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As voters head to the polls, higher ed policies in focus



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BALLOT BOX | Columbia's student and administrative lobbying efforts will come to a head on Tuesday in the election between President Barack Obama, CC '83, and Governor Mitt Romney.

CU spends tens of thousands on Washington lobbying

BY ABBY ABRAMS
Spectator Senior Staff Writer

Columbia's Office of Government and Community Affairs follows politics year-round, but as Nov. 6 approaches, University lobbyists are paying special attention to how the election could impact issues like science funding and federal financial aid.

The University spent \$106,931 advocating on issues relevant to higher education during the first two lobbying quarters of 2012, according to the Center for Responsive Politics. That number does not include the \$50,000 per quarter that Columbia pays the lobbying firm K&L Gates, which largely lobbies for infrastructure funding for

Columbia's Manhattanville campus expansion.

Among the Ivy League schools, Columbia falls near the middle of the lobbying pack this year, outspending Dartmouth, Cornell, and Brown but spending less than Princeton, Harvard, Yale, and the University of Pennsylvania. Penn has spent \$382,513 on lobbying this year, the most in the Ivy League, while Dartmouth spent nothing, according to the Center for Responsive Politics.

Executive Vice President for Government and Community Affairs Maxine Griffith said that Columbia's lobbying efforts focus on "advocating for programs and initiatives and projects and bills that support the University's objectives."

"But it's also maintaining

relationships with elected officials so they understand the impact of what they do on us," she said.

The University does not have an office in Washington, D.C. or in Albany, N.Y., instead relying mostly on lobbying firms to advocate for causes it deems important. In addition to K&L Gates, Columbia keeps several other firms on retainer, including Bolton-St. John's, Park Strategies, and Patricia Lynch Associates, all of which have filed lobbying disclosure reports for Columbia this year.

"A lobbying firm can help us keep track of issues that are important to us without requiring us to have a full-time staff person in Albany or Washington," Ross Frommer, Columbia University Medical Center's deputy vice president for government and

community affairs, said in an email.

THE ISSUES

Columbia's lobbying firms and Senior Executive Vice President Robert Kasdin have filed several reports outlining the topics the University has lobbied on so far this year.

One of the University's foremost advocacy areas is research and grant policy. Columbia lobbied for HR 2117, the Protecting Academic Freedom in Higher Education Act, as well as HR 3433, the Grant Reform and New Transparency Act of 2011. The first bill—which has since become law—prevents government over-regulation of higher education

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For admins who talk, Obama may have edge

BY SAMMY ROTH AND FINN VIGELAND
Spectator Senior Staff Writers

When it comes to political opinions, Columbia officials are notoriously tight-lipped. Ask a senior administrator whether an Obama or a Romney administration would be better for the University, and you're likely to get the standard answer: Columbia doesn't take sides in political debates.

"The dean has no politics," Columbia College Dean James Valentini said. "I am, I believe, the representative of 46,500 living college alumni and 4,500 current college students whose

political opinions, I'm sure, span a considerable range. And my effort is to build a community among people, and politics is very divisive right now."

"In terms of our nonprofit status, we seriously have no opinion," said Maxine Griffith, executive vice president for government and community affairs. "I think we're all hopeful that education, good science, good research, is important broadly."

But even if most administrators can't or won't share their opinions, Columbia as an institution has a big stake in Tuesday's elections. The outcomes of the

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AYELET PEARL / SENIOR STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

TABLING TIME | A German TV station filmed CU Dems and CUCR discussing the election last week.

Activism, debates prep students to vote

BY SARAH BATCHU AND SAMANTHA COONEY
Columbia Daily Spectator

There is not often a shortage of political conversation at Columbia, least of all in an election season. But converting talk into votes is not a step college students historically take with any high turnout, so for campus political clubs, the approach to Election Day means letting students know that their votes can have an impact.

The Columbia University

Democrats and Columbia University College Republicans have tailored their efforts to their respective supporters, while the multi-partisan Columbia Political Union encourages students, regardless of political affiliation, to vote.

Though both the CU Dems and CUCR have been actively meeting the whole semester, they serve different purposes. The Dems dedicate themselves to grassroots efforts to re-elect President Barack Obama, CC '83, while CUCR

focuses on providing a community for the minority of campus conservatives.

"What we really feel like when targeting the Columbia population is that this school is by and large liberal, so it's not so much persuasion—although we're doing that—as reminding people of all the great things that have happened in the past four years and why they should want that to happen again," CU Dems President Janine Balekdjian, CC '14, said.

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1968's liberal legacy still strong, but diluted

BY MARGARET MATTES
Spectator Senior Staff Writer

Columbia was thrust into the national media spotlight in 1968 when students took over Hamilton Hall and trapped Columbia College administrators in their offices. Angered by the University's affiliations with the Institute for Defense Analysis and the United States Department of Defense during the Vietnam War, students and faculty alike protested.

"A revolution was going on," said sociology professor and former provost Jonathan Cole, CC '64 and Ph.D. '69. Cole, who was on campus during the demonstrations, said that experiencing the protests was "memorable—very memorable."

"It was taking external tensions that existed within the country, and seeing the University as a symbol of a regressive type of institution and regime, and attacking an institution that, relatively speaking, was weak," Cole said.

Ever since then, the nation has seen Columbia as a bastion of liberalism and political activism. Barnard history professor Robert McCaughey describes even the most contentious political debates on campus today—including Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad's 2007 speech at Low Library and the return of Reserve Officers'

Training Corps last year—as "in-the-family fights" between political liberals.

Today, though, Columbia's liberal politics stand out less than they used to—even with a left-leaning Columbia College graduate fighting to retain the presidency in next week's election.

CONSERVATIVE ORIGINS

According to Pennsylvania State University professor Roger Geiger, Columbia did not always have a reputation for liberal politics. Geiger is the editor of Perspectives on the History of Higher Education, a magazine that focuses on the history of universities.

"Columbia has been a pretty

conservative place for most of its history," Geiger said. "It has a legacy of being very politically correct."

McCaughey—the author of "Stand, Columbia," a history of the University—noted that Columbia's predecessor, King's College, sided with the Loyalists during the Revolutionary War, and with the Federalists during the debate over constitutional ratification.

Like much of New York City, Columbia professors and students were divided during the Civil War. Many of them were Copperheads, Northerners who sympathized with the South due to financial interests.

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FILE PHOTO

RIOT POLICE | Police struggle with assistant architecture professor Raymond Lifchez during the 1968 demonstrations.

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Ready for the election? Throw a party

Weekend is coming early to tell you how to celebrate the election—and the extra days off—with cocktails, games, bets, food, and music.



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2012 Presidential Elections

Columbia students speak out on candidates, policies, and the significance of voting.

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Lions look for second straight Ivy victory

After beating Yale last weekend, Columbia travels to Cambridge to take on 6-1 Harvard. The Lions will look to exploit the Crimson's poor pass defense to get the upset.

EVENTS

Election Day, 11/6/12

Find your New York state polling place by visiting voterlookup.elections.state.ny.us.
New York polls are open 6 a.m. to 9 p.m.

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Tomorrow



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Student clubs’ activism, debates encourage voting

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As part of their efforts, the Dems have manned phone banks every Thursday with Obama for America and created an informational poster campaign around campus based on the website [whatthefuckhasobamadonesofar.com](#).

The organization will expand its efforts on Thursday with an “Ask me why I’m voting for Obama” table on Low Plaza.

The Dems will cap off their efforts this weekend with their annual campaign trip to Ohio. With 200 students signed up, it’s the biggest out-of-state group campaigning in the state, according to the Obama for America representative the Dems have been in contact with. Balekdjian said she expected the delegation to knock on some 60,000 doors to convince people to vote for Obama.

“The campaign trip is a Dems tradition, but it’s also a Columbia tradition,” Balekdjian said. “The Dems have done it every year since way before I was at Columbia.”

Political activism takes a different form for the campus Republicans. CUCR leaders say they realize that emulating the Dems’ grassroots efforts wouldn’t be effective on such a liberal campus in a strong Democratic state.

“There’s not a lot of value of trying to do ‘get out the vote’ stuff in New York City,” Nashoba Santhanam, CC ’13 and CUCR president, said. “Even if there were a lot of Republicans who aren’t voting, it’s not going to change the tide of the state of New York.”

Instead, the group aims to foster the ideological aspect of the campus’ conservative culture. Members of the organization regularly participate in CPU-moderated debates with the Dems and occasionally contribute opinion pieces to campus publications to help students better understand their views, according to Santhanam.

“We’re not trying to convince them to believe what we believe, but we are trying to convince them that we have valid viewpoints,” Santhanam said.

In October, the Dems and the Republicans participated in two campus debates, one on gun control and the other on health care. CPU periodically sponsors multi-partisan forums, including the gun control debate, which executive manager Mingming Feng, CC ’14, called opportunities to educate students of all political parties on the issues.

“It’s easy to fall into a partisan rut,” Feng said. “What we’re trying to do is eliminate the nuts and bolts of the issues so that students can come to a better understanding of how these issues play into elections.”

Nick Singer, CC ’14 and CPU’s director of events, added, “I think a lot of students would be surprised to know how much these issues affect them.”

That political clubs have a visible presence on campus is important, club leaders say, because the upcoming election will be many undergraduates’ first time voting for president. But busy schedules

and forgotten deadlines complicate the process.

“It’s not necessarily that they don’t care about voting, it’s just that things pile up and they forget,” Feng said.

Columbia has always encouraged civic engagement by treating the Tuesday election day as a University holiday. In 1972, it began to give Monday off as well, with the intention of allowing students the chance to go home and vote in local elections. Now, though, many students whose homes are far from Columbia’s campus rely on absentee ballots.

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Absentee ballots, while helpful in principle, sometimes make voting more complicated, students said.

Matt Swallow, CC ’14, tried registering for an absentee ballot in Utah, but “it never came,” he said. He ended up calling his dad and telling him how he wanted his ballot filled out.

Thomas Elling, CC ’14, said that obtaining an absentee ballot in Minnesota was relatively

easy but that “there were still some hoops to jump through.”

Websites like TurboVote aim to make participation in the political process easier for students. These sites provide students with necessary forms, give them pre-addressed and stamped envelopes, and send text message reminders about upcoming elections.

A big push by TurboVote on campus resulted in the website registering more than 950 Columbia students since June 2012. Still, students have found mixed results on its effectiveness.

“It was very convenient,” Serena Shah-Simpson, SEAS ’16, said, adding that the stamped envelopes made the process simpler.

On the other hand, Matt Sheridan, SEAS ’16, said that he found TurboVote difficult to use.

“It wasn’t very helpful,” he said. “It kept mixing up my zip code, so I just went to my state website.”

Despite these obstacles, many Columbia students believe voting in the election is important. Maia Claman, CC ’16, said, “It’s the only time we get a say.”

“Columbia students tend to be politically active, but they also tend to stay within their comfort zone and stick to the issues and opinions they feel most comfortable with,” Feng said. She added that she hopes the work of campus political groups can allow students to come away with “not an entirely new position, but something new to think about.”

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CLOSE TIES | City Council member Robert Jackson at the opening of Obama’s Upper West Side campaign office.

CU maintains working relationship with local pols

The jurisdictions of New York’s elected officials intersect all over the city. Columbia’s campuses are represented by a dozen different city, state, and federal officials. As an institution of enormous economic and social importance, Columbia is a key player in all of these political relationships.

Some elected officials come to Columbia when they retire from their careers, like former New York City Mayor David Dinkins, now a School of International and Public Affairs professor in the professional practice of public affairs. Others came from Columbia to begin making their careers—President Barack Obama, CC ’83, and Attorney General Eric Holder, CC ’73, to name two.

But one of the most important relationships that Columbia has with politicians today is with the local elected officials that represent the Manhattanville campus, the first phase of which will be completed in 2016.

Rep. Charles Rangel said in April that the Manhattanville expansion will become an important partner for elected officials who have promised jobs recovery to their constituencies.

“One of the biggest economic development projects that we’ve had in decades has been the Columbia partnership,” Rangel said. “It’s long-term, and it involves the state and the city, but it also involves the best interests of the community to see that there is follow-through.”

Manhattanville has also served as a source of contention—when a building collapse on the site killed a construction worker in March, State Senator Bill Perkins, whose district includes Manhattanville, said that Columbia should halt construction immediately.

“It’s a tragic occurrence, and they’re yet to even begin the real construction,” he said. “It’s a really bad start.”

The West Harlem Local Development Corporation—charged with distributing \$76 million from Columbia to programs in Manhattanville—has also frustrated elected officials as an instance of a city-University partnership not living up to expectations. The development corporation was set up in 2009 as a concession to the construction of Columbia’s Manhattanville campus, but it remained without a director, office, or website until this year.

In November 2011, Manhattan Borough President Scott Stringer led politicians in demanding that the organization speed up its progress. Since then, the WHLDC has gotten organized, hiring a staff and outlining plans to distribute Columbia’s money.

At a public meeting of the WHLDC last week, State Assembly member Keith Wright said, “We’re in the middle of the starting of a new adventure. It’s very exciting for this community. There are a number of stakeholders.”

City Council member Robert Jackson, whose district includes Baker Field and Manhattanville, said that his office has valued a partnership with Columbia over the years. He praised the University’s efforts to work with nonprofit groups to expand the public’s access to the waterfront at Baker Field, as well as the WHLDC’s work to open the Teachers College Community School and begin a grant application process for West Harlem organizations.

“These examples of long lasting impacts in our neighborhoods only begin to highlight the importance of engaging CU students and the broader Northern Manhattan around common interests and benefits, as well as in ventures involving both the university and elected officials,” he said in a statement.

—Jillian Kumagai



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GET OUT THE VOTE | The CU Dems (left) table for Obama, while a German TV stations interviews the College Republicans (right).




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Mark Swinney

CU lobbies federal budget, research, student loans

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decisions, such as the definition of a “credit hour,” and the second—which is still in committee—establishes new standards for transparency in the awarding of federal grants.

Support for the natural sciences is another significant component of Columbia’s lobbying efforts. This year, the University has lobbied for funding for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, the National Science Foundation, and the Department of Education Office of Science.

Executive Vice President for Research G. Michael Purdy sometimes lobbies on behalf of the University.

“When I go down to Washington, I meet primarily with members of Congress and with staff of the all-important appropriations committees,” he said. “And I try to show them how important funding for research and universities is to the nation, how important it is to the growth of our economy, how important it is to national security, how important it is to constantly improving our health systems.”

Purdy said that he advocates “for strong budgets for the key science agencies—in the knowledge that the faculty at Columbia, because of their quality, can compete in open competitions [for funding] and be very successful.”

“If we can make the pie that we’re competing for larger, then Columbia will benefit from that,” he said, adding that Columbia professors have a success rate of somewhere between 20 and 30 percent when competing for federal grants.

Columbia also lobbies for federal financial aid funding and lower student loan interest rates. This year, the University has lobbied on several medical issues, including medical malpractice reform and Title VII funding, which encourages diversity in the health

professional field.

Frommer said that CUMC previously lobbied for portions of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, including certain grant opportunities. He added, though, that “funding for the National Institutes of Health has been and most likely always will be our most important issue.”

THE ELECTION

This year, administrators are paying particular attention to sequestration, a fiscal cliff of \$1.2 trillion in mandatory cuts that will hit the federal budget Jan. 2. Sequestration, the result of Congress’ failure to agree on a deficit reduction plan in the months following the Budget Control Act of 2011, would force a series of cuts throughout the federal budget.

“It’s not simply research funding, though that’s important,” Griffith said, referring to programs that could be affected by sequestration. “It’s grant programs, the federal programs that support students, because if there’s of course an across-the-board cut, it’ll be across the board.”

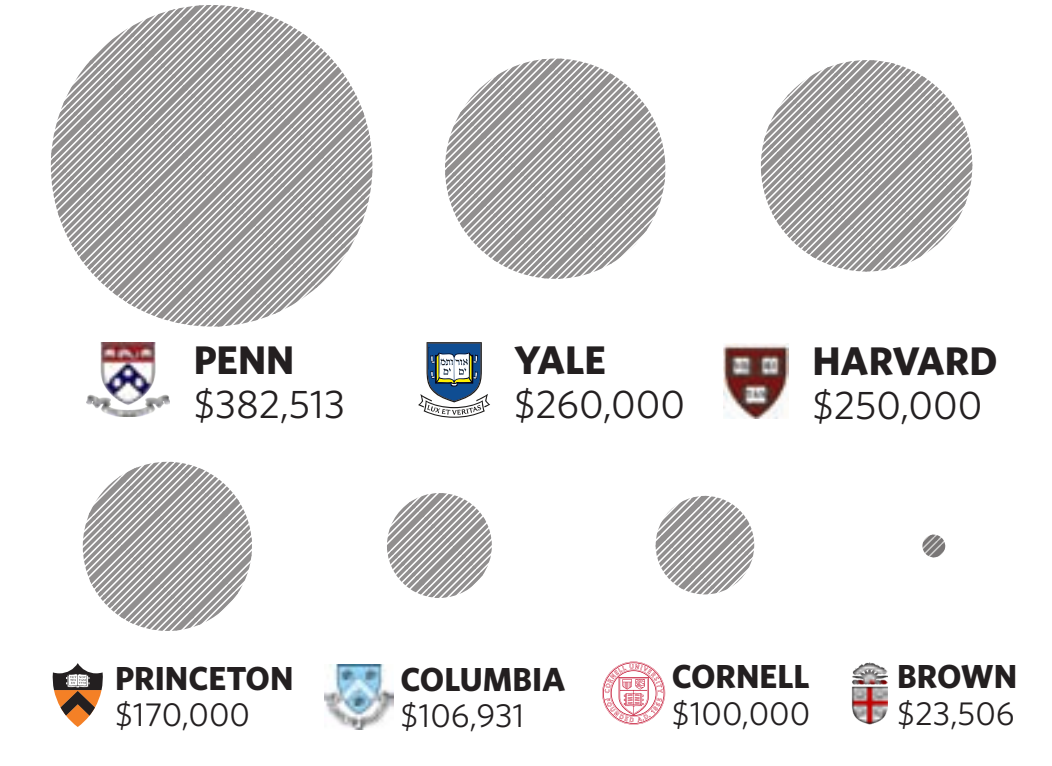
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University executive vice president for research

Griffith said that the outcomes of next week’s elections could have a dramatic effect on whether the lame-duck Congress will be able to reach an agreement to avert the cuts. In the meantime, University lobbyists have been advising politicians on the possible effects of sequestration and

LOBBYING IN THE IVY LEAGUE

Universities across the country spend thousands of dollars on lobbying each year. Below are the amounts that each Ivy League school spent on lobbying between Jan. 1 and Jun. 30 of this year. Dartmouth was the only Ivy not to spend any money on lobbying in the first two lobbying quarters of 2012.



SOURCE: CENTER FOR RESPONSIVE POLITICS / GRAPHIC BY BURHAN SANDHU

advocating broadly for “education, good science, good research,” Griffith said.

“The election may change players, so we’ve been focused on—certainly with our two congressmen—explaining the impacts, so they can use that information as they go into negotiations,” Griffith said. “And we have gone to broader venues, where again we’ve tried to explain the impacts.”

In 2011, Columbia did lobbying surrounding the Budget Control Act, better known as the debt-ceiling deal, as well as 2012 appropriations, and this year it has done lobbying surrounding the 2013 fiscal year appropriations.

Columbia also receives lobbying help from organizations like the Association of American Universities. AAU, which is composed of 61 research universities in the U.S. and Canada, advocates on issues including education, innovation and competitiveness, the humanities, science and security, and intellectual property, according to its website.

“We go through them or we utilize their research,” said Eric

Kuo, project coordinator for Government and Community Affairs. “They give us a lot of feedback on what they’re hearing and what they think is useful.”

THINKING LOCAL

The University also engages in advocacy at the city and state levels. Its local lobbying is focused on health policies relevant to CUMC, funding for programs such as the Small Business Innovation Research program, and land use.

This year, Columbia has lobbied on local issues including medical research funding, scholarships and loan forgiveness, public health disaster preparedness, and renovations to the 168th Street subway station.

Much of Columbia’s political involvement with the surrounding neighborhoods relates to its Manhattanville expansion and the Community Benefits Agreement that administrators signed in 2009, in which they agreed to contribute \$76 million to community housing, employment, and education programs. The West Harlem Local Development Corporation,

which is responsible for distributing that money, has been of particular interest to Griffith’s office, she said.

In addition to specific policy issues, the University’s interactions with local politicians and community leaders often revolve around the “nuts and bolts,” Griffith said. She described local relationship as “much more intimate” than relationships at the federal level.

Kuo said, “Since they represent smaller districts right next to us, they hear a lot day to day from their constituents that live close by about students, about move-in day, about, you know, Commencement.”

“There’s sort of a continuum of effort at the city level,” Griffith said. “The line between government and community is really blurred a bit, because the local elected officials are very concerned about grassroots community issues. So we work closely with them.”

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Excitement lies in 2013, primaries

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CITY COUNCIL, DISTRICT 6

The candidates for the Upper West Side City Council seat is more clearly defined, with five officially declared candidates: Democratic district leader Marc Landis, former Community Board 7 chairs Mel Wymore and Helen Rosenthal, businessman Ken Biberaj, and Democratic State Committeewoman Debra Cooper.

Council member Gale Brewer, who, like Jackson, is term-limited and running for borough president, currently holds the seat.

Landis’ political history and communities ties have led several politicians to consider him the frontrunner. The attorney said education and affordable housing are among the biggest concerns of his campaign.

Wymore chaired CB7 until 2011 and shares similar concerns, along with a focus on environmental sustainability. If elected, Wymore would be the first transgender member of City Council.

In addition to her time on CB7, Rosenthal has experience managing the health care budgets of the city’s hospitals for the Office of Management and Budget and currently oversees a website that helps parents get jobs. The unemployment rate, she said, is one of her chief concerns.

Committeewoman Cooper said that her strengths are her progressive vision, which she has demonstrated through resolutions she has written on the State Committee, and electoral experience in state politics.

A newcomer to the political scene, Biberaj is the vice president of the Russian Tea Room restaurant.

As more campaigning gets off the ground in 2013, the two contests will continue to play out through Election Day next November.

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THE COLLEGE YEARS

BY JILLIAN KUMAGAI AND GINA LEE
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BARACK OBAMA
Columbia University
New York, NY
Years attended: 1981-1983
Transferred from Occidental College



MITT ROMNEY
Brigham Young University
Provo, UT
Years attended: 1969-1971
Transferred from Stanford University

ACTIVISM

Little is known about Obama’s activism in his years as a Columbia College student. At least one relic remains: an article he wrote in his senior year for campus news magazine The Sundial. In the article, he praised two anti-war student groups and wrote that the rise of the Green Party in the U.S. and Europe was “an invitation to work towards a peace that is genuine, lasting, and non-nuclear.”

ACADEMICS

Obama majored in political science with a concentration in international relations. Students were not required to write theses at the time, but he wrote a seminar paper his senior year about Soviet disarmament. In his autobiography, “Dreams from My Father,” he wrote that he “spent a lot of time in the library” and lived “like a monk.”

LIVING CONDITIONS

Obama lived in an apartment on West 109th Street, between Amsterdam and Columbus avenues, his junior year. His roommate, Phil Boerner, CC ’84, told Columbia College Today in 2009 that the apartment was in a “so-so” neighborhood, and that they didn’t have a television, working doorbell, or functional heating unit. Obama lived on East 94th Street during his senior year.

EXTRACURRICULARS

Obama told journalist Maureen Dowd that he briefly sold subscriptions to The New York Times during college. But it does not appear that he had any significant involvement in student groups, preferring to spend his time studying in Butler Library or eating meals with his roommate at Tom’s Restaurant at Broadway and 112th Street.

THE ALUMNUS YEARS

Obama rarely mentions his time at Columbia, which has led to false rumors that he never attended school here. Despite an invitation from students to speak at Columbia College Class Day in 2011, Obama has only appeared on campus as president once, as the speaker at Barnard Commencement earlier this year. His decision to do so angered some Columbia College students and forced General Studies Class Day to be rescheduled. Tax records from 2009 show that Obama donated \$1,000 to Columbia.

ACTIVISM

During Romney’s time at BYU, two issues divided the overwhelmingly conservative campus: the Vietnam War and the ban on blacks in the Mormon priesthood. Romney focused on his role in the church and on being a young father, rather than join in these protests. At Stanford, though, he had been known for his pro-war stance on Vietnam, and he joined a counter-protest against the occupation of the university president’s office.

ACADEMICS

Romney majored in English, receiving an “A” in his World Classics 1 class, according to the Washington Post. His professor for the class encouraged students to draw connections between the Odyssey and the revelations of Mormon scripture. Romney was later named valedictorian of his graduating class at BYU.

LIVING CONDITIONS

After Romney married Ann Davies in March 1969, they moved into a basement apartment that they rented for \$62, according to the Washington Post. Despite Romney’s wealthy background, the apartment had only two rooms, a tiny kitchen, and a small bathroom. When their son Tagg was born a year later, he slept at the foot of their bed.

EXTRACURRICULARS

Romney was president of the Cougar Club, a university booster club that he has referred to as BYU’s version of a fraternity. As president, he set a goal of raising \$100,000, which he achieved by working directly with administrators and holding phone banks. He was active in church activities, was a member of the the University Honors Program, and went to campus football and basketball games.

THE ALUMNUS YEARS

Romney returned to BYU in October 1997 to give a lecture called, “Defying the Experts: How to Win in the Games of Life.” At the event, he received membership in the prestigious honor society Phi Kappa Phi. According to Forbes Magazine, Romney has stated on multiple occasions that he donated his entire inheritance from his father to the BYU Marriott School of Management’s Institute of Public Management.

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Exhibition: The People in the Books: Judaica Manuscripts at Columbia University Libraries
Butler Library, Morningside campus
For more info, call (212) 854-7309 or visit <http://alumni-friends.library.columbia.edu>.

Friday, November 2

Opera: Alcina
8:00 p.m.
James Chapel, Union Theological Seminary, 3041 Broadway at 121st Street
The Opera Company of Brooklyn and the Barnard music program perform Handel's tale of the heroic knight, Ruggiero, and his true love, Bradamante, who frees him from the bewitching spell of the sorceress Alcina. Tickets \$10; \$5 with CUID. For more info, call (212) 854-5096 or visit www.barnard.edu/events.

 **Stargazing and Lecture: Martian Summer**
7:00 p.m.
301 Pupin, Morningside campus
Speaker: Andrew Kessler, Columbia University. Lecture will be followed by stargazing with telescopes, weather-permitting. For directions, weather and more info, visit <http://outreach.astro.columbia.edu>.

Saturday, November 3

Jazz: Rudresh Mahanthappa's Indo-Pak Coalition
8:00 p.m.
Miller Theatre, Morningside campus
Drawing inspiration from the musical traditions of India and the African American roots of jazz, Mahanthappa creates something entirely new with guitarist Rez Abbasi and tabla expert Dan Weiss. Tickets \$25-\$30. For more info, call (212) 854-7799 or visit www.millertheatre.com/events.

 **Concert: Monteverdi's Madrigals of Love and War**
7:00 p.m.
The Italian Academy, 1161 Amsterdam Ave., Morningside campus
Performance by TENET. Tickets start at \$20. For more info, call (212) 854-2306 or visit www.italianacademy.columbia.edu/events.

Wednesday, November 7

 **Film Screening and Panel: Ntozake Shange**
6:00 p.m.
Julius S. Held Auditorium, Barnard Hall, Barnard campus
Shange is best known for her Obie Award-winning play *For Colored Girls Who Have Considered Suicide When the Rainbow Is Enuf*. Following the screening of Tyler Perry's 2010 film version of the play, Soyica Diggs Colbert, assistant professor of English, Dartmouth College, will join Monica Miller, associate professor of English, Barnard, in conversation. For more info, call (212) 854-6146 or email kmclean@barnard.edu.


Wednesday, November 7

Corporations Are People Too: The Strange History of Corporations and the 14th Amendment
6:30 p.m.
523 Butler Library, Morningside campus
Speaker: Naomi R. Lamoreaux, professor of economics, Yale University. For more info, call (212) 854-7309 or visit <http://alumni-friends.library.columbia.edu>.

Monday, November 12

Exhibition Opening: Paolo Ventura, Photographs
6:00 p.m.
The Italian Academy, 1161 Amsterdam Ave., Morningside campus
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Teatro, The Italian Academy, 1161 Amsterdam Ave., Morningside campus
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Balancing the political dialogue

BY IMAN NANJI

As a representative of the Columbia Political Union, the only nonpartisan political organization on campus, I will not be endorsing a candidate in this op-ed. Rather, I will discuss the state of political engagement at Columbia and encourage increased political involvement in the crucial days before the election.

CPU was first established during President George W. Bush's administration around 2001, during a time of heightened tensions between Republicans and Democrats in the United States and on campus. To this day, it has continued to mediate relationships between various political organizations at Columbia and encourage informed debate about political issues through events that bring the campus together, especially during the presidential campaign.

We believe that it is important for all students to have a forum express their political opinion whether or not it is the majority view on campus. Columbia's student body is overwhelmingly liberal, a political inclination that holds true during this presidential election. However, there has been a sense of disillusionment with the last four years and both liberals and conservatives are voicing their concerns with the status quo. In the past semester, CPU has hosted debate watch parties with the other political groups on campus that students attended in large numbers. Although students jeered at comments made by both candidates at these parties, voices in support for Obama usually drowned out any pro-Romney voices. The debates between the Columbia University College Republicans and the College Democrats have been very evenly attended but the liberal voice has been much louder in the general student body. This is a problem, as it creates an inherent bias for new Columbia students who may not have very formed political opinions. If the liberal voices on campus are more involved on campus and in political events on campus then they will continue to overpower any conservative opinions. Although the majority of students at Columbia are liberal, this should not result in a political tyranny of the majority. The political culture on campus should always be enhanced by debate from all sides—and both liberals and conservatives should understand and value this.

While political objectivity is extremely difficult to achieve, it is of the utmost importance in the current political climate.

Media saturation is at an all-time high and the campaign is as feisty as ever. With so many different strong opinions influencing the political climate of the day, it is each individual's responsibility to sift through the available information and form his or her own opinions about each candidate. With partisan politics preventing any significant action in Washington, the climate in America is tense and polarized. Given this, it is both much harder and more important to take action and engage with the political sources available and vote on the issues—not the party. While political objectivity is extremely difficult to achieve, it is of the utmost importance in the current political climate. The responsibility to be politically informed holds true whether or not you can vote in this presidential election, because the leader who is elected has the power to change the world we live in.

Those who are eligible to vote must take the privilege of voting very seriously. It is upsetting to meet people around campus who have not taken the time to inform themselves about the candidates and their policies. However, it is more upsetting to meet students who have decided that voting is not a priority. When people try to make the case that they would rather not vote because they do not like either candidate they are leaving the decision up to others and giving up the right that they should hold most dear as Americans.

We hope students will not forget the importance of open debate on campus and the need for active engagement—the policies and the Supreme Court appointments that will be put into place over the next four years will without a doubt impact our lives and the role and image of our United States around the world.

The author is a Columbia College senior majoring in Middle Eastern, South Asian, and African studies. She is the director of operations for the Columbia Political Union. This op-ed was written on behalf of the Columbia Political Union.

Confirmation bias at work

A Google search of “Romney uterus” returns 621,000 results. Here's why, regardless of your political affiliation and how your uterus is feeling at this moment and whether or not you have one, you should care.

There is a slew of conceivable reasons why one might enter the above search term, some more likely than others. An undecided, fact-finding voter might possess the desire to ascertain, through a muddled haze of opinions, just what the presidential hopeful thinks about the government's regulation of lady parts. The lazier and perhaps more typical virtual voter, however, has likely invoked the Google gurus to help him mine the seemingly endless field of opinions in order to find a perspective, neatly prepackaged and published, that best matches his own.

This process of seeking out evidence that supports pre-existing beliefs and ignoring discrediting evidence is called confirmation bias. It's a flaw in the generally sound paradigms of human judgment and decision-making, a tendency evident in countless everyday situations.

We allow confirmation bias to guide our behavior in part because it makes us feel better. We like things more after we spend money on them. If told that Sally is an incredibly smart woman, we ignore the fact that she miscalculated that expense report and focus instead on her intelligent-sounding comment in the morning meeting. In short, it's much easier to adapt new information to our preexisting mental frameworks than to begin the slow and painful process of altering the frameworks themselves.

Yes, you may be thinking, confirmation bias; I also took an introductory science course once upon a time. But online media—social networking tools in particular—have enhanced our propensity to fall victim to confirmation bias, and the way we've engaged with politics this election season reflects a heightened impact of cognitive biases taken online.

While confirmation bias has been at play since long before the 2004 election, it was the subsequent presidential race that first felt the impact of online social networking, and the 24-hour news cycle is at the forefront of the election this fall. In case you live #UnderARock, Twitter has been particularly influential as a means of up-to-the-second media coverage, often surging during important events like the debates.

While undoubtedly important in spreading political awareness and encouraging voters, new forms of online media have allowed us to become lazier and settle more comfortably into our beliefs. Some of the search results for “Romney uterus” include blog posts with catastrophizing headlines like “GOP Platform: liberty ends where your uterus begins” and “Warning Ladies: Mitt Romney is Coming to Control Your Uterus.” But they also comprise links to established news outlets like HuffPo and the Daily Show—and it's these articles that a young liberal like myself hungrily retweets and posts on Facebook.



CAITLIN BROWN

Pick My Brain

Indeed, the search term “Romney uterus” comes from my personal Google records, and it resulted in a tweet with a link to something about what a Paul Ryan vice-presidency would mean for women (Disaster! Start running to Canada NOW!). I'm not particularly proud of it, or of its place on my search history between “peanut butter art” and “cat years to human years.” It is, however, an apt example of how easy it is to seek out confirming evidence online: I felt that a Romney presidency would threaten certain rights I enjoy as a female citizen; I envisioned a terrified cartoon uterus fleeing his grasp; I searched and found, in an instant, “legitimate” opinions in line with and more eloquently phrased than my own. I posted a link to my Twitter, and it became part of the string of similarly politicized tidbits that shape, and reaffirm for myself and others, the nature of my identity and self-presentation.

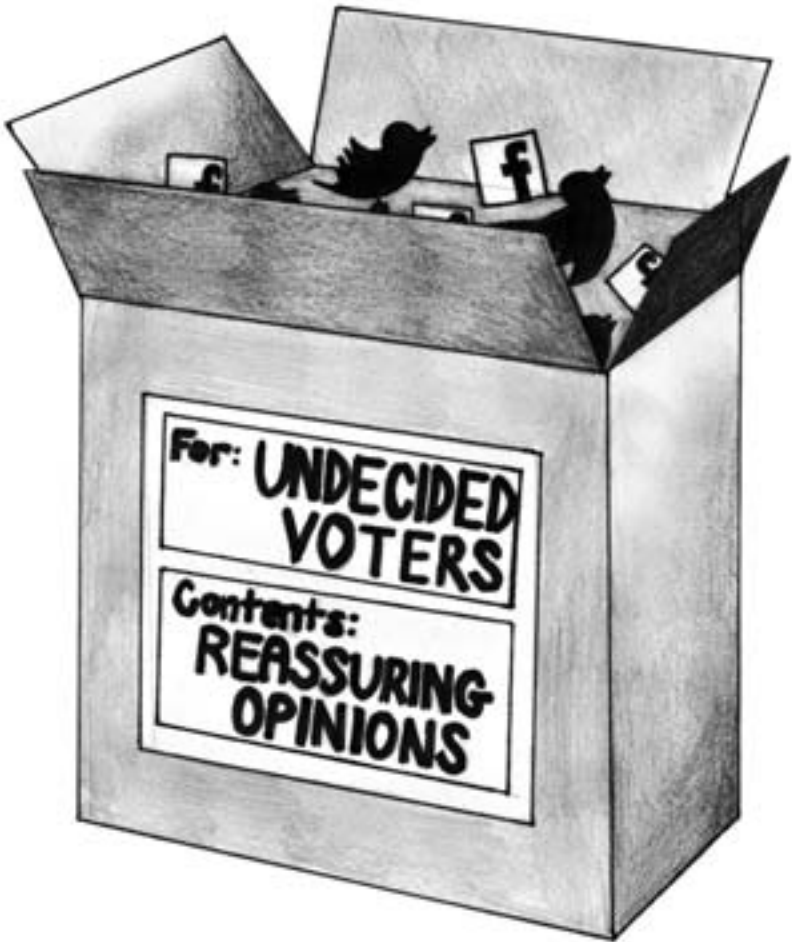
What's more, Google knows that I have selected these particular items from its robust “Romney uterus” offerings, and the next time I set out to peruse the online political arena, it will return results more in tune with the liberal propaganda that I like. Gmail and Facebook will shape their ads around my searches. And there's no denying, of course, the more basic factor that media outlets themselves have become highly polarized in recent years. Why tune in to just the facts when we can watch figures like Jon Stewart and Bill O'Reilly—i.e., more instances of “prepackaged” opinions—dish out their views on politics and, often, one another?

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In other words, the chances of me reading or hearing information that could potentially change my mind about my political beliefs become slimmer and slimmer, and I feel as though my ideas have been legitimized and affirmed. This is confirmation bias at work, aided by new media. This is one reason questions like, “Does this debate really matter?” are answered with an increasingly vociferous “No.”

One place, however, where we are challenged to reconsider our ideas and preconceptions is the classroom. Academia, though admittedly plagued with its own forms of self-indulgence, generally encourages critical thought. Students are forced to contemplate, dissect and analyze ideas that radically differ from their own. It is here, perhaps, that we are most likely to resist confirmation bias and learn to think for and beyond ourselves. And this is ever the more reason for all 8,000 of us to get ourselves to a voting booth next Tuesday.

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ILANA SCHULDER

Financial malaise

I was beginning to think that all of the so-called “lotteries” for meals with various administrators were a sham until finally, five semesters into my Columbia experience, I received an email informing me that I had won a chance to “Dine with Deantini.” I went mostly for the free food (Milano, not too shabby).

Most of the lunch went according to plan, with students sharing the typical grievances of the lack of public space and the strangling of bureaucratic red tape. Inevitably, Dean Valentini asked about student stress at Columbia, citing his theory that as hyper-motivated, hyper-capable students in the double pressure-cooker of New York City and the University, we overexert ourselves on too many extracurriculars or internships, double major, and take too many credits each semester.

Eventually, a student replied with an answer that I felt was nuanced compared to the usual Columbia complaints. He said that he was driven to stress not because of his course load, or because of living in NYC, but because of the financial pressures of school.

Obviously, this is not the first time someone has brought up the issue of the insane cost of college, but this student said that the reason he feels the pressure to take seven or eight classes a semester isn't because everyone around him is doing so. Instead, the pressure arises from the amount of money his parents are paying for him to attend college—the only way he doesn't feel guilty about draining his parents' bank account is to maximize his experience.

The plight of the middle class has been central to the discourse of this presidential campaign, where economic issues are taking the front seat, and it's important to put it in the context of Columbia and tuition. Our financial



LEO SCHWARTZ

Rationalizing the Irrational

aid system, while fantastic, is still flawed—those from low socioeconomic backgrounds have their tuitions covered (and rightfully so), those from high socioeconomic backgrounds think of the cost of college as an inconvenience, if that, but those in the middle are the ones who are really hit, whether they get partial financial aid or are right on that border where they receive none at all.

The price of college is often discussed, but mostly accepted as unchangeable.

The price of college is often discussed, but mostly accepted as unchangeable, as people largely view it as an inelastic cost—college is a given for most Americans over a certain socioeconomic threshold. Even during the lunch, Valentini brushed off the issue of tuition by saying that he was distressed by the rising cost of tuition, but there was really nothing he could do about it, save for trying to prevent it from increasing even more.

More importantly, the financial burden and guilt of tuition for students is really never discussed as a source of stress outside of “Holy shit I'm going to be in so much debt after college LOL.”

I personally get a generous financial aid package, but my parents are still paying a huge percentage of their income in tuition so that I don't have to be in debt after college. I certainly don't feel compelled to take seven or eight classes a semester, but the burden manifests itself in other forms.

I've held at least two jobs at a time since freshman year, but I see them as more of an opportunity cost than a burden. The real stress for me is more existential. I am constantly aware of the absurd amount of money being burned through every minute I spend here, every time I decide to skip class, every second I feel that I'm not being productive or doing something to warrant what my

experience costs. It's really hard to view college from an ends-justify-the-means perspective, knowing that all that really matters is my diploma. That would mean I have to find a job that lives up to a Columbia diploma, an idea that is both elitist and unappealing considering how people conceive of that type of job. I find myself constantly questioning the worth of my experience and mostly coming to conclusions about the absurdity of academics and the American college system in general, which just makes me feel more stressed.

Even worse, people in massive amounts of debt from college are immediately prisoners to that debt, which is why I see so many of my friends pursuing jobs they would otherwise find repulsive. Debt is a fetter that prevents people from pursuing true happiness as we're taught it should be in our canonized Core—instead, we live in a society where happiness is first and foremost defined by money.

Obviously, there is no real solution to lessening the burden of tuition. To prevent making this an entirely futile column, though, I will point to the impending election and the editorial board's recent staff editorial endorsing Obama (“Barack Obama for President,” Oct. 16). Particularly relevant was the section on making college more affordable. Although I have more problems with Obama than the average leftist, I can thank him for preserving vital programs like federal work-study, which would be much more precarious under Romney. Obama certainly acknowledges that financial realities can be a serious handicap for some people, and that it's the role of the government to alleviate the burdens that Romney seems to be blind to.

The criminal cost of college is not a given, and further steps can be made for the people for whom tuition is a real burden. We need to stop taking tuition as a given, and we need to stop ignoring the stress that tuition creates for countless students trying to make it through college.

Leo Schwartz is a Columbia College junior majoring in political science and Latin American studies. Rationalizing the Irrational runs on alternate Thursdays.

I endorse...

Around the world: Romney and Obama

BY CHRIS SZABLEWSKI

This November, Americans will head to the polls with a clear choice between two men whose positions have been discussed and debated for months. The Columbia International Relations Council and Association Executive Board would like to note, with some dismay, that many of the most heavily publicized issues of this election have focused on the domestic sphere, while less time has been devoted to pressing international concerns that could have profound impacts on both the United States and the global community. Students should keep in mind that CIRCA is a large and diverse body whose many members hold their own views and that this analysis by no means represents the positions or beliefs held by every member of CIRCA as a whole but is instead aimed at framing the issues facing voters this year in terms of the ideals of the organization.

Romney: Change we can believe in

BY JOHN KENNEY

As college students, we have a unique perspective as to which issues should be considered the most important during this election. The next president will need to improve the job market graduates will be facing. However, he will also need to tackle the debt crisis that threatens the future security of this country's young adults. We, the Columbia University College Republicans, endorse Mitt Romney for president because he is the candidate best able to help our generation solve such problems over the next four years, as well as the next 40.

America needs a change in leadership.

In the short term, Mitt Romney's economic policies are more likely to stimulate the American economy than those of President Obama. The current administration's constant conflation of those individuals making over \$250,000 with "millionaires and billionaires" is not only a factually inaccurate political ploy, but it is also a policy which would cripple thousands of small businesses across this country that file under the individual tax code. At a time when so many Americans are unemployed or underemployed, the executive branch should be encouraging growth, not impeding it. Given our fragile economic status, Mr. Romney's pledge to avoid increasing tax rates, combined with his record of cutting taxes while governor of Massachusetts, makes him a superior candidate.

It's not only those with incomes over \$250,000 whom President Obama will raise taxes on. The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act—otherwise known as Obamacare—contains a bevy of taxes which could directly affect every individual making over \$9,500, with a 2.5 percent tax on personal income for failing to purchase health insurance standing as the most onerous effect. Obamacare also carries an "employer mandate" which taxes every business with over 50 employees that doesn't offer health care benefits up to \$2000 per employee, incentivizing businesses with under 50 employees not to hire. While there are also some welcome changes in the plan, the foundation of the reform is untenable. Mitt Romney's pledge to support a repeal of Obamacare would help middle-class families avoid simultaneous increased taxes and increased costs, while encouraging small businesses to continue adding new employees.

What our generation needs to realize is that the biggest problem with Obamacare, like Medicare and Medicaid, is that federal entitlement programs tend to increase the deficit at a completely unsustainable rate. We believe Obamacare is no different. Likewise, while the Democratic ticket has been quick to vilify Paul Ryan's plan for reforming Medicare benefits for those who are currently 55 and younger, they have put forth no plan of their own which recognizes the urgency of reforming these programs to curtail costs. The hard truth is this: Our generation will pay more into Medicare than we will receive back in benefits. While our government needs to fulfill its promises to those about to hit retirement, our debt crisis requires that younger Americans begin planning for a different future. The Republican ticket should be commended for recognizing that Medicare needs to be reformed if any benefits are to remain by the time we retire.

When surveying the vast array of problems facing America, we find it clear that Mitt Romney is the candidate best equipped to help take on these issues. President Obama wants to raise taxes on small businesses. On the other hand, Mr. Romney, as a successful businessman, understands the conditions businesses need to thrive. President Obama opposed the creation of the Keystone Pipeline, a project which would have created thousands of new energy jobs across the country. Mr. Romney favors an all-of-the-above approach, where government supports green energy as well as traditional energy sources. He has been the candidate most dedicated to preserving our fundamental rights, displaying a commitment to the dignity of life, demonstrating support for freedom of religion, and seeking to limit the size and role of government.

While Columbia may be rightfully proud that a graduate of this institution attained the highest office of our country, the past four years have demonstrated that America needs a change in leadership. Because he is the candidate best able to secure this country's future liberty and prosperity, we endorse Mitt Romney.

The author is a Columbia College senior majoring in philosophy. He is the director of public relations for Columbia University College Republicans. This op-ed is written on behalf of CUCR.

On Nov. 6, eligible voters will decide who our next president will be. For this special issue, Spectator's opinion section reached out to select Columbia student organizations, providing each the opportunity to respond to our prompt: "Which presidential candidate do you endorse?"

Our board finds the movement toward multilateralism under the Obama administration to be a refreshing change from the unilateral actions undertaken by the Bush administration, and hails the intervention in Libya as an excellent example. The board has been heartened to see what can be accomplished when the U.S. works through the defined channels of the United Nations Security Council in order to undertake a sanctioned mission. While the tragic attacks on the U.S. Consulate in Benghazi illustrate the continuing issues of an unstable nation, it seems clear that the intervention has overall been a net positive.

Nevertheless, being in an organization that believes in the importance of international discourse under the auspices of U.N. authority, the board is troubled by actions taken by the Obama administration, which run contrary to many of the principles enshrined by the Charter of the United Nations. Notable among these actions are the refusal to grant civilian trials to suspected terrorists, the continuation of drone strikes in the sovereign territory of Pakistan that flouts the foundational ideal of state sovereignty, and the continuation of indefinite detention of prisoners without due process at Guantanamo Bay. While the board looks favorably upon the increase in multilateralism overall,

there are grave inconsistencies between the rhetoric and the facts concerning America's actions abroad.

Upon examining several of Governor Romney's statements on various global affairs, the board is troubled by some of the governor's statements as well, seeing apparent shifts in his stances between the primaries and the general election. His proclamation that Russia was the United States' number one geopolitical foe during the primary presents a clear example of the reasons behind this board's issue with Governor Romney's foreign policy outlook. It is counterproductive to the goals of greater international cooperation and shared responsibility, especially considering both Russia's charged mutual history vis-à-vis the U.S. and its permanent position on the United Nations Security Council. Furthermore, Governor Romney's past statements regarding Iran and the Middle East as a whole are overly militaristic and have the propensity to doom any possibility of a diplomatic settlement regarding nuclear proliferation, even though he appears to have pivoted toward a more moderate approach in the past several weeks. While the board is not naive in its views on the international system, it feels that any recourse to military force must come only after all other possible diplomatic alternatives have been exhausted.



We stand with Obama

BY AUSTIN HEYROTH

As Bill Clinton said during his speech at the Democratic National Convention, President Obama is "a man who stopped the slide into depression and put us on the long road to recovery." He is a president who has consistently stood up for the rights of ordinary Americans throughout his first term, and therefore, the Columbia University College Democrats are proud to endorse the president for a second term.

To begin, Obama has advanced reproductive rights and gender equality. The first piece of legislation that the president signed was the Lilly Ledbetter Act, which makes it easier for women to fight back against pay discrimination, a law that Mitt Romney refused to say he would have supported at the time it was passed. Obama also strongly supports a woman's right to choose, and has worked to protect Roe v. Wade by appointing two open-minded justices who have already stood up for women's rights on a number of other issues.

Moreover, the President's health care reforms ban gender discrimination and ensure that women have access to basic preventative services like pap smears, STI screenings, and mammograms without a co-pay. As of recently, the reforms will now ensure that the cost of contraception is fully covered by insurance plans, which means that women get to decide when and if they want to get pregnant.

In terms of LGBT rights, in less than four years in office President Obama has done more to expand and support the gay community than any other president in American history. He repealed the military's "don't ask, don't tell" policy, which barred openly gay men and women from serving in the military. He passed the Matthew Sheppard Act, which extends federal law to cover hate crimes based on sexual orientation. The President's Affordable Care Act also bans discrimination against transgender people in the health care system. Notably, Obama has appointed more openly gay and lesbian officials to office than any other president, and he not only refused to defend the discriminatory Defense of Marriage Act in court (contributing to a string of federal court rulings against it) but is also the first sitting president to endorse marriage equality. These policies collectively represent the most forceful advocacy for the rights of LGBT Americans we have ever seen from

the executive branch.

Moving back to health care, ACA is the most significant reform of the health care system since the creation of Medicare. Over 3 million young people now have coverage through a provision that allows them to stay on their parents' health care plans until they're 26, not to mention approximately 30 million Americans will receive coverage through the law. ACA also bans lifetime caps that were used to kick people off their insurance once they got sick, and bans discrimination based on preexisting conditions.

For college students, there is no doubt Obama is the candidate that help them the most. The president knows what it's like to struggle with student loan debt—he and Michelle had a combined debt of nearly \$120,000 when they were first married. More importantly, he understands that "higher education cannot be a luxury reserved just for a privileged few." To back up this commitment he doubled the money available for Federal Pell Grants, raised the maximum amount available to students, and set up a new education tax credit that can save students and their families up to \$10,000 over four years.

So far, the president's efforts have been phenomenal—but there's still more to do.

Through Obama's new "Pay As You Earn" policy, student loan payments would be capped based on income. To promote transparency, his campaign created an education calculator that allows students to see exactly what they would pay under his plan.

So far, the president's efforts have been phenomenal—but there's still more to do, and we need to protect the accomplishments we've already made. This isn't just a list of achievements—each of these policies and reforms represent millions of American lives that have been improved and fundamental rights that were protected. By now it's a cliché, but there is a major choice to be made in this election. We have the chance to stand up for major improvements in our lives things like universal access to health care, education, and the right of all people to marry the person they love. It's time to keep moving forward, and the Columbia Democrats are proud to stand with the president again.

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Finally, no discussion of the American foreign policy of the 21st century is complete without a discussion of the growing power of China globally. Thus far, neither candidate has satisfactorily crafted a policy which allows for a stable cooperative relationship with the rising power. Instead, both say they will "get tough on China" through actions such as labeling the country a currency manipulator and speaking in overly martial and simplistic terms regarding China's rise. Continued use of the question of China as a political football has the potential to spark a trade war in the short term and a bitter rivalry in the long term.

The board will reserve judgment on the question of who would best hold the presidency in the coming four years. It seeks instead to provoke readers to contemplate the very real questions of foreign policy and come to the decision on which candidate is best able to tackle these questions on their own.

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The libertarian predicament

BY MARIA GIMÉNEZ CAVALLO

During the primaries, many of the members in the Columbia University Libertarians were unified in support of Congressman Ron Paul. Now it seems that our libertarian front has become divided. Even though Dr. Paul has said that this is only the beginning of the intellectual revolution to restore our civil liberties in the United States and that there is much work to be done in the future, many of us feel dismayed at voting in the upcoming presidential election. Upon the request for a presidential endorsement from the Spectator, we found ourselves at odds and we therefore feel the need to explain our libertarian predicament in this op-ed.

Despite identifying under the same political party, many of our organization's members have opposing views on the main party candidates. Some of our members claim that it would be better to vote for the lesser evil of the establishment candidates, either stating that Obama seems worse because they believe that his welfare plans might reduce the middle class and make people dependent on handouts, or rather that Romney may be more of a threat on a global scale—after all, he has shown himself to have no qualms about bombing Iran, and has called Russia the U.S.' "number one" geopolitical enemy.

The fact that the Libertarian Party is finally getting recognition is exciting.

However, many of us CU Libertarians won't be able to hold our noses and accept the system, deducing that neither Obama nor Romney have a concrete plan to lower our \$16 trillion debt. We fear that they would engage in "crony capitalism" and that their policies might be dictated by Wall Street—and according to an NPR article this year ("Romney's 'Crony Capitalism' Charge May Ring True for Leaders of Both Parties," July 18), there are not unreasonable fears at all. Besides just the economy, the CU Libertarians are also concerned about Obama and Romney's mutual support for the National Defense Authorization Act, the crippling sanctions on Iran, and the drone strikes in Pakistan that have killed many civilians.

With all these concerns in mind, some of us will abstain from voting this year as a protest against the two-party system and follow Lew Rockwell, whose 2008 article "The Only Choice on November 4th" makes clear his refusal to give consent to the government and states that choosing not to vote "is one of the few rights we have left." These non-voters may argue that they haven't signed a social contract, and therefore they should reclaim their individual sovereignty by withholding their consent to be ruled by this government system.

But for those of us who wish to exercise our freedom of speech through a vote, the fact that the Libertarian Party is finally getting recognition, however small, is exciting. Candidate Gary Johnson may only have been allowed into the third-party debates, but he will be on the ballot in 47 states. Johnson does have many libertarian policies, even though he is sometimes criticized for holding establishment positions, especially regarding military interventionism. Many of us realize, however, that to unify under the Libertarian Party would be to break into the system and be further recognized as a relevant entity in political discussion.

Still yet, some of us feel slighted when we hear that any of our members would even consider these options. Many of us who joined the group after discovering Ron Paul and feel that it would not make sense to vote for anyone besides him. Unfortunately, there is no hope that he would win since the end of his active campaigning in May. However, this will not stop some libertarians who will vote according to their conscience from writing him in. Ron Paul himself has not publicly endorsed anyone and has rather let his supporters choose their own options.

In effect, the CU Libertarians will not endorse any candidate. We do not think this is the most important election of our generation. But it certainly is the scariest. Because we liberty-minded citizens have already lost this battle. The hope which remains is that we will be able to win the war. As Dr. Paul reminded us at the end of his previous campaign, "Elections are short-term efforts. Revolutions are long-term projects."

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On higher ed, Obama may have edge

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presidential and congressio-nal elections could have seri-ous repercussions for Columbia and other institutions of higher education.

On issues like federal financial aid, research funding, and affirma-tive action, experts say that it's un-clear how much of a difference there would be between President Barack Obama, CC '83—who has generally been regarded as a friend to universities—and former Massachusetts Governor Mitt Romney. But University President Lee Bollinger, alone among ad-ministrators interviewed for this story, was more than willing to say what he thinks.

Bollinger's take? Advantage, Obama.

"I think on funding for re-search, it may be comparable, but I would give the slight edge to the Obama people on that. With respect to student loans and the like, I think the Obama admin-istration would be much more positive," he said. "There's no question that an Obama admin-istration would be more support-ive" of affirmative action.

With five days until the elec-tion, Spectator takes a look at how the candidates, and the two parties, differ on those issues.

STUDENT LOANS

When it comes to helping stu-dents pay for college, Obama has a strong record in his first term in office.

The stimulus bill he signed in early 2009 increased the maxi-mum federal Pell Grant from \$4,850 to \$5,350 per semester, an amount that rose to \$5,550 in the 2010-11 budget. According to U.S. News & World Report, 29 percent of Columbia undergraduates re-ceive Pell Grants, by far the high-est proportion of any private re-search university.

Obama has also taken steps to simplify the process of applying for federal loans, as well as chang-ing the way that Stafford Loans are administered. Before he took office, some Stafford Loans were made through private banks, but others were made directly by the government, a cut-out-the-middleman program started by President Bill Clinton and contin-ued by President George W. Bush.

Obama, though, decided to abandon the bank program, in which the federal government had essentially paid banks to ad-minister loans, promising to pay the banks back if a student de-faulted. Teachers College profes-sor Judith Scott-Clayton, an ex-pert on financial aid policy, called Obama's decision "a hugely ben-eficial change," both for students and for the government.

"It was very hard to justify why banks were getting this gen-erous subsidy when they didn't have to bear the risk of the loans," Scott-Clayton said, adding that the government used some of the savings to pay for the increased Pell Grant maximum.

Romney and his running mate, Wisconsin congressman Paul Ryan, have both taken de-cidedly less generous stances to-ward federal financial aid fund-ing. Romney has been critical of student loan forgiveness—a cause Obama has championed through an income-based repayment pro-gram, in which college graduates are allowed to repay loans at 10 percent of their income per year, with any remaining debt forgiven after 20 years.

Romney's education policy pa-per, meanwhile, indicates that he could cut Pell Grant funding, say-ing that he will "refocus Pell Grant dollars on the students that need them most and place the program on a responsible long-term path that avoids future funding cliffs." And Ryan's signature "Path to Prosperity" budget plan—which the House of Representatives passed last year—criticizes the Obama administration for in-creasing Pell Grant funding "to-ward unsustainable rates."

Ultimately, Scott-Clayton said, the political debate over federal financial aid needs to move past the question of "more or less?" Policy experts, she said, have been working "to think of new ideas to make these pro-grams more effective," partly out of a fear that they are inefficient and that current funding levels are not sustainable. She noted that some discussions have fo-cused on finding a "better way to target" Pell Grants, possibly by factoring family income into a student's maximum grant.

"We may want to keep the

maximum for students who are really low income, but we may want to say, 'Lower the grants to families who are getting, say, \$40,000 to \$60,000 in income,'" Scott-Clayton said. "We may want to limit grants for those more mid-dle-income families. Right now, there's no way to do that just by changing the maximum."

Scott-Clayton declined to say whether Obama or Romney would do a better job on fed-eral financial aid, but she noted that "it's a little hard to predict" what Romney's policies would be. In the second presidential de-bate, Romney seemed to reverse course on Pell Grants funding, promising to "make sure we keep our Pell Grant program growing."

"With Obama, since we've had four years to observe, I think there's just less uncertainty. There's an expectation that there would be a continuation of their efforts to improve simplification, to think about very different as-pects of policy," Scott-Clayton said. "With Romney, I think it really is just unknown."

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION

One of the most pivotal cases that the Supreme Court will hear this term centers on affirmative action—and whether to partially overturn a 2003 decision that is Bollinger's biggest legal victory.

In Grutter v. Bollinger, decid-ed when Bollinger was president of the University of Michigan, the court held that it is constitution-al to consider race as a factor in university admissions, as long as admissions offices do not attempt to quantify the advantage given to particular minorities.

“With respect to student loans and the like, I think the Obama administration would be much more positive.”

—University President
Lee Bollinger

While affirmative action is not a focus of either candidate's cam-paign, their parties' records speak for themselves, Bollinger said. In December 2011, the Obama ad-ministration rolled back a policy from George W. Bush's presi-dency that restricted colleges' ability to factor race into admis-sions decisions. Whereas Bush emphasized "race-neutral solu-tions," the Obama policy allows schools to pay some attention to numbers when it comes to appli-cants' races.

"Ensuring that our nation's students are provided with learn-ing environments comprised of students of diverse backgrounds is not just a lofty ideal," the 2011 directive from the departments of justice and education read. "The benefits of participating in diverse learning environments flow to an individual, his or her classmates, and the community as a whole."

Quoting the Grutter ruling, the DOJ and DOE statement agreed with Bollinger that "attaining a diverse student body is at the heart of [a university's] proper institutional mission."

These changes are a step in the right direction, Bollinger said. "I was quoted at the time that I be-lieve they were extremely strong and good. You would not expect that to come out of the Romney administration," he said.

"Certainly the Bush adminis-tration was very hostile and neg-ative with respect to affirmative action," he added.

Law School professor Theodore Shaw said that the new case before the Supreme Court, Fisher v. University of Texas, could threaten the return of Bush-era policies.

Should the court overrule any part of Grutter, "I think it's go-ing to make it more difficult for institutions to enroll African-American and Latino students," Shaw, who served as lead counsel in the coalition that defended affirmative action in 2003, said. "We are talking about single-digit African-American enrollment."

Columbia already played a role in the Fisher case when, in August, it was part of a group of 14 universities, including all the Ivies, to file an amicus brief urg-ing the court to recognize the

importance of race as an admis-sion criterion.

Affirmative action supporters consider Obama's two Supreme Court appointees progressive on that front: Sonia Sotomayor has publicly acknowledged how af-firmative action policies helped a Latina like her get two Ivy League degrees, while Elena Kagan had to recuse herself from the Fisher case, likely due to her support of affirmative action when she was solicitor general.

Yet Shaw is worried that even Sotomayor's opinion won't be enough to counteract the court's conservative justices, two of whom, Chief Justice John Roberts and Justice Samuel Alito, were George W. Bush appointees.

"I am concerned because this is a different Supreme Court, and it is an even more conserva-tive court—and the Grutter court was a conservative court," he said.

RESEARCH FUNDING

According to Executive Vice President for Research G. Michael Purdy, Columbia re-ceives approximately \$500 mil-lion per year in federal funding for scientific research. The larg-est fraction of that money comes from the National Institutes of Health, followed by the National Science Foundation.

"History shows that univer-sity-based research is where the fundamental breakthroughs come through that lead to new technologies and major economic growth," Purdy said.

During his first term, Obama has often advocated for increased funding for scientific research, and his stimulus package pro-vided \$7.6 billion for research—including \$3 billion for the NSF. Romney has expressed support for high levels of research funding, although he has provided few spe-cifics, and Ryan's budget proposes slowing the growth of nondefense discretionary spending, a category that includes research funding.

Purdy said his personal view is that Tuesday's presidential election is relatively unimport-ant, from a research funding perspective.

"I honestly don't believe that whether Obama wins or Romney wins, that there will be a huge dif-ference, at least in the short term, to what our key agencies receive," he said.

From a research perspective, Purdy said, what matters more is who's elected to Congress. The House Appropriations Committee already has bipartisan support for a strong 2014 budget for research funding, but it's un-clear whether that budget will be able to pass a divided Congress.

"The most important thing is that we get past this dead-locked situation that we have in Congress," Purdy said. "That's what I'm going to be watch-ing most carefully, is whether Republicans retain control of the House and Democrats retain con-trol of the Senate."

Then there's the issue of se-questration, a series of \$1.2 trillion in across-the-board federal budget cuts that are scheduled to take ef-fect Jan. 2 unless Congress acts to stop them. The NIH, Columbia's top source of federal funding, could see its budget slashed by more than \$2.5 billion, according to a White House report.

Both parties, as well as Obama, have called for sequestration to be avoided, but that will be an issue for after the election. Whether the lame-duck Congress has the political will to stop sequestration is largely dependent on what hap-pens in Tuesday's elections.

Purdy called sequestration "a law that was never meant to go into effect," saying that he "des-perately hopes that good sense prevails" and that the lame-duck Congress stops it. But even though senior Obama administration of-ficials have assured Purdy that se-questration will never happen, he doesn't feel particularly confident.

"You talk to Congress on the Hill, you talk to the congressio-nal staffers, and they say, 'The one thing this Congress is good at is deadlock—and sequestration is inevitable,'" Purdy said.

Still, while he bemoaned the partisan standstill, Purdy declined to say which party he would pre-fer to see in control of Congress.

"The primary problem right now is the deadlock," he said. "And even if one [party] has a slight ma-jority, the question is whether it's a controlling majority—if they could actually get bills passed."

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FRESHMAN PHENOM | Freshman forward Anna Sciponi has scored two goals so far this season.

Lions face struggling Harvard, Rutgers

BY JOSH SHENKAR
Spectator Staff Writer

Columbia field hockey has lost its last two Ivy League games and will need to beat Harvard (3-12, 1-5 Ivy) on Saturday in order to clinch a top-half conference finish. The Lions will face Ivy foe Harvard on Saturday before traveling to New Jersey to play Rutgers on Sunday.

Harvard has struggled all season and is currently riding a seven-game losing streak, in which it has been outscored 27-5. The Crimson's offense has been particularly culpable in the team's struggles, as its 15 goals scored this season ranks last in the conference.

Forward Noel Painter has

been one of Harvard's few con-sistent offensive threats, lead-ing the team with four goals and two assists on the season. Freshman midfielder Caitlin Rea also has contributed, with one goal and four assists so far this season. Harvard has ben-efitted from a solid goalkeeper in senior Cynthia Tassopoulos, who has made over 100 saves in 2012.

Columbia's last game of the season against Rutgers was originally scheduled for Oct. 28, but was canceled due to Hurricane Sandy. The Scarlet Knights' (8-10) season has been characterized by inconsisten-cy, with the team alternating between momentum-building winning streaks and sustained stretches of struggle. The

Scarlet Knights' recent per-formances, though, have been consistently poor, with the team losing its last four games.

Rutgers' offense has been a key factor in its last four losses, as it has only managed to score three goals in 380 minutes of action. Junior Lisa Patrone, who has eight goals and three assists on the season, leads the Scarlet Knights, while junior midfielder Sophie Wright has added six goals. Senior goal-keeper Sarah Stuby has had a solid season for Rutgers as she has made 86 saves and accumu-lated two shutouts.

Saturday's game against Harvard will start at 12 p.m., while the season finale with Rutgers begins at 2 p.m.

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HALEY SCHOECK FOR SPECTATOR

TALENTED LION | Junior midfielder David Najem has attempted 13 shots so far this season.

Princeton, Penn struggle over weekend

IVY SOCCER from back page

and soon lost the lead in the 23rd minute. With just two weeks left of Ivy play, Harvard is still win-less in the conference.

PENN

In one of their toughest matches of the season, the Quakers (2-12-0, 0-5-0) suc-cumbed to first-place Brown 1-0 this past weekend. Sophomore Duke Lacroix attempted to pressure the Bears' back line, taking a team-high seven shots, but couldn't find the back of the net. On the other half of the field, Max Kurtzman held his own with a total of eight saves,

keeping the Quakers in the game. Penn was unable to mount a successful offensive attack against the Bears, and now has a six-game losing streak. Like the Crimson, the Quakers have yet to beat a league opponent.

PRINCETON

The Tigers (6-6-2, 2-1-2) fell to the Big Red this past Saturday in Ithaca. The 1-0 result marked Princeton's first Ivy loss this season, as the Tigers struggled to develop a rhythm on the field despite outshooting Cornell 12-9. The Tigers' faltering offense couldn't convert its numerous scoring chances, though, and it only took the Big Red one goal to take the win.

YALE

The Bulldogs (4-7-4, 1-2-2) could not break the tie with the evenly matched Lions during their home game against Columbia this weekend. Though Yale trailed at the half, Columbia goalkeeper Kyle Jackson was unable to block Scott Armbrust's equal-izing goal just before the 69th min-ute, leading to extended time. In the second overtime, Yale's Kevin Michalak could have clinched the win if not for a key deflection by Jackson. For his performance, Bulldog Tyler Detorie earned the title of Ivy League Rookie of the Week due to his game-saving de-fensive clear to thwart the Lions' last-ditch attempt to take the lead.

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Election 2012

Election season is drawing to a close, and regardless of who gets elected, it seems fitting to celebrate the death of 24/7 media coverage and contentious public debates. On Tuesday, as the election results percolate, throw a seasonal funeral for you and your friends in style. —BY EMMA FINDER

WHAT TO SERVE:

American flag cocktails. Over-21 supporters of either candidate can appreciate this patriotic drink, made with one-third ounce of grenadine syrup, one-third ounce of crème de cacao, and one-third ounce blue curacao liqueur. For underage guests, fill a tall glass with equal parts cranberry juice, Sprite, and blue Gatorade. Top either drink with a mini American flag to add to the patriotic spirit, even if the election's results have you swearing you'll move to Canada.

WHAT TO LISTEN TO:

If your guest list boasts a spectrum of political opinions, (first, props on maintaining friendships across the deepening party divide) opt for bipartisan tunes to keep the peace. Create a more unified atmosphere with a community sing-along to Journey's "Don't Stop Believin'" or a more classic American tune like Woody Guthrie's "This Land Is Your Land." If your viewing group leans left, turn on the Obama campaign's playlist for rallies, which boasts a selection from Aretha Franklin to Bruce Springsteen, who penned a song, "We Take Care of Our Own," just for the campaign. Romney supporters can enjoy a playlist that includes The Killers (whose lead singer, Brandon Flowers, is also Mormon) and Kid Rock, who has performed at campaign rallies.

WHAT TO PLAY:

Aside from gambling, there are plenty of games you and your guests can enjoy while waiting for the votes to be counted. With a little research, you can assemble some Election 2012 trivia to keep your minds sharp. If you're in the mood for a physical challenge, try to pin the tail on the donkey (or elephant). If you have baked goods like cupcakes or cookies at the ready, a decorating contest can be a fun way to make your desserts last longer and take some of the decorating pressure off yourself.

WHAT TO BET ON:

As entertaining as TV's election coverage is (crazy graphics and touch screens, anyone?), any election party can benefit from some extra activities. Try a traditional betting pool where everyone puts in a dollar and whoever guesses the national percentages or electoral vote totals most closely wins. Or add a twist: Ask guests to estimate the Green-Rainbow percentage of the national vote, how many times the winner will promise to get Americans "back to work" in his acceptance speech, or what color dress Michelle Obama will be wearing. Some minor gambling can get competitive spirits going even when everyone in the room is on the same end of the political spectrum.

WHAT TO EAT:

The Internet is full of cupcake and cookie-decorating tips for all skill levels. Whether you're baking from scratch or buying a box from Westside for your guests to decorate, no one will mind as long as they are buried under a generous layer of Betty Crocker. Novice decorators can try their hand at more basic designs like a red, white, and blue pattern or tiny flags. Work together to create one giant flag by making some red, some white, and some blue with white stars. If you or your guests fancy themselves the next Martha Stewart (a Barnard alumna), try to make mini versions of the candidates' faces or your own electoral map.

ILLUSTRATION BY IONE WANG

Vegan bakeries leave the butter, take the cake

BY EMMA FINDER
Columbia Daily Spectator

If you leave out the butter and eggs from the Nestlé Toll House chocolate chip cookie recipe, you'll find yourself with nasty cookies at best and a useless mix of dry ingredients at worst.

For vegans, the choice of a diet that cuts out all animal products is often a moral one and believe in abstinence from all animal products, including dairy and eggs—a choice that makes enjoying typical baked goods difficult. With veganism on the rise, the food industry has responded accordingly. Here in Manhattan, two bakeries, the Upper East Side's Vegan Divas and the Lower East Side's Babycakes, cater specifically to those with vegan diets. As a non-vegan, I felt obligated to try these specialty treats to see whether they could measure up to the gluttonous desserts I'm used to.

A short cab ride from campus, Vegan Divas is a small store with just a few trays of baked goods on display. The brand is no stranger to New York—its products are available at a number of specialty grocery stores—but Vegan Divas' flagship store opened just this summer.

The treats are all made with natural ingredients, some of which were surprisingly delicious. The chocolate cake, which was moist and incredibly decadent in its own right, is mostly made with spelt flour, tofu, and chocolate chips. (My previous aversion to tofu was likely a result of never having experienced it in cake before.)

While the blueberry muffins looked appetizing, the aroma and first bite of one revealed it to be

a sore disappointment. The texture was off, and something about the flavor was very unappealing.

Vegan Divas also sells a pre-packaged, gluten-free chocolate mousse. Mousse, traditionally made almost entirely from egg or dairy products, would likely be the greatest challenge for the vegan baker. Surprisingly, however, the dessert held its own, its rich flavor making it virtually indistinguishable from non-vegan mousse. All in all, Vegan Divas is a solid 3.5/5 stars, but I think I'll stick to my breakfast-cart muffins.

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BabyCakes, accessible by subway from Columbia, has gained a notable following in New York and beyond. Customers nearly fill the small store and can see right into the kitchen, where fresh goods are loaded onto trays and into display cases.

BabyCakes offers baked goods to fit even trickier restrictions—a large number of products are gluten-free or sugar-free. Rachel Maddow- and Martha Stewart-approved, the bakery boasts a wide selection, from cookie sandwiches (two fresh cookies with delicious frosting in between) to breads. The popular

pumpkin chocolate chip bread is moist and surprisingly unflaky, considering the lack of gluten.

The "brownie cupcakes" come in a variety of flavors, the frosting more remarkable than the cake itself (the mocha being very satisfying and the red velvet less so). If you'd rather bake on your own than make the trek downtown, check out Babycakes' cookbook. On the whole,

though more expensive than its uptown competitor, Babycakes gets 4/5 stars.

While these up-and-coming vegan bakeries are somewhat expensive, they offer a healthy alternative to some of NYC's more hyped stores. Both Vegan Divas and Babycakes merit a visit if you're in their neighborhoods, whether you're a true vegan or an omnivore with a love for decadent desserts.



ILLUSTRATION BY CHARLOTTE MURTISHAW

I watched 'The Jerk' with my editor, he's the jerk!

Chris' editor, Stefan, had a bad idea, and Drunk Spectator was born. This week, 10 beers and an unknown amount of whiskey interfered with Chris's viewing and reviewing of Steve Martin's "The Jerk."

Watching "The Jerk," we realize we will never get laid again. "All right," my editor says as I write to you, dear reader, "now this is really going downhill."

Steve Martin, Drunk Spectator was a terrible idea. [Ed. note: I want you to picture Chris, mouth agape, writing this in his underwear] The fact that the process of writing this article is somewhat excruciating, proves how correct I was. But this was all predestined. It could not have happened any other way. [Ed. note: We have become what we always were]. "After all," my editor says, "it's not called tipsy Spectator!"

We need to create an Xbox LIVE account to watch the movie. My editor is arbitrarily assigned

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the name "GracelessCape56", which made sense in a way. Directly, my editor accidentally turns off the movie, and we spend 10 minutes trying to restart it. It does not help that "we wetre drunk."

(My editor is reading over my shoulder—"That's some rough stuff," he says, shaking his head and burping)

Highlights of the film include Steve Martin's dog being named shithead, and the line "This is the best pizza in a cup ever." There were no other highlights. At this point, the typewriter spills the beer.

Race is handled sloppily in "The Jerk." The treatment made audience members ask, "What the fuck kind of horn is that, it's a Mexican horn." My editor thinks he's a news man from the 1940s, and consequently, he records highlights from our conversation on an outrageously loud typewriter that completely drowns out the first half hour of dialogue, from which I can remember nary a line. Valuable highlights from his transcript include, "at this pint stevd martin pulled out alonglength of rope a with a hook at the end ad hooke I to btthe back of the mexican car and then chris obser at around 29 minutes chris ruenes sai something but I don't remember it." [Ed. note: Fuck you, Chris]

"Ultimately, this is a castigation of the nouveau riche," my editor whines. "It just goes to show you can't trust new money," I triumph.

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Like many comedy classics—take Seinfeld or the Marx Brothers as an example—"The Jerk" seems somewhat dated. And yet, unlike the Marx Brothers' irreverent slapstick or Jerry Seinfeld's neurotic meditations on life, Steve Martin is a dick.

"That's not comedy, you can't just make

noises." I ejaculate. At this point, the typewriter spills beer on the floor again.

"I need to go to bed, how much longer is this, I hate this movie," I opine. "I just keep almost falling asleep and having to wake up to this."

"I'm going to buy you a diamond ring so big you're going to puke," Steve Martin responds.

I really don't know what to say about this movie. The last moments are a bunch of cross-eyed jokes. At one point during this [Ed. note: Who edited this?], Steve Martin watches a video of himself juggling kittens and says, "Oh God, I've heard of this—Cat Juggling."

"I guess we've come a long way in 30 years," I conclude (i woke up the next morning in a cold sweat how could my editor do this).

I can't see Steve Martin's career recovering from this, and honestly I don't know where he'll go from here.

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COURTESY OF THE METROPOLITAN OPERA

STORMY WEATHER | Met Opera’s “The Tempest” brings in animated projections and acrobatics.

‘Tempest’ a perfect storm

BY CHRIS BROWNER
Columbia Daily Spectator

Only a night before Hurricane Sandy wreaked havoc in the Big Apple, the Metropolitan Opera brewed a tempest of its own.

Robert Lepage’s new treatment of Thomas Adès’ operatic interpretation of “The Tempest,” which had its world premiere in 2004, debuted at the Met this October. Featuring a spectacular cast, the production also included dazzling visuals.

Adès, like the magic-wielding characters on-stage, conjures an enchanted world with his vivid score. At times, the opera is short on melody, but as the performance progresses, and new characters are introduced, the music becomes more melodically rich. Adès offers a nice variety of touching moments, comic passages, and intensely dramatic scenes, and every detail of this intricate music is mirrored perfectly in Lepage’s production.

In this staging, the exiled Milanese duke Prospero transforms his surroundings into Milan’s landmark opera house, the Teatro alla Scala. The theater’s backstage machinery enables the sorcerer to perform all of his powerful magic. Lepage’s production brilliantly marries traditional theatrical devices with animated projections, acrobatics, fantastical costumes, and magical sleight-of-hand to breathe life into the otherworldly island.

Fortunately, an ensemble of talented singing-actors expertly performed Adès’ challenging music. With a solid, authoritative sound, veteran baritone Simon Keenlyside brought a masterful portrayal to the role of Prospero and expertly conveyed the emotional journey his character takes—from overbearing father and vindictive brother to the understanding and noble figure.

Two fantastical creatures—the ethereal spirit Ariel and the savage Caliban—accompany Prospero on his island. Audrey Luna was simply spellbinding as Ariel. Her music lies extremely high in the soprano register, but Luna’s sound was always comfortable, clear, and pleasant. Luna’s performance went far beyond beautiful singing, as she would perform crouched on all fours, perched high above the stage, or flying from a chandelier. Alan Oke delivered a similarly commanding physical performance as Caliban, singing while twisted in a variety of contortions. Oke sang with a bright sound which was appropriately penetrating and haunting.

Rising stars Isabel Leonard and Alek Shrader played the young lovers Miranda and Ferdinand, respectively. The two worked well together both dramatically and vocally, as their stage chemistry was charming, and Shrader’s light tenor was a nice complement to Leonard’s lush mezzo-soprano.

The comic duo Stefano and Trinculo, performed skillfully by bass Kevin Burdette and countertenor Iestyn Davies, provided a welcome contrast to the heavier points in the score. Toby Spence seemed uncomfortable in the higher passages of his role as Antonio, but Christopher Feigum as Sebastian, John Del Carlo as Gonzalo, and William Burden as the King of Naples contributed much with their strongly sung and acted performances.

From the podium, Adès extracted a textured reading of this complex score from the Met Orchestra, and with its high-quality musicianship, the Met Chorus provided some of the most enjoyable moments of the evening.

“The Tempest” offers Columbia students a captivating night at the theatre. The contemporary music can be off-putting to those unfamiliar with this style, but the production is a visual spectacle not to be missed—think Cirque du Soleil goes to the opera.

Performances of “The Tempest” run through Nov. 17, when the opera will be presented live to movie theaters worldwide. For more information, visit the Met’s website, www.metoperafamily.org, or call the box office at (212) 362–6000.

‘Now Dig This!’ CU prof curates at MoMA PS1

BY ALLISON HENRY
Columbia Daily Spectator

Most people know about the bravery of political activists during the civil rights movement, but not as many know the story of a community of black artists in Southern California currently being showcased in “Now Dig This! Art and Black Los Angeles 1960-1980” at MoMA PS1.

The show was originally housed at the Hammer Museum in Los Angeles as a part of a series called Pacific Standard Time, which covered post-World War II Southern California art. Now it is back for a second round in New York, displaying paintings, sculptures, and multimedia creations by black artists and their friends. Some notable names include Charles White, Noah Purifoy, Betye Saar, John Outterbridge, Ulysses Jenkins, and David Hammons.

Its curator, Dr. Kellie Jones, is a professor in the department of art history and archaeology at Columbia and teaches undergraduate and graduate classes on African-American, African, and Latino art, as well as museum theory. Her areas of expertise mirror her upbringing in a family of literary notability and cultural importance, being the daughter of two Beat generation writers, Amiri Baraka and Hettie Jones. Jones has published a book titled “EyeMinded,” recalling her experiences growing up in downtown New York in the 1960s and 1970s surrounded by a community of artists and activists.

“Now Dig This!” centers around the same theme of kinship within the black community of Los Angeles.

“A critical mass of people were gathering in Los Angeles that made this scene happen,” Jones said. “Of course you need all those people—you need artists, educators, gallerists and collectors.”

The exhibit is divided into four sections to organize the progression of artistic method and representation. In the section “Los Angeles Snapshots,” the exhibit makes sure to highlight artists from other racial communities, including Elizabeth Leigh-Taylor and Ron Miyashiro, who worked alongside black



COURTESY OF MOMA

DIG THIS | “Now Dig This!,” an exhibit on West-coast art produced during the civil rights movement, was curated by Columbia professor Kellie Jones and is currently showing at MoMA PS1.

artists.

“People actually collaborated across racial lines, particularly in this time,” Jones said. “These art worlds are not separated.”

The art displayed in the exhibition draws on themes of tradition, history, and spirituality. In a section titled “Assembling,” artists including Betye Saar and Noah Purifoy used found objects and wreckage from the Watts riot of 1965 to illustrate a narrative between the past and present. “I like the assemblage section, because they didn’t have the same formal practices or access to materials, so they used that to illustrate a point,” gallery attendant Lindsay Zackeroff said. The former struggle with slavery is often compared to the current struggle for equality. “These people used their work to also narrate

history, because at that time, people didn’t know African Americans had history,” Jones said.

A final section of the exhibit examines Post-Minimalist art that attempted to “transcend preconceived notions of an African-American aesthetic.” An important figure in this era is David Hammons, who is well known for the “body prints” in which he covered his body in oil, pressed it against paper, and filled in the print with pigment. Jones says that even though Post-Minimalist artists like Hammons are more abstract, “arguably you could say they still have some idea of African-American symbol and identity,” evident in his piece Bag Lady in Flight, made of paper bags and African-American hair.

“Now Dig This!” will be open at MoMA PS1 until March 11, 2013.

MSM tries its hand at Asian fusion

BY OLIVIA LU
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Sinophiles need look no further than the Manhattan School of Music for a taste of Hong Kong in the upcoming Hong Kong Manhattan Music Festival. Though the inaugural performances were canceled in the wake of Hurricane Sandy and the schedule has undergone major adjustments, the festival marches on.

The festival was conceived through a collaboration between the Hong Kong Arts Development Council and MSM, featuring artists from Hong Kong playing a variety of music of their own choosing in partnership with MSM students and faculty.

According to Dr. Marjorie Merryman, Manhattan School of Music’s vice president for academics and performance, the festival is a big leap forward for the school, which has never produced a full-scale, internationally collaborative festival. “We do a lot of student exchanges and things like that, like all conservatories do, but to bring a big group of professional artists from a different place is something a little bit different,” she said.

The theme of uniqueness is emphasized throughout the festival—one of the first events features a sound installation piece, which Dr. Merryman considers to be “one of several nods towards modernity ... that doesn’t occur much in music before now.” But most of all, the festival focuses on the uniqueness of the musicians themselves. “A lot of these names are not pretty well-known here ... so we thought it was good to give the music-loving audience of New York ... an opportunity to hear these people because



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NEW DIRECTION | The Manhattan School of Music hosts a series featuring artists from Hong Kong.

everybody’s personality is different and individual,” Dr. Merryman said.

As for the musicians, the festival is an opportunity to embrace and transcend differences. “This experience always reminds us musicians that even though we come from different backgrounds and all that, when we play music, there’s no barrier, we just get together,” pianist Warren Lee said. “It’s a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.”

As a springboard for future collaborations with international artists, the festival’s lineup showcases standard Western compositions in addition to internationally and locally famous Chinese pieces. With the Manhattan School of Music already having established educational partnerships in China and Korea, Dr. Merryman hopes that the festival will raise the

school’s international profile as a capable and well-connected music conservatory. “We were hoping as a school to draw attention to the fact that we do a lot of international programming and we are also highly engaged in Asia ... It’s a good place to be involved because there’s tremendous talent there and there are many, many students there who apply to our school,” Merryman said.

Nevertheless, the primary goal of the festival is a simple one. For Dr. Merryman, the Manhattan School of Music “has the goal of providing really great music and great performances to an audience north of Lincoln Center.”

For Lee, his goal is consistent throughout all of his concerts. “As long as we bring joy to the audience, then I consider to have already done my part,” Lee said.

All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy: Med students act out

BY LESLEY THULIN
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“Grey’s Anatomy” isn’t the only place where medicine meets drama. The Bard Hall Players, a theater group run by the P&S Club of Columbia’s College of Physicians and Surgeons, brings together thespians from the Columbia University Medical Center to produce three shows per year.

This Thursday, the Bard Hall Players will present their fall musical, “My Favorite Year.”

“The set looks beautiful, the lights look great, so it’s well worth the trip from Morningside for the people who are down there to come see the show,” director and fourth-year M.D./Ph.D. student Shobhit Singla said.

Based on the 1982 film of the same name, the musical takes the audience back to the 1950s, when young sketch writer Benjy Stone learns that the star he’s idolized for his entire life is going to be a guest star on his television show. But when the actor arrives on set, reality sets in. Benjy must corral the washed-up, drunken Alan Swann and keep him presentable for TV.

“It’s about the realization that stars are human and all the funny things that happen on the set,” technical director and second-year medical student Alison Levy said. “It’s a really funny show, but there are also some real life lessons to be learned about expectations of people you idolize.”

The Players themselves have a history of subverting expectations. Established in 1967, the Players includes students and staff from the medical, nursing, dental, and public health schools, and the occupational therapy, physical therapy, and human nutrition programs.

The cast of “My Favorite Year” breaks the medical student mold, with some of its members hailing from undergraduate backgrounds and even conservatory

programs in theater from the NYU Tisch School of the Arts and the Boston Conservatory.

For Levy, theater was “a big part” of her undergraduate life at the University of Pennsylvania.

After graduating from Penn, Levy worked for a few years and completed a pre-medical post-baccalaureate program. But Levy said her postgraduate hiatus from theater left her feeling empty.

“Having these outside interests is so important to being a good physician.”

—*Shobhit Singla, M.D./Ph.D. student*

“One of the big reasons I was attracted to Columbia for med school was because of the focus on extracurriculars here,” she said. “They make it such a priority that you shouldn’t just be doing medicine all the time. It makes it really hard to relate to your patients if you don’t know what life outside the hospital is like.”

This emphasis on life outside the lab also attracted Singla to Columbia.

“It actually factored into my decision to come here, and it factors, actually, in a lot of people’s decisions to come here,” he said. “It’s such a unique thing and gives you something to do outside of medicine. Having these outside interests is so important to being a good physician.”

The Players agree that theater will prove to be relevant to their future careers.

“I think one of the most important things that everyone learns from theater is how to work as a team

and how to deal with personalities that are different from yours,” Levy said.

Theater not only develops collaborative skills, but it also connects with the “human aspect” of being a physician, according to Singla. “You have to be able to relate to patients in a certain way, be able to talk to them, be able to think on your feet, and I think doing theater helps you do all of that.”

As for the more immediate future, theater also relieves school-related stress, the Players say.

“It’s such a great support group,” Levy said. “Things can get to you, but if you have this group of people who share this interest, it’s so great that you can have people to talk to in the class above you and in the class below you. We end up mentoring each other through the process.”

But putting on a show while being a student also poses its challenges.

“Considering the sheer enormity of the BHP time commitment, the question of balance is a tough one,” second-year medical student David Chapel wrote in an email. Chapel plays Alan Swann, works as the show’s producer, and serves as the Players’ copresident along with Levy and Jennifer Russo, another second-year medical student.

“We could all devote our lives exclusively to medicine, and seemingly endless work would still remain to be done,” he wrote. “So the question for me becomes, ‘How can I devote my professional career to healthcare without also neglecting my personal life and my own well-being?’ BHP is, for me, a token of the personal balance I will have to create in order to maintain that well-being, which I ultimately feel is essential for professional reliability and sustainability.”

Performances are Nov. 1-3 at 8 p.m. each night, with a 2 p.m. matinee on Saturday in Alumni Auditorium. Tickets are \$10 at the door (cash and check accepted). Tickets are not available at the TIC.



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LION LEADER | Junior midfielder Natalie Melo has started 12 games this season for Columbia, and also has scored one goal.

Light Blue looks to secure top-half conference finish

BY CAROLINE BOWMAN
Spectator Staff Writer

As the 2012 women’s soccer season approaches its final weekend of competition, only one obstacle remains between the Lions (6-8-1, 2-3-1 Ivy) and a spot in the top half of the Ivy League: reigning Ivy Champion Harvard (8-5-3, 2-3-1). The Lions will face off against the Crimson this Saturday in Cambridge for their last match of the year.

The Light Blue and Crimson are currently tied in the conference with a 2-3-1 record going into their last game of the season, which will serve as a tiebreaker to determine who remains in the upper half of the league.

Though Hurricane Sandy shut down Columbia’s Morningside Heights campus on Monday and Tuesday, head coach Kevin McCarthy the team wasn’t directly impacted and only had to cancel one practice. The team has remained focused on its final weekend.

“We expect to come out with the unparalleled drive and passion that have powered us through the season, and go out with a bang,” junior forward Coleen Rizzo said. “We have seniors to honor, a team that loves to win, and Lion pride to represent. A final Ivy League win would be the perfect way for this team to end our season.”

Going into the match, Harvard definitely has history on its side. Of the 26 matchups between the Crimson and the Lions, Harvard holds a 22-3-1 edge in the all-time series, and no current players for the Lions have ever beaten the women from Cambridge.

McCarthy does not put much stock in past results, though, and stressed that the team is focused on the game ahead.

“I don’t think the past is relevant,” he said. “This game will determine which one of us finishes in the top half of the league, and our program has been able to do that very consistently over the past decade.

In that regard, it is an important match.”

Looking at this year’s squad, Harvard will bring formidable offensive weapons into the match on Saturday. Sophomore midfielder Meg Casscells-Hamby leads the Crimson with six goals and three assists this season. Junior forward Elizabeth Weisman has tallied five goals of her own in 2012, three of which proved to be game winners. Harvard has made a specialty out of scoring late in the game, with 21 out of its 26 goals coming in the second half or an overtime period.

The Lions have a strong counter to the Crimson in their own offense, led by Rizzo and junior midfielder Beverly Leon, who have combined for 12 goals on the year. On offense, McCarthy sees the Lions ready to dictate the pace of the game this weekend after a solid offensive showing in the 1-1 tie against Yale last weekend.

“We had a very strong performance against Yale and completely dominated the game, so we want to see that

domination again, but this time come up with a bit more production and a winning result,” he said.

On the defensive end, sophomore goalkeeper and defensive anchor Grace Redmon may not take the field on Saturday after suffering a mild concussion in the first minute of the game against Yale last weekend. McCarthy said that although Redmon was taken out as a precaution, she’s passed the necessary concussion tests and is day-to-day.

Going into the Lions’ last game of the season, McCarthy noted a strong progression from the team’s first games of the year to now.

“I think that we have certainly taken strides forward in embracing our system and style of play,” he said. “In our last match we produced a lot more shots than we had earlier in the season. The next step is to put that in the back of the net, and we plan to do that this Saturday.”

The action starts this Saturday at Harvard at 12 p.m. sports@columbiaspectator.com

After Sandy, Lions return to action versus Harvard

BY KYLE PERROTTI
Columbia Daily Spectator

Columbia men’s soccer (3-7-4, 1-2-2 Ivy) will look to set the pace early against Harvard (2-9-3, 0-4-1 Ivy) this weekend in Cambridge after coming off an extended break due to Hurricane Sandy. In the wake of the superstorm, the Lions’ home game against Adelphi was initially rescheduled for Oct. 31, but was eventually canceled.

After this lull in the action, it may be a struggle for the Lions to bounce back from their last game against Yale, but if they can notch a win on Saturday, the Light Blue will have the opportunity to climb up a couple spots in the Ivy standings before the season is complete.

Columbia is not the only team dealing with the effects of Sandy. Many other teams in the Ancient Eight have had their practice and game schedules affected by the devastating storm, including the Crimson, which had its game at Holy Cross canceled.

The Light Blue will have to come out of the gates with the same intensity that was on display early in last weekend’s game against Yale. The Lions’ high energy enabled them to

get three shots off early, one of which resulted in a goal by junior Henning Sauerbier. But this energy faded enough in the second half of play to allow a late game-tying goal by the Bulldogs.

In addition to bringing a more consistent flow of energy, freshman standout goalie Kyle Jackson and the Lions’ defense will have to keep a watchful eye on Crimson forwards Zack Wolfenzon and Jake Freeman. The dangerous senior-freshman combination has continued to present a threat to opposing teams’ back lines, and the duo owns half of Harvard’s goals this season.

Harvard’s last game prior to the cancellation of its match with Holy Cross was a 3-1 loss to Dartmouth. Both the Big Green and Crimson were able to net early goals, but Harvard couldn’t hold back a surge that resulted in a pair of late goals for its opponent.

In last year’s competition between the Light Blue and the Crimson, Columbia was able to gain a narrow edge over Harvard at home, winning 2-1 on two first-half goals.

The action starts at 7 p.m. on Saturday night.

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Other Ivy Games

Yale at Brown
Both Brown and Yale are coming off a loss in week seven and will try to right the ship this week. Though the teams have the same Ivy record of 1-3, Brown beat the prolific Big Red passing offense a few weeks ago, while Yale defeated what has been an inconsistent Penn team this season.

Dartmouth at Cornell
Jeff Mathews will try to continue his outstanding passing season, against a Dartmouth team that struggled last week against Harvard. At 2-2 in Ivy play, both of these teams still have a slim chance at the Ivy crown, but that chance will probably go away for the loser of this game.

Penn at Princeton
After its stunning upset of Harvard, Princeton was beaten by Cornell's late field goal. Though the Tigers are no longer in the driver's seat for the Ivy crown, a win against Penn on Saturday will go a long way toward helping their chances.



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Limit the mistakes
The Lions were able to get away with some mistakes in last week's win over Yale, but that will most likely not be the case against a very strong Harvard team. With the margin for error very small, the Lions will have to execute each and every play to win on Saturday.

Get Brackett going
Harvard has the stingiest run defense in the league, giving up an average of just 52.3 yards per game on the ground. On the flip side, the Crimson has the league's third worst passing defense, giving up 284.9 yards per game through the air. Quarterback Sean Brackett will need a hot hand for the Lions offense to get going in Cambridge.

Get off the field
The Light Blue defense will have its hands full with a dynamic Crimson offense. Key to stopping that offense will be forcing it into third-and-long situations, and subsequently making the third-down stop.

COLUMBIA

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HARVARD

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Harvard

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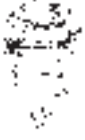
Columbia

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Peter Andrews
(20-21)

I intend to throw many containers of Grey Poupon into the Charles this weekend.

Brown


Cornell

COLUMBIA

Penn

Atlanta

Steelers



David Fine
(12-29)

Aha you must be confused because I picked both the Giants and the Cowboys! Does this represent the struggles of my conversion?

Brown


Cornell

Columbia

Princeton

Cowboys

Giants



Alex Jones
(16-25)

Can anyone stop LeBron this season?

Brown


Cornell

Harvard

Princeton

Falcons

Giants



Katie Quan
(15-26)

Lions! Lions, Lions, Lions!

Brown


Cornell

Lions

Princeton

Falcons

NY Giants



Sam Tydings
(23-18)

That's what the Tigers get for beating the beloved Yanks.

Brown

Cornell

Columbia

Penn

Cowboys

Steelers

CU looks to exploit Harvard's secondary

FOOTBALL from back page

Harvard's high-powered offense, which averages 38.6 points per game—more than 10 points more than any other team in the Ancient Eight—has the capability to take advantage and turn games into blowouts quickly. In its six victories this season, the Crimson has won by an average of more than 27 points.

“The better the team, the less mistakes you can make,” Mangurian said. “They are good enough so that when you do something poorly, they take advantage.”

On offense, the Crimson is led by quarterback Colton Chapple—who has thrown for 284 passing yards per game, completed 65 percent of his passes, and leads the league with 18 touchdown passes—and running back Treavor Scales, who is averaging over 100 yards rushing per game and has notched 10 touchdowns.

Chapple is aided by a tremendous receiving corps that includes four players averaging over 50 yards receiving per game. “They are all strong, they are all powerful, they are all explosive,” Mangurian said. “They do everything [on offense]. All across the board they are good.”

On defense, the Crimson has been able to hold opponents to an average of just 17 points per game, the lowest in the league, thanks in large part to an outstanding pass rush which has averaged 4.7 sacks per game, the highest in the FCS.

Once again, the Lions will need to overcome a significant size disadvantage.

“If you're honest about it, I think we've had [a size gap] pretty much every week,” Mangurian said. “I think the thing that jumps at you about this team are the skill guys and the secondary. They are big, tall, and long. You see it across the board with this team. They have size and speed [on defense], so it's tough to find

a matchup you like.”

Despite Harvard's strengths in all phases of the game, the team has not made its way through this season unblemished. While the Crimson defense has excelled on run defense, allowing just 52 yards per game, it has struggled defending the pass, surrendering over 285 passing yards per game. In addition, the Crimson leads the league in penalties (53) and penalty yardage (422).

In the Crimson's only loss of the season, 12 Harvard penalties and a strong passing attack enabled Princeton to score 29 unanswered points on its way to overcoming a 34-10 fourth quarter deficit.

While Columbia's defense may be able to contain the Crimson offense, the Lions' offense and their passing game in particular will have to excel as they did last week if the Light Blue hopes to leave Cambridge with a win.

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Lions look for second straight Ivy victory

BY SPENCER GYORY
Spectator Staff Writer

The Light Blue football team (2-5, 1-3 Ivy) is a heavy underdog to derail No. 21 Harvard's (6-1, 3-1 Ivy) title hopes when it travels to Cambridge this Saturday. The Lions will need to minimize miscues and take full advantage of Harvard's mistakes if they hope to keep up with the Crimson's explosive and prolific offense.

While the result was what the Lions were looking for last week against Yale, first-year head coach Pete Mangurian was disappointed with the number of errors his team committed.

"We're getting better, but we've still got a long way to go."

—Pete Mangurian,
head football coach

"There were obviously a lot of disciplined plays we made that changed the outcome of the game, but there is a lot of room for improvement," Mangurian said. "Missed assignments and mental errors that can't be made. They just didn't bite us. We're getting better, but we've got a long way to go."

In order to upset Harvard, which was picked to repeat as Ivy League Champion before the season began, the Lions will need to make fewer mistakes than they have all season.

"I told the team on Sunday, 'Congratulations, that's a great effort, that's a great win,'" Mangurian said. "But I said it won't be good enough, not this week."

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Freshman Lions head to Florida for clay tournament

STEVEN LAU
Spectator Staff Writer

Two freshman Lions will head to Orlando, Fla., this weekend for the first ever United States Tennis Association Collegiate Clay Court Invitational. Beginning Friday, Columbia's Dragos Ignat and Eric Rubin will compete at the ESPN Wide World of Sports Tennis Complex against players from 10 of the top programs in the nation, including host Florida State, Cal Berkeley, and USC—the reigning NCAA champion for four consecutive years.

Both Ignat and Rubin have had notable success in their freshman fall seasons. Ignat won the singles B draw of the National Tennis Center Collegiate Invitational in September, while earlier that month, Rubin made it to the finals of his singles draw in the Farnsworth/Princeton Invitational before withdrawing due to an injury.

In the first round of action, Ignat will take on the tournament's No. 4 seed, Kentucky sophomore Panav Jha, in the gold singles draw, while Rubin will face Georgia Tech freshman Nathan Rakitt in the garnet singles draw. In doubles play, Ignat and Rubin will team up in the gold draw against Florida State seniors Anderson Reed and Jordan Kelly-Houston.

The Clay Court Invitational will last from Nov. 2 to Nov. 4.
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HUNGRY LION | Columbia senior quarterback Sean Brackett will look to exploit Harvard's secondary on Saturday.

Brown, Cornell, Dartmouth lead Ivy title race

BY THERESA BABENDREIER
Columbia Daily Spectator

As the end of the 2012 men's soccer season approaches, the competition is white hot, with three teams in contention for the Ivy title. Brown continues to lead the Ancient Eight, with Cornell and Dartmouth right on its heels. Meanwhile, Harvard and Penn still await their first Ivy wins, while

Princeton, Yale, and Columbia languish in mid-table mediocrity.

BROWN

The Bears (12-1-2, 4-0-1 Ivy) stayed on track toward winning the Ivy title, solidifying their top-dog position with a 1-0 win over Penn. Living up to his status as Brown's leading striker, sophomore Ben Maurey scored the winning goal for the Bears for the



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STAR SCORER | Brown sophomore forward Ben Maurey leads the Bears with four goals and two assists so far this season.

third week in a row. The Bears did not hesitate to establish their lead over the Quakers, scoring the game's solitary goal less than four minutes in. This crucial victory brings the Bears' unbeaten streak to 11 games.

CORNELL

The Big Red (13-1-0, 4-1-0) delivered Princeton its first Ivy loss by shutting it out this past Saturday for a 1-0 win. Cornell's Daniel Haber scored the game's lone goal two minutes into the second half after an impressive run from junior Stephen Reisert. The win was crucial, as it took away some of the sting of Cornell's first conference loss last week. The Big Red will need to continue to win games, though, if the team hopes to move past Brown and win the Ivy title.

DARTMOUTH

The Big Green (8-6-0, 4-1-0) conquered the Crimson during their game on Saturday, clinching a 3-1 victory over its visiting opponents. Sophomore Alex Adelabu dominated the Harvard defense, scoring a pair of goals and earning him the title of Ivy League Player of the Week for the second time this season. With the first half ending in a 1-1 tie, the Big Green's offense woke up in the second half and pounded the net, with nine players taking shots. Still, Harvard did not crack until the 77th minute, when Adelabu capitalized on defensive mistakes to take the 2-1 lead. Freshman Alberto Gorini solidified the lead with another goal with eight minutes remaining. Dartmouth is in a strong position as it holds onto a four-game winning streak and looks to challenge Brown for the League title.

HARVARD

It seemed as though things were looking up for the Crimson (2-9-3, 0-4-1) during its away game against Dartmouth this past weekend. Harvard came out of the gate with intensity, establishing an early lead with a goal by freshman Jake Freeman in the ninth minute of play. Following an unfortunate pattern, the team was unable to maintain its initial success

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Light Blue searching for first away win at Harvard

BY ERIC WONG
Spectator Staff Writer

Columbia volleyball's senior class is looking to make history as it tries to get its first away win at Harvard (8-13, 5-5 Ivy) this weekend.

While the title is already out of reach, success this week will be an opportunity for Columbia (10-9, 5-5) to send a message to the other teams in the Ivy League. Despite having lost to league-leading Yale (14-5, 10-0) in the second half of the season already, the Lions still have the goal of finishing the season without another loss and will put that goal on the line against the Crimson and Dartmouth (2-18, 1-9).

The Light Blue came away empty-handed at Harvard last year with a 3-0 loss, and the Crimson will be a tough test as it looks to bounce back from a two-game losing streak. Both teams are currently tied for fourth in the standings.

After Friday's match, the Light Blue will face Dartmouth on Saturday. The Big Green is in the midst of a 10-game losing streak and currently sits at the bottom of the conference standings without a single league win. When the two teams last met, the Lions beat Dartmouth 3-1.

Senior Megan Gaughn continues to lead the Lions offensively with 171 kills on the season. She is followed closely by sophomore Caitlin Brenton, with 131 kills. On defense, liberos Molly Winger and Charlee Dyroff manage the backcourt efficiently, averaging 3.45 and 3.49 digs per game, respectively.

The road trip will be the Lions' last of the season, as their last two games will be at home next week.
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