

BIG WIN OVER BIG EAST



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O CANADA | Grant Mullins had four three-pointers in the Lions' win over Villanova, its first since December 1969. See page 8 for more.

CC, SEAS see 1.3% increase in ED apps

Admissions office receives 3,126 applications after extending deadline because of Sandy

**BY JEREMY BUDD**  
*Spectator Senior Staff Writer*

Columbia College and the School of Engineering and Applied Science received 3,126 early decision applications for the class of 2017, an increase of 1.3 percent from last year's 3,086.

Due to Hurricane Sandy, Columbia extended the early decision deadline by four days for all applicants, and by 11 days for students who live in areas affected by the storm.

Last year, early decision applications for the class of 2016 dipped 5.68 percent from the previous year, a trend that the admissions office attributed to the reinstatement of early admission policies at peer institutions.

Princeton saw an increase of roughly 10 percent in its number of early applications for its class of 2017. Yale and the University of Pennsylvania each saw about 200 more early applicants, receiving 4,514 and 4,780 applications, respectively.

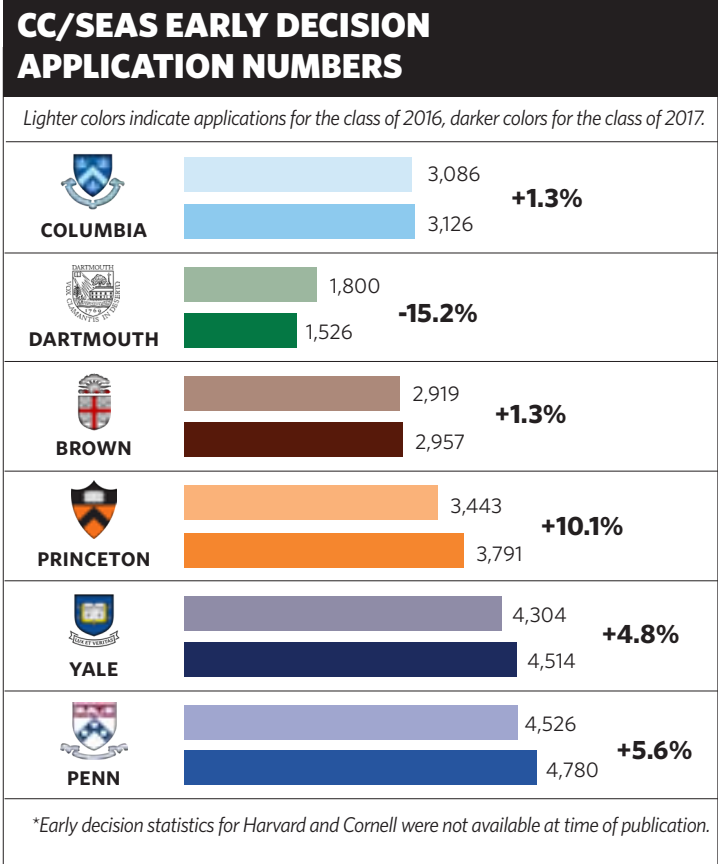
Brown received 2,957 applications, remaining consistent with last year's figure of 2,919, while Dartmouth dropped roughly 15 percent from 1,800 to 1,526.

Harvard and Cornell have not yet released the number of early applications that they received.

A spokesperson for the admissions office said that Columbia will release a full statement with details about the early decision class in December, after admissions decisions have been mailed.

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EcoReps composter expands to use for GreenBorough

**BY ABIGAIL GOLDEN**  
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It's taken them longer than they would have liked, but the Columbia University EcoReps have begun to open up their Ruggles composter to the greater Columbia community.

The composter project has been a massive undertaking for the campus environmental group. EcoReps members kept use of the composter internal last semester as they learned how to operate and troubleshoot it. It was shut down for cleaning over the summer and remained closed partway into the semester to cultivate a new microbial community—the organisms that help decompose the compost.

But the composter—called the A500 Rocket and housed in the basement of the Ruggles dormitory—is back in business and collecting food from the special interest community GreenBorough once a week, in addition to the food scraps from John Jay Dining Hall it has been processing since April.

The project is a way for students to “take control of what they're doing with their waste versus just having someone else deal with it,” said Adam Formica, CC '13, who headed the composting initiative last year. Last semester, the compost was delivered to Columbia's Food Sustainability Project, which runs a garden outside the Northwest Corner Building, a way for students to “reinvest” in their school, Formica said.

Still, opening the composter to the entire student body, beyond EcoReps and GreenBorough, will take more practice and patience. Formica said that student contributions would add another layer of complexity to an already complicated project.

“There's a whole host of challenges in bringing in students, because you don't know when necessarily they're going to show up, and what they're

going to bring, and if they're going to bring only food scraps or things like cardboard, plastic bags, chicken bones—things that we don't want in there,” he said.

Because at least one student trained to operate and monitor the expensive equipment is required to be present whenever food scraps are delivered, EcoReps leaders have reached out to GreenBorough and hope to follow suit with Ruggles residential programs soon. New volunteers will be trained by those current EcoReps members who know how to use the composter.

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SIPA prof warned of Sandy effects in 2011

**BY RACHEL DUNPHY**  
*Columbia Daily Spectator*

“It's no fun to be right,” said Klaus Jacob, a SIPA professor and Earth Institute researcher. That's particularly apt when you've written a report predicting how a “100-year storm” would cripple the city's infrastructure.

In 2011, Jacob led a group of climate scientists and researchers from Columbia and Rutgers in publishing a report that warned about the paralyzing impact of a large storm on New York City's transportation system.

devastated the Lower East Side, Coney Island, the Rockaways, and much of the subway system—all areas that Jacob's report predicted were vulnerable to flooding.

As the city recovers from the effects of Hurricane Sandy last month, Jacob has been vocal in proposing the development of highland areas currently occupied by graveyards as a buffer against rising sea levels. Still, he said he was “amazed” that the Metropolitan Transportation Authority has been able to get most of its system back on track within two weeks, having predicted it could take up to a month.

“I had expected that would last longer,” he said. He stressed, however, that simply restoring the city's infrastructure to its pre-hurricane state would be only the first step on the road forward.

Jacob said that, despite his hopes to the contrary, he wasn't surprised to see a storm of Sandy's magnitude so soon.

“I'm a scientist, and I know about probabilities, so in a statistical sense ... it can happen this year, it can happen next year, it can happen whenever,” he said.

According to Jacob, the city will need to make significant investments to protect itself from future disasters. But unless the United States signs a new Kyoto-like protocol and truly commits to halting climate change—which Jacob sees as unlikely—any solution is temporary, he said.

The most popular proposal among local politicians is to build a barrier along the city's coast to protect from future storm surges. New York City Council Speaker Christine Quinn, who recently proposed such a solution, said the barrier could cost \$23 billion.

Jacob said the rate at which climate change is causing sea levels to rise will render the barrier irrelevant in less than 100 years. Besides freeing up highland graveyards, he suggested

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WORLDVIEW | Cameron Munter served as the nation's ambassador to Pakistan for 21 months.

Diplomat returns to academia

**BY JEREMY BUDD**  
*Spectator Senior Staff Writer*

Cameron Munter, America's former ambassador to Pakistan, didn't spend his life thinking that he would become a diplomat.

Trained as a European historian, Munter completed a nearly three-decade career in the Foreign Service in July. He has now accepted a two-month visiting professorship at Columbia Law School to offer his knowledge of real-life applications of law to students.

Munter said he decided to return to teaching after originally leaving the profession because of the difficult job market.

“One way to say it is that I realized there is no future in the past,” he said.

Munter said that he sees himself more as a “professor of practice” than as a traditional tenure-track scholar.

“What I'm hoping to do is

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Progressive arts and sciences

Alex Collazo argues for more balance in the past and present of our education.

Enforced differences

An athlete discusses the social divide between athletes and other students.



SPORTS, BACK PAGE

Lions defeat Villanova, split in San Francisco

Men's basketball started a successful week with a 75-57 win over Villanova on Tuesday. The Lions then split their weekend matches, beating Wayland Baptist and falling to San Francisco.

EVENTS

The Fate of Artists in Soviet Russia

View two documentaries about Soviet artists and participate in a Q&A. International Affairs Building, 12th floor, Harriman Atrium, 6 p.m.

International Broadcasting as Public Diplomacy

A panel of correspondents and experts discuss the news and national identity. Buell Hall, East Gallery, 6 p.m.

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FILE PHOTO

**3, 2, 1, BLAST OFF!** | The EcoReps composter—called the A500 Rocket—is open for GreenBorough residents to discard their waste in Ruggles, but it’s an ongoing process to find student volunteers.

## Ruggles composter solicits student volunteers

**COMPOSTER** from front page

Another reason for the project’s delay is the leadership’s transition from Formica, who is graduating in the spring, to Marissa Savoie, CC ’15.

“To sustain enthusiasm, you have to have leadership and someone who is willing to continue with something once it becomes unpopular, and so that’s really what I was after in this project, in trying to build a core group of people to continue on,” Formica said.

Savoie said that the transition process had gone smoothly.

“Something that EcoReps and a lot of clubs struggle with is having high turnover of members, but Adam and I communicate really well and are on the same page, and he’s seen it from the very basic stages,” she said.

It is unclear how much demand there will be from students for composting

opportunities. Formica and Savoie cited GrowNYC’s booth at the Columbia Greenmarket as an alternative place for students to drop off compost.

**“It allows people to understand the linear nature of the waste cycle that we usually have.”**

—*Marissa Savoie, CC ’15, EcoReps compost initiative leader*

On a recent Sunday, most of the people who stopped by the composter were older residents of the neighborhood, but Formica and Savoie said they believe they’ll be able to draw

in students. Apart from the practical benefits of composting, measured by the overall quantity of organic waste diverted from landfills, Savoie said that the educational opportunity it offers is equally valuable.

“It’s important because it allows people to understand the linear nature of the waste cycle that we usually have, and having a cyclical waste cycle—meaning that we know where our food comes from and where it ends up—that’s really symbolic for people,” Savoie said.

Savoie said that the size of the project isn’t her primary concern. “As long as we’re churning out compost and taking in vegetables, we’re pretty happy with that,” she said. “We know it’s always going to be a fairly small scale, where we’re at now, and I think we’re comfortable with that.”

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FILE PHOTO

**WASTE NOT** | Adam Formica, CC ’13 and former leader of the EcoReps composter initiative, holds discarded food in GreenBorough, which is giving its waste once a week to the Ruggles composter.

## Former ambassador brings worldview to law school

**MUNTER** from front page

give some real-world perspective and some illustration of the principles and the issues that the law experts and professors are teaching,” he said. “When you come in from the field, you’re acting on the things about which the legal experts are thinking—coming to grips with that has been really fascinating.”

Munter is mostly known for his work in the Middle East, but his Foreign Service career started in Poland. It was not until the Iraq War that Munter decided to enter Middle Eastern diplomacy.

As he advised younger officers to serve in Iraq, Munter said he came to realize that “I ought to practice what I preach and do it myself,” he said. “There was a little bit of solidarity, a little bit of guilt, but also the belief that no matter how you felt about the Iraq War, it’s our war.”

Law professor Sarah Cleveland, who teaches a seminar about international lawyering for governments with Munter, said that in addition to his knowledge from the field, Munter’s background in scholarship would benefit students.

“The Ambassador’s background as a historian also makes him very comfortable and effective in an academic setting,” she said in an email. “Ambassador Munter can help our law students understand the client’s perspectives on these issues, and the client’s needs and concerns in receiving legal assistance.”

**“I ought to practice what I preach and do it myself.”**

—*Cameron Munter, former ambassador to Pakistan, on realizing he should serve in the Mideast*

Law School dean David Schizer said in a statement that “Columbia Law School is honored to have Ambassador Cameron Munter join us this semester. He is a distinguished public servant whose expertise will complement our superb program in national security law.”

Cleveland said that Munter would provide meaningful insight for students based on his experiences with “Pakistan’s arrest of U.S. CIA contractor Raymond Davis, the Bin Laden operation, the US-led NATO strike that killed roughly two dozen Pakistani soldiers, and various human rights issues such as religious freedom.”

“He therefore can help students understand the legal, political, and diplomatic context in which these problems arose, how U.S. lawyers and diplomats worked together to address the legal issues they created, how they engaged with Pakistani and other government authorities to try to resolve them, and the domestic legal and other considerations for both countries that influenced the outcome,” she said.

Munter said that he was grateful for the opportunity to teach at Columbia. Following his stint at Columbia, he’ll cement his return to academia with a professorship in international relations at Pomona College beginning in January.

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**11/15**  
**ELISABETH FROST**  
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**6:30 PM**  
James Room, 4th Floor Barnard Hall

**12/06–12/08**  
**THE WINTER’S TALE**  
**3 PM** (Saturday) & **8 PM**  
Minor Latham Playhouse, 118 Milbank Hall

**12/15**  
**THE ANNUAL CANDLELIGHT CONCERT**  
**8 PM**  
James Chapel, Union Theological Seminary

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FOR WOMEN  
IN NEW YORK CITY



Prescient prof helps city brace for future storms

**JACOB from front page**

the city work to protect waterfront areas “building by building, block by block,” or even retreat from areas vulnerable to flooding.

Any direction the city chooses will cost billions of dollars, Jacob said, but the lesson the United States has learned through recent history is that

not doing enough to protect against disasters most often costs exponentially less than investing in preemptive safeguards.

“You could have fixed the problems in New Orleans for about \$10 billion,” he said, “but Katrina cost 100 billion, and the Army Corps of Engineers just returned it to where it was.”

Jacob worries that New York

City could become as vulnerable as New Orleans if politicians aren’t “very careful not to embark on similar band-aids.”

The city needs to tackle these problems head-on with some urgency, he said, adding that “disasters are times of opportunity—opportunity to rebuild or ‘pro-build’ communities, to modernize.”

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# Creating a timeless Core

At the dawn of human civilization, humanity’s science consisted of fire and the stone-hewn spear; humanity’s art consisted of crushed berries smeared on the walls of caves and pregnant women whittled from tree branches. We’ve come a long way since then. The arts and sciences are both extremely progressive—each step building sequentially on the ones before to create a composite whole more complex and nuanced than what was. Yet, K-12 education, the Core Curriculum, and introductory survey courses at Columbia and across the nation treat the millennia-long flowering of human art and science in very different ways. The history of science is skimmed to reach a privileged present. The current state of art is ignored in serfdom to a privileged past. Through reforms of the Core Curriculum, Columbia could take steps towards addressing these issues and gesture at a happy middle ground—one that puts before students both the steady accretion of human knowledge and what we have built on those layered foundations.

The claim that the arts and sciences are progressive is not without a certain obviousness and a certain controversy. On the one hand, any person who has thought creatively, as an artist or scientist, understands the cumulative nature of creative inspiration. We look at and rely on, consciously or not, the work of those who came before. Building a car, coding a computer, writing a novel, painting a portrait—each requires a close understanding of techniques used before, successfully and unsuccessfully. The artist imitates in the form of his composition, the scientist in the setup of her experiment.



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## To the left, to the left: political diversity

BY DANIEL BROVMAN

When hundreds of students gathered on Low Steps to watch the election results come in and after the buzz around campus following the results—especially when the audience booed at Mitt Romney’s results—it became painfully obvious how politically homogenous the Columbia student body is.

The issue with a homogeneous community (often lauded as a sign of unity) is that it misses out on the benefits of dissent, argument, and opinion. Columbia University prides itself on the cultural diversity that we achieve, and it does everything to further promote that cultural diversity. However, when it comes to political differences, Columbia does very little to promote the diversity we share, and if anything, through large, sponsored community events like the communal viewing of the elections, sweeps different political views under the rug.

The homogeneous quality of political opinions doesn’t actually unify the student body, but rather inhibits any progress. Uniformity simply creates a society where one’s political beliefs are hailed as correct and are placed on a pedestal if the majority of the student body agrees with those views. It therefore doesn’t provide for any learning or for any possibility of change. Furthermore, the student body will let claims go unquestioned and will repeat them if they concur with the majority opinion. To use a very simple example, in nature, biodiversity is extremely important to the longevity of a group—without the differences in nature, a group is more susceptible to extinction. We are no different—with no differences in political beliefs, our community will eventually reach a point where we are unable to aptly defend our views against others—our life of the mind will atrophy.

## Columbia does very little to promote the political differences we share.

As Alex Collazo aptly states in his column, (“Politics are Personal,” Nov. 11), “At Columbia, you will find anarchists, libertarians, conservatives, reactionaries, militarists, socialists, communists of all stripes, and even a few students who are, in substance if not in self-identification, fascist.” It appears as though Columbia, by constantly engaging the student body in all matters relating to religion, race, sexual awareness, and not engaging the body in political matters, recognizes that political opinions can be the most divisive differences that exist amongst the student body—yet it doesn’t recognize the repercussions of its suppression of discourse of those political opinions. A quick look on Columbia’s Student Affairs website shows multiple organizations that attempt to solve the issue of a lack of diversity such as the Black and Latino Student Organization, as well as methods for LGBT students to be able to easily communicate with the University, but nowhere on its website does it talk about its political diversity, or lack thereof. On that same website, Columbia simply states that it “is committed to creating and supporting a community diverse in every way: race, ethnicity, geography, religion, academic and extracurricular interest, family circumstance, sexual orientation, socio-economic background and more.” By not mentioning a lack of political diversity on the Student Affairs website, Columbia effectively turns a blind eye to the issue.

The University needs to promote these political differences by constantly engaging the student body to discuss their issues. Columbia can’t always leave it to student organizations like the Columbia University Democrats, or the Columbia University Campus Republicans or even the Columbia Political Union, in order to promote the discourse and edification of its student body—it must work with these organizations to ensure political discourse. Even though the Columbia Political Union publishes a pre-election book describing the opinions that each candidate has, promotes structured debates between the Columbia University Campus Republicans and Columbia University Democrats, and promotes political beliefs through the Columbia Political Review and the Columbia Political Union’s Blog, the CubPub, they do not actively promote civil discourse amongst the student body. The Columbia Political Union has previously sponsored debates between the CU Dems and CUCR on topics pertinent to the Election, yet discourse and debate on political issues have since died off.

For students at Columbia, engaging with different political beliefs is the ultimate challenge—a challenge that will not divide, but unite the students. Students will realize that debates, arguments, and discourses that result from engaging with students of other political beliefs than theirs will embolden their own opinions and leave them with a better sense of the Columbia community, or will cause them to review their stances and change their opinions. Columbia is only a sum of our parts. It’s time that we embrace our political diversity.

The author is a Columbia College first-year.

The controversial aspect of the progressive claim is the implication that the arts and sciences of today are better, or at least more complex, than those of yesterday. This argument is almost invariably made about art—what Columbian has not heard the familiar refrain, “It all goes downhill from the ‘Iliad’”? In the visual arts, “older is better” is a hard argument to make. There is a clear improvement in the control artists have over their vision as they move from handprint painting, to crude wood brushes, to fine hair brushes, to the pixel-precise digital paintbrush of the present day. The bulbous doll-like sculptures of the Indus Valley Civilization hold no candle to the stunning bronze statuary forged in a neighboring region 3,000 years later. But with literature, progress is less obvious. Part of the blame must go to translation, which cleans up some of the ambiguities and incomprehensible references of the original text. But there is also a flaw in the way the texts are presented—through a dense and sophisticated critical eye, with the weighty label of “classic.” We see these texts through layers of thorough analysis by modern scholars, and with the assumption that appreciation of these works will somehow make us better, more tasteful people. We approach these works in a way the authors never intended, in a societal context they could never imagine. What we are discussing and hearing in class is not the text itself, but an impromptu work of modern criticism layered over it.

Literature Humanities typifies one side of the problem. The class purports to be a class in literature, but it would more accurately be called a class in the history of literature. The most modern text on the syllabus is nearly 100 years old and the majority of the year is spent at least a millennium before the present. The syllabus accurately charts the development of a medium, but it ignores where this development has brought us. A narrative of chained inspirations is often explicitly articulated, each text referenced by the next, but the story is left unfinished. What were the fruits of

## Treat me like a person—not an athlete

BY TAIT RUTHERFORD

Now that I’m at the end of my first fall sports season here at Columbia, I would like to bring light to the social divide I have noticed between athletes and non-athletes at our school, as well as the part the athletic department plays in setting athletes apart, mainly by the programs it provides for athletes—in particular, the year-long First-Year Transition Program for athletes. As a freshman subject to this program, I believe the department’s conduct privileges athletes over our peers to the point that we may feel excluded.

During NSOP week, the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee notified all freshman athletes of a “mandatory orientation program.” This first meeting initialized a series of workshops designed to facilitate our adaptation to college. I would like to focus on two aspects of the First-Year Transition Program that most significantly single out athletes—first, the athlete-exclusive quality of the program, and second, the “mandatory” quality of the program. Undoubtedly these workshops were helpful and informative. Some guidance is necessary, but I would question whether the athletic department should attempt to force this guidance onto athletes as opposed to allowing them to voluntarily seek resources on their own, like the rest of the student body.

The program’s first basic instructions earlier this year: First-year athletes had to wear business casual to the program’s meetings, which occurred on Wednesday and Friday of NSOP week. The jackets and ties, dresses and heels that athletes wore, immediately distinguished us from our peers. As my teammate and I walked down our floor, floormates we barely knew asked, “Oh, what are you dressed up for?” Our answer invariably involved the word “athletics.” Many of them reacted at this point with either a deflated “Oh, OK,” (which we might have taken to mean “I was going to try to get to know you, but because you’re an athlete and I’m not, that will be harder”) or with a disdainful “Oh, OK” (which might have implied “That’s too bad”). I can’t say I particularly enjoyed distinguishing myself as an athlete during NSOP when everyone was cataloging first impressions of everyone else, desperately rushing to make friends. My peers’ reaction implied that they perceived Columbia was somehow privileging us, and I will remember that incident as one which instantly widened that subtle social divide.

It didn’t stop at NSOP. Throughout the year, our attire quite often continues to distinguish us as athletes, whether it is the free sweatpants and sweatshirts provided by our team’s sponsor, or the suit and tie we freshmen wore to the free business-etiquette dinner. I have often received smirks from people passing me who see me wearing athletic gear

our artistic project? What great insights into the present human condition did our countless years of collective toil gain us? As I write and you read, profoundly talented writers use the wisdom of the ages to comment on the world we live and breathe in, but Lit Hum does not tell their story. The history of literature is not useful by itself—we need literature’s present as well.

Science education provides the other extreme. The history of science is an unfortunately fallow field at the Columbia undergraduate level, and professors in the sciences (especially when teaching major-track classes) often seem to forget that their continuing project of observing and articulating the laws of the universe is an inherited one, passed down from thinkers in the primordial human generation. When the history of science is taught, it is presented as a more limited version of science’s present: We learn Newtonian mechanics before general relativity not, we are told, because one leads to the other, but because it is easier and an acceptable shortcut in sufficiently human-scale circumstances. The relationship between the links in humanity’s unbroken chain of scientific knowledge are not described; rather, the past theory is demoted to a cruder, simpler, easier-to-learn version of the present theory. Frontiers of Science and other introductory science surveys could take a lesson from Lit Hum and trace the genetic material of ancient theories through to those of the present.

The arts should look from their past to their present. The sciences should look from their present to their past. If Frontiers and Lit Hum met somewhere in the middle, then perhaps we would get a better Core.

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or the tie, reminding me throughout the semester that I’m an athlete.

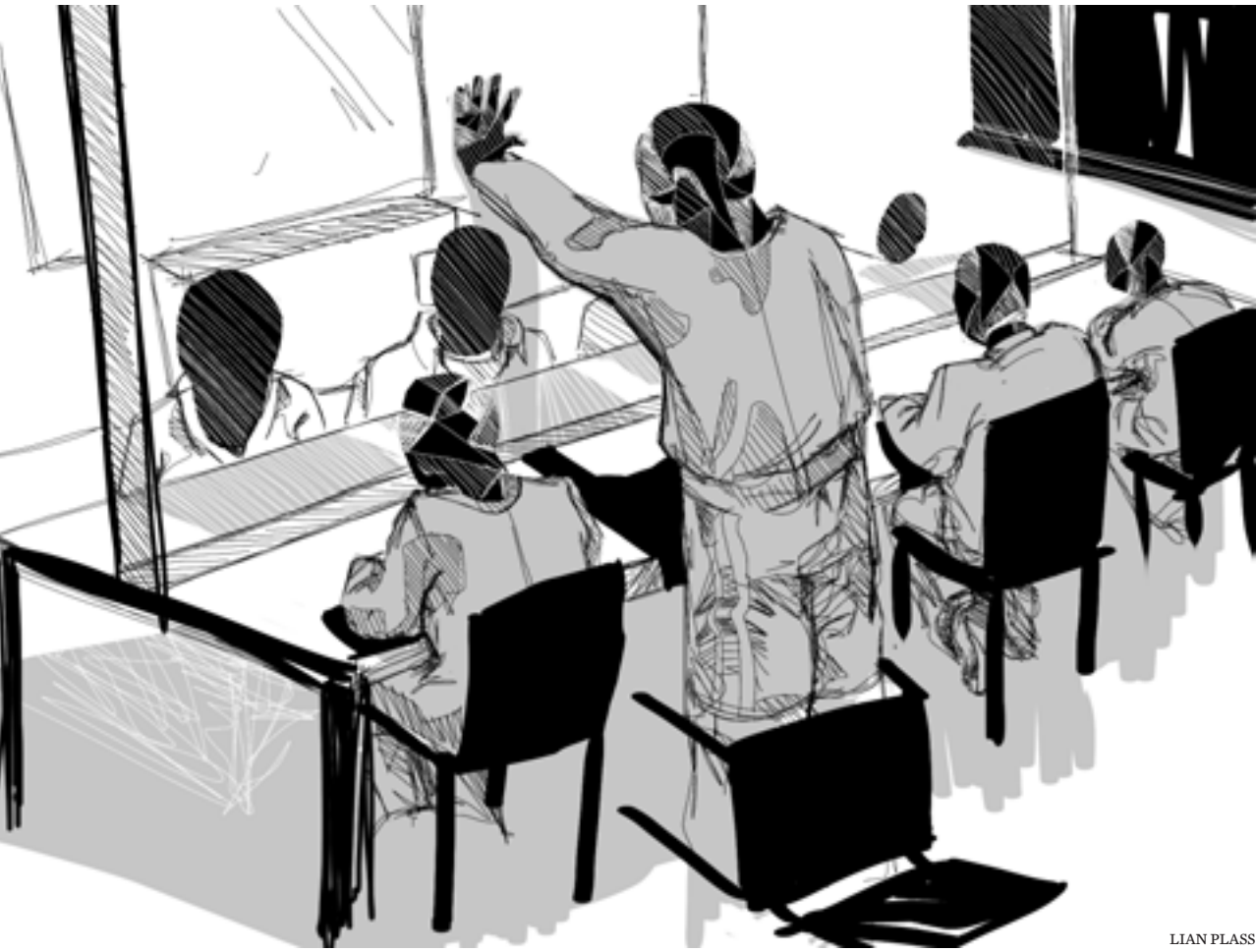
Furthermore, the provision of free academic tutors to any athlete who fills out an application and acquires the related professor’s signature of approval similarly singles us out. This significant academic bonus undermines people’s expectations of us. It builds the image of a coddled athlete that is somehow more valuable than a non-athlete. I have not yet used these free tutors, but even then, when I was working with a friend on a very challenging problem set and I casually mentioned this resource, she did not smile. Afterwards, I felt I should not have said anything about it.

## The gracious efforts of the athletic program to push its athletes to success, though surely helpful in some respects, do not build a positive self-image for athletes.

Beyond setting us apart, as incidents like mine demonstrate, exclusive opportunities such as tutors insinuate that athletes are less intelligent than the rest of the student body—since they were admitted mainly because of their athletic ability, rather than their academic ability. This idea that athletes are somehow less academically inclined than other students is implied in the First-Year Transition Program. We can simply look to the first materials handed out to athletes, which included a small book by Cal Newport titled “How to Become a Straight-A Student: The Unconventional Strategies Real College Students Use to Score High While Studying Less.” Upon receiving this book, I immediately thought, how condescending that they demand we read a book that informs us how to study—as if none of us were prepared for the rigor of college relative to our non-athlete peers. The implication that we need extra resources implies we’re academically inferior, and it is difficult for any athlete with that mentality to feel as though they fit in with the rest of Columbia.

The gracious efforts of the athletic program to push its athletes to success, though surely helpful in some respects, do not build a positive self-image for athletes, and have impacted the way my peers perceive me. I would suggest the opening of athlete-exclusive workshops to the entire student body, or even simply making the workshops optional, rather than mandatory, so as not to regularly imply to athletes that they belong under the protective wing of the athletic department. The label “athlete” does not need to imply that we can’t survive the first year of college without preferential treatment.

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13 Picked

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16 "Arsenic and Old"

17 Mischiefous girl in classic comics

19 Fairy tale menace

20 Display for the first time, as a product

21 Rajah's spouse

23 Until this time

24 Grilled fish in Japanese unadorned

26 "Exodus" actor

28 Florida NBA team, on scoreboards

31 Jack Lalanne, for one

35 Tries to make it alone

37 Funeral stacks

39 Baggage handler, e.g.

42 Actress Amanda

43 Put the kibosh on

45 Idle

47 1964 South African Peace Nobel

50 Williams with a 344 lifetime batting average

51 High-altitude nest

52 Lavish bash

54 Slog on the forehead cry

56 The "height" part of a height phobia

58 Dress to the nines

62 hygiene

64 "Star Trek" role for George Takei

66 Late-night Jay

67 Genesis garden site

68 Scramble pieces

69 Bustle

70 Big name in ice cream

71 Monica of tennis

**DOWN**

1 Rights protection gp.

2 Knee-to-ankle bone

3 Misbehaving child's punishment

4 Makeup maven

5 Raised

8 Musketeer motto word

7 Time of day

9 On fire

10 Cry that starts a kid's game

11 Ranch division

12 Borscht ingredient

15 North African capital for which its country is named

18 Mama Cass's surname

22 Clauseau's title: Ador.

25 D-Day city

27 Nile Valley country

28 Eyed lowly

29 TV sports pioneer

Arledge

30 Pitches in

32 Cry that conflicts with 10-Down

33 Christopher of "Superman"

34 "¿Cómo está...?"

36 Boss's "We need to talk"

40 Sufficient, in slang

41 Too violent for a PG-13

44 Nickelodeon explorer

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48 Ornamental wall recess

49 Put down

53 Cow on a carton

54 Birdbrain

55 After-school cookie

57 Gave the green light

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# Lions’ win over Villanova makes big statement

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biggest question for 2013 is how the Lions will replace Barbour in the backcourt, and Mullins looks ready to answer the call. The energy of Zach En’Wezoh down low on defense has been impressive in the early parts of the season. And we’ve seen flashes of skill from Maodo Lo and Isaac Cohen in limited minutes. They certainly look like they will be key contributors next year, if not in time for the Ivy season in January.

Columbia’s sophomores have also taken big strides forward this year. Alex Rosenberg, impressive as a rookie last year, continues to develop as a scoring threat from the forward positions, dumping 21 points on Villanova to lead the Lions. Big man Cory Osetkowski has the distinct advantage of always being the biggest man on the court at 6-foot-11. His game last year was often awkward and ineffective, but off-season training has produced a more confident player with a greater array of finishing moves.

The final piece of the team’s youth movement is sophomore Steve Frankoski, who missed last year with an injury. It’s his third year around the program, so he’s the most experienced member of these young guns. Not only is he the team’s best pure shooter, always confident from deep, but he also brings infectious energy and confident leadership, an element that I think was missing from last year’s squad.

After three weeks of the season, the most exciting development is that it looks like we’re going to be really good for a few years, not just this one. But it’s through statement wins, not incremental improvement, that perceptions change. Beating a team just three years removed from the Final Four by 18 points—the first win over a Big East opponent since the Reagan administration—certainly qualifies as a statement win.

To have Jay Wright, a nationally respected coach of many elite Villanova teams, heap praise on the Lions following Tuesday’s game was a signal to the rest of the Ivy League. With two all-Ivy-caliber seniors, a gaggle of young and talented underclassmen, and the Madman of Morningside Heights pulling the strings, this Lions team is ready to take on all comers and—perhaps—pull off a season to remember.

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HEART OF A LION | Before battling San Francisco and Wayland Baptist at the Hilltop Challenge, the Lions upset Big East team Villanova on its home court, 75-57.

## Light Blue hits 3s, free throws in win over Big East opponent

VILLANOVA from back page

Maurice Sutton caught fire for a couple of possessions and brought Villanova to within five.

“We knew going into the game that this was not a team we wanted to get behind on.”

—Jay Wright, Villanova head coach

But Villanova was unable to cut the deficit any closer than that, as Columbia freshman guard Grant Mullins hit a sequence of

big threes to pad the Lions’ lead. Mullins hit all four of his second-half three-point attempts to help the Lions pull away.

“To see him just bang those threes, that was so clutch,” Columbia sophomore guard Steve Frankoski said. “It was just awesome.” Frankoski hit five threes of his own to finish with 15 points.

The score became increasingly lopsided as Villanova began fouling in the game’s final minutes, and the Lions hit free throw after free throw.

Columbia was nearly automatic at the charity stripe all night, going a collective 26-30. Barbour was a perfect 12-for-12, and Rosenberg hit 11-of-14 free throws to lead the Light Blue.

Columbia closed out the win to secure its first over a Big East team since 1985.

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## Poor offense, rebounding leads to loss against SF

HILLTOP from back page

Besides Parker, Columbia also had trouble stopping forward Cole Dickerson, who recorded his third double-double of the season with 10 points and 14 rebounds.

Dickerson currently leads all NCAA Division I players with 13.8 rebounds per game, and he showed the Lions why on Saturday night.

“It’s tough to scout against a guy like that,” Smith said. “It’s hard to keep guys off the defensive boards period, and there were a lot to be had, ’cause we didn’t shoot the ball well.”

San Francisco out-rebounded the Lions, 40-28, marking the fourth straight game that the Dons have dominated the boards by a decisive margin.

Smith said the rebounds were a big factor in the Lions’ defeat, and the Dons’ 11 second-chance points confirmed that.

For the Light Blue offense, freshman guard Grant Mullins had a team-high 14 points, while Barbour and sophomore

forward Alex Rosenberg had nine points each.

Mullins has now scored 14 points in his last three games, and due to a minor wrist injury for sophomore guard Steve Frankoski, Mullins earned his first collegiate start on Friday against Wayland Baptist.

Against the Pioneers (4-3), the Lions exhibited the kind of balanced offense that was missing in their contest with the Dons.

Senior center Mark Cisco had a strong performance, with 14 points and eight rebounds, and the Light Blue did well to put the ball inside and kick it back out for open shots on the perimeter.

Despite their NAIA status, the Pioneers showed a scrappy resiliency that kept the game close for most of the first half. Though the Lions began to pull away in the second, Wayland Baptist brought the margin down to eight with 7:41 remaining in the game.

The Lions kept calm, as Mullins and Rosenberg responded with back-to-back threes to

push the lead back to double digits.

“You make a three like that, that will always cool off a run, and tonight it helped,” Smith said.

Though the Lions played well against Wayland Baptist, the Light Blue starters logged significant minutes on the court, and both Smith and Barbour mentioned that Columbia’s flat play on Saturday may have been a result of fatigue from Friday’s game.

Despite the mixed results in the Hilltop Challenge, Barbour said he sees Saturday’s loss as a learning experience for a young team.

“I think there’s a lot to learn from it—not getting too high or too low after ’Nova,” he said. “I think it’s a good learning experience that you’ve got to keep the foot on the gas and never ease up or have that lethargic effort that we had at times tonight.”

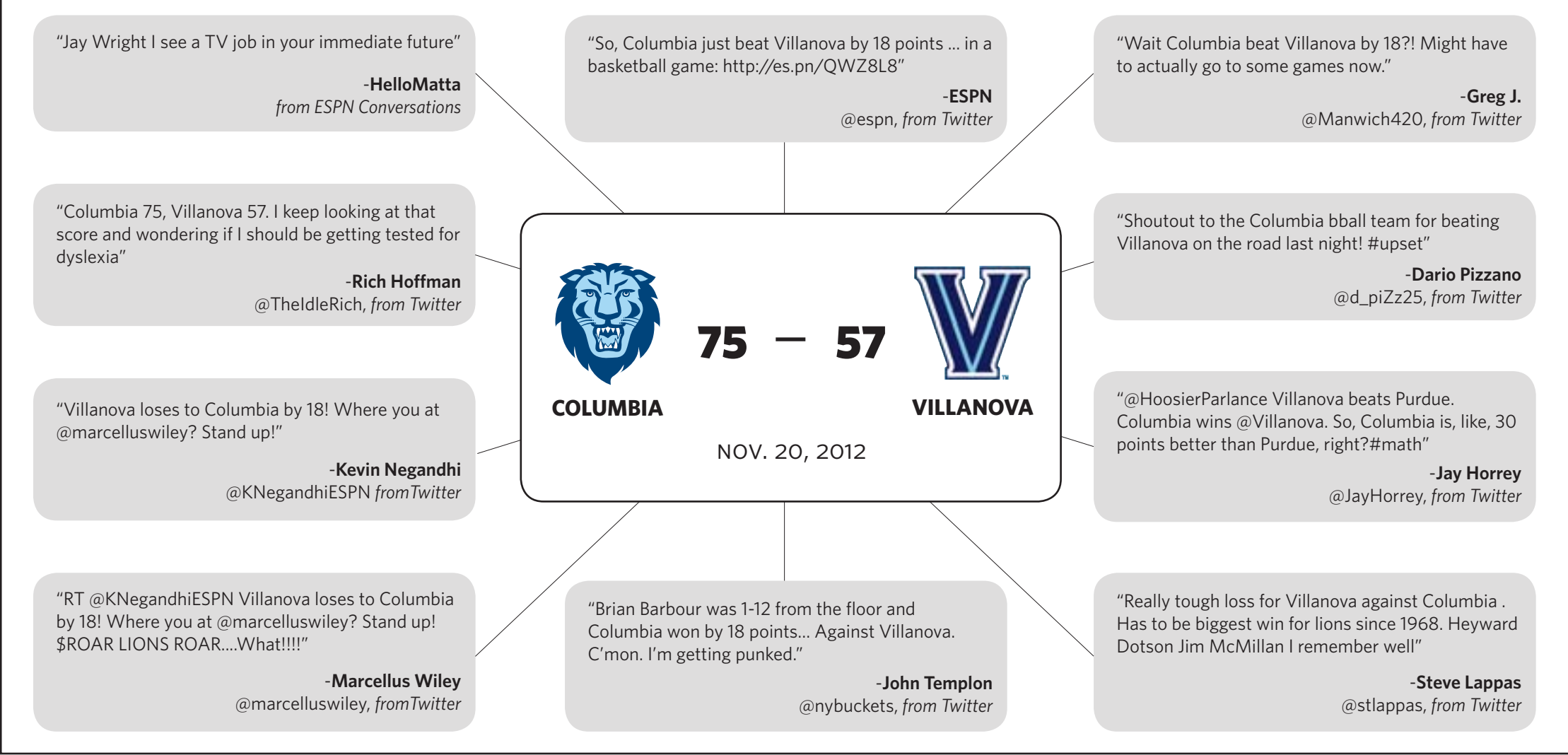
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# “C’MON. I’M GETTING PUNKED”: REACTIONS TO THE VILLANOVA WIN







FILE PHOTO

**SENIOR STANDOUTS** | Senior Nick Mills was one of two wrestlers to post points against Rutgers.

## Lions end Northeast Duals with win over Drexel

**WRESTLING**  
from back page

suffered a bitter 1-0 defeat at the hands of No. 10 Greg Zanetti. Scott Winston upset senior Jake O'Hara in the 157-pound weight class. The only Columbians to emerge victorious were seniors Steve Santos and Nick Mills. Columbia finished the event

against Drexel. The Lions fared much better, taking seven of 10 decisions, resulting in a 26-9 victory. Columbia freshman Joe Moita won a major decision in the 133-pound weight class to bring the Lions to an early 7-0 lead. The Dragons responded with a victory at the 141-pound weight class. But a trio of Columbia seniors led

a run that all but secured victory for the Lions during the next few matches. Santos got the Lions started with a pin at the 2:05 mark during his match; O'Hara followed his lead, winning 10-6 in the following 157-pound match; and senior Stephen West finished the run with a close 6-4 victory.

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**OTT STUFF** | Freshman Bailey Ott scored 11 points and led the team with five steals against the Bears.

## Lions give up 8-0 second-half run in loss to Bears

**WOMEN'S BASKETBALL**  
from back page

second-half charge, scoring 12 points in just 14 minutes, including an 8-8 effort from the foul line.

Lions junior forward Courtney Bradford bounced back from an injury she suffered early in the contest against Fairleigh Dickinson to grab eight boards. But it was not enough to contain the Bears, as the Lions fell behind when Morgan State hit a free throw-fueled 8-0 run.

After the Bears' late run, the Lions showed occasional sparks, but could never catch fire enough to bring the game

back within reach. After a three-pointer by sophomore Lizzy Stachon snapped the Bears' eight-point run, Jarrett heated up, scoring the next eight points of the game for Morgan State, including six in a row from the foul line.

The key to the game was the difference between the two teams' performance at the charity stripe. The Bears hit 17 of 21 free throws, while the Lions continued to struggle as they have all season, going 9-for-16.

Light Blue head coach Paul Nixon said that the Lions need to be able to capitalize on foul shot opportunities.

"Right now people would

think Shaq is our free throw coach," said Nixon. "That's an area that should be the easiest to correct. We will have to take more time in practice to do that—and we will certainly do that, because we are costing ourselves a ton of points at the free throw line right now."

Despite the loss, freshman standout Bailey Ott continued her stellar play for the Lions, netting 11 points, pulling down seven rebounds, and leading the team with five steals.

The Lions have their sights set on win No. 2 as they head to play Army on Wednesday, Nov. 28 at 7 p.m.

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Basketball can pull off season to remember

It's time for me to find a new sport on which to focus these bi-weekly ramblings, as football season is, sadly, over. So let's talk about the men's basketball team, which has the advantages of (a) playing on campus and not sucking up entire days of my life to go watch them, and (b) being really good at the sport it plays.

There's a lot of excitement around this year's team, predicted to finish third in the Ivy League in preseason polls for the first time in a bazillion years. The big question surrounding the team right now is simple: Will it be able to meet (or even exceed) these lofty expectations?

I've seen some of my fellow columnists argue in the past few weeks that we need to focus more on using New York to our advantage as a basketball destination. Which, I mean, sure. I am in favor of almost any idea that will make more people pay attention to and root for the Lions basketball team. (Exceptions would include the hiring of ex-Lakers coach Mike Brown, noted incompetent AND user of the "Princeton offense." This, I assume, involves stubbornly refusing to pass the ball to anyone not in the right eating club.)

But I think they're sort of missing the point. We don't need to think outside the box, because we've already got a pretty great box—Columbia University and New York City. (I love you, Levien!) And we've got the right guy in charge in Kyle Smith.

The problem is simple. The Lions haven't won the league since the 1967-8 season, and basically no one thinks of Columbia as a basketball threat. The current challenge to building a dominant program is convincing recruits, media, and the campus community that an Ivy championship is a possibility.

The shocking win over Villanova on Tuesday night is important for two reasons. Smith's squad made a big statement to the basketball world about how far our program has come. But the win was also a quieter showcase of where we're going in the next three years. Because make no mistake—though seniors Brian Barbour and Mark Cisco are invaluable parts of this team, it's the deep crew of freshmen and sophomores that has shined early in the season.

This year's class of new players has been impressive. Grant Mullins seems to be the most complete and potent player, a point guard who's deadly from beyond the arc and who creates plays for himself. The

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For Pete's Sake

Basketball wins 2 in successful Thanksgiving week



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HOTSHOT | Sophomore Alex Rosenberg led the team with 21 points in the Lions' first win over Villanova since 1969.

Lions split at Hilltop Challenge in San Francisco

BY STEVEN LAU  
Spectator Senior Staff Writer

After riding the high of an 18-point win over Big East team Villanova, the men's basketball team experienced a reality check this weekend in the two-game Hilltop Challenge in California.

Following a 75-63 win over Wayland Baptist on Friday, the Lions (4-2) struggled to keep pace with the incredible shooting performance of the San Francisco Dons, losing 79-59 on Saturday night.

"I thought it was a tough situation, playing back-to-back," head coach Kyle Smith said after the game. "When USF made a little run on us, we couldn't keep it together. We've got to make shots, but we weren't able to put the ball in the basket."

The Lions hit only 35.4 percent of their shots, while the Dons (3-1) shot better than 50 percent from the field.

"I think it's a good learning experience ... to keep the foot on the gas and never ease up."

—Brian Barbour, senior guard

Though the Lions had a decent start to the game, San Francisco began to pull away at the end of the first half, going into the break with a 40-27 lead.

In the second half, the game spiraled out of the Lions' control, with San Francisco leading by as many as 26 points at one point.

Guard De'End Parker proved to be the Light Blue's bane, as the UCLA transfer scored a career-high 31 points.

Midway through the game, Columbia, to no avail, switched from a zone defense to a man-to-man defense to try to stop Parker's scoring. Smith said that no matter what the Lions threw at Parker, they could not find a way to make him miss.

"I think he was hitting some tough shots," senior guard Brian Barbour said. "We were right there in his face, and he was still knocking them down."

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Free throw struggles limit Lions at Morgan State

BY KYLE PERROTTI  
Spectator Staff Writer

Coming fresh off its first win against Fairleigh Dickinson, the Columbia women's basketball team (1-4) looked to make it two in a row against a reluctant Morgan State (3-2) squad at Hill Field House in Baltimore. But the Light Blue ultimately fell to the Bears, 60-51.

"Right now people would think Shaq is our free throw coach."

—Paul Nixon, head coach

To start off the game, senior Brittany Simmons hit the ground running, scoring the first seven Columbia points, allowing the Lions to stick with the fast-paced Bears for the first 20 minutes. After a late first-half run, the Light Blue finished the half down by two.

Morgan State started the second half strongly, as guard Bianca Jarrett came off the bench after having missed the entire first half. Jarrett led the



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FAST START | Senior Brittany Simmons scored the first seven points for the Light Blue and led the team with 11 points in its 60-51 loss to Morgan State.

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Light Blue posts historic win over Villanova

BY ELI SCHULTZ  
Spectator Staff Writer

VILLANOVA, Pa. — The Lions (4-2) pulled off an upset to remember Tuesday night at Villanova (3-3), shocking their Big East opponents, 75-57.

Villanova, which made seven straight tournament appearances prior to last season and made it to the Final Four in 2009, dropped to 3-2 following the loss.

The Lions did not allow the Wildcats to knock them around early in the game, quickly jumping out in front.

"They were outstanding," Villanova head coach Jay Wright said. "We knew going into the game that this was not a team we wanted to get behind on."

Columbia built up a first-half lead despite poor shooting from the floor. Even though the Lions only shot 33.3 percent in the first half to Villanova's 45, the Lions held a 26-22 advantage at the intermission.

Turnovers played a big role in helping the Light Blue establish a lead.

"To see him [Mullins] just bang those threes, that was just so clutch."

—Steve Frankoski, sophomore guard

The Wildcats had 12 turnovers in the first half alone, as the Lions did a good job of sealing off passing lanes. Sophomore forward Alex Rosenberg used his length to prevent the home team from getting the ball into the post, picking up two steals in the first half and disrupting the Wildcats' offensive rhythm.

"He's really a big part of the reason why we play zone," Columbia head coach Kyle Smith said of Rosenberg. "He's really good at it. He wasn't at his best at Marist, and I think he turned it around. He makes a big difference up there."

Senior point guard Brian Barbour also contributed three steals in the first half.

The Lions opened the second half strongly, and built up a double-digit lead. But the Wildcats would not go down without a fight.







Just as Villanova was finding new life, Wildcats' guard James Bell posterized Barbour and headed to the line with a chance to complete the three-point play. The home crowd erupted. But Bell missed the free throw, taking some of the wind out of Villanova's sails.

The Wildcats continued to hang tough, as forward/center


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



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