

BRAVING THE STORM



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SNOW BOWL | The snowy conditions were a major factor in Saturday's football game against Yale as both teams struggled to generate offense.

New buildings will take more than city money, admins say

BY ABBY MITCHELL
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Winning the city's competition would only be the beginning of the process of building a new applied sciences campus at Columbia, administrators say.

On Thursday, the University submitted its proposal to the city, which is offering space on Roosevelt and Governors islands to bring an applied science campus to the city. The winner of the competition will also receive \$100 million in funding, but University representatives say that's a far cry

from what Columbia would need to make those buildings a reality.

"A hundred million helps anything, but a hundred million is not going to pay 100 percent of the cost of these buildings," Joe Ienuso, executive vice president for facilities, said, citing the many costs of taking on a project of this magnitude.

Ienuso was clear that this problem is not unique to Columbia but also affects the other eight competitors—among them Stanford, Cornell, and NYU.

"If the University is selected, whomever the selectee is

now has to undertake not only the task of designing the buildings, but the task of raising funds to build their buildings," Ienuso said. "You win, you start fundraising. That's going to be the reality for everyone."

The issue of funding could become even more complicated given Mayor Michael Bloomberg's recent indications that the city may select multiple winners. The plans for Columbia's campus—in Manhattanville, rather than on Roosevelt or Governors islands—also diverge from Bloomberg's proposed vision, which Bollinger said made

Columbia an "underdog" in the competition. Losing would make independent funding even more necessary.

But Columbia is no stranger to fundraising for new buildings. Since the Manhattanville campus was announced, the University has been working to find the funds to support new buildings for the School of International and Public Affairs, the School of the Arts, and a new Academic Conference Center. It has also raised the funds for the Jerome L. Greene Science Center for

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CUMC researchers look to reduce asthma triggers

BY KELLY LANE
Columbia Daily Spectator

Researchers at the Columbia University Medical Center are trying to help New Yorkers breathe easier.

The researchers are conducting a three-year study which includes going into New York City homes to find and reduce allergens in order to measure the effects on asthma rates, which are especially high in northern Manhattan. According to the researchers at CUMC, that is partially due to the many allergens—like cockroach, mice, and dust mites—that are common in the types of buildings found uptown.

Researchers are currently visiting participating residents,

identifying and testing allergens, and teaching those residents how to keep their homes healthier. They often instruct families how to clean in a way that removes allergens, for example.

"The counseling part makes a big difference," Sumit Narula, one of the project's researchers, said. "They're basic things, but they actually start doing them."

Narula said that they have been giving the participants with financial issues cleaning supplies and vacuums for free.

The project is one of the first preventative healthcare studies funded by the federal stimulus bill and focuses on reducing asthma before people even develop symptoms.

"It's going to improve patient productivity, but also save the government money," Narula said. "Sadly, our healthcare system has gone where it's so overwhelmed that especially things like asthma ... don't get as much attention."

Studies by the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene have shown that Harlem has some of the highest rates of asthma-related hospitalizations and emergency room visits in the city, particularly among lower-income families.

Last year, the New York City Department of Housing Preservation and Development tried to address this problem more broadly with its Alternative Enforcement

Program, which identified over 200 residential buildings where residents are "forced to live in substandard and hazardous conditions."

Narula's approach is more personal. He said that for some of the participants, this study was the first time they had spoken with a doctor one-on-one about their asthma or gotten the right dosages of medication.

Because of those benefits, residents have met the project with enthusiasm, researchers said.

"Anything that improves health is beneficial for everyone," Arturo Montoya, a fourth-year School of Engineering and

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TC students say pay gap for TAs unfair

GSAS preceptors earn twice as much due to fellowship support

BY HENRY WILLSON
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Teachers College students are paid substantially less than Columbia students to serve as teaching assistants and to teach in the Core Curriculum—a disparity that has many TC students up in arms.

Core preceptors from TC earn slightly more than half of what preceptors from the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences earn, and TAs in TC classes generally make no more than a fifth of what TAs in Arts and Sciences classes make. And despite claims that TC's finances are improving dramatically, student leaders say that administrators have not yet committed to a specific plan to increase funding.

Teachers College administrators dispute that an unfair pay disparity exists, but TC students say that the issue is real and one of basic equity. Justin Snider, a TC doctoral student and former University Writing preceptor, said that while he was willing to teach for free, the pay gap between TC students and GSAS students is not right.

"You shouldn't pay people differently based on their affiliation," Snider said. "At the end of the day we're all doing exactly the same work, so how do you justify the different pay?"

'EQUITY IN EDUCATION'

The Faculty of Arts and Sciences, which includes Columbia College, the School of International and Public Affairs, the School of the Arts, and the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, pays graduate students—including TC students—\$6,000 per semester to teach undergraduates in the Core. But preceptors from GSAS, who are typically in their sixth or seventh year of doctoral study, also receive an extension of their full fellowship stipend to teach Core

classes—which brings their total funding to almost \$12,000 per semester—as well as free tuition and reduced fees.

TC, though, does not offer this additional funding, meaning TC preceptors only get the \$6,000. According to GSAS Associate Dean Jan Allen, TC informed students in January 2009 that, due to deteriorating finances, they would no longer be able to offer any fellowship support to TC Core preceptors.

Allen said she anticipated that TC would reestablish this level of support as soon as they had the budget for it, but in the meantime, GSAS students make twice as much money as TC students do while teaching the same classes.

Jay Shuttleworth, a doctoral student and a Contemporary Civilization preceptor this year, noted that TC "champions equity in education."

"It would be a good idea to seek equity in education for its own students, not just in theory," Shuttleworth said.

TC Deputy Provost John Allegrante said that since the additional funds GSAS preceptors receive come from GSAS-specific fellowship support, the actual pay for teaching in the Core is the same for everyone. He added, though, that improving financial support for doctoral students is a priority for administrators.

"While we currently cannot match the level of support that GSAS has provided its full-time doctoral students ... President [Susan] Fuhrman and Provost [Thomas] James are deeply committed to strengthening doctoral funding support and implementing a model that would more closely resemble that of GSAS," Allegrante said in an email.

In Fall 2008, three TC University Writing instructors persuaded administrators to award them three points of tuition

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TA EQUITY | TC administrators say they want to see their students get more funding, but students say they want action.



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TWO WHEELS | The city set up a one-day bike share station at 76th Street on Sunday, at the end of the Columbus Ave. bike lane.

Bike share debuts for a day, but program to stay south

BY CASEY TOLAN
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Upper West Siders got a taste of life on two wheels on Sunday afternoon.

The New York City Department of Transportation demonstrated its planned bike-share program on the Upper West Side—but officials also explained that the program will not extend above 79th Street when it launches next summer, though it might extend north in the future.

A station with about 10 bikes was temporarily installed on Columbus Avenue between 76th and 77th streets, and dozens of passers-by went for rides, despite the brisk weather and lingering

snow on the ground.

The demo station was installed just a block away from the foot of the Columbus Avenue bike lane, which runs to 96th street. The bike lane has made cycling on the Upper West Side safer despite polarizing bikers and motorists, according to a recent DOT report.

Travis Craw, an executive assistant with the Columbus Avenue Business Improvement District, said he thinks the bike share will make a "huge difference" to the area.

"It will make people safer on the streets ... and fill in gaps in the transit system," he said.

New York's program will have stations every three to four blocks within the areas it is implemented,

according to Jocelyn Gaudi, a manager at Alta Bicycle Share—the company that is running the program. New York's 10,000 bikes and 600 stations will also make New York home to the third largest bike share in the world, behind Hangzhou, China and Paris.

Gaudi said that her company is working with the DOT to map the specific locations over the next few months. In Manhattan, the plan is initially to have stations south of 79th Street, and Gaudi said stations may be added further north in the future.

"If we see this as being deemed successful by the community, we will expand," she said. "We eventually want to serve all five boroughs."

There will certainly be at least one permanent station near the 76th Street demo station, Gaudi said. Craw added that the Columbus Avenue BID was working hard to get several bike stations on the Upper West Side due to the neighborhood's proximity to the Columbus Avenue bike lane, the Hudson River Greenway, and Central Park—all prominent bike thoroughfares.

Steve Friedland, who tried out a bike at the demo, said it gave a "good, solid performance."

Although he said that he would be very interested in a membership, he was concerned about the pricing of the system.

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Mind over matter

Kathryn Brill reminds us not to forget our passions.

Occupy Oakland

We should be alarmed by the suspension of rights.



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Field hockey suffers double defeat

The field hockey team was defeated twice this weekend by both Yale and Vilanova. The two losses could prove detrimental to field hockey title hopes.

EVENTS

Human Rights and Accountability in Mexico

Human rights activist Florencia Ruiz will talk about past and current rights abuses committed by the state.

1219 IAB, 12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.

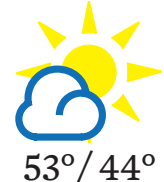
Leaders in Global Energy

Officials from Germany, Denmark, and Portugal will talk about solutions to the global energy challenge.

IAB 1501, 3-6 p.m.

WEATHER

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Tomorrow



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TC admins pledge support, but TAs still paid less than others

TC from front page

funding in addition to their base salary. That credit was not awarded in subsequent years.

The preceptor pay gap has led some students to question TC’s financial relationship with Columbia. GSAS awards the doctorates to Teachers College Ph.D. students, but TC is also a legally separate institution, with its own trustees, budget, and endowment.

That creates a “kind of finger pointing” when it comes to preceptor pay, Snider said. “Both parties say it’s the other school’s responsibility.”

‘AN ENORMOUS AMOUNT OF WORK’

The difference in compensation is even greater between TAs in TC courses and TAs in non-Core Arts and Sciences classes. Standard pay for TAs for Arts and Sciences classes is \$5,000 per semester. The pay for TAs at TC varies between departments, but students say that it is typically in the range of \$800-\$1000 per class per semester.

Allegrante said in an email that there are “fundamental and important differences” between serving as a TA in undergraduate classes and serving as a TA in graduate classes, with the graduate courses taught at TC entailing significantly less work for TAs. He also said that the administration has launched a “full-scale review” of TA pay and responsibilities.

But students dispute the assertion that TAs for TC classes do less work than their counterparts for Arts and Sciences classes. Many said that the responsibilities for TAs at TC are not clearly defined—in contrast to Columbia’s clear guidelines—and that as a result, TAs often perform extensive duties without adequate compensation because they are eager to gain teaching experience.

“There are plenty of cases where TAs are given an enormous amount of work, including basically teaching the class,” Ruairidh MacLeod, a CC preceptor and former University Senator from TC, said. “Professors deliberately abuse this kind of opportunity, because people ... have to get some teaching experience on their CV.”

TC Student Senate President Vikash Reddy said that even though requirements for TAs are unclear, he’s sure that they’re being exceeded.

Bike stations to be portable, unlike lanes

BIKES from front page

An annual membership will cost around \$95, Gaudi said, and will allow for unlimited 30-45 minute rides, 24/7, 365 days of the year, except during severe weather. Taking longer rides will incur additional fees.

“Low-income people need to be included,” Friedland said. “You need to make sure that it isn’t going to be a rich man’s toy.”

The health benefits gained from cycling are especially beneficial to low-income people who don’t necessarily have the opportunity for a healthy diet or health-care, he said.

“This could be a life saver, a game changer,” Friedland said. “The more people who are using it, the better.”

While biking has been around for centuries, the technology used to support the project is relatively new. It includes solar-powered stations and smartphone apps that allow users to see whether there are bikes or spaces available at any station. Because the stations don’t need to be hooked up to a power grid, they are “very modular, easy to set up, remove, move around,” Gaudi said. That’s a big difference from the Columbus Avenue bike lane, which has frustrated business owners with its physical permanence.

“If the community has a concern, we can move it down the street in a matter of an afternoon,” she said.

On campus, Mary Glenn, BC ’13, said that she could imagine the bike share being useful during a summer internship. “But I think a factor against me using it would be the fact that when I come back to campus in the fall,

‘THEY WON’T EVEN BOTHER’

Last March, the TC Student Senate met with Fuhrman—who recently signed a new five-year contract to remain president of TC—and, according to those present, Fuhrman agreed that pay levels for preceptors and TAs were not ideal. Some students are skeptical of the school’s commitment to change, though, noting that TC administrators have touted TC’s improved financial situation without making any concrete commitments to increase funding.

“They have no interest whatsoever in following up on these vague promises,” MacLeod said.

Fuhrman has publicly embraced the goal of improving funding for doctoral students, which several students described as lagging behind that of peer education schools. Currently, 10 percent of TC doctoral students receive full funding, and Fuhrman said in her recent State of the College address that she wants to see all students receive full funding.

“There are members of the administration who are very committed to seeing a change,” Reddy said.

But many students have questioned whether administrators are serious about improving pay for preceptors. In her last State of the College address, Fuhrman said that “we have restored TC’s financial health” and announced a 30 percent increase in fundraising and a strong endowment performance in the last fiscal year.

Joshua Warren, a TA and student life chair in the TC senate, said this increased revenue may not make much of a difference to students.

“It’s a lot of money that’s going around, but not to the teachers ... at least not to the adjuncts and not to the TAs,” Warren said.

Warren and others also cited a lack of transparency about TA positions.

“Everyone’s kind of running their own ship,” Warren added. “The way the information flows isn’t always as transparent as we’d like it to be.”

MacLeod said that administrators’ claims that they don’t have the resources to improve pay are “patently false.”

“The history alone suggests they won’t even bother,” MacLeod said.

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Competition only one step to new campus

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Mind, Brain, and Behavior studies.

University President Lee Bollinger said in a recent interview that these efforts show that such success is possible.

“For Mind, Brain, and Behavior, we started out with virtually no funding and no space. Mind, Brain, and Behavior will open in four years ... and we raised 400 million dollars to support this,” Bollinger said. “It’s all a matter of having the vision and then trying to raise the funds to support it. And that’s what we’d have to do for this engineering interdisciplinary project.”

Bollinger emphasized, however, that this project will take time, especially without the city’s support.

“We can’t do them if we don’t win—it’s not as if we’ll just go turn around and implement them. We still have to raise the money. We don’t have a billion dollars to invest in these plans,” Bollinger said. “My hope is [the] next decade.”

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Researchers to visit homes to test allergens

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Applied Science doctoral student, said.

Over the course of the study, the researchers hope to screen 500 to 600 patients, but they have still struggled to find enough subjects to volunteer their time and homes.

Most of the recruitment has been done through the asthma clinics run by Columbia, at community health fairs, and through newspapers and fliers.

The study’s results are not ready for evaluation, but those involved said that they feel they are providing an essential service—opportunities for better health, especially for parents.

“They’re very happy that they can help their children feel better,” Narula said.

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CITY CYCLES | Upper West Side residents took city bikes for a spin, trying out a program that will be rolled out this summer.

the north-most terminal would still be 79th,” she said.

Irene Jacqz, SEAS ’13 and a member of EcoReps, is working to organize Columbia’s own bike share program. She said that she understood the need to limit the bike share to a smaller area and imagined the DOT was

simply responding to demand, but “I hope that goes successfully enough that they’re able to extend it further uptown than 79th—there’s tons of good biking up here.”

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

NOV. & DEC.

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WHAT’S ON YOUR PLATE?

The History and Politics of Food
6:30 PM

James Room, 4th Floor Barnard Hall

TRANSLATING THE INDIAN PAST:

The Poets' Experience

7 PM

Event Oval, The Diana Center

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SEEING LIKE A PEACEBUILDER:

An Ethnography of International Intervention
NOON

BCRW, 101 Barnard Hall

COLOR, ETHNIC/RACE IDENTITY & SOCIOECONOMIC STATUS IN LATIN AMERICA

6 PM

Sulzberger Parlor, 3rd Floor Barnard Hall

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CREATIVE WRITING FACULTY

READS

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Sulzberger Parlor, 3rd Floor Barnard Hall

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UP FOR INTERPRETATION

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THE BARNARD PROJECT

AT NEW YORK LIVE ARTS

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THE BARNARD PROJECT

AT NEW YORK LIVE ARTS

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THE BARNARD PROJECT

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219 West 19th Street, between 7th and 8th

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‘DESIRES ACROSS BORDERS’:

Love, Globalization, and Modern Marriage in Rural Mexico
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Sulzberger Parlor, 3rd Floor Barnard Hall

BARNARD

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Snow led to change of plans for both teams

BY JOSH SHENKAR
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Football coaches spend the whole week before a game strategizing and scheming ways to give their teams advantages in that weekend's contest. But as Columbia's game with Yale showed, when Mother Nature intervenes, previously prepared game plans go out the window.

Columbia's game with Yale took place in frigid conditions with snow falling for most of the game. The weather conditions forced both teams to make adjustments to the way they usually play offense, defense, and special teams. These necessary adjustments, as well as mistakes caused by the ugly conditions, ended up being pivotal factors in the outcome of the game.

The driving wind and snow made passing the ball difficult, to say the least. Even if a quarterback's pass was on target, the slippery balls often found a way to bounce off or through the receiver's hands. The rushing game quickly became the best chance for a team to advance down the field.

The importance of the rushing game clearly favored Yale's vaunted rushing attack. While Yale's star quarterback Patrick Witt struggled to find his receivers in the snowy weather and ended up only finishing with two completions, the Bulldogs' rushing game simply dominated the Lions' defense. Junior Mordecai Cargill had a performance of biblical proportions as he rushed for 230 yards on 42 carries. Cargill accounted for both of the Bulldogs touchdowns and helped control possession in the second half.

On the other hand, the Lions' rush offense never really hit its stride in the weather conditions. Quarterback Sean Brackett is usually a very dangerous runner but did not run as much on Saturday. Brackett's few carries can be explained by the fact that he was coming back from being injured.

"We weren't going to run a bunch of options today, especially since it's Sean's first week back and we didn't want to subject him to a lot of hits," head coach Norries Wilson said.

Sophomore Marcorus Garrett was steady, if not spectacular, and rushed for 39 yards on 10 carries before missing the second half due to injury.

Brackett's health problems and the lack of a steady rushing game forced the Lions to try to develop a passing game in the very worst of conditions. Not surprisingly, Brackett only completed 13 of 36 passes.

The adverse weather conditions also affected the special teams performance of both teams. Both punters had difficulty kicking the ball into the wind, with Yale's punter only averaging 31 yards a punt, and Columbia's punter averaging just 27.4 yards. The return men of both teams also had very few opportunities to return kicks and punts: most times, the ball landed in front of them and then started bouncing haphazardly down the field, making it impossible to pick up the ball safely without suffering a fumble. The few times the returners had opportunities to catch the ball, they were usually hit immediately by defenders, who did not have a hard time catching up to a 30 yard punt.

Another result of the frigid weather conditions was the inability of both teams to keep control of the football. Yale fumbled four times and recovered once, while Columbia fumbled five times and recovered three. There were several snaps that were either too high or too low for the quarterback or punter to catch and ended up becoming fumbles. Late in the game, Yale's punt returner Elijah Thomas appeared to slip as he was trying to catch and return a punt and subsequently fumbled the ball. The Lions scored a touchdown on their next drive but still fell short in the so-called snow bowl.



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LOSING WAYS | With Saturday's loss to Yale, the Lions have now lost eight consecutive games dating back to the 2010 season. The Lion have three more chances to win.

Lions fail to earn first victory of season against Yale in snow bowl

BY SPENCER GYORY
Spectator Staff Writer

With the field covered in snow and the wind whipping inside Wien Stadium, the Columbia Lions (0-7, 0-4) were unable to notch their first victory of the season as they fell 16-13 to the Yale Bulldogs (4-3, 3-1). Offensive turnovers, special team's errors, and poor tackling put the Lions in a deficit too large to overcome. "You can't turn the ball over and win football games," head coach Norries Wilson said. "Whether it's sunny and dry or snowy and cold—the bottom line, we turned the ball over and lost the football game."

Facing difficult conditions, both teams struggled to find an offensive rhythm early in the game. Most of the first half was simply a battle of field position.

Columbia was the first team to drive deep into its opponent's territory. Quarterback Sean Brackett found sophomore Louis DiNovo for a 32-yard gain on the first big play of the game. After a fumble forced the offense into a third and 24, Brackett threw it deep, but his throw was intercepted at Yale's four-yard line.

Later in the half, Columbia's offense made a crucial error which allowed the Bulldogs to go up by a field goal. A Yale linebacker rushed up the middle untouched and tipped Brackett's pass. Right tackle Scott Ward caught and immediately fumbled

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the ball, which Yale recovered at Columbia's 17-yard line.

Columbia's defense forced the offense off the field, but with the wind at their backs, Yale's coaching staff sent kicker Phillippe Panico out to attempt a difficult 38-yard field goal. Panico made his coaches look smart as he drove the ball through the uprights.

“Whether it’s sunny and dry or snowy and cold—the bottom line, we turned the ball over and lost the football game.”

—Norries Wilson
football head coach

"Most kickers would hate those conditions, but I grew up watching games like this," Panico said. "The most famous kicks are those in adverse conditions."

Another Columbia error gave the Bulldogs prime field position. Senior Ben Popeck's snap went well over the head of sophomore punter Paul Delaney, who recovered the ball and attempted

to punt but collided with several Yale players. The Bulldogs recovered the deflected punt at Columbia's 24-yard line.

This time, Columbia's defense held Yale scoreless. On fourth and seven, quarterback Patrick Witt fumbled the snap, and the ball was recovered by Columbia junior defensive end Seyi Adeybayo.

Going into the half, Columbia almost let Yale extend its lead. Beginning at his own 10-yard line, Yale's running back Mordecai Cargill, who rushed for 230 yards on the day, put the Bulldogs into Columbia field position after two rushes for 50 yards. But cornerback Mike Murphy intercepted a deep Witt pass with 25 seconds left in the half.

Yale forced the Lions off the field after the three plays to open up the third quarter. Starting from Columbia's 40-yard line, the Bulldogs began to run the ball, which they would do on every single offensive play in the second half. Cargill found a huge hole and scampered in for a 19-yard touchdown, which put the Bulldogs up 10-0 five minutes into the second half.

"He [Cargill] did a good job running. He was patient. He had good blocking," Wilson said. "We didn't do a good job getting off blocks. Coach Martin and I keep on harping guys to get off blocks and standing in the gaps, and playing rush defense the right way. But when you get out there,

you have to get the job done."

With the offense unable to get anything going, the defense needed to make a play, and they did. On a draw play up the middle, Yale's Elijah Thomas fumbled the football that senior free safety A.J. Maddox recovered on Yale's 47-yard line.

Another offensive miscue on the very next play, a fumble by running back Griffin Lowry, gave the momentum right back to the Bulldogs.

Later in the half, Yale continued to call Cargill's number—he finished off a 10-play, 51-yard drive with a four-yard touchdown run. The extra point was blocked, but the score put the Bulldogs up 16-0.

"They came out in the second half just determined to run the ball," senior defensive back Neil Schuster said. "Sometimes the guy turns his shoulders and he did a lot of cutback running. They gave us unbalanced formations and a couple of times he was able to slice through the defense. I just felt like we got a little scrambled sometimes."

On the next drive, the Lions offense finally came alive. On third and one, Brackett executed a perfect play action pass and found tight end Zack McKown wide open for a 26-yard touchdown. After the failed two-point conversion attempt, the Lions were down 16-6.

A special teams error gave the Lions a chance to cut into

Yale's lead. A booming 61-yard punt was touched by Yale's Gio Christodoulou, who was immediately hit by senior cornerback Ross Morand. Christodoulou fumbled the ball and Columbia defensive back Mike Murphy recovered it on Yale's five-yard line.

On third and goal, Brackett found wide receiver Mike Stephens for a four-yard touchdown pass which cut the Bulldogs' lead to three.

Wilson showed faith in his defense by not attempting the on-side kick. While they gave up a 35-yard run to Cargill, the Lions forced a turnover on downs with just over two minutes remaining in the game.

The Lions had little success on their last drive, completing just one pass. Facing a fourth and seven on their final offensive play, Brackett's pass was intercepted by Yale defensive back Nick Okano. With just one time-out remaining, the Lions could only watch as the Bulldogs ran out the clock.

"We made it a lot more interesting towards the end than we would have liked," Yale's head coach Tom Williams said. "But we are happy to have the W and happy to be back in the hunt for title."

With the win, Yale moved into a three-way tie for second place in the Ivy League. The last-place Lions will face Harvard, who will look to remain in first place, at home next Saturday.

Both cross country teams finish second, senior hospitalized for hypothermia

BY HAHN CHANG
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The Columbia men's and women's cross country teams started the race in the rain, kept running as it turned into sleet, and finished the race in snow. Both teams posted solid second-place finishes and narrowly missed winning the Ivy League Championship at the Ivy League Heptagonal Championships on Oct. 29 at Princeton.

Even as the snow fell with sub-32-degree windchill, senior Kyle Merber led the men's team with a time of 24:47.7 and led most of the 8000 meter race. Dartmouth's Ethan Shaw sprinted past him in the final meters of the race to edge Merber out by one-tenth of a second, with a time of 24:47.6.

"Ethan and I were running neck to neck, and I only had maybe a second on him," Merber said. "It is a little disappointing to be in the lead with 100 meters left, and not win it, but I felt him nudge ahead of me just in front of the finish line."

Due to the frigid temperatures combined with the rain, snow,

and sleet, Merber caught hypothermia and had to be hospitalized immediately after he crossed the finish line.

Even with his hospitalization, Merber finished second overall and was awarded All-Ivy first-team honors. Overall, Columbia's top-five runners finished in the top 18 amongst the 92 Ivy League runners. Junior Mike Murphy and sophomore Nico Composto finished eighth and ninth overall with 25:12.5 and 25:13.8 respectively. Both Composto and Murphy earned All-Ivy second-team honors, along with junior Ben Veilleux, who nabbed the final second-team award with his 14th-place finish of 25:25.8.

The rest of the Light Blue finished strong with senior Justin Heck (18th), sophomore Jake Sienko (19th), and junior Paul Synder (20th), finishing within 2.2 seconds of each other. Freshman Daniel Everett (24th), sophomore Byron Jones (34th), senior Gary Brownell (36th), and juniors Pat DeSabato (42nd) and Leighton Spencer (47th) all finished strongly, trailing the lead time by no

more than a minute.

The men's team accumulated a total of 51 points, 14 behind the Princeton Tigers, the eventual Ivy League champions. The Lions improved on their 2010 Heps result, when they finished third overall, but were unable to repeat their success from 2009 when they won the Ivy League championships.

"We are a little disappointed with the second-place finish, but we had a lot of guys with great races, even though it was far from the conditions that we wanted," Merber said.

The women's team, who also finished with a total of 51 points, lost to the Ivy League champion, the Cornell Big Red by only two points. The women matched their performance in 2010, when they also finished second behind Princeton. However, this year, they beat Princeton—who had been the Ivy champions for five consecutive years coming into Saturday—by 43 points. Despite their second-place finish, the Lions ended with the best average time in the Ivy League at 22:26.9. Columbia freshman Waverly Neer led the Light

Blue, finishing second narrowly behind Dartmouth's Abbey D'Agostino. Neer kept lock-step for first before D'Agostino bolted towards the end to finish 21:58.2. Neer finished the 6k race with a time of 22:02.7 and won All-Ivy first-team honors along with junior Caroline McDonough, who finished sixth overall with a time of 22:15.5.

“It is a little disappointing to be in the lead with 100 meters left and not win it.”

—Kyle Merber,
senior runner

Junior Clare Buck earned All-Ivy second-team honors for placing ninth overall, and junior Emily Lanois missed All-Ivy recognition by three seconds, finishing 16th overall with a time

of 22:41.8. Juniors Noelle Van Rysselberghe (18th) and Mallory Anderson (30th), sophomores Caroline Williams (38th) and Chelsea Carrick (67th), and freshmen Anne Carey (34th), Madeline Rathbun (48th), Kaylin Mahoney (62nd), and Aryn Foland (76th) rounded out the Lions' finishers at the Heps.

Next for the cross country teams are the NCAA Northeast Regional Championships on Nov. 12 in Buffalo. Columbia looks to build off their performance at the Heptagonal to finish first or second at the Regional Championship in order to qualify for the NCAA National Championships.

"Every year we talked about making nationals—that's always been the goal," Merber said. "We just need to keep running the way we have been running. Having guys step up at each meet has worked well so far. The team has never made Nationals, and everything has been geared towards getting there. The pinnacle would be leading the team to a high-place finish at nationals, getting them there and performing well once there."



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Make room for passion

Back in the days when I was ap-
plying to college, both my imagi-
nation and the people around me
represented college as a place where I
could expand my interests and spend
time doing the things I was passion-
ate about. The reason college appli-
cations asked for my extracurricular
activities, my mentors told me, was
that they wanted to know what sort
of exciting and interesting things I'd
be spending my time doing at college.
I imagined taking part in all kinds of
clubs and internships, having a more
fulfilling life because of these opportunities to pursue
my passions.

To some extent, this dream has come true. I've been
able to get my wish, for instance, to spend almost all of
my time immersed in literature, and it's been one of my
favorite things about my life here. I've also expanded
some of my interests through extracurriculars. But there's
also another side of college life that I didn't anticipate
before I got here. College can be a space to pursue your
passions, but it can also consume your life in a way that
prevents you from doing things you find fulfilling.

How does this even happen? This other side to college
would have been unthinkable to my younger self. As an
aspiring fiction writer, I grew up scribbling descriptions,
stories, and character sketches, and I couldn't imagine
a life where I wasn't doing so constantly. But after the
initial few months of my first year, my life started to shift
away from allowing me to write frequently. Most of my
classes during my time here have been reading and writ-
ing intensive, and when I wasn't doing work for them,
I didn't really want to do something else that required
my brain to be active. Free time became break time, and
the number of YouTube videos I watched exponentially
increased as the amount of writing I did decreased.
Everything that I loved about my classes—the level of dif-
ficulty, the engaging discussions, grades based on papers
instead of tests—was also everything that prevented me
from doing the thing I loved the most.

I don't think I'm alone in this. There are plenty of my
friends who have passions for photography, cooking,
or theater and just don't have the time for developing
photos, baking bread from scratch, or attending daily re-
hearsals. We may have majors that interest us, extracur-
riculars that we enjoy, and friends who we love spending
time with—but still, something is missing. When I first
recognized this in myself, I tried to justify my infrequent
writing habits. After all, it wasn't like I wasn't doing any
writing—I was writing for class and for Spec! But the fact
remains that there's something about fiction writing that
fulfills me in a way other things don't and is necessary for
the health of my mind and my soul. And when I realized
that, I couldn't hide anymore: I needed to write more
fiction.

College is often a place where we sacrifice our physi-
cal and mental health for the sake of our work and ex-
tracurriculars. But no matter how little we sleep or how
poorly we eat, none of us actually thinks that we don't
need sleep to function or that a proper diet can be utterly
lacking in vegetables. Why, then, do we treat the other
kinds of health like they're unimportant or dispensable?
While I'm not suggesting we should never spend an eve-
ning catching up on “Modern Family”, I do think we need
to take a closer look at the way we order our schedules.
If we don't make the time at least twice a month to do those
important, soul-fulfilling things—whatever they are—
maybe we're doing something wrong.

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STAFF EDITORIAL

Happy Hallsnoween- apocalypse

Every year around Thanksgiving, Columbia braces it-
self for the gradual arrival of winter. Duane Reade
and Rite Aid trade out their plastic leaf centerpieces and
stuffed turkeys for snowmen and arfleaf Santa decor, while
professors incessantly remind us that finals, our impend-
ing doom, are rapidly approaching. Not this year. Two
days before the eve of Halloween, we saw a glimpse of
the apocalypse in the form of a slushy snowstorm. On
Saturday, almost 5,000 people in New York City alone
lost power. About three inches of snow were recorded
in Central Park, where since 1869 no more than one inch
of October snow has fallen. This weather should not be
tolerated. At this rate, we may not even see the end of this
year, let alone make it to December of 2012.

Where has the administration been in this winter won-
derland gone wrong? The powers that be should have con-
sulted students before bombarding us with freezing precipi-
tation before we were ready. We don't need an early reason
to stay indoors and live off ramen. Our natural proclivities
are to burrow in Butler like well-read moles, and snow this
soon in the year may worsen the situation and keep us from
interacting with one other like normal college students. By
the time we go home for the holidays, we will be zombies,
and some of us are already dressing like them.

Furthermore, the sudden arrival of winter means that
Columbia's campus is now a danger zone. Coats, boots,
cloaks, mufflers, ear-warmers, dreadlocks, noses—you
name it—will be dripping, and students will need to take
care to clean up after themselves and watch where they
step to avoid breaking their own or others' arms.

While this shift in the normal order could be cata-
strophic to our campus and hasten the destruction of
Columbia as we know it, there's the possibility it might
also serve as an inspiration for wild, childlike glee. The
epic school-wide snowball fights, the lights in the trees
on College Walk, John Jay's Thanksgiving feast, and even
dressing up and eating candy on Halloween, give students
an outlet to forget the stresses of their busy schedules and
come up for air. Students might as well make the most of
this strange turn of events and embrace the anticipation
that comes with the nearing end of fall. Just make sure to
wear a coat and not only that skimpy kitty costume on the
way to your party tonight. If more students did that, we
really would be approaching the end of times.



KATHRYN
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We
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Rights suspended in Occupy Oakland

BY CHAYA CROWDER

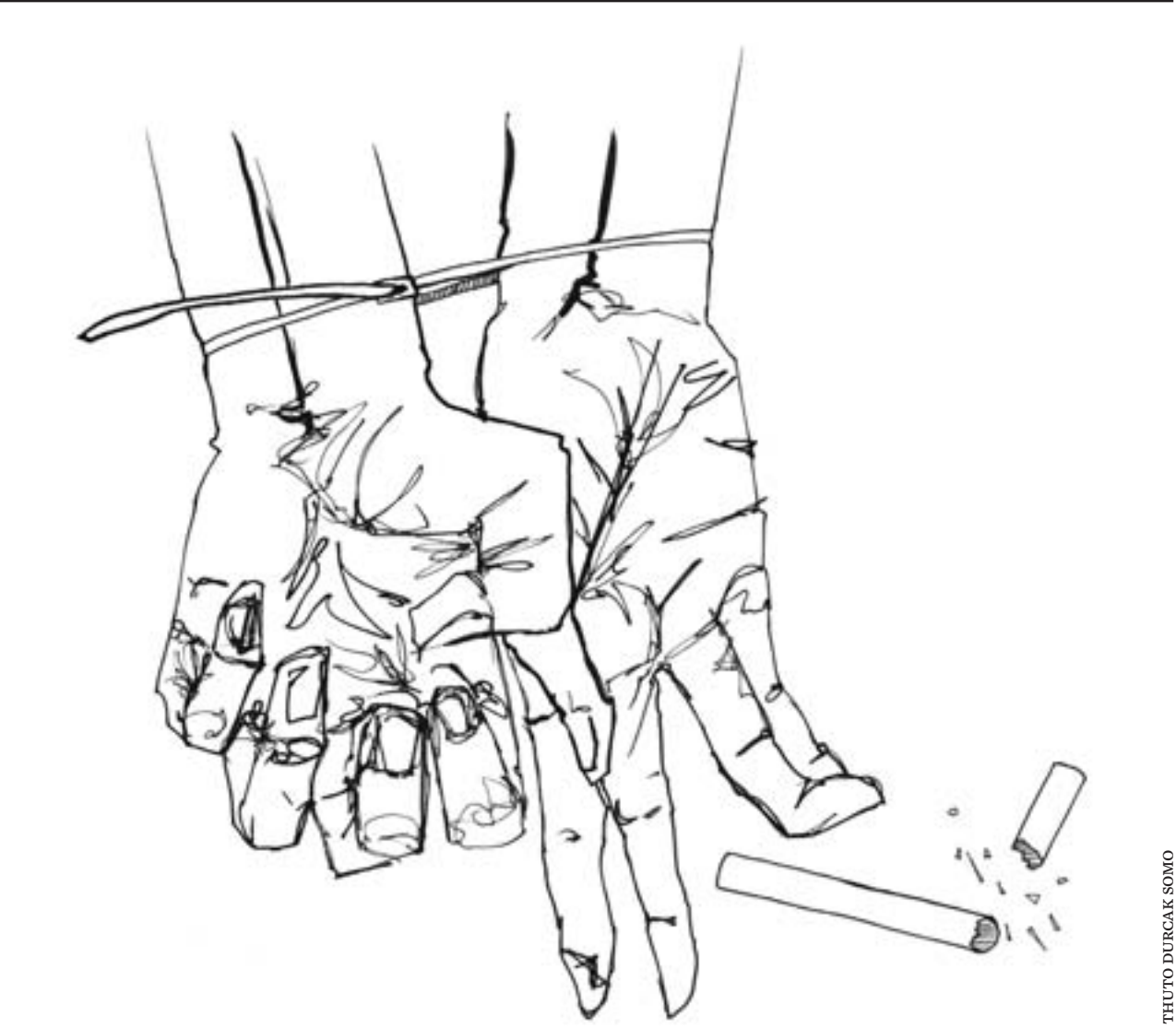
Last week I attended the Columbia University Society
of Hip-Hop's open mic. While at this event, I heard a poem
written by a poet named Safia. Safia eloquently detailed
the harsh realities of life in Egypt, her place of origin. She
explained that the sharp words shooting from her tongue
were not “vague political statements to make my Twitter
look worldly,” but the reality her siblings and relatives left
back in Egypt. When I heard this poem, it deeply resonated
with me, because so often as I log onto Facebook, my news
feed is covered with superficially politically and socially
active statements that rarely produce any activism.

This morning was different.

As I logged onto my Facebook, the biting and stirring
words of Safia became my reality as I saw gut wrench-
ing videos of my friend at home in Oakland, Calif. being
gassed while participating in the Occupy Oakland pro-
test. I felt angered, shocked, and motivated as I watched
protestors screaming, crying, and fleeing the scene for
their safety. I felt saddened as I considered my father in
Oakland, who struggles to put food on the table, and my
younger sister, who will never experience many of the
opportunities that I had the luxury to encounter while
living with my mother, an attorney, because her mother
struggles to make the food stamps last until the end of
the month. I was able to live a life unburdened by any of
these financial concerns.

I have the good fortune of being a student at Columbia
in New York City and a student in President Lee Bollinger's
class, A Free Press for A Global Society.

In President Bollinger's class, we largely focus on
constitutional law as it relates to freedom of speech. At
the start of each class, President Bollinger details a hy-
pothetical case that involves some sort of infringement
upon free speech, and he asks the class to explain through
the use of Supreme Court cases why the hypothetical



THUTO DURCAK SOMO

Keep Iran open

BY MARK HAY

On May 21, 2011, Iranian officials raided 30 homes, un-
justly arresting more than a dozen Iranian citizens. It's a
quick headline, and one which is both sadly mundane by
now and distant from the immediate concerns of most
Columbians. But this story is particularly disconcerting—
not just for those who follow Iran in the news, but for all of
us at this University, because these individuals were arrested
for crimes of faith and education.

It's no secret that since an Islamist government took
power in Iran in 1979, the hardline religious elite has slowly
ramped up policies to indoctrinate and homogenize the na-
tion under the banner of a very narrow, less-than-popular
brand of Islam. That impulse has led the government to bar
select citizens from higher education in Iran—mainly those
who espoused the wrong Islam, challenged the government,
or followed the wrong faith. One group targeted by this policy
in the May raids was the Baha'i (ironically, a religious faith
that originated in Iran in the late 1800s).

If you know little about the Baha'i, that's not terribly
surprising—I am a religion major and encountered them in
about half a line of text in my first three years at Columbia.
It was only by chance that I learned more about their faith.
While in Kenya, I was invited to a party celebrating the in-
dependence of South Sudan, which I later learned was be-
ing hosted by the Baha'i community of Nairobi. And a more
diverse group I never saw in Kenya.

The Baha'i are a monotheistic faith of all faiths—pro-
ponents of unity who accept all faiths as legitimate expres-
sions of truth and push a dogma of peace, justice, and global
unity. (Full disclosure: I am not Baha'i, but I am religious.)
Although there are only just over five million Baha'i in the
world, their message has gained traction in almost every na-
tion in the world. That diversity and dispersion has led to an
incredible cohesion and ingenuity, and that is why I mention
the Baha'i raids: The Baha'i used their organizational savvy to
actively fight back against Iranian educational suppression.

Soon after the 1987 crackdown, the Baha'i formed the
Baha'i Institute for Higher Learning, a collective of teachers
(both Baha'i professors barred from working in Iranian colleg-
es and Muslim academics willing to risk their careers) teach-
ing clandestine courses across the nation to excluded groups.
Over the years, the BIHL has gained recognition from more
than 50 universities worldwide, allowing excluded Iranians to
continue their education, hopefully returning as the analytic
critics the Iranian government so clearly feared.

infringement would be considered unconstitutional. As I
watched the removal of the peaceful protestors from the
front of Oakland's City Hall, I was no longer dealing with
a hypothetical: The unconstitutionality of these actions
became very real to me.

Curious as to what President Bollinger would have to
say regarding the constitutionality of the removal of these
peaceful protestors today in class, I raised my hand and
explained how the cases that we have read and the hypo-
thetical cases that he has presented have manifested them-
selves on the streets of Oakland, Calif., and I proceeded to
ask where he felt the case law would stand regarding the
tragedy in Oakland. President Bollinger explained that he
did not have all of the facts related to what had occurred
in Oakland, and turned the class's attention to a different
hypothetical situation.

In an attempt to justify the forceful removal and tear
gassing of numerous peaceful protestors, Oakland City rep-
resentative Karen Boyd stated, “We're here to address the
issues that have been raised in terms of public health and
safety—graffiti, urination, vandalism—and making specific
requests as to what the need to do as to address those is-
sues.” Nevertheless, this defense does not amount to con-
stitutional justice. Supreme court case *Schneider v. New
Jersey* explicitly resolved that a city's interest in keeping
“the streets clean and of good appearance” was “insuffi-
cient” to “justify a municipal ordinance” relating to free-
dom of speech. Furthermore, the holding in this Supreme
Court case explains that the “right to use the streets as a
public forum [cannot] be prohibited and can be regulated
only for weighty reasons.” The fundamental right of free-
dom of speech obviously outweighs the burden on cities
to clean up litter.

The United States and its democracy are based on the
essential necessity of freedom of speech. Crude violations
of basic civil liberties, such as the police action that oc-
curred in Oakland, directly undermines the power of the
First Amendment, the foundation on which this country is
built. Depriving Americans of the right to protest undercuts
the vitality of our democratic system.

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in political science.



THUTO DURCAK SOMO

But it was those teachers who were scooped up in the
May raids.

The Iranian regime is stepping up its game. They have
not just launched a full scale attack on the only critical
non-state educational system in the nation, they have begun
(according to a letter in support of the Baha'i by Archbishop
Desmond Tutu and East-Timorese President Jose Ramos-
Horta) to revise the majority of the school's content to more
closely match and instill the government's narrow values in
the nation's youth. (It's important to echo Tutu and Ramos-
Horta again here and note that this is not the product of
the Islamic faith, or even of an Islamic state, but is a direct
product of an exclusive, dictatorial regime.)

We should all be very concerned.

Lazy optimists tend to believe that other systems will
arise naturally in Iran to oppose an educational tyranny.
And it's true that organizations like the Khan Academy, of-
fering online, free collegiate education globally (and a num-
ber of other distance-learning tools, touted as the absolute
answer and the future by many who study education) can
help to weaken the educational stranglehold of dictatorial
regimes. But unbridled faith in the Internet is misplaced—
the Iranian government has invested widely and has one of
the best cyber-armies in the world. We recall the posi-
tive effects of technology in the 2009 Iranian post-election
revolution, but one need only read the works of Evgeny
Morozo to realize how quickly Iranians batted down the
technological savior advantage and turned it to their own
suppressive gains. Technology cannot save us here—this is
a nation that, if set on brainwashing and homogenization,
can achieve it. But only so long as we who have a reason
and the power to take a stand sit idly by instead.

Columbia is a global university and strives to create
global citizens. I have personally critiqued the University
a number of times, noting all the ways that it fails to live
up to that picture of itself. But the sentiment—the goal—is
no less valuable. And here is an opportunity to prove that
commitment.

This is not to say that other nations do not stand opposed
to ideals espoused by Columbia. But in this case, Columbia
can stand united, as all of us in some way implicitly or ex-
plicitly have bought into the value of higher education and
few of us would see access to it denied. And this is a concern
at the core of the University as it moves forward in its global
expansion. To sit quietly as Iran closes itself off would be
the antithesis of a spirit that binds us together and connects
us to the larger world.

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ligion and political science.

Reflecting on Queer Awareness Month

Rae Binstock argues that we may have outgrown our sexual terminology, Domenic DeSocio explains why Republicans support gay rights, Nina Spierer believes that QuAM should have focused on building community, and an anonymous author reflects on the rewards and difficulties of identifying as LGBTQ.



ILANA SCHULDER

Equality of the law

BY DOMENIC DESOCIO

The Columbia University College Republicans supports equality, clearly and simply. CUCR, regardless of what our party representatives on the national level espouse, firmly believes in the equality for all American citizens, including those who identify as members of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer community. With several openly and proud homosexuals—myself among them—as well as a strong cadre of heterosexual allies serving our club and playing important roles in its functioning, it is critical to recall and reinforce the fact that Columbia’s Republican and conservative community stands tall with the LGBTQ organizations and community. As a minority on this campus, like any other group based on racial identity, religious affiliation, or sexual orientation, we understand the importance of being vocal and having events on campus specifically catered to minority communities.

Our party and political philosophy have a long history of supporting equal civil rights of oppressed minorities; many forget that the Republican Party was founded as a free-soil party. The GOP has been at the forefront of numerous civil rights issues, ranging from the emancipation of the slaves and the modern civil rights movement in the 1950s and 1960s to support for gay marriage and LGBTQ civil rights from many venerable conservative figures such as former vice president Dick Cheney and Barry Goldwater. Although the social agenda of the national party has changed drastically over the last century, the Columbia Republicans still firmly believe that all men are created equal regardless of sexual orientation, and should be treated as so by all—especially institutions like Columbia and the government.

Republicans are not antiquated social tyrants who wish to bring the world back to an age of racism, sexism, and inequality.

On campus, I find it critical to show the student body that members of CUCR are not antiquated social tyrants who wish to bring the world back to an age of racism, sexism, and inequality, nor are we are not the religious fanatics trying to bring “God’s law” into people’s bedrooms and personal lives.

We firmly believe in personal freedoms and the ability to think, act, and identify however one wants, granted it follows the rule of law and is non-threatening. We endeavor to uphold and reaffirm the noble traditions of our political ancestors by striving for justice and equality, and supporting causes that lead to this end. Thus, we believe that Queer Awareness Month is a beneficial and important addition to life at Columbia, as it gives an outlet for LGBTQ students, faculty, and staff to safely express themselves and to participate and learn about their own identities, community histories, and culture. By emphasizing the role this important and vibrant community plays within our university, as well as reminding the heterosexual majority that gross incidences of oppression still exist in this country, QuAM strongly reflects one of the main missions of CUCR—equality before the law. As British Prime Minister David Cameron similarly stated concerning gay marriage: CUCR does not support the LGBTQ community in spite of being conservative; we support the community because we are conservatives.

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LGBTQ identities bring challenges

ANONYMOUS

During my first semester here at Columbia, I found myself in a room of queer and queer-friendly students and faculty discussing a question that I had never considered before: What do you like most about being queer? “What could I possibly like about being queer?” I remember thinking. Fortunately, another member of the group quickly enlightened me. Being gay, he argued, is just really fun.

The truth is that no matter how much levity adorns our conversations on queer issues, holding an LGBTQ identity remains burdensome.

Frankly, he is partly right. While we read way too many reports of suicides by LGBTQ-identified youth and instances of violence against LGBTQ and allied persons both in the U.S. and abroad, being a part of this community can indeed be exhilarating and rewarding. Here at Columbia, Queer Awareness Month is riddled with examples of how the LGBTQ community strikes an oft-incredible balance between discussing difficult issues and throwing a dance party. Just this month, QuAM hosted “Swing Both Ways,” an event intended to raise awareness of biphobia through free swing dance lessons. Beyond our campus community, openly transgendered Chaz Bono performed on “Dancing with the Stars” while his supportive mother, Cher, watched from the audience. On National Coming Out Day, “out” celebrities shared what they felt was so amazing and powerful about being open about their sexual and gender identities.

Mainstream American culture seems to have become quite comfortable with these slivers of LGBTQ culture—the existence of bisexuality, portraits of out and content LGBTQ individuals, and the trials of “coming out” narratives. Being honest about one’s sexual orientation and, to a lesser extent, gender identity, is no longer shocking. In the more liberal enclaves of this country, notably

our campus, there is a certain expectation that gay people are as out and open about their sexualities as their straight colleagues are. In general, we sincerely want to believe that being gay is as normal as having short hair or a predilection for the color blue. A straight, cisgendered male friend once told me that he had no problem being perceived as gay. There is something extraordinarily liberating about being a young queer—or not—person at a university in New York City that can sometimes blind us to the hardships that queer people continue to face.

The truth is that no matter how much levity adorns our conversations on queer issues, holding an LGBTQ identity remains burdensome. For those who are newly out, there are questions about how to become involved in the queer community ranging from the aesthetic concern—what to wear to one’s first First Friday—to how to talk about being gay with a curious or, perhaps, confrontational roommate. We cannot forget that LGBTQ people have higher rates of mental illness than heterosexual people, and almost all LGBTQ-identified persons report experiencing harassment on account of their identity at some point during their lives.

While it is wonderful when straight allies express support for their queer brethren, adopting a queer identity often brings to light a unique set of questions and concerns. It is quite important that LGBTQ and questioning persons have access to resources able to appropriately address issues inherent to having a queer identity. These resources can take many different shapes, often arriving in the forms of friends and mentors. On campus, Queer Peers and Allies is a new initiative that provides a safe, confidential space for LGBTQ and questioning students to talk with other students about queer issues. Several times each week, trained queer and allied students are available to discuss coming out to friends from home or the difficulties of being in a queer relationship in an online chat environment. The queer community at Columbia is privileged insofar as we can safely be out and proud knowing that, in the event that we feel unsafe in the classroom or residence hall, there are resources in place to support us as students. But, for the personal issues that are unique to LGBTQ individuals, it is also important that there are venues for each of us to discuss these problems with empathetic listeners, because ultimately, being queer should, at least some of the time, be a lot of fun.

The author has been granted anonymity because she is not open about her sexual identity. She is a member of Queer Peers and Allies.

Build a queer community

BY NINA SPIERER

Whenever I’m asked about the queer community at Barnard or Columbia, I am never quite sure what to say. We certainly have queer people on campus who occasionally spend time together, but there’s no sense of closeness that I normally associate with community. Our campus is not a particularly dangerous place to be out and queer, so there is no pressing need to rally together. The usual micro-aggression and causal homophobia, a heteronormative professor there, do not quite warrant taking to the streets. People assume that it’s acceptable to be queer and yet many people are still too intimidated to come to an event run by one of the queer groups on campus. Our most attended events are our parties—First Friday, Gender F*ck, and Queer Prom. The strongest sense of community occurs when there is dancing and a dark corner. It takes a truly concerted effort and the appeal of delicious food to gather support for other events.

This just might be a reflection of the larger campus community, or it may be a result of living in NYC where a wider queer community is

readily available. Regardless, the queer community on campus is fairly well established. We have so many queer groups, and yet, there is no cohesive community. The queer community is largely fragmented—those in Everyone Allied Against Homophobia hardly know the people in Columbia Queer Alliance. Those at Barnard rarely venture across the street, even though the Stephen Donaldson lounge remains the only designated space for queers and their allies on campus. We hardly ever work together to create a safe, supportive space on campus.

The queer community is regarded as being a scene in which people must already be comfortable with their sexuality or how they identify. The years spent figuring out our identities are supposed to be largely behind us and sealed tightly in high school yearbooks—but this isn’t always the case. Nightline has stated that the highest percentages of calls they receive are from students questioning their sexual orientation. The Furman Counseling Center often says that a number of students use their services because of questions regarding sexuality. Why don’t students look to the queer community for this kind of support? There are so many people on this campus who are going through or have gone through similar experiences, and yet hardly anyone talks to each other. There is no space for this kind of dialogue if the queer community only exists in parties or consists of the 20 or 30 students who show up

Sexuality as a spectrum

BY RAE BINSTOCK

You might think that the awful weather, the falling leaves, and the jack o’lantern decorations on storefront windows mean that October is drawing to a close. But if you thought that, you’d be wrong—what’s actually ending is Queer Awareness Month at Columbia. By this time of year, the queer-centric events schedule has pretty much run its course: Movies have been watched, talks have been talked, raves have been raved, and free food has been pillaged. All of it is fabulous, but pretty run-of-the-mill, as Columbia happenings go.

Except that it’s not. Because this is happening in New York City, where the AIDS crisis killed thousands of people and the Stonewall riots burst through walls of silence, where gay marriage is currently a legal institution. This is happening at Columbia, where countless generations of young people have had their first real introductions to sex and love and all the things that screw those things up. This is happening at a moment in history when acknowledging queer people publicly is as easy as glancing at a TV commercial or reading a political profile. And in the midst of “this”—all the openness and awareness and visibility that took so much work to achieve—we find ourselves in a time when “queer” might be evolving into something new, something more than the coexistence of two insoluble cultures.

We’ve started to challenge the idea that people must be either gay or straight, that they must pledge themselves to a banner and march under it for the rest of their lives.

Our parents’ generation was the one that first said it out loud. “Gay,” “queer,” “lesbian”—phrases that both segregated and acknowledged the presence of a sexual variance from the archetype. Before they raised us, they raised their voices, arguing and defending and declaring and acting as though being gay was a real thing, not just a whispered implication or a deathly secret. It was still a stereotype, still a label to be laid like crushing concrete over the intricacies of personal feelings, but however you looked at it, the label was there to be seen.

There’s no denying that the fight is still being fought. Queer people are everywhere now—on television, in movies, exhibited by celebrities and authority figures, and apparently even in subversive cartoons. Homosexuality has in many ways become a trendy quirk, a fashionable and yet tastefully understated accessory to your personality. The stereotype no longer stands out like a blaze of color on a dingy background. It has faded and blurred at the edges, seeping into the “normal” category into which society likes to package comfortable and nonthreatening things. Not everyone might like the gays or their newfound visibility, but no one can pretend they don’t exist.

So what’s the next step? If one gender-pairing can become two, can it go back to being one—or even none? Nowadays, sexuality is as flexible as a bendy straw, especially at a place like Columbia. College kids can sleep with, date, and horribly break the hearts of boys or girls without judgment or discretion: It’s not uncommon for a list of exes to include members of both camps. We’ve started to challenge the idea that people must be either gay or straight, that they must pledge themselves to a banner and march under it for the rest of their lives. The “spectrum,” as it’s been called, is on the rise.

Our generation isn’t satisfied with awareness of the divide between queer and straight anymore. Sooner or later, someone is going to demand a Sex Awareness Month, and then we really will have moved on to the next level. Dissolving gender boundaries that, in terms of history, have only just been established may seem hasty in the extreme. But if someone made the effort to put the word “gay” into the everyday vernacular of the American public, then we should have the right to do whatever we want with our sexual terminology—including outgrow it.

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to weekly meetings for their chosen queer groups. QuAM 2011 should have been a space to celebrate and strengthen our community. Yet it really only showed how much we have to work to develop the community that we need.

We have the opportunity to create a thriving queer community where students feel comfortable exploring questions regarding sexuality, or a even just a place where they meet other queer students without feeling pressured or intimidated. I understand that there are many complicated factors that play into the formation of community. However, I want to be able to talk about the queer community with an image that does not involve a dimly lit room with vibrating walls and hundreds of pulsing bodies. We may not face homophobia on a daily basis. We may never face homophobia that threatens our lives. However, this does not mean we do not need a queer community. We still face challenges—each day a man wakes up loving another man is a battle; I put on armor each time I hold a girl’s hand in public because I do not know who will be watching. If I show I am involved in the queer community on a résumé, I am less likely to get the job. When I leave New York, I worry about looking “too gay.” In the end, this community and this campus is all we have—I just wish we would start realizing it.

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19 Author Umberto
20 "Garfield" dog
21 Be shy, poker pot-wise
22 Onion kin
24 Wheel edges
25 "Precious metal trading venue"
29 Pub mug
31 Sandra's mate, in "The Lion King"
32 Like a mint
33 Mickey Mantle rookie card
34 Drilled commodity
35 Drill parts
37 Understand
38 "Soft, lumpy chair"
42 "Winter fisherman's access"
44 Kutz
45 Riverbank deposit
47 "Haw"
48 Another, in Andalusia
50 Like sour cherries
52 Bust makers
56 "Attractive facial mole"
59 Hindu scripture
60 Beatles meter maid
61 Zip
62 Bring home
63 Certain eBay click
64 1967 market crash, and this puzzle's title, whose first word can precede each word in the starred answers
68 "Moderates"
69 Flood barrier
70 Demoted planet

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4 Ability to stick together
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6 Gradually appeal to
7 Amateur photographer's workshop
8 Bar pint contents
9 Green light
10 Safe havens
11 Seven days before now
12 Holy fish?
13 Poker tour player
18 Minor player
23 Golf up
26 552, to Caesar
27 Fire starter
28 Head, in France
30 Penpoints
34 Flock at church

36 Spotted
38 Half-wit
39 Diners and such
40 "Yes, unfortunately"
41 Glittery rock genre
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46 Hypnotized
49 Ump's call
51 Tote' rides
53 Do research (on)
54 Percentage quoted by a bank
55 Some plasma TVs
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66 Gardner on screen
67 Pick, with "for"

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NOT ENOUGH | The Lions’ best was not enough to surmount a seemingly unstoppable Yale squad from leaving Levien with a victory on Friday.

Yale puts serious dent in Light Blue title hopes after Friday performance

VOLLEYBALL, from back page

didn’t factor into their preparation for the Bears.

“We prepare for everybody the same, we prepared for our Friday night match all week,” he said. “The goal was to run the middle, the middles hit phenomenally well and carried the match for us. We definitely had help from Caitlin on the right side

and the outside hitters but the middles—Madeline [Rumer], Heather [Braunagel], and Mo [Monique Roberts]—did what they wanted and that’s what made it go in three.”

Yet despite the victory over the Bears, it was still a tough match for the Light Blue in light of the loss to Yale.

“It’s hard to get up the emotion after last night,” Wilson said. “The

focus was there even if we didn’t have as much energy. I was never too nervous about it, everyone stepped up and played their part.”

Losing to Yale makes the Lions’ potential road to a championship much more difficult. The Lions still trail both Yale and Princeton and would thus need to usurp both teams in the final two weeks of the season. In order to do this,

the Lions would likely have to win out while counting on losses by both Yale and Princeton. This in itself could prove to be a challenge. Yale only has four more opponents—Penn, Princeton, Harvard, and Dartmouth. All four will be rematches, and Yale won the first meetings with Penn, Harvard and Dartmouth without dropping a single set.

Loss to Yale huge setback to title hopes

FIELD HOCKEY, from back page

But the backline was not impenetrable, and the Bulldogs’ lead widened to 2-0 with sophomore forward Erica Borgo’s goal in the 22nd minute.

The Lions came out aggressively in the second half, and after a penalty corner in the 44th minute, Freaney connected with senior back Desi Scherf, who tapped in a goal to put the Light Blue within one.

neck with Princeton for leadership of the conference.

Though it is out of their hands, the Lions could still be crowned co-champions of the league if Princeton loses to Penn, Yale loses to Brown, and Columbia beats Harvard next weekend.

Freaney said she and her fellow teammates want to end the season on a high note, but to do so, the Lions cannot allow this weekend’s results to demoralize them.

The team was unable to shake off the disappointment from Friday’s defeat before Sunday’s game, giving another subpar performance against Villanova.

Though the Lions prevented the Wildcats from scoring until the 44th minute, when freshman back Maddy Harding blasted a shot into the upper-left corner of the goal, Freeman described Columbia’s play as soft.

Individual players stood out against Villanova, especially freshman back Lauren Skudalski, who filled in at various positions on the backline, but the team was not working as a unit.

“It doesn’t matter to me how old you are, how long you’ve been playing,” Freeman said. “I don’t care about that. If you’re not doing what’s been asked of you, to follow the plan, or if you’re on your own agenda, then you’re not playing as a team.”

To defeat Harvard, the Lions will need a performance opposite of this weekend’s showing.

“It really hurt us this game that we didn’t come out with the fire we normally have.”

—Leti Freaney, senior midfielder

But it was too little, too late for Columbia. Six minutes after the Lions’ goal, Carter put Yale up 3-1 with her second goal of the game and 14th of the season.

“We had reverted back to how we played in the beginning of the season, being a second half team,” Freaney said. “It really hurt us this game that we didn’t come out with the fire we normally have.”

The loss puts the Light Blue in a tie for third place with Dartmouth, while the Bulldogs are neck and

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Women’s soccer battles Yale to a draw on Sunday night

BY MOLLY TOW
Spectator Staff Writer

The Lions will not be able to boast an Ivy League title this year, but their consistent fight and perseverance have helped them emerge as a top contender as the 2011 season nears its finale.

On Sunday, the Columbia women’s soccer team (6-9-1, 3-2-1 Ivy) tied Yale (8-5-3, 3-2-1 Ivy) 2-2 in 110 minutes of hard-fought soccer.

“The effort was very good,” head coach Kevin McCarthy said. “We battled pretty well and it was a very interesting game.”

The game was postponed until Sunday evening due to Saturday’s poor weather conditions. Lights on, reflecting off of the leftover snow from the previous day’s wintery storm, the third-place teams were ready to face off.

Columbia’s first close opportunity came 15 minutes into the first half on a corner, but the Lions couldn’t get a shot on frame. Senior forward and co-captain Ashlin Yahr threatened again soon after but was denied.

Yale had a prime chance to score with 17 minutes remaining in the first stanza, but senior goalkeeper and co-captain Lillian Klein used cat-like reflexes to make the diving save. The Lions quickly countered with a long run up the left side of the field, but Yahr’s shot went just wide of the near post.

The Bulldogs had a breakaway with 11 minutes to play in the first stanza, but Klein made another impressive diving save and foiled the opportunity.

Freshman forward Melissa Gavin gave the Lions a fair amount of trouble near their goal with skilled footwork and well-placed crosses in the first half and proved to be trouble later on.

The teams were still locked in a scoreless stalemate at halftime. Yale appeared to hold the advantage in possession but wasn’t able to create many good looks to score.

The Bulldogs’ transition play out-matched that of the Lions, but solid defense all around kept the scored tied at zero.

“They’re a team too that puts a lot of numbers in midfield,” McCarthy said. “So we had numbers in midfield and some of our attacking players had to come back and help win the ball and retain it.”



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ONE AWAY | Senior forward Ashlin Yahr scored twice against Yale to move within one goal of the Columbia all-time goals record.

Three minutes into the second half, Yahr faked out the Bulldog defense and got off a close-range shot, but Bulldog rookie goalkeeper Elise Wilcox punched the ball away.

Minutes later, junior defender Isabel King lofted a free kick into Yale’s box, but Wilcox got her body behind Columbia’s shot once again, preventing the Lions from breaking the scoreless tie.

With 27 minutes remaining in the game, more strong transition play from Yale set up the game’s first goal. Freshman forward Meredith Speck found Gavin, who fired a rocket that dipped just under the crossbar to put Yale up 1-0.

The Lions weren’t trailing for long,

however. Before the Bulldogs had a chance to enjoy their lead, sophomore defender Shannon FitzPatrick found Yahr, who scored the quick equalizer. Yahr had been putting forth a strong effort in every minute of the match up to this point and was finally rewarded for it.

Then just three minutes later, Yahr struck again, putting the Lions up 2-1 for their first lead of the game. With the goal, Yahr came within one of the record for career goals scored at Columbia.

“I’m delighted for Ashlin that she took her chances and she’s worked really hard so it’s great to see those fall for her,” McCarthy said.

Following the go-ahead goal, momentum looked to be in Columbia’s

favor. But with just under eight minutes to play, the Bulldogs evened the game at two. It was Gavin once again as the catalyst as she drove up the field without any Lion challenging her and set up senior midfielder Enma Mullo for the goal. The clock ticked down after the second Yale goal, and the game was sent into overtime.

“They are good in transition and we did a good job of getting numbers back,” McCarthy said. “Credit to them, they scored goals from distance with two really good shots and we knew with a couple of adjustments we’d get our attacking opportunities.”

The Bulldogs controlled the pace of the game as extra time got underway. Yale’s transition play continued to

give it the advantage, but little action led the game straight into its second overtime.

Unfortunately for the cold fans in the stands, the second overtime held even less action. With two minutes remaining, the lights, on a timer set to 8 p.m., shut off.

“The women on this team are very good at dealing with setback, adversity, and quirks of all kinds, so they handled it right in stride,” McCarthy said.

The lights did eventually come back on, but there was no more offense to be seen, as the score remained 2-2 when the final whistle blew.

For their ultimate game of the 2011 season, the Lions will host first-place Harvard on Saturday, Nov. 5th.

Even though our favorite teams might lose all too often, when they do win, it totally makes our week

PAGELS, from back page

in Game Six of the 1999 Stanley Cup finals—a game my dad let a seven-year-old stay up until 2 a.m. to watch. That all changed this summer when my childhood hero/idol/demigod, Dirk Nowitzki, brought a banner back to Dallas.

Going into this weekend, I was hoping to add three more banners to my fan resume. The Rangers were on the cusp of winning their first World Series in their 50-year history, while the Light Blue field hockey and volleyball teams were also looking to secure their first rings since the formation of the Ivy League. Instead, things took a turn for the worse faster than Adam Sandler’s movie career.

When Ron Washington decided to intentionally walk Albert Pujols in the 10th inning of Thursday night’s Game Six, I knew things weren’t looking good for my boys. We had already blown the game in the ninth, one strike away from the winning against David Freese before his two-run triple, but I still wasn’t too worried. And Josh Hamilton’s two-run homer in the top of the next inning made me pull my celebratory ginger ale back out of the fridge.

But not facing Pujols, who was one-for-13 outside of his herculean

Game Three, Washington gave up the righty/righty matchup to instead face the hottest lefty on the Cards in Lance Berkman. That and, most incredibly, willingly putting the winning run on base stand out more than anything else.

There were about a dozen ludicrous managerial mistakes in that game that probably cost us a championship, but the image of Mike Napoli standing up four feet away from an ice-cold Pujols, taking four straight 40-mph tosses from Scott Feldman (which should have been Neftali Feliz still, but that’s another story) will haunt me for the rest of my life—as well as the nearly broken chairs, cracked remote, and shoe-suffled walls of the Wien nine lounge.

Even though I knew there was no way we could come back from that defeat the next day, I ended up going downtown to watch Game Seven—forgoing the chance to watch the volleyball or field hockey games. While the Rangers were slowly throwing away the title, the Lions were all but throwing away their chances of Ancient Eight titles 80 blocks north.

For someone who’s now 1,500 miles away from my home teams and plans to stay in the NYC area after graduation, it’s sad that for the vast majority of games I watch, I won’t be with my fellow diehard fan friends

yelling at the TV, flipping over couches, smashing things against the walls, and making my living room look like a CNN report from the Arab Spring.

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This is something I’ve encountered with many students here. I’ve met fans from all over the country, but aside from the New York kids, they all seem to be missing their group of friends to cheer on their team.

I was planning on having similar celebrations for the Light Blue field hockey and volleyball squads when they won their first-ever championships (not that I would ever dream of cheering for sports teams I cover in any

way since I’m a 100 percent unbiased journalist). Instead I ended up with a very teary subway ride back to campus followed by staring at the ceiling of my room until 5 a.m. replaying every at-bat over and over in my head. I never thought anything in my life could ever be worse than the 2006 NBA Finals, but I was wrong. Very wrong.

So this comes back to my original question: Why should I care? Why do I have a Stars-branded item for kind of clothing in my wardrobe? Why did I make an eighth-grade scrapbook about why I wanted to be GM of the Mavs one day? Why do my friends from back home and I still send each other mass “BOOMSTICK!!!!” texts every time Nellie puts one in the seats?

We care because, as much as games might give us a severe punch to the gut, the moments when things miraculously come through make it all the while. We irrationally think we can influence the outcomes of games from our couches, but that’s part of the magic. When the Mavs took down the Heat in the NBA Finals last June, I openly sobbed so hard at Mel’s that my waitress must have thought I was upset about my \$12 burger bill.

I might go my entire Columbia career without a single one of the Light Blue’s 29 athletics teams winning a title—even more remarkable

considering that unlike the 30-team MLB, NBA, NHL, and 32-team NFL, the Lions are only competing out of an eight-team pool.

But losing is something I’ve come to expect out of Dallas and Columbia. Low expectations dull the pain. They give me rationale for all the brutal losses and driving out to Arlington for \$6 nosebleed seats. But sometimes I feel like I’m not the only one with these thoughts.

Fans are allowed to have low expectations, but the athletes, coaches, and team personnel should never shoot for anything less than the best (unless you’re going for Andrew Luck).

An embarrassing stretch for the Light Blue over the past two years—when they went their first full year without a title since 1996 and haven’t made any major administrative or coaching changes—makes me think they’re content with losing. Like PrezBo can just check off the “athletics” box on the list of requirements of being a college.

This isn’t a mindset they should be allowed to have. That’s my domain.

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MONDAY MORNING QUARTERBACK

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GAME BALL

With the field covered in snow, everyone knew the team that ran the ball best would win the game. Yale's Mordecai Cargill filled in for injured running back Alex Thomas and led his team to victory rushing for 230 yards on 42 carries and scoring two touchdowns.

BEST CALL

Three minutes into the second quarter Yale coach Tom Williams sent kicker Phillippe Panico out to attempt a difficult 38-yard field goal. The Massachusetts native looked like Adam Vinatieri on the kick as he drove the kick through the snow, wind and the upright. The field goal proved to be the difference in the game.

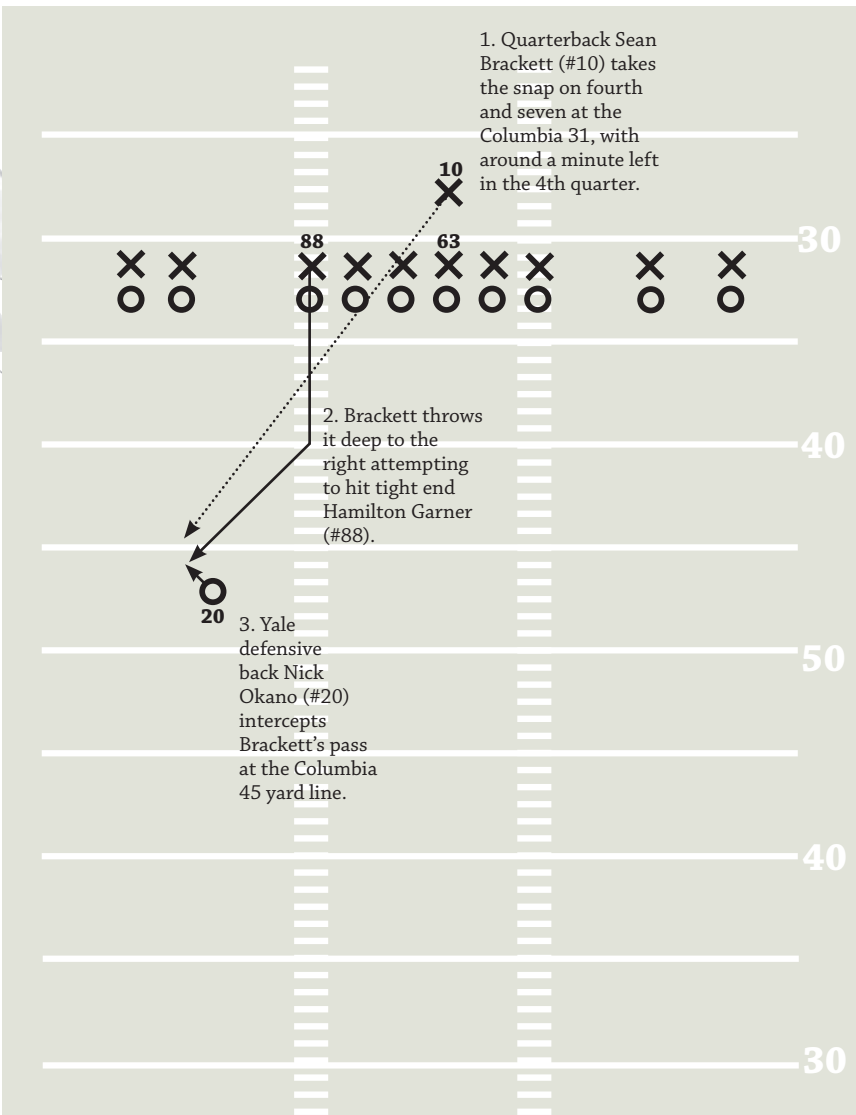
WORST CALL

With just over five minutes left in the game, Columbia's Paul Delaney boomed a punt over Gio Christodoulou's head. Christodoulou attempted to pick up the ball but Ross Morand tackled him just as he touched it. Columbia recovered the fumble and scored a touchdown three plays later to cut Yale's lead to three.

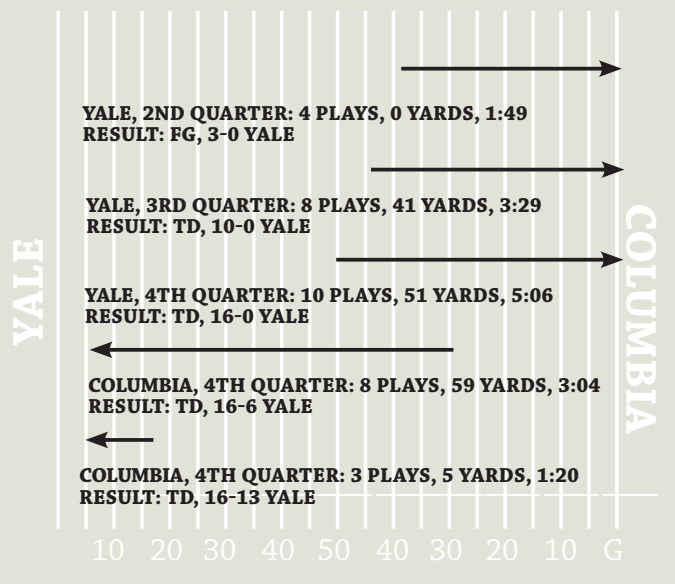
TURNING POINT

Yale did not attempt a pass the entire second half. The unorthodox strategy proved successful for the Bulldogs. Three minutes into the fourth quarter, Mordecai Cargill capped off a 10-play 51-yard drive with a four yard touchdown run. The score put Yale up 16-0, a lead too large for the Lions to overcome.

PLAY OF THE GAME



KEY DRIVES



IVY LEAGUE FOOTBALL STANDINGS				
	IVY	OVERALL	POINTS FOR	POINTS AGAINST
HARVARD	4-0	6-1	257	123
BROWN	3-1	6-1	158	102
PENN	3-1	4-3	154	158
YALE	3-1	4-3	171	159
CORNELL	1-3	3-4	179	175
DARTMOUTH	1-3	2-5	142	162
PRINCETON	1-3	1-6	124	231
COLUMBIA	0-4	0-7	114	203

PIXBOW STANDINGS: WEEK 7

1	Mrinal "Word on the Street" Mohanka	33-23
1	Ronnie "Squeaky Bum Time" Shaban	33-23
3	Myles "A Second Opinion" Simmons	31-25
3	Victoria "Batting a Thousand" Jones	31-25
5	Jeremiah "Sharf Attack" Sharf	30-26
6	Ryan "Roar Ryan Roar" Young	29-27
6	Zach "Boom goes the Dynamite" Glubiak	29-27
8	Benjamin "The Top Spin" Spener	26-30
8	Jim "On the Couch" Pagels	26-30
8	Michael "Turn Up the Mike" Shapiro	26-30

RECORD

GAME ONE VS. FORDHAM L 21-14	GAME TWO VS. ALBANY L 44-21	GAME THREE @ PRINCETON L 24-21	GAME FOUR VS. SACRED HEART L 34-25	GAME FIVE VS. PENN L 27-20	GAME SIX @ DARTMOUTH L 37-0	GAME SEVEN VS. YALE L 16-13	GAME EIGHT VS. HARVARD 11/5	GAME NINE @ CORNELL 11/12	GAME TEN VS. BROWN 11/19	



DREAM ON | Senior goalkeeper Alex Aurrichio (left) kept his second shutout, while junior forward Will Stamatis (right) scored his sixth goal of the year in the Lions' win against Yale.



ALYSON GOULDEN / SENIOR STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Yale fails to deter men's soccer title hopes, Lions use home-field advantage to pull out crucial win

MEN'S SOCCER, from back page

"It feels great because, you know, to an extent I've been disappointed that it's taken me so long to score goals," Stamatis said. "So to get one in the first half is good. I was really frustrated that I missed two sitters in front of goal but I just kept plugging away and we got one."

The forward almost doubled his first-half tally in the 38th minute—but his flicked header was gathered by Thalman, and the Lions went in at the break with the slender lead.

"I thought we had a really good first half actually," Anderson said. "We really executed our approach to the whole

week of training, though I thought we could have maybe had a little bit more quality in the final third."

The start of the second half was slightly delayed as Stamatis didn't emerge from the dressing room with the rest of the team. When he did appear, he was fully clothed in a tracksuit and then struggled to get his sweatpants off on the sideline—a situation that left many bewildered. The striker later mentioned that he had a problem with his back and lost track of time while the trainer was working on it.

When the second period did eventually get underway, the extra quality that Anderson sought almost resulted in a goal in the 48th minute. Stamatis used his head to flick on a long ball

that found senior winger Francois Anderson, but the Jamaican's effort cannoned off the crossbar. He tried to convert the rebound but was unable to make clean contact with the bouncing ball.

A minute later, the Light Blue had another opportunity to double the lead, but Shaban headed wide from another corner.

It was all one-way traffic, and in the 55th minute, Young played a cross across the face of the goal after good build-up play, but no Light Blue striker could get on the end of it.

The Bulldogs upped their level of play in the 70th minute and began to pile pressure on the home side. A goal-bound effort was blocked by Columbia

senior left-back Jesse Vella for a corner. Lions goalkeeper Alex Aurrichio came to collect the delivery into the box, but he was unable to get anywhere near the ball and was fortunate that Yale junior defender Milan Tica glanced his header wide. Aurrichio notched his second shutout of the season, and the defense did a commendable job in dealing with a rather large team comprised of several six-foot-plus players.

The Bulldogs enjoyed their best spell of the game in terms of attacking possession for the next 10 minutes, but the Lions almost scored on the counterattack in the 81st minute. A long ball forward from Young sent Stamatis through on goal, but with defenders hot on his heels and an onrushing

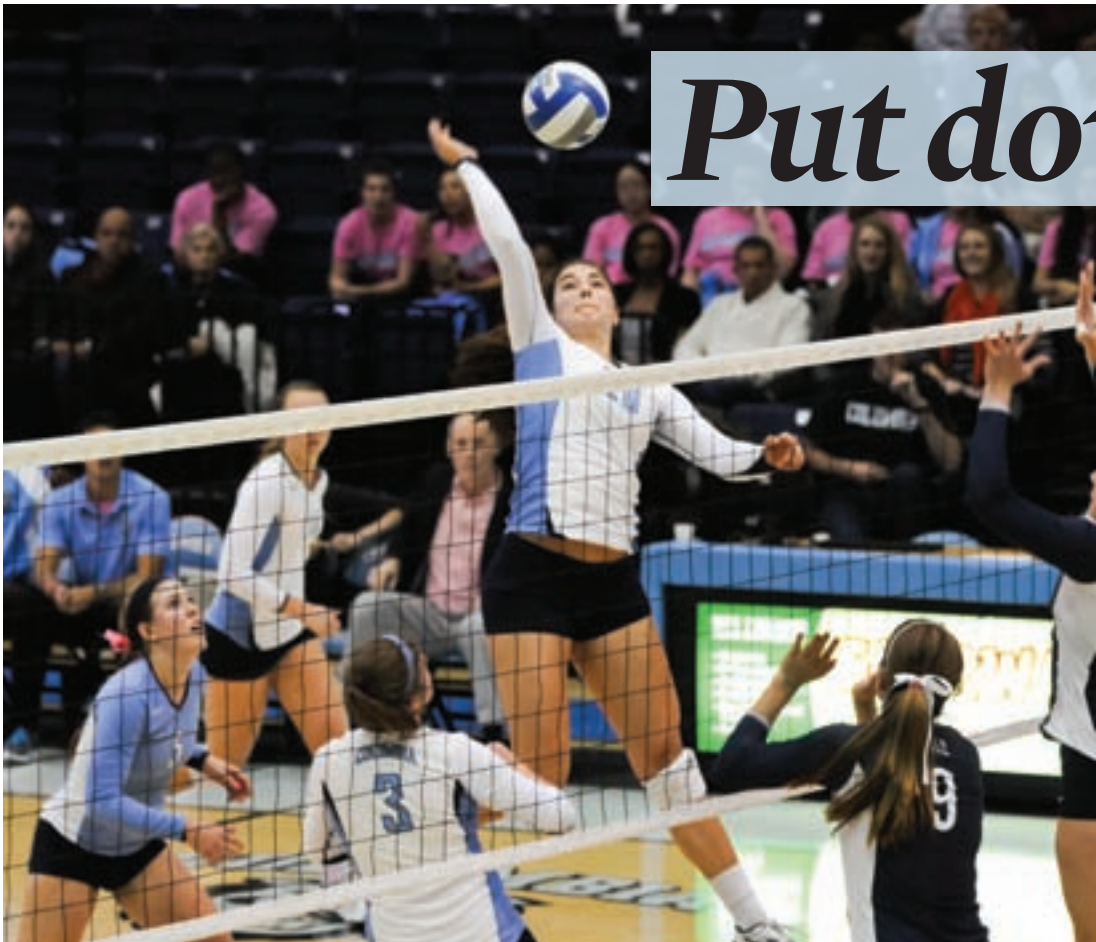
Thalman, the forward couldn't do more than win a corner.

The corner made its way to junior right-back Quentin Grigsby, but the defender's attempt was off target.

In the final noteworthy action of the game, Columbia senior captain Mike Mazzullo picked up a yellow card in the 87th minute. The booking was Mazzullo's fifth of the season and means he will have to sit out the Lions' next game against Adelphi.

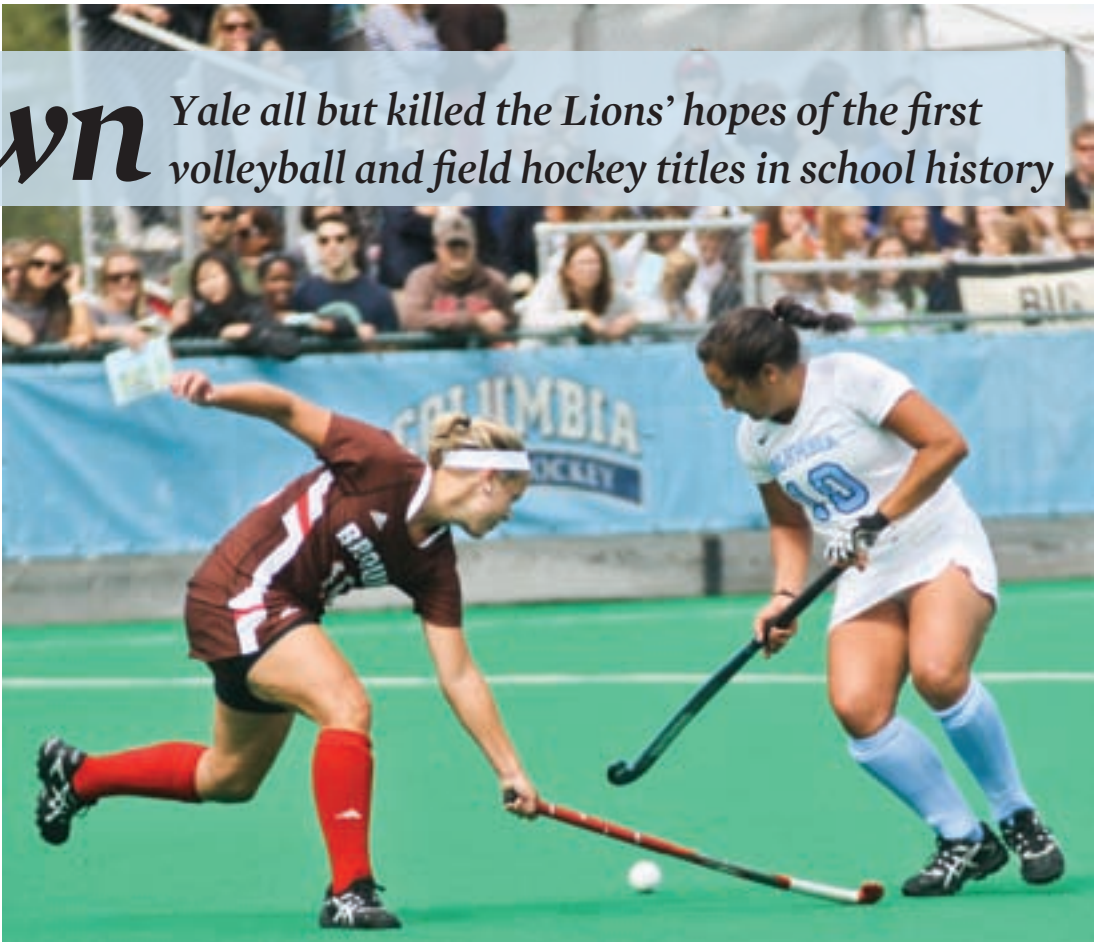
The game will allow the Lions to shuffle things around in advance of their remaining Ivy games.

"We've got another game in two days, nonconference, so there's got to be a little management there—managing injuries and everything," Stamatis said.



Put down

Yale all but killed the Lions' hopes of the first volleyball and field hockey titles in school history



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LION DOWN | The Bulldogs exacted two detrimental blows to Light Blue title efforts, defeating both the volleyball and field hockey teams this weekend. These losses force both teams up steep slopes.

Volleyball loses to Yale, destroys Brown

BY ROBERT WREN GORDON
Spectator Staff Writer

The Lions (13-7, 7-3 Ivy) stayed at home this weekend, playing host to Yale and Brown here at Levien Gymnasium. Yale (15-5, 9-1 Ivy) came to New York on Friday riding high off three consecutive wins. The Lions needed to defeat the Bulldogs to maintain hopes of taking the conference title. The Bulldogs came ready to fight. Columbia started off strong, taking the first set, 25-23, and dealing the Bulldogs a blow early. However, the Bulldogs regrouped and went on to take the next three sets, winning the

match 3-1. “There’s only one comment you can have at this stage of the season in a match like that: you have to get it done and we didn’t,” head coach Jon Wilson said. “There’s no clichés that really matter, it’s just that we have to get it done and we have to pay the price for that, it hurts but that’s sports.” Junior outside hitter Megan Gaughn also commented on Friday’s loss. “I’m really proud of the maturity of our team,” she said. “We had a big talk before the game started about how we still have goals and we still have improvements we want to make.” On Saturday, the Light Blue

took on Brown. Unlike Yale, Brown has struggled to put together wins this season and was actually tied with Cornell and Penn for the bottom spot in conference rankings coming into this weekend. The Lions came out strong against the Bears, beating them in straight sets, 25-15, 25-17, and 25-23. “We bounced back today and played two really good games and got sloppy in the third,” Wilson said. “It was a reasonable effort given that we were carrying a lot of grief.” Wilson also noted that Brown’s record and prior losses

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Field hockey suffers double defeat

BY STEVEN LAU
Spectator Staff Writer

The Columbia field hockey team that took the pitch this weekend did not play like the one that had previously won four consecutive games. Lacking cohesive offensive production, the Lions (8-8, Ivy 4-2) fell out of first place in the Ivy League with a 3-1 loss to Yale (10-6, Ivy 5-1) on Friday before suffering a 1-0 nonconference defeat at the hands of Villanova (8-10) on Sunday. “I’m disappointed for them because I know that they wanted it,” head coach Marybeth Freeman said. “I think we got a bit frantic and we gave the ball

away way too easily. It wasn’t just our midfield. It was all our lines.” The Lions’ inability to control the ball or connect passes between the back and front lines was uncharacteristic of the squad that had defeated Dartmouth 4-2 just a week earlier. In Friday’s match, the Bulldogs kept the ball on the Light Blue’s end of the field for nearly the entire first half, outshooting the Lions 12-0 and out-cornering them 8-0 in the first 35 minutes. “It was just a really important game, and though we had told ourselves as a team that we need to treat this game like any

other, I think we did let it go to our head that today was a really big match-up,” senior midfielder Leti Freaney said. Yale took an early lead when senior back Erin Carter scored in the sixth minute off an assist by her classmate midfielder Dinah Landshut. The Bulldogs’ offense continued its relentless attack, forcing Columbia’s defense to come up with the stops. Junior goalie Christie O’Hara finished the night with eight saves, and junior back Katie DeSandis had one, increasing her season total to six defensive saves, the highest in the Ivies.

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You don’t really choose your teams

Lining the top of a wall in my room are five pennants. The Dallas Cowboys, Dallas Stars, Texas Rangers, Dallas Mavericks, and Columbia Lions all have an isosceles triangle of space dedicated to my literally planting a flag to stake out my fanhood.

But unlike my friends, political beliefs, major, HamDel order, etc., I didn’t choose these teams. They’re like my family—something I was born into. I moved to Dallas when I was three, and rooting for Big D just fell into place. The Lions came into the picture when I decided to come here for college. (No, believe it or not—I didn’t pick this place for its athletic prowess.) I live and die with every Rangers at-bat, every Stars power play, and every Columbia false start. But my question is this: Why should we as fans care so much about this? We don’t personally know any of these players; we don’t make any decisions on recruiting, trades, or play-calling. If the Lions lose 37-0 at Dartmouth, an HR rep isn’t going to look at my resume any differently. After pulling for my teams since the first time I read the Dallas Morning News SportsDay section with my dad every morning before kindergarten, I’ve been dreaming of championships. I have virtually no recollection of the Cowboys’ three Super Bowls in the early ’90s, so prior to this June, my only memories of a title were courtesy of the Brett Hull 3OT goal



JIM PAGELS
On the Couch

Men’s soccer glides past Yale, still has shot at title

BY MRINAL MOHANKA
Spectator Senior Staff Writer

The Columbia men’s soccer team (6-7-1, 3-2 Ivy) banished memories of its trip to Dartmouth and made home-field advantage count when it edged Yale (7-6-1, 3-2 Ivy) 1-0. Junior forward Will Stamatis scored his sixth goal of the season. The strike was Stamatis’ fifth game-winner of 2011. “I mean, again, the boy can score goals,” head coach Kevin Anderson said. “Honestly, that’s why we brought him here—because that’s what he does. So I’m really happy for him, but for our team, we fought really hard for 90 minutes, so I think we earned this one, so we’re happy with the result.”

“I mean, we’re going ahead full throttle—we’ve got a chance to win the Ivy League. There’s no holding us back right now.”

—Will Stamatis, junior forward

For the Lions, the result, coupled with Cornell’s 1-1 tie at Princeton, means that winning their remaining two Ivy games could well bring a title to Morningside. “We knew that result at half-time,” Anderson said. “So we said that tonight is the night that decides if we’re playing the last two games of the season that mean something. We’ve put ourselves in a position and now we’ve just got to take care of our results. Everything else will just fall into place.” The match-winner echoed his coach’s sentiments. “Now it’s just we’ve got to

win out, you know. We’re going to try to win every game from here on in, and it’s just plug away, practice again the next day, make sure we manage everything,” Stamatis said. “I mean, we’re going ahead full throttle—we’ve got a chance to win the Ivy League. There’s no holding us back right now.” The clash, which was originally set for Saturday, was rescheduled to Sunday because of weather conditions. The Lions started brighter and carved out the first real opening on a cold afternoon with lots of sunshine. Senior center-back Ronnie Shaban, a sports columnist for Spectator, played a long ball over the top of the Bulldogs’ defense in the 10th minute that found Stamatis—but the forward didn’t get a clean strike-off, and the ball was gathered easily by Yale junior goalkeeper Bobby Thalman. Shaban was again involved in an attacking opportunity as he headed over from a corner by junior winger Nick Scott in the 25th minute. It seemed that the Lions would rue their failure to convert those early chances when Yale’s sophomore forward Peter Jacobson got on the end of a cross by his classmate midfielder Jenner Fox on the half-hour mark. Fox, who was celebrating his birthday, displayed blistering pace down the flank to get a ball inside the box, but Jacobson’s effort hit the side netting rather than the back of the net. The Light Blue punished Yale moments later to take the lead. Senior right winger Will Young displayed tremendous composure to switch the play to Scott, who played a low cross into sophomore forward Henning Sauerbier. The German’s touch set the ball for his strike partner, and Stamatis made no mistake with the finish. For Stamatis, who has saved his goals for late in games, it was his first goal in the opening period all season.

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