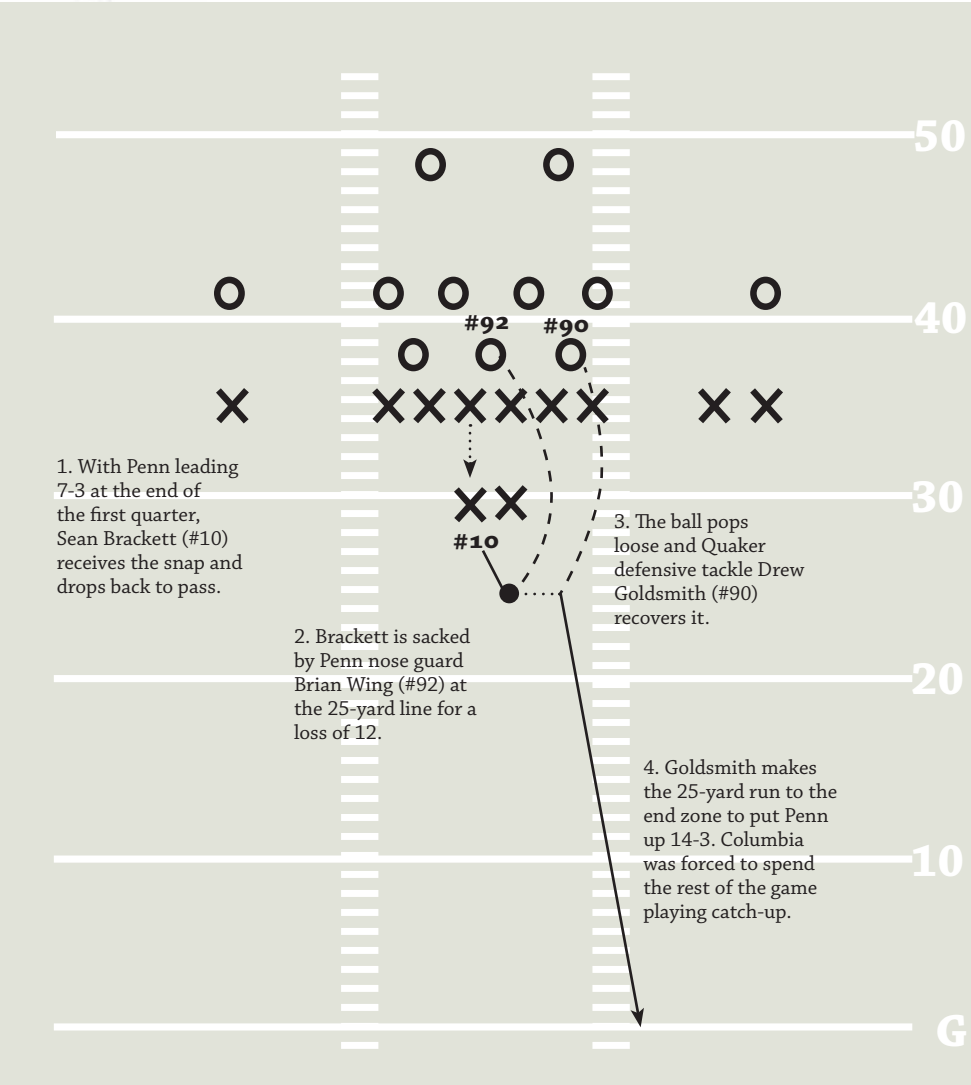


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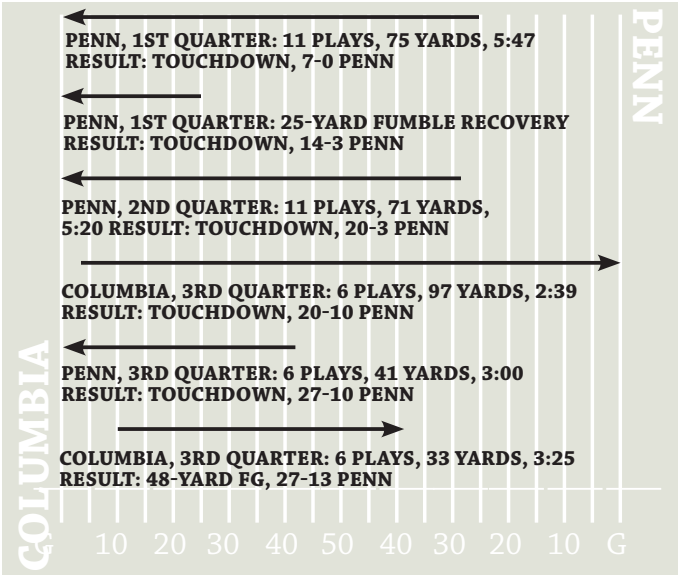
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PLAY OF THE GAME



KEY DRIVES



GAME BALL

In the third quarter, freshman kicker Luke Eddy hit a 48-yard field goal from the left hash marks. Kicking has been a problem for the Lions in the recent past, but Eddy has proved that he is a reliable and powerful kicker.

BEST CALL

The Quakers found success with their running game early on and stuck with it throughout the matchup. They rushed 281 yards on Saturday and kept their passing to a minimum, attempting just five throws.

WORST CALL

The Lions attempted an onside kick in the third quarter, but instead of recovering the ball, the Quakers took possession in the Lions' half of the field. Though Penn did not score on the possession, the Light Blue still did not get the result it wanted.

TURNING POINT

Near the end of the second half, Penn drove 71 yards downfield to score its third touchdown of the game. Though the Lions stopped them from scoring three times just yards from the goal line, the Quakers eventually converted to go up 20-3.

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GAME ONE VS. FORDHAM L 16-9	GAME TWO VS. TOWSON W 24-10	GAME THREE VS. PRINCETON W 42-14	GAME FOUR VS. LAFAYETTE W 42-28	GAME FIVE @PENN L 27-13	GAME SIX VS. DARTMOUTH 10/23	GAME SEVEN @ YALE 10/30	GAME EIGHT @ HARVARD 11/6	GAME NINE VS. CORNELL 11/13	GAME TEN @ BROWN 11/20

IVY LEAGUE FOOTBALL STANDINGS				
	OVERALL	IVY	POINTS FOR	POINTS AGAINST
PENN	4-1	2-0	122	87
YALE	4-1	2-0	111	91
BROWN	3-2	2-0	116	101
COLUMBIA	3-2	1-1	130	95
HARVARD	3-2	1-1	133	83
DARTMOUTH	3-2	0-2	139	116
PRINCETON	1-4	0-2	95	171
CORNELL	1-4	0-2	55	149

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1	Jim "On the Couch" Pagels	24-16
2	Michele "I Can See Cleary Now" Cleary	22-18
2	Victoria "Bating a Thousand" Jones	22-18
4	Lauren "Shiver Me Timbers" Seaman	21-19
5	Kunal "Moving the Chains" Gupta	19-21
5	Jacob "Eye on the Ball" Levenfeld	19-21
5	Lucas "In the Refrigerator" Shaw	19-21
8	Bart "The Tailgating Tales" Lopez	18-22
9	Michael "Turn Up the Mike" Shapiro	15-25
10	Zach "Boom Goes the Dynamite" Glubiak	14-26

Three-game win streak ends in loss to Penn

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Columbia began to fight back on its second third-quarter drive, going 97 yards to pull back within 10. On third down from his own 43, Brackett hit Kennedy over the shoulder in single coverage down the right side. Kennedy spun to evade his defensive back and sprinted down the sideline for the touchdown.

"It was one of the few plays where they weren't really jamming me at the line," Kennedy said. "It just sort of opened up more than some of the previous opportunities."

But the Lions were tagged with a personal foul on the PAT that was assessed on the ensuing kickoff. A big return gave the Quakers a short field and the opportunity to come right back with a rushing score of its own.

"With the wind behind our back, we thought we had a shot to kick the ball out had we been kicking from the 30, but we didn't want to squib it because we hadn't been doing a good job squibbing," Wilson said. "Whatever momentum we got from the touchdown was immediately taken away with the huge return."

Though the Lions drove effectively on their next possession, they had to settle for a 48-yard field goal attempt after being stuffed on third and inches in Quaker territory. Lining up from the left hash marks for the long field goal, Eddy split the uprights to make it 27-13.

Wilson called for a surprise onside kick after the field goal, but Columbia's special teams unit could not recover. Both teams moved the ball well at times in the fourth quarter, but neither could put a dent in the scoreboard, even though Brackett had two shots at the end zone as the clock wound to zero.

Brackett passed well overall with some second-quarter exceptions, going 18-33 on the day for 240 yards and a touchdown. In stark contrast, Penn's offense was almost entirely carried by its rushing game. The Quakers managed 281 yards on the ground on Saturday and just 45 via the air on five total attempts.

"I don't think it was solely about going up against some guys that we hadn't seen before," Wilson said of Penn's relentless rushing attack. "I think it was solely that we didn't go out and stop what they tried to do to us."

Columbia falls to 3-2 overall (1-1 Ivy) after the defeat and returns home to face Dartmouth next week for Homecoming.

Second-half comeback not enough as men's soccer falls to Tigers

BY MRINAL MOHANKA
Spectator Staff Writer

Columbia (4-7-1, 0-3 Ivy) narrowly missed out on registering a huge upset over Ivy League-leading Princeton. The Tigers (8-3-1, 3-0 Ivy) edged the Lions in the highly competitive encounter, 3-2, but were made to work for it after the Light Blue fought back from 1-0 down to take a 2-1 lead in the second half.

The Lions started the game allowing Princeton to retain possession, with the home side content to use its 4-5-1 formation to play on the counterattack. The midfield battle between Princeton senior Josh Walburn and Lions co-captain Mike Mazzullo was a crucial individual battle in the matchup, and the duo bit at one another's heels throughout the game. Most of Princeton's attacks went through Walburn, while Mazzullo was Columbia's ball-winner in midfield, aided by Steven Daws. The freshman was handed his first start for the Light Blue, and looked like an assured presence in the center of the park.

In a first half of few real chances, Princeton junior forward Antoine Hoppenot had the first effort of the game, but he blazed his strike well over the bar from the edge of the box. The Lions' fullbacks, senior Hayden Johns and junior Jesse Vella got forward on a number of occasions to provide width and support the offense. Johns ran the length of the field in the 10th minute after picking up the ball from a Princeton corner, but he was outnumbered when he reached the final third. The Lions continued to attack from the back, as junior centerback Ronnie Shaban tried his luck from about 20 yards out soon after and his strike was deflected for a corner. Mazzullo followed with a strike for Columbia from distance, but it was a comfortable save for Sean Lynch in the Princeton goal.

The Tigers looked very dangerous from throw-ins all night, with Mark Linville being able to execute a near-perfect long throw on multiple occasions. One of those throws led to the opener in the 31st minute when the ball came into the box to freshman Patrick O'Neil, who dummied and passed the ball to Hoppenot, open at the far post and able to tap it home for his seventh goal of the campaign.

It was the Tigers' only effort on goal in the first half, and it was to be the difference between the sides as they headed into the break, as Lynch was on hand to tip Johns' curling left-footed strike from outside the box just over the bar, denying the Lions an equalizer.

Princeton almost doubled their lead



JOSÉ GIRALT / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

HEATED MATCH | Francois Anderson scored after the half to put the Lions up 2-1, but it wasn't enough to secure a win.

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within four minutes of the second half, but a last-ditch challenge by Shaban kept the Lions in the game. Freshman Henning Sauerbier thought he had pulled the Lions level in the 51st minute, but his celebrations were cut short by the linesman's offside flag. The Lions then had to block an effort by sophomore Lester Nare, and keeper Alex Aurricchio saved a strike from Hoppenot in the 59th minute, before the Lions' offense took over.

Junior Francois Anderson came off the bench to ignite the fire the Light Blue needed, and his pinpoint delivery into the box from the right was nodded home by freshman David Najem in the 62nd minute. Less than a minute later, the scoreline read 2-1 Columbia, as Anderson put

himself on the score sheet with a fantastic left-footed shot from outside the box. The ball flew into the far corner of the net, and Lynch was well beaten.

However, it was not to be the Lions' night, as Princeton senior defender Benjamin Burton pulled his side level in the 77th minute. The ball was crossed in to Brandon Busch, whose attempt was blocked, but the ball then fell to Burton, who found the back of the net from close range.

Five minutes later, Walburn scored the winner from a free kick from 20 yards out. The Lions fought hard, looking for the goal that would send the game into overtime, but the Tigers held out for the win. Princeton outshot the Lions 10-6 in the second half, but the Lions finished the game with 13 shots to the Tigers' 12. Lynch was forced into six saves, while Aurricchio had to make three stops for the home side.

Steven Daws had a strike in the 90th minute saved by Lynch, and was left frustrated with the result on his first start for the Lions. "We're quite disappointed—we executed our game plan well and had a decent game," he said. "This is their seventh straight win, but we were well prepared for them, but just didn't clear the ball when we needed to."

Lions head coach Kevin Anderson echoed the disappointment. "I have no qualms about saying we were the better soccer team on the night, and we showed that," he said. "We did well after tweaking things at halftime, and scored according to our plan. But the game is all about scoring, and they managed to do that from three restarts and take the win."

The Lions are back in action when they host Dartmouth at 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 23 at Columbia Soccer Stadium.

Delta Gamma fashion show has an ‘Eye’ for campus style

BY RUBII PHAM
Columbia Daily Spectator

On Saturday night, the sisters of Delta Gamma worked their magic and transformed the usually drab LeFrak Gymnasium into a runway-ready version of its former self for the philanthropic event titled “An Eye for Fashion.”

A good portion of Columbia’s and Barnard’s fashionable elite made it out to the event. An array of long-legged girls teetered on five-inch heels, and fraternity boys were decked out in their finest tuxedos.

The show opened with a spot-on a cappella performance of Taylor Swift’s “You Belong With Me” by Nonsequitur. Then, as DJ Danny Epstein spun a mix of Top 40 music and set an upbeat tone for the event, girls from various sororities shook off their nerves and strutted their stuff in everything from sequined

Tibi microminis to metallic Badgley Mischka gowns. Despite photographers’ complaints that the lighting was terribly unflattering, the dresses—and the girls wearing them—still sparkled in the less-than-ideal school gym setting, as they walked down the catwalk in front of rows of cheering classmates.

The girls sported clothing from Rent the Runway and colorful jewelry from Kuo Ting Jewelry, all on loan to Delta Gamma for free in support of Service for Sight, a charity that raises awareness for and provides aid to the visually impaired.

RTR, company based in New York City that operates as “the Netflix of fashion,” rents out the latest designer frocks for a fraction of the price, including covetable bandage dresses from Hervé Léger and Proenza Schouler sheaths. Although one is more likely to see a fellow Columbian in sweatpants than in stilettos, Delta Gamma’s collaboration with RTR and Kuo Ting proved that Morningside Heights still has style—and isn’t

afraid to use it to raise money for a good cause. “It’s not only just to bring awareness to inner beauty, but to how much fun it is to be a girl and doing it for a good cause too,” said Mikhaila Leinbach, CC ’13 and a sister from Alpha Chi Omega, one of the six sororities that participated in the event. With tickets priced at five dollars apiece and a not-too-shabby total income, the Delta Gamma sisters expect to donate a decent amount to their chosen charity.

The night ended with a dynamite performance by Raw Elementz, as girls scattered to try on dresses to take home for the weekend at a discounted price.

Like most fashion shows, the spectacle only lasted a short 20 minutes, but Delta Gamma made an impression on the fashionable minds that showed up. It was a memorable evening of fun, fashion, and a taste of the high life for those who missed Fashion Week at Lincoln Center.



SoA prof, visual arts chair debuts two years of work at opening

BY RUBII PHAM
Columbia Daily Spectator

Vivid colors, fluid organic forms, and lucid landscapes draw viewers into Gregory Amenoff’s newest exhibition.

On Thursday, Amenoff, a professor and chair of the visual arts department at Columbia’s School of the Arts, debuted a new exhibit at the Alexandre Gallery titled “At All Hours” with 16 new paintings completed over the past two years.

His exhibited works include oil paintings on mid-size canvases with evocative titles such as “Where We Go To Get Lost” and “Alabaster.” It is not the size but rather the vibrancy of colors that brings his abstract landscapes to life.

Indeed, while nature is not something one would normally associate with New York City, it is evident that Amenoff looked to nature for inspiration. A recurring theme in his paintings is “a lyrical calligraphic leafed vine,” as described by the press release for the show.

If one becomes bored of the urban landscapes of the city, these paintings provide a much-welcomed escape into the natural world.

When set against plain white walls, Amenoff’s vivid strokes of cadmium reds, phthalo blues, and viridian greens create a psychedelic experience for the viewer, one that delves into the essence of nature instead of one that simply mimics it. The work transcends reality to give a brighter and more evocative version of it.

Amenoff has enjoyed an impressive 30-year career in the visual arts, with many of his works being held in the permanent collections of museum giants such as the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the Museum of Modern Art, and the Whitney Museum of American Art. He also teaches various classes in the visual arts department at Columbia, including a printmaking course and a few graduate studios.

With subject matter ranging from flowers to ocean views to indescribable scenic abstractions, Amenoff’s recent works are comparable to those of other American modernists such as John Marin or Oscar Bluemner, who have made their marks with abstract landscapes. Amenoff’s paintings are a contemporary fusion of Monet and Matisse. On its own, each painting seems repetitive, but when viewed together in the enclosed space of a gallery, his works paint a cohesive picture of Amenoff’s artistic vision.

The Alexandre Gallery, located on the 13th floor of the Fuller Building (57th Street and Broadway), exhibits many contemporary American modernists, with past exhibitions including Arthur Dove and Georgia O’Keeffe. “At All Hours” will run from Oct. 14 to Nov. 27.



‘HOURS’ OF WORK | Professor and chair of the SoA visual arts department Gregory Amenoff (middle, center) took to Alexandre Gallery for the opening of his new exhibit, “At All Hours.”

‘Orlando’ epitomizes Italian Academy’s mastery of operatic art

BY DOROTHY CHEN
Columbia Daily Spectator

There’s something special about the Italian Academy’s Teatro Theatre. Perhaps it is the red drapes, the colonial-style chandeliers, or the carved ceiling. Yet it is more likely the world-class performances that take place there, such as “Cracked Orlando,” a new opera.

It was in this theater that the world premiere of this opera, which features a fusion of Italian Baroque and contemporary music by American composer Jonathan Dawe, took place from Oct. 15-17. Exploring feelings of aggressive love and jealous rage, the opera was powerfully received by audience members, reminding Columbia students that the Academy acts as a local outlet for high-quality cultural performances year-round.

“Cracked Orlando” tells the story of a pair of lovers, Angelica and Medoro, who somehow find themselves on an enchanted island. Orlando meets them, desires Angelica, and claims her aggressively. As the name of the opera suggests, the performance revolves around the internal turmoil of Orlando as he struggles with the love he feels for Angelica and the jealousy that torments him when Angelica reunites with Medoro. All of this has happened under the spells of the enchantress of the island.

“Cracked Orlando” was a commanding experience both for traditional opera enthusiasts and new music lovers.

Anthony Roth Costanzo, an acclaimed countertenor, played Orlando. When he first appeared on stage, audiences may have found it difficult to appreciate his high-pitched voice. But, as the opera proceeded, Orlando definitely became the star of the show—so much so that many audience members might have wished that Orlando would replace Medoro as Angelica’s lover.

Orlando really cracked open, as the title suggests—the music and Costanzo’s acting put Orlando’s internal struggles at center stage. To do so musically, Dawe combined Italian Baroque music with what he calls “compositional workings based on fractional geometry.” There are instances in which the songs recall traditional opera, but these instances quickly shift into experimental music studies.

Considering this mix of Baroque and new music, “Cracked Orlando” was a commanding experience for both traditional opera enthusiasts and new music lovers. In a way, this is what the arts at the Italian Academy are all about. It is a frontier at which talented players are brought together to explore non-traditional musical styles.

This cultural institution on campus also hosts events such as lectures, workshops, and concerts that explore Italian culture and art and allow students to understand Italy’s continuing influence. If students missed hearing countertenor Costanzo sing during the opera, they can check out his upcoming lecture-recital on Oct. 19.

For those in the Columbia community interested in more of these kinds of explorations—or just wishing to see the grand Teatro Theatre—the Italian Academy is right next door.



FIND ORLANDO | Countertenor Anthony Roth Costanzo played the titular “Cracked Orlando.”

Harry and the Potters summon the spirit of wizard rock at Columbia concert

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with the DeGeorges demanding that the crowd continuously raise its energy with their kicking, jumping, and chanting. Their incantatory song “I am Harry Potter,” which closed the show, channeled that excitement exactly—students banged their heads and yelled, “Harry Potter!” over and over along with a majority of the chorus.

With songs like “I am Harry Potter,” and even another titled “Smoochy Smoochy Pukey Pukey,” it’s easy to wonder how much irony informs their songwriting. The band said that its music always seeks to be in tune with the ridiculousness and playfulness of the wizarding world.

“Irony is a big part of what we do, but it’s an affectionate irony,” Paul said. “It’s irreverently reverent.”

Ryan Mandelbaum, CC ’13 and the CCSC representative responsible for organizing the event, chalked a fair portion of the campus hype up to

these attitudes. “It’s almost nostalgic to have a band like Harry and the Potters play,” he said, speaking about the significant role Harry Potter played in Columbians’ lives in the past and how that resonates now. “Everyone at Columbia does everything with a tinge of irony.”

For opener Gong, a Postcrypt Coffeehouse regular, his “clever yet heartfelt lo-fi” act also plays on the dichotomy of ironic humor and earnestness.

“My music is a little more soaked in irony,” Gong said, comparing his songs to Harry and the Potters songs. He continued: “The thing is that I think I just have a lot of feelings and I still do. Music just seemed like a natural medium for all of my feelings.”

Gong, on acoustic guitar and lead vocals, was joined on stage by Rob Post, SEAS ’11, on melodica and Ben Weiner, CC ’11, on kalimba to perform together as Tony and the Gongs (and for two songs written by the other members, as Ben and the

Weiners and Rob and the Posts).

Gong first met the DeGeorges when he was 14 and had seen Harry and the Potters perform at one of their first shows at a Boston area library. Gong gave them a CD of the first 10 songs he wrote, and they formed a friendship both inside and outside their music—he has opened for the duo three or four times before, and attends their annual Christmas party. At Saturday’s event, the band dedicated 11 out of 27 songs to Gong.

“A major part of their aesthetic is an inclusive, do-it-yourself, underground feeling,” Gong said. “They don’t take themselves too seriously, which is why I think we sort of attracted each other, because I don’t take my music that seriously either.”

True to this ideology, Gong performed “My Psychiatrist,” a song about wanting to skip “right to the sex part” when meeting with his attractive shrink. But he also incorporated “Boyfriend

Material” into his set, a quiet, crooning, half-sad, and half-silly number advertising his winsome quirks and qualities to anyone who will listen.

Harry and the Potters, too, tapped into their more earnest core with their choice to play the slow, heartfelt “The Weapon.” The very students who were doing the twist five minutes before to a song about Hagrid’s beard were then hugging and swaying in small clusters.

“As artists, we try to make stuff that everybody can enjoy,” Paul said of dealing with such a niche genre. But, at the same time, they write for each other—Joe said they’ll come to each other with an idea they think will make the other laugh, and that’s oftentimes how their songs are born.

Because, when it comes to music, their philosophy is to just do it—“like Nike says,” Paul added.

“Don’t be afraid of being yourself,” Joe concluded. He paused, and then Paul chimed in quickly, “Or of being Harry Potter.”



Potters summon spirit of wizard rock at Columbia

BY CHRISTINE JORDAN
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This weekend, students’ champion in the War on Fun was not Roar-ee or Alma Mater or any campus face at all. It was the favorite wizard of proud and closeted nerds alike: Harry Potter.

MUSIC On Saturday night, wizard rock band Harry and the Potters, otherwise known as brothers Paul and Joe DeGeorge, played a concert in Roone Arledge Auditorium in anticipation of the release of the new Harry Potter movie, with Columbia College Student Council for the class of 2013 as the event’s primary sponsor. The 750 tickets sold out that day to a mixed crowd of students, primarily divided between the robe-wearing, wand-carrying types and the un-initiated, who were milling about anxiously in their midterm-week best.

Wizard rock is a genre of music built entirely around the fictional, magical universe of J. K. Rowling’s Harry Potter. It is, to say the very least, a genre that owes its success to the geekier impulses of literary nerds. Coincidentally or not, it was also responsible for one of the most popular on-campus music events of the year.

Backstage in a pre-concert interview, the DeGeorge brothers discussed how their humble idea—writing seven or eight songs from Harry Potter’s perspective one day while goofing off at home and then playing them for friends—snowballed into something much larger, especially among college students.

The band’s central conceit is that each brother plays one version of Harry at different points in time, with Paul as Harry in year seven and Joe as Harry in year four. “That way we didn’t fight over who got to be Harry,” Joe, the younger of the two and the band’s keyboardist, said.

When the band started, the brothers only expected to be playing for kids in libraries, but Harry Potter ended up being more than just a face from a children’s book series for the band and for a much older fan base.

“Harry Potter’s character—he has a punk rock mentality,” Joe said. “He has problems with authority. He organized his own Dumbledore’s Army to fight the administration that way.”

Columbia, they hoped, would find such spirit in their music. “We’re hoping to help you guys wage the War on Fun,” guitarist Paul said. “We’ve been hearing a lot about it,” he added, which they gained primarily from conversations with their old friend, campus musician Tony Gong, SEAS ’11, a former Spectator opinion columnist and the opening act for Saturday’s show.

During their 27-song set, Harry and the Potters kept the numbers almost exclusively loud and up-tempo,

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ACCIO WIZARD ROCK | Brothers Joe and Paul DeGeorge (top), better known as Harry and the Potters, played Roone Arledge Auditorium Saturday night, bringing to Columbia their act as two Harry Potters who come together to form a band and sing about the wizarding world. Student group Tony and the Gongs (bottom left), led by Tony Gong, SEAS ’11, opened for the wizarding duo.

Professor Eric Foner, CC ’63, discusses a more dynamic Lincoln with new book

BY CLAIRE FU
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Seven score and eight years ago, Abraham Lincoln brought forth a renewed nation, conceived in liberty and dedicated once again to the proposition that all men are created equal.

BOOKS Eric Foner, CC ’63 and DeWitt Clinton Professor of History, seeks to illuminate this emancipation in Lincoln’s time in his newest book, “The Fiery Trial: Abraham Lincoln and American Slavery.” One of the nation’s most prominent historians, Foner is known for his landmark scholarship on the Civil War and Reconstruction era. “The Fiery Trial” traces the life of the 16th American president, noting Lincoln’s political shifts and growth by a consistent moral compass on the battlefield toward emancipation.

“Some people see Lincoln as a man born with a pen in his hand, ready to sign the Emancipation Proclamation,” Foner said, sitting in his Fayerweather office, which houses a formidable book collection that includes many of the 22 books he has written to date. “That’s ridiculous—that’s not history.”

In the sea of literature surrounding the revered presidential figure of Lincoln, Foner’s book stands out as a work that situates Lincoln as a product of his time. Dissatisfied with the popular

literature that yanks Lincoln out of historical context, Foner attempts to “put Lincoln back fully into history.”

In doing so, some may be surprised to view Lincoln as a multifaceted leader who was anti-slavery but not an abolitionist. Indeed, Lincoln had been a longtime advocate of gradual emancipation through colonization, encouraging African Americans to leave the United States and supporting monetary compensation for slave owners. As detailed in “The Fiery Trial,” it was not until 1862 that Lincoln experienced a wholesale transformation in his attitude and policy toward slavery, upholding immediate emancipation through the Emancipation Proclamation.

This speaks to Lincoln’s sense of flexibility and open-mindedness, as portrayed in the work. “When Lincoln confronted problems and his traditional policies didn’t work, he was willing to change. Today, a politician who changes his mind is called a flip-flopper,” Foner said of Lincoln’s capacity for growth. Not willing to “surround himself with yes men,” Lincoln frequently met with abolitionists and Radical Republicans, remaining receptive to their thoughts. Foner asked, “Who never comes up with new ideas his entire life?”

Foner laughed when asked about the perhaps hackneyed similarities between Barack Obama and Lincoln, but it is difficult to deny the parallels. “Of course Obama tried to channel Lincoln,” he said. “You can’t go wrong by trying.” Obama

announced his candidacy in Lincoln’s hometown of Springfield, Ill., and took his presidential oath on the same Bible Lincoln used for his inauguration. As Foner said, both Illinois statesmen “rose to prominence through oratory,” using words as a “political weapon.”

Ultimately, Foner said, “Lincoln is our contemporary in that many of the issues of his time are still our issues—whether it’s race relations or the role of moral values and politics altogether.” There is a timelessness to these matters that shapes the political landscape even today, more than 150 years later. As a Columbia College graduate and a professor since 1982, Foner admitted that, at Columbia, he’s “like a living historical memory of the place” in his own way.

Though he is a city-dweller, Foner also enjoys spending time in the countryside. He mentioned casually that a tree once fell on his house and that this summer, he saw a bear sitting on his front lawn. “It’s very cute through the window, but I’m not sure I’d like to bump into him out there,” he said.

When not “dealing with the assaults of nature,” as he categorized it, Foner is fulfilling his love of teaching through his U.S. in the Era of Civil War and Reconstruction course, which covers Lincoln and his transformation of American society from slavery to emancipation—keeping the discussion of the government of the people, by the people, and for the people from perishing from the earth.



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EMANCIPATION | History professor Eric Foner released a new book, “The Fiery Trial.”