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SPEAK UP | At CB12, City Council member Ydanis Rodriguez of Inwood said that the neighborhood needs more details on CU’s plan.

Tie vote leaves community board with no voice in CU Baker project

BY BETSY MORAIS
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The community board by Baker Athletics Complex, where Columbia plans to develop a new athletic center, will go without a voice in the city’s review of the project.

Community Board 12—which represents Inwood and Washington Heights—voted Tuesday night on a resolution drafted by its Land Use Committee, which was intended

Building at Baker

This is part two in a five-part series on the construction at Baker Field.

as the board’s record of opinion on the Baker redevelopment. With 13 votes in favor, 11 against, and two abstentions, the vote came to a tie, which was not sufficient for passage.

But because the deadline for the board’s non-binding

recommendation is Nov. 5 and there is not another CB12 meeting before then, the city’s process for evaluating Columbia’s project will proceed without the board’s input.

“I find it personally frustrating that, despite the fact that this community board has a broad range of opinions on this matter, we voted in a way that stifled that opinion,” CB12 member Elizabeth Lorris Ritter said.

Had it passed, the statement would have been brought before

the City Planning Commission for consideration in its review of Columbia’s project.

Columbia is seeking to revamp Baker Athletics Complex on Broadway and 218th Street, where the existing Chrystie Field House facility has stood for 60 years.

To provide more space for athletics, the University has proposed replacing a maintenance building and park of a parking lot with the Campbell

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With five more years, Bollinger at crossroads

BY ALIX PIANIN
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One hundred and fifteen years after Columbia’s eleventh president Seth Low lay down the first cornerstone for Low Library, University President Lee Bollinger is putting the final touches on the Morningside Heights campus. And as Columbia prepares to open the Northwest Corner Building, the latest addition to Columbia’s Morningside plot, Bollinger is staying on board to see the seedlings of his Manhattanville expansion finally take root.

At the request of the Board of Trustees, Bollinger agreed last week to extend his tenure for at least five more years. It’s clear that the board continues to throw its support behind him: Chair William Campbell said in a statement on behalf of the board that the trustees “have every reason to maintain the continuity of Lee’s principled leadership.”

For the powers that be, Bollinger has streamlined the University while allowing for its expansion—though his dogged efficiency has earned him as many foes as admirers. To others, he is a polarizing figure, who ignites each issue he touches, whether affirmative action at University of Michigan, Mahmoud Ahmadinejad at the World Leaders Forum, or debates in the University Senate.

Bollinger has weathered legal tribulations and community relation debacles while at the same time building relationships with key alumni and donors through Columbia’s historic capital campaign. As the focus of the University shifts, to some it appears that Bollinger is able to shift alongside it with ease.



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IN TRANSITION | University President Lee Bollinger, making an appearance at Homecoming, will stay on for another five years.

FIVE-YEAR LITMUS TEST

When asked about presidential tenures at universities, several refer to the “five-year benchmark.” The life cycle of a university president is sometimes looked at in five-year chunks, and the lengths of contracts are often set along those lines.

“That seems to be the point that ‘X’ will be accomplished ... and then it becomes an interesting place where someone can say, ‘I’ve done this, this is a good time for me to leave,’” Barnard history professor and “Stand, Columbia” author Robert McCaughey said. “Or the trustee could say, ‘You’ve done that, now we want something else done.’”

These five-year benchmarks give trustees natural opportunities to stop and change an institution’s course.

“My own sense is that completing the legal job of clearing the way for this development project was a task that has been met. Whether you then take on or assign the next task that comes ... to the same person is up for

grabs,” McCaughey said, but noted that Bollinger had proven adept at clearing legal hurdles and raising resources.

While Bollinger will, if he stays for another five years, be the longest-serving Columbia president since Grayson Kirk, from 1953 to 1968, some recent presidents have stuck around longer than at other universities, history professor and former provost Alan Brinkley said. George Rupp was president from 1993-2002, and Michael Sovern, who is currently a Columbia Law School professor, served for 13 years.

With more time in office, presidents can build relationships with donors, and trust becomes key, Sovern, who advocates longer presidencies, said.

“I’ve often thought there’s nothing magical about fundraising. You have to have something worth raising funds for,” he said.

“It’s usually the case at a university that a new president

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Five Guys to fill a Broadway vacancy

BY EMMA STEIN
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The recession may be over for the strip of Broadway south of campus.

Five Guys, a burger and fry chain known for its fresh ground beef cooked in peanut oil, is set to open its doors in January on 110th and 111th on Broadway—filling a vacancy that has persisted on the block for over a year.

The announcement of this new tenant is a sign to some that the effects of the downturn may finally be wearing off, at least around Columbia.

“I think it’s a real good sign—the demand for space is telling us that while there was a bit of a slowdown in spending, retailers were still really positive in the future of the neighborhood,” said broker Jeffrey Roseman, who closed the deal with Five Guys.

“They’re very popular on college campuses and virtually, this

Avis Hinkson, BC ’84, to step up as dean

Admin from Berkeley to replace Dorothy Denburg in February

BY MADINA TOURE
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After a lengthy search this semester, Barnard has chosen Avis Hinkson, BC ’84, as the new dean, replacing Dorothy Denburg who has held the title for 17 years.

Barnard announced the choice of Hinkson, most recently the director of undergraduate advising at the University of California, Berkeley, in an email sent out Tuesday afternoon.

Denburg, who has been juggling two roles this semester, will move on to her new job as vice president for college relations, overseeing the offices of Alumnae Affairs and Career Development, and providing support for Barnard’s pre-college programs.

Hinkson will step in as new dean, beginning February 14, 2011—she will oversee Dean of Studies, Admissions, Financial Aid, the Registrar, Residential Life and Housing, Student Life, and Health Services.

“I am very excited to return to campus. I had a wonderfully positive experience as a student,” Hinkson said in a phone interview from California. “I want to meet with a number of the student leaders and give them the opportunity to share with me their experience with Barnard.”

Hinkson, who graduated from Barnard in 1984 with a degree in psychology, has served as fundraising chair for her class and has maintained connections to the college. Before arriving at Berkeley, she was a work-study student in

Barnard’s Admissions Office and dean of admission and enrollment planning at Mills College.

Moving forward, Hinkson said, she is looking forward to working with different entities on campus. “The offices that report to me, I’m really eager to find out where they are, what changes they’d like to see in the future,” she added.

Dean of Studies Karen Blank said in an interview that she was impressed by Hinkson’s credentials. “Clearly, much of her experience is relevant, particularly in admissions and registrarial work.”

“This was a dream come true.”

—Avis Hinkson, new dean of Barnard College

Blank also said that, on a personal level, “I find her to be commonly nice. She was articulate, she seemed to be calm and poised, she demonstrated a good sense of humor, she asked thoughtful, good questions.”

Hinkson said that she hadn’t originally planned to leave Berkeley, but this was an opportunity she couldn’t ignore.

“I didn’t have plans to necessarily move anywhere. I’m quite pleased with the position I have at Berkeley.”

“This was a dream come true,” she added.

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Put your name on your comments

Daniel Amzallag criticizes student activism and proposes mediation of its demands.



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Sauerbier advances soccer program

Hailing from Dueren, Germany, freshman Henning Sauerbier brings his international experience to Columbia and establishes himself as a crucial part of the soccer program.

EVENTS

Brazil: A Conversation

Join the J-School for a discussion with Cabot Award Winners.
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With five more years, Bollinger at a crossroads in his tenure, goals

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takes at least two to three years to settle into a vision of a major fundraising campaign,” School of International and Public Affairs Dean John Coatsworth said. Bollinger, he said, has shown “prudence and vision that has deeply impressed the trustees.”

FROM VISION TO CONSTRUCTION IN MANHATTANVILLE

This June, the New York State Court of Appeals cleared the way for the West Harlem campus expansion, overturning a lower court ruling that had barred the state from using eminent domain to seize “blighted” land on Columbia’s behalf. Despite an attempt to bring the case to the U.S. Supreme Court, the question to many is no longer whether the new campus will move forward, but when and how.

Bollinger, onlookers say, has led Columbia through the land use process without a complete public relations meltdown. The politics of breaking ground in Harlem has played out in community board meetings, petitions, and small-scale protests—not, as McCaughey pointed out,

in building occupations ending in mass arrests, police beatings, and a University president’s resignation, as was with Columbia’s efforts to build a gym in Morningside Park in 1968.

“Given the likelihood of real conflict ... it seems to have played out with a minimum of controversy,” McCaughey said.

Introducing the project in 2003, Bollinger presented plans multiple times to Columbia’s neighbors, and notoriously stood through a Community Board 9 meeting in 2007 at which the audience attempted to boo him out of the room.

“I don’t think very many people believed eight years ago that we could afford or manage such an ambitious project,” Brinkley said. “It was a very turbulent time at Columbia and a somewhat bruising time for the president. I think he’s bounced back with great energy and commitment.”

How best to meld with the community is still something that’s on Bollinger’s mind. “We cannot just replicate Morningside Heights [in Manhattanville], as beautiful and as magnificent as that is,” he said in a recent interview. “And it can’t be that kind of architecture

that hearkens back to that sort of earlier sensibility. It has to be modern. But how do you create that and really make a campus, and really make it integrated into the community? That has a lot of stresses in it.”

FINDING FUNDS

With Manhattanville may be in the clear, the next frontier seems to be fundraising.

“It does feel like a continuation and a shift,” Bollinger said. “It’s both things at once. ... I’ve been working on this since my inaugural address, in which I said this [expansion] is really what we have to do. But now the difference is that it’s real. We have to build these buildings. We have to create a campus.”

Several big-name donors have announced major gifts to Columbia in recent weeks—billionaire Henry Kravis donated \$100 million to the Business School, and Roy and Diana Vagelos pledged \$50 million to the Columbia University Medical Center—and Bollinger predicts that the University will be seeing a lot more large-scale contributions in the near future.

Brinkley too said the Kravis donation will build momentum

for other large-scale gifts.

“My view has always been that big gifts follow big ideas, or big gifts are attracted to big ideas,” Bollinger said. “I’ve just seen it work over and over and over again.”

PUSHING FORWARD

Bollinger said he did briefly consider returning to his scholarship instead of carrying on as president, but the decision wasn’t agonizing. “It would just not have felt right at this stage to say, ‘It’s been wonderful, I’m not helping anymore,’” he said.

As he moves forward with Manhattanville, Bollinger is also thinking back to his predecessor who laid the first brick.

“I look back in 1895—Seth

Low had a little ceremony to put the cornerstone down for Low Library. This was the beginning of a 17-acre expansion for the University,” he said. “115 years later, we are about to open the last building that began with the cornerstone.”

McCaughey thinks the imagery is apt.

“What can happen within the next four or five years in terms of commitments... the only parallel at Columbia would be the 1890s and moving to this [Morningside] campus,” he said. “No one since Low has been a really building president.”

Bollinger, he said, “could be the Seth Low of the 21st century.”

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She said she usually gets her burgers at Tom’s Restaurant and may or may not make the switch over to Five Guys.

Vasilis Hristidis, CC ’12, said that he’s a fan of Mel’s and is not sure if Five Guys will do well. “Mel’s has a good bar and my frat and I have thrown parties there, but Five Guys seems cool too.”

Roseman acknowledged this, but said, “I think there will be healthy competition, but I think there is enough business for everyone.”

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Dems, Republicans debate immigration

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To some at the Columbia Political Union’s immigration debate on Tuesday night, it was the audience interjections that fueled the discussion.

One spectator raised his hand during the meeting to throw out the phrase, “anchor babies,” a derogatory term used to refer to the U.S.-born children of illegal immigrants.

“We’re going there because I’m a right-wing bastard,” the audience member said.

This kind of interruption was common at the monthly debate between the Columbia University College Democrats and Republicans, hosted by CPU—addressing hot-button issues that both sides agree to tackle.

“It seems that the audience enjoyed themselves and got a lot from it,” said Sara Jacobs, CC ’11, general manager of CPU and the moderator of the debate.

The Republican side frequently cited a problem of integration and emphasized the importance of abiding by the rule of law. Democrats presented illegal immigration as a humanitarian

issue while also questioning the economic feasibility of mass deportation.

“We cannot reward people who break the law,” said Tyler Trumbach, CC ’13 and a Republican debater, in response to the proposal of amnesty.

“Granting amnesty would defeat the concept of national sovereignty,” added William Prasifka, CC ’12 and another Republican debater.

Democrats insisted on the importance of ethical considerations. “How can we blame those who enter our country when they come from places driven by drug lords?” asked Leo Schwartz, CC ’14 and Democratic debater.

Schwartz also argued against the assertion that illegal immigrants cannot integrate into society. “Their only option is to integrate completely to make sure they seem to fit in,” he said.

Both sides discussed at length the economic consequences of amnesty and deportation.

An audience member brought the economic question closer to home by asking how the Republicans would justify to consumers a rise in the price of Pinkberry or other products made with illegal labor. “I’m not

saying we should exploit people to keep my Pinkberry price down,” a Republican debater responded.

The discussion at points broadened from immigration.

“Because I make a statement that America has enduring values, you say that I’m a racist, a segregationist, in favor of witch trials,” Prasifka said in response to an audience member questioning his assertion of America as a “rock of solid, enduring values.”

A discussion of the Development, Relief, and Education for Alien Minors Act, commonly known as the DREAM Act, caused some agitation among audience members and debaters. After Republicans suggested the possibility of fragmenting families or forcing deportation, one audience member stood up and walked to the Democrats’ side of the room, saying that she had been on the wrong side.

“That was probably my favorite part,” Ben Kaplan, CC ’14, commented after the debate.

Jacobs said the format worked well. “I like this model because sometimes it can be boring for the audience when there’s just too much structure.”

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After tie vote, no official stance from CB12 on Baker

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Sports Center, a five-story, 48,000-square-foot building. Baker sits on a waterfront lot of about 30 acres, owned in part by Columbia and in part by New York Presbyterian Hospital. One aspect of the proposed project involves a “Boathouse Marsh,” which would open up public recreation areas and waterfront access around the complex.

Although the city’s laws require Columbia to devote 15 percent of its land for public use, the landscape of the area doesn’t allow the University to provide that amount of space. Columbia has asked the city for a waiver on this requirement in exchange for cultivating marsh area.

When the evening began, CB12 members received copies of a resolution that provided conditional approval for Columbia’s plans. Members of the Land Use Committee, along with a few other board members, voted in favor of the resolution on Oct. 6.

But members said they needed more time to assess Columbia’s plans and to ensure that the University will follow through with its promises.

Aside from two abstaining votes, seven CB12 members were not allowed to vote—six because

they were on Columbia’s payroll, and one on the city Parks Department’s payroll. These votes were not taken into account to determine the outcome of the resolution. CB12 chair Pamela Palanque-North, who teaches at the School of International and Public Affairs, was among these voters.

“I’m not quite sure what really happened,” said Joe Ienuso, executive vice president of facilities at Columbia. He and a few of his colleagues left the meeting after the votes were called but before the result was announced.

“I’m curious,” he said. “I’m still processing. There seemed to be sufficient confusion in the room.”

Ienuso had spoken earlier in the meeting, outlining a letter he submitted to the board about Columbia’s intentions for the complex, along with attached documents enumerating its amenities for the public. He said that Columbia had already begun to respond to criticisms voiced during a public hearing earlier this month by adjusting the lighting on the field and “actively working to improve our transportation and parking conditions.”

But, Palanque-North said, “There’s still a lot of concerns being expressed by the

community about the plans.” Those who spoke out against Columbia’s plan weighed in on environmental concerns, traffic congestion, public use of the athletic facilities, and access to the waterfront.

Inwood resident Roger Meyer, founder of the New York Outrigger Canoe Club, said that, although the overhaul of the Baker complex is “actually quite historic” for public access to the waterfront, the proposal is “woefully inadequate.” He called on the University to provide public access to boats and storage for vessels on site.

Still, Katie Wheeler of Harlem River Community Rowing, a community organization that offers lessons and group rowing programs, said, “We see this as a wonderful step forward for waterfront access.” She added, “We would be very keen to partner with Columbia.”

One local resident, David Thom, who lives near Baker, addressed the board and offered his support.

“I moved to the area in 2003 knowing full well I was going to be living next to a football stadium,” he said. “And you know what? I make use of it.”

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Bartnik, Sanon make regional semifinals

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In this week’s USTA/ITA Northeast Regional Championship, the Columbia women’s tennis team competed against both conference and nonconference rivals. Though the team did not advance to the national championships, several Lions were able to achieve personal bests.

Light Blue players advancing to the qualifying rounds included sophomore Nicole Bartnik as well as freshmen Bianca Sanon, Ioana Alecsiu, and Tiana Takenaga. While No. 5 Alecsiu lost early in the singles qualifying rounds, Takenaga was able to notch a win over her opponent from Rutgers, 6-4, 6-3, before falling to Sabrina Stewart, a freshman from Dartmouth.

Most noteworthy in the qualifying rounds was the performance of the new doubles team, sophomore Nicole Bartnik and freshman Bianca Sanon. The duo handily defeated competitors from NJIT (8-2), Quinnipiac (8-5), and then Binghamton (8-5). The two ultimately fell 8-3 in the

semifinals to the No. 1 doubles team, Hilary Bartlett and Taylor Marable of Princeton. For a doubles team that had never played together in a tournament before, Bartnik and Sanon performed impressively.

“This was the first tournament in which Bianca and I played doubles together while all the teams we played had competed together for at least two years,” Bartnik said. “I think if we continue practicing together and adjusting to each other’s game, we will have more results like this weekend’s semifinals.”

In last season’s competition, Bartnik was paired with a number of different partners. This year, Bartnik is optimistic about the future she has playing with Sanon, especially after their success at this weekend’s tournament.

“I feel very comfortable playing with her and I believe we can compete and beat any of the top teams, not only in the Ivy League but also in the nation,” Bartnik said.

New to the team, Sanon looks forward to the upcoming spring season.

“I feel really confident because if we could get to the semis in our first tournament playing together, we can really do well next season and really help out our team with the doubles point in dual matches,” she said.

“As for singles,” Sanon continued, “I am excited to be back playing. Being out for a few months with injury made me realize how much tennis and competition means to me, and with hard work, I will be back to the level I was playing before my injuries, if not better.”

So far this season, the women’s tennis team has remained under the radar while dealing with injuries to Bartnik and Sanon. Now that both players are back on the courts, the women’s tennis team will have a chance to demonstrate its full potential.

Columbia will host the next and final competition of this fall season, the 2010 USTA/ITA National Intercollegiate Indoor Championships, which will be held at the USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center in Flushing, N.Y. on Nov. 4-7.

Sauerbier a freshman star on soccer field

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The Lions have never failed to win a game when Sauerbier has scored, and junior full back Jesse Vella, who has shared the left side of the pitch with Sauerbier for the majority of the Lions’ campaign, understands why.

“He’s a smart player who knows how to create space around him,” Vella said. “He checks inside well to draw the defender away and gets behind the right back, which makes it easier for me to find him in open areas. He makes sure to track back and lend a hand defensively, and he’s

been able to find the back of the net four times already, which has really helped our offensive presence in the Ivies.”

Sauerbier looks to have a career glittering with accolades ahead of him, and will play a part in the Lions’ successes in the years to come.




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Football team needs lesson in winning

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winning teams go out and dominate in the second. We all know that didn't happen. In fact, the opposite did.

Then, with Dartmouth seemingly in cruise control, Big Green quarterback Conner Kempe made a truly moronic pitch, giving Columbia hope. The Light Blue responded with a score.

Next, Dartmouth actually tried to give Columbia the game, fumbling the subsequent kickoff. But of course, Sean

Brackett started a game of hot potato, giving the ball to the Big Green three plays later.

Brackett's fumble? Regifted with another fumble. That's three Dartmouth fumbles in four minutes, for those keeping score at home. If that wasn't enough, a pass interference call set the Lions up with just two yards to go, and they finally reclaimed the lead.

We all know what happened next. Dartmouth marched down and scored, and the Lions were left wondering if they would be

5-1 without botched snaps.

But that's just it—winning teams don't have to wonder. There are no botched snaps. There are no what-ifs. Gifted wins end up as ... wins. I know it's a shocking concept, but it does exist. Maybe one day, winning will be the norm. It's just too bad these guys will never know what that feels like.

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Light Blue seniors provide steady guidance

INFOCUS from back page

brings extra experience and vital assets when he plays.”

In a moment of magic against Dartmouth, two seniors combined for the Lions with Carotenuto providing an exquisite through ball for Adafin, but the striker narrowly missed the target. Adafin did not dwell on his misfire and scored in the second half while also providing the assist for the match-winner in the dying stages. His performance against the Big Green earned him mention on the Ivy League's Honor Roll.

The attacker carries an outlook that goes well beyond his goal-scoring antics. “I personally believe you have to think of yourself not just as a player, but as a foundation for the others to grow,” he said. “There's more than our role as players and individual performances. When Coach Anderson took over, he told us that if we could accomplish one thing it should be to leave our team in a better condition than when we arrived. We've tried to work towards that and it's been a tough road at times, but I think we've done that to some extent already.

The teams in the future promise to be very, very good—and I have no doubt that if I come back in a few years, the program will be in contention for the Ivies.”

With only one home game remaining for the Lions' graduating class, they understand that time is of the essence. “This is our last shot, and we want to make the most of it,” Carotenuto said. “We're going to make sure that we can get the most out of our players in what's left of this season and try to achieve something for the team and for ourselves.”

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Rethink campus activism

BY DANIEL AMZALLAG

The energy of Columbia students, it sometimes seems, is limitless. Student life pulsates on our campus with a countless number of activities—including theater, community service, cultural groups, and perhaps most (in)famously, political activism. Students here are deeply engaged with the political dilemmas and developments of the present day, and, above all, they care about the world around them. The energy and intentions of student “activists” in large part facilitate the discourse that makes our campus so vibrant. But a problem lies in the execution of otherwise laudable ideals.

Columbia’s tradition of political activism has, all too often, been its own worst enemy. While serving an atmosphere of student engagement, campus activist movements create political conditions of their own, frequently undermining impartial and open implementation of reforms. The POTUS Project, a self-described “grassroots initiative” to convince President Obama to speak at Commencement, is only the latest example of a delusion that has plagued our campus for decades. The delusion, briefly: that gathering a group of Ivy League students to stage loud demonstrations, write letters, and submit extreme and unrealistic demands to a figure of high authority—and stamping it with the label “grassroots”—is the most promising and fairest course of action possible.

Such campaigns purport to speak for entire communities, but by working outside of pre-existing democratic processes,

they are necessarily unrepresentative movements. The publicity that protests generate supports an illusion that they represent uniform agreement and broad interests. This assumption of consensus becomes dangerous when movement leaders submit demands that affect a population broader than themselves. They may claim to fight on behalf of indisputable notions of “social justice,” as did the student hunger strikers of 2007—beliefs that are in the eye of the beholder. Without explicit consent, such as polling or elections, they have the potential to be tyrannies of a minority.

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For example, one of the most hotly contested issues of Columbia’s Manhattanville expansion is whether the “local community” (albeit an artificial construct) approves of the project. Anti-expansion protesters claim they represent the entire community and point to the disapproval of an unelected community board, while University officials cite the support of elected representatives. The very fact that neither side can agree on such a basic issue speaks to the lack of democratic representativeness inherent in protest-based movements. The POTUS Project, similarly, was launched this month with a groundless assumption that the majority of Commencement’s 11,000 degree candidates support its goals. There has been no polling of the student body, no debate on the issue, and no open consideration of its complexities.

A business concentration strengthens Columbia

BY TAO TAN

When I was a senior in Columbia College, I attempted to cross-register for the introductory course in capital markets at Columbia Business School. The bulletin made it seem simple enough. I found forms, obtained signatures, and easily jumped through the hoops. Until it came to get one final sign-off, that of the professor (no longer at CBS), who responded to my eager email with a terse “no undergrads.” I persisted, cajoled, charmed, coaxed, wheedled, and persisted some more. After a few more attempts to get me to go away—including an on-

The special concentration is a simple affirmation of the college’s mission to promote career mobility.

the-spot, 30-minute math test—he grudgingly approved my petition. Approval in hand, I went to the first class, where I was promptly and unceremoniously ejected from my assigned study group for being an undergrad. The other rejects (a School of International and Public Affairs student who didn’t speak English and a Journalism School student who didn’t own a calculator) and I banded together. At the end of the semester, we three, unloved and unwanted, had the highest grades in the class.

That experience and the new special concentration in business management are the difference between night and day. For the first time, possibly since CBS was an undergraduate school—which it was until 1949—unprecedented access is being given to the undergraduate community. The special concentration adds options and choices to the college curriculum. The key words are “options” and “choices.” The college is not being fundamentally reoriented along

pre-professional lines, or fundamentally reoriented period. The Core Curriculum endures, and 50,000 alumni remain committed to its future. The special concentration is a simple affirmation of the college’s mission to promote intellectual mobility, social mobility, and career mobility. In other words—relax, the Achaeans are not at the gates.

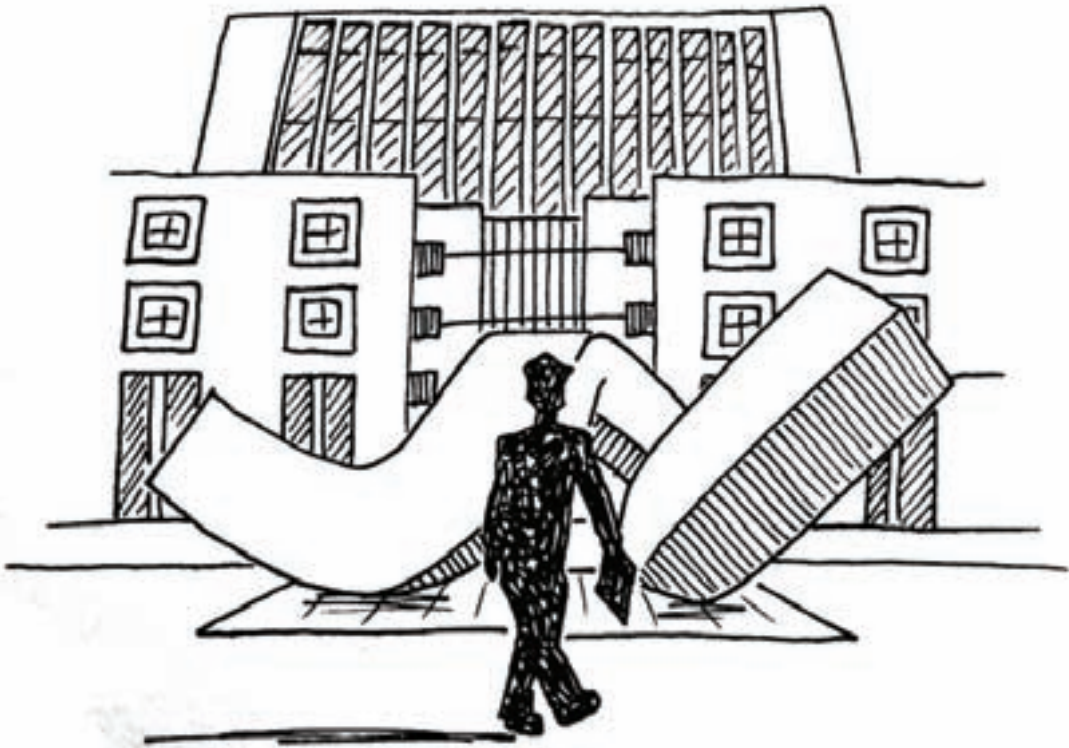
But, a word of advice: Have clear expectations of what Business School classes can and cannot do for you. For starters, they won’t get you a job or teach you how to do that job. While a senior, I also worked downtown for an institutional securities firm. It became clear very quickly that first, one should not spend 30 minutes drawing a binomial tree to price an option when a Bloomberg terminal can do it in 1/700th of a second, and second, nobody cared.

What exposure to Columbia Business School courses will do is give you opportunities to pursue your interests, whatever they are, not just in a group, but also actively with a community of equally talented and driven individuals. When you graduate, your textbooks and notes may not survive, but the relationships you’ve built will last a lifetime. My favorite Columbia memories will include late-night Core discussions. But they will also include the trials, travails, teamwork, and triumph of the amazing, agrarian Cluster A (a “cluster” is a 70-person unit with whom you eat, drink, study, work, and party during your first year at the Business School) when we won Cluster Cup (a series of somewhat silly competitions that perhaps matter only to those engaged in them). They will not include sitting in class learning about binomial trees. Or Hegel.

If you like what you see and choose to pursue a business career after college, then when the time comes—and only you can know when it does—you might find yourself in a position to get something even further out of a business education. If that’s the case, give Columbia Business School a look. There are a good number of us here on our second stint, and all of us, without exception, are glad we came.

In elevator pitch-speak—part one: The special concentration is an excellent program to further enrich the already rich educational platform of Columbia College. Part two: Have a clear understanding of what the special concentration can and can’t do for you. And part three: If business is the path you want to pursue, when the time comes, give us a good look—because you’ll like it here.

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STAFF EDITORIAL

Whining and dining

On Oct. 24, the Columbia College Student Council passed a resolution recommending that Columbia Dining adapt some of the changes put into effect this year. The resolution, though imperfect, is an important step in terms of improving both the efficacy of class councils and the dining policies themselves.

This year’s dining changes, while profitable for Columbia, were met with disappointment and disapproval from the student body—specifically, the food at JJ’s Place, which can no longer be purchased à la carte, has deteriorated in quality, and the fact that Ferris Booth Commons was not actually designed to be a large dining hall renders eating there (now only an option for students on a meal plan) a logistical nightmare. In order to serve those they were elected to represent, CCSC members called on Dining Services to bring back the old JJ’s menu (with healthier options), open the upper level of Ferris Booth to all students as a study space, keep

John Jay Dining Hall open on the weekends instead of Ferris Booth, and allow first-years to swipe in more than once at a given meal time (an option that was apparently advertised to the class of 2014 over the summer). CCSC is actively seeking inclusion in the discussion, and that is to its credit.

That does not mean that the resolution is a perfect one that should be accepted as is. For example, in order to restore the quality of dining options at JJ’s Place without decreasing profitability, one recommendation states that students should be able to buy all they can eat at JJ’s with a meal swipe for up to \$13, but that they should have to pay for the remaining balance with cash, Flex, or Dining Dollars. We do not write resolutions, and so we will clearly and simply editorialize: This plan poses serious logistical issues and is the sort of thing that should be thought through prior to adaptation.

But we believe the resolution should, in fact, be examined and adopted in some form. Dining Services and CCSC alike should proceed with a critical eye toward the current policy and any policy that might be implemented in the future, but they should proceed. This is a good starting point. We hope that it is from this point that Dining Services will continue, and we hope CCSC will continue along with it.

By campaigning to convince others, such movements pose a danger of effacing the nuance of an issue. At other university commencements that hosted Obama, for example, security restrictions limited the number of people allowed to attend, caused massive delays, and required attendees to undergo background and citizenship checks. Similarly, in the push for gender-neutral housing over the past year, while circulating a petition, proponents framed the issue as one of inclusiveness for LGBT students, while opponents framed it as an excuse for unmarried couples to live together. Only once a proposal was reviewed thoroughly by a University task force did complexities over blind doubles and first-year room selection begin to be considered publicly. Students behind the movement made tremendous progress toward reform, but an unbiased conversation on the issue took place only within formal processes.

Too often, the protest is a tactic chosen reflexively and without consideration of its consequences. Columbia has a serious need for mediation and examination of the demands of activist movements in light of their potential for misrepresentation, and in the spirit of meaningful debate. The conversation that results from campus activism is the root of the exciting energy here that keeps students challenging each other. But our campus would benefit from a greater awareness on the part of students of the pitfalls of campus activism rather than zeal about the issues movements address, which often blinds us to the politics at hand. A healthier discourse must be removed not only from the politics of the University administration, but also from the politics of student activism.

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If I may comment

After being a columnist for almost two semesters, I have become accustomed to the spate of encouragements and attacks that appear every other week in the comments section at the bottom of the online version of my column. I take heart in kind words, wince at criticisms, and appreciate constructive suggestions, but whether comments are positive or negative, I think the current system of anonymous online commenting needs to be reformed.

Of course, my work is certainly not above criticism, and one of the benefits of online commenting is that it gives people the chance to expose the holes in my argument or misdeeds in spelling and word choice. But too often, it seems, Columbians hide behind pseudonyms, from “dudde” to “Arafat,” using their anonymity to make comments that are neither well thought-out nor constructive. Most unproductive of all are the ad hominem attacks on student journalists, like those that were made at the bottom of James Dawson’s very reasonable Spectrum piece on Columbia UNIs (“What’s up with UNIs,” Spectrum, Sept. 17): that it was “the dumbest opinion piece,” and to “get this jokester off.” The individuals who post these comments wouldn’t address a writer this way in a face-to-face conversation, and certainly would never submit a letter to the editor for publication bearing their names.

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A student journalist, on the other hand, does not write anonymously, and for that reason alone, holds himself to a higher standard, knowing that the quality of the work reflects on the author. When he puts his name on his work, he accepts that he can be held accountable for its content—not just now, but always. Such is the effect of the Internet.

I understand that online commenting has advantages. It allows for a wider variety of voices to be heard, not just those of people who work for a media outlet. On the other hand, the way comments are presented can make it difficult to distinguish good from bad ideas, especially when they appear side by side, as equals, on the same page. I think it’s possible to provide a forum for discussion, however, that does not hand out credibility too cheaply.

In our working memory of print journalism, there has always been an opportunity for readers to comment publicly on the articles published: letters to the editor. These are selected because they raise good points, are well constructed, or come from credible sources. The idea is that an insurance executive or medical professional is most qualified to comment on the health care debate, for instance.

But what qualifies “Asdf” to comment at the bottom of my column, “Oh, put a sock in it. Jesus Christ. What is with you Jews?” Does Asdf hold a degree in comparative religion? Or is Asdf an expert on socks?

Many undergraduate newspapers use an online format that allows people to comment anonymously. Consider, for example, the recent controversy at Yale. After a group of frat brothers chanted misogynist words outside the Yale Women’s Center, a Yale Daily News editorial criticized the center for its “histrionic” reaction. In response to the editorial, Yale Daily News columnist River Clegg presented a satirical perspective on the incident. I was disappointed that the comments, all anonymous or hidden by pseudonyms, addressed Clegg directly—in a rude, dismissive tone—rather than the points that the column raised. Clegg was called “oblivious” and told to “get a clue.” These sorts of comments raise the question of oversight. How bad does a comment need to be to merit deletion? Do student-run papers like the YDN have the resources to police all comments online?

The reason to have online comments in the first place is to open up a discussion, and attacks are not meaningful contributions. I think a workable solution would be to make it impossible to comment online without disclosing a full name along with the comment, and, in the college setting, a university ID code. Students at other universities should have to include an official email address associated with their names, and people outside the academic community would be free, as always, to submit letters to the editor. Quality will improve once people are held accountable for what they write, the same way journalists are, in the indelible record that is the Internet.

In a world of online usernames, privacy settings, and identity theft, it is easy to forget the benefits of attribution, but there is no good reason why comments on journalism websites should continue to be anonymous.

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AMANDA GUTTERMAN

The Far Side of the Familiar

These guys just don't know how to win

On Monday, our sports editor preemptively rebutted Zach's Tuesday column, and I have to say I am a little disappointed she beat me to the punch. The rest of the sports section is supposed to be a jolly group of pals who drink enough in the Spec office that they can find the silver lining in anything. I'm usually the self-admitted jerk—even if I'm chummy with Norries—and now I find myself agreeing with Michele.

Zach anointed the fans the winners of the weekend. Really? There were winners this past weekend? Headliners? I'll grant you that fan support was superb, but after a sloppy, poorly played mess of a game, why are any of them coming back again?

If the fans were the winners, it's only because the team on the field has a tattoo stickered on its helmets: losers.

Missed it? Well, it's not actually there, but how else do you explain such a loss?

There is one big problem with this team: it never learned how to win.

At this point, the talent is there. Sure, the Lions could use a game-breaking receiver or a freakish defensive end, but we are stuck in the real world of Ivy League football. Columbia was clearly a more talented team than Dartmouth—Nick Schwieger being the main exception—and it will be the more able side in most of its upcoming games.

The issue isn't a dearth of senior leadership, either. In fact, this team is led by a core of respected veterans, especially on the defensive side of the ball.

However, as I discussed with one of my WKCR companions on Saturday, there is one big problem with this team: It never learned how to win. It has no signature wins and has played no games of consequence after the midway point of the season. Sunday was the first.

We're now four years removed from Norries Wilson's first season, when the team went 5-5. Is that a winning season? Technically, no, but it isn't a losing one either. At least that team won games throughout the season, and by margins big and small.

This team? Lord have mercy. Its first season, it went 1-9, with the one win coming in a game where the Light Blue still surrendered 262 yards rushing. Its best season to date? Last year's 4-6 affair, which included a five-game losing streak. All told, the seniors are 10-26 with just six Ivy wins, four of those against Princeton and Cornell. What's their record against Harvard, Yale, and Penn? 0-7, with two games left to try to get a win.

These seniors have been tremendous in some respects, but they really never did learn how to win, whether closing out a game or coming from behind.

This is one of the most underrated qualities of winning teams. Players and teams learn how to win so that when they get any kind of chance to, they do it.

Why do the Yankees win every year? Because they are the Yankees. Part of that alludes to their never-ending payroll and roster of all-stars. The other half is the combination of a ubiquitous fear of the pinstripes and the internal expectation of a World Series title every year.

Why do unexpected teams make the World Series—say, this year's Giants or the Rockies from a few years ago? Most often, a team gets hot at the end of the season or in the playoffs, and winning becomes second nature. It's like breathing.

Norries Wilson's Lions are at the other end of the spectrum. They find a way to lose football games, and it gets to the point where it is expected.

The Lions were gift-wrapped a win by an inferior team this past weekend, and they still didn't win. They led 7-3 at halftime despite a) not showing an offensive pulse after their first drive and b) repeated forays by Dartmouth into Columbia territory. When you still hold a lead after that kind of half,

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LUCAS SHAW
In the Refrigerator

Rookie Sauerbier makes mark long way from home

BY MRINAL MOHANKA
Spectator Staff Writer

With three Ivy League Rookie of the Week awards, two assists, and four goals—including the match-winner against a conference rival—in the first seven weeks of his college career, it seems safe to assume that Henning Sauerbier has had no trouble settling down to life in the Ivy League. Just two months into his college career, the Sauerbier has already established himself as a crucial part of the Columbia men's soccer team.

The freshman from Germany has been playing soccer for as long as he can remember. "Germany is one of the biggest soccer nations, and I think I started playing with my friends as soon as we could walk," Sauerbier said. "I joined a club in my hometown, Düren, and after clearing selections for my town and region, I joined Bayer Leverkusen at the age of 14." At Leverkusen, Sauerbier was part of a squad that won the German League Championship in 2007, as well as the German National Cup at the youth level the following year.

The youngster spurned the advances of some of the biggest clubs in Germany, including Bayern Munich, Schalke, and Cologne, as well as England's Manchester City. "I chose Leverkusen because they were close to where I lived, and they are known for having the best youth teams in Germany," he said. "They force you to have high academic standards as well as playing soccer, and supported us a lot, which made me comfortable."

Sauerbier came to Columbia so that he could have the opportunity to play soccer at a high level while also receiving a good education, whereas he would have been forced to choose between the two in Germany. Julian Richers, CC '13 and one of Sauerbier's close friends, hails from Düren as well and played a major role in Sauerbier's move to Morningside Heights. "I visited Julian here last year when I was on vacation, and I was very impressed with what I saw," Sauerbier said. "He has helped me a lot and I am very grateful, since through him I found the right fit for myself."

"I could not live without soccer, and just playing was not an option," he added. "Columbia gave me the perfect opportunity to combine my passion with my education."

This past weekend, Sauerbier scored with 76 seconds left on the clock to give the Lions all three points against Dartmouth. He played on the right wing against the Big Green in a shift from the usual left-wing spot that he

has occupied for the majority of the team's campaign.

Junior co-captain Mike Mazzullo has been very impressed with the young German's adaptable nature. "Henning had a great game against Dartmouth," he said. "He showed his versatility playing on the right, and it's really good for us to have the additional flexibility of where he plays."

"He's been a big player for us this year and scored some crucial goals already," Mazzullo added. "Overall, he's a fantastic player with a great work ethic. He defends really well, too, which adds balance to the side. What I like most about his style is that he keeps things simple and knows how to finish. He showed great energy and fitness to run all the way into the box to score in the 90th minute last weekend—it was his dedication that got us the winner."

Sauerbier is no stranger to the right wing, as that is where he took the field for the German National Team at the U-17 European Championships in Belgium and the FIFA U-17 World Cup in South Korea in 2007. Playing at the highest youth level allowed Sauerbier to compete alongside several fantastic players, including Thomas Müller and Toni Kroos, both of whom were in South Africa with the German national side this summer. The experience he gained from his youth career has proved immensely valuable in the Ivy League.

Lions head coach Kevin Anderson has been pleased with Sauerbier's start, but hopes that he takes his accolades humbly.

"I think he's doing a good job," Anderson said. "His international experience is certainly helping our team and helping him. He's in the right places at the right time, and that's equating into opportunities based on what the other players are doing. It's a good start, and we're very happy with where he is."

"What's exciting, though, is that he has the ability to do more, and we're hoping he can create more opportunities for himself and for the team," Anderson added. "I strongly believe the successes of a few come from the hard work of many, and that's held true throughout the season. A lot of the guys contribute intangibles behind the scenes, which are just as important to the bigger picture of the team—and while we're all happy for Henning, obviously, we mustn't let it overshadow the work of the team."

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BREAKING AWAY | Freshman Henning Sauerbier, hailing from Germany, is putting up big numbers in his first season as a Lion.

Seniors stepping up in final season at Columbia

BY MRINAL MOHANKA
Spectator Staff Writer

One may wonder what could possibly be common to Minnesota, Arizona, and New Zealand, three geographic entities with almost nothing similar about them. An answer can be found when you consider the case of the Columbia men's soccer team. Seniors Bayo Adafin, Peppe Carotenuto, and Hayden Johns hail from these locations, respectively, and together they have been a vital part of the Lions' outfit for the past three years. This season has been no different. The trio from the class of 2011 continues to make important contributions to their team on and off the field.

The Lions (5-7-1) have already won more games than they did last season (and still have four games left to play) and the senior class has played its part, according to Columbia junior co-captain Mike Mazzullo. "They're really important to the team on the field," he said. "We have one of them playing in every area of the field, so it adds balance and experience to the side. Hayden has played every minute in defense, we look to Bayo for goals, and now that he's healthy, Peppe will have a big impact in midfield. Even more importantly, they set the example in training and off the field."

Johns, along with Mazzullo, has featured in all 1,190 minutes of the Light Blue's season and regards this as the best year for him and his classmates while at Columbia. "No disrespect to



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STEADY AS THEY GO | Bayo Adafin and his fellow seniors are guiding the soccer team both on and off the field.

what we've had in the past, but we've been building a good program and I think it's the best team I've played with," he said. "I can't wait to see what will happen next year and in the years to come. I wish I could come back and play again next year because the potential that's there is just incredible."

The New Zealander believes a collective responsibility exists amongst his classmates, but a focus on the individual aspects of his game is not to be forgotten. "The team chemistry is great

and as senior players, we try to help and support—but, at the same time, I don't force myself onto anyone," he said. "We've always tried to help the rest of the team grow, but I try and see what I can do to aspects of my game, and how I can help on the field as well."

Senior co-captain Carotenuto has suffered two injuries this season, but made his first start in the Lions' victory over Dartmouth. He was named co-captain of the team last year and feels the responsibility has helped him come into his own. "When I was a freshman I felt like a small fish in a big pond and I could never lead as I would have liked to," he said. "But as captain for the past two seasons, I've been allowed to be myself and try and help the others on and off the field. I haven't played as much as I would have liked to this season, but it's still a huge role to be a senior on the team and it's one I've enjoyed."

"It's definitely a responsibility," he continued. "You're an important factor as a senior player. You know what all the different aspects of being a collegiate athlete, including games, practices and school are like, and you have to share that knowledge with the younger players. The quicker we help them integrate, the sooner we'll see them at their best."

Mazzullo has partnered Carotenuto numerous times in the center of the Lions' midfield and appreciates his value. "Peppe has a lot of experience—he knows how to impose himself on the field," he said. "There's no doubt about him being an intelligent player and he

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BAYO ADAFIN

CAREER STATS

Rochester, Minn.
Year: CC '11
GP: 57
Goals: 17
Assists: 5



PEPPE CAROTENUTO

CAREER STATS

Scottsdale, Ariz.
Year: CC '11
GP: 43
Goals: 3
Assists: 5



HAYDEN JOHNS

CAREER STATS

Hamilton, New Zealand
Year: CC '11
GP: 54
Goals: 2
Assists: 3