

Barack Obama, CC '83, wins re-election to nation's highest office



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VICTORY SPEECH | Obama speaks to supporters in Chicago just before 2:00 a.m. EST on Wednesday, telling them that “through every hill, through every valley, you lifted me up the whole way.”

Students cheer Obama win on Low Steps

BY YASMIN GAGNE
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After months of poll-watching and campaigning, hundreds of students gathered on Low Steps Tuesday night to follow the election returns and, ultimately, celebrate the re-election of President Barack Obama, CC '83.

The crowd peaked at about 300 people, all of them watching CNN's election coverage projected on a large screen opposite Low Library. Meanwhile, the Columbia University College Republicans watched the results come in at Mel's Burger Bar, and the Columbia University Democrats checked their smartphones as they returned from a campaign trip to Ohio.

“The entire ride back we'd been checking exit polls, and



Students react to Obama's victory. See it at <http://spe.me/PD80Jc>

when the New York Times said it [that Obama would win], everyone freaked out,” Evelyn Jagoda, CC '14 and CU Dems vice president, said. “We erupted in shouts of, ‘Four more years,’ and, ‘Yes we did.’ It was incredible.”

At Low Steps, where the crowd was overwhelmingly pro-Obama, students cheered loudly when CNN projected Obama's Electoral College victory. Many

students ran out of their dorms in celebration.

Students cited a wide variety of reasons for supporting Obama, ranging from his economic policies to his support for women's rights. Several said that they wanted him to win despite what they considered a flawed first term, with Ben Rimland, CC '15, saying that he was “happy we didn't run ourselves off a cliff, but not generally filled with hope and change and optimism.”

“I feel like it was the lesser of two evils, but I feel like we made the right call tonight,” Rimland said. “For me, it was economic issues—taxes, having a plan that made sense. I felt that he could actually explain his economic plan

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Obama carries key swing states on road to victory

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CHICAGO—Columbia students and alumni in Morningside Heights and around the world watched Tuesday night as Columbia College alumnus Barack Obama, CC '83, won a second term as president of the United States.

Obama, the first Columbia College alumnus to become president, beat out former Massachusetts Governor Mitt Romney. After projecting that Obama would capture the decisive battleground state of Ohio, CNN called the race for the Democrat around 11:20 p.m. According to the network's projections, Obama will win with at least 303 electoral votes,

including the battleground states of Virginia, Colorado, Nevada, and Iowa. Florida was too close to call at press time.

In his victory speech at Chicago's McCormick Place, Obama told supporters and volunteers that “no matter what you do or where you go from here, you will carry the memory of the history we made together, and you will have the lifelong appreciation of a grateful president.”

“Through every hill, through every valley, you lifted me up the whole way,” he said.

Obama also congratulated Romney on a hard-fought race, saying he plans to talk to the former governor over the next few weeks about “how we can work together to move this country forward.”

“We may have battled fiercely, but it's only because we love this country deeply, and we care so strongly about its future,” Obama said.

A few thousand ticketed supporters attended the Tuesday night event in Chicago. The indoor McCormick Place is North America's largest conference center, but it lacked the grandeur of Obama's 2008 event, when nearly a quarter-million people packed into Grant Park to hear his victory speech.

Still, the Obama supporters who gathered at McCormick Place were full of energy, cheering enthusiastically whenever the news networks made a projection favorable to the president. By the

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WATCH PARTY | Students on Low Steps react after CNN projects that Obama has won re-election.

Incumbent Democrats re-elected locally

BY JILLIAN KUMAGAI AND GINA LEE
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Morningside Heights and West Harlem residents turned out in droves to vote on Tuesday, re-electing local Democrats and overwhelmingly supporting President Barack Obama, CC '83.

While crowds at local polling stations had thinned out by Tuesday evening, voters said there were large lines earlier in the day. Democratic incumbents, including Rep. Charlie Rangel, swept the polls in Tuesday's elections, which were much less contested than the Democratic primaries

this summer.

Rangel, who has represented Harlem for 41 years, defeated activist Craig Schley in a landslide, giving him two more years in office. Rangel had previously beaten Schley and a slew of other candidates in the June primary, but Schley decided to run against him in the general election as well, this time on the Republican ticket.

The win puts an end to a closely watched campaign for Rangel, who has been caught up in several fiscal and ethics scandals. He was also running in a district with a majority-Hispanic voting-age population for the first time due to redistricting.

Josephine Azcona, TC '92, who voted Tuesday evening at Riverside Church, said she was disappointed by her options in the congressional race. She voted for Schley over Rangel, she said, “because of all the shit” that Rangel did.

“It was the first time I voted Republican,” Azcona said. “It's not fair—I wish there were more choices.”

Meanwhile, State Senator Adriano Espaillat, who also challenged Rangel in the Democratic primary and lost by a narrow

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At Rangel's watch party, vibrant support for president

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It was a festive scene at Londel's restaurant in West Harlem on Tuesday night, where red, white, and blue balloons surrounded an optimistic crowd at Rep. Charles Rangel's victory party.

Rangel won re-election to the House of Representatives in a landslide, and as news outlets called state after state for President Barack Obama, CC '83, the packed restaurants exploded in cheers.

“It's the longest hour of the year,” said Iesha McTier as she checked her watch around 10:30 p.m., about an hour before CNN projected that Obama would be re-elected. “I was here four years ago when he won, and I have a good feeling this time.”

Lisa Logan, owner of the Nail Suite, a nail-painting salon a few

blocks away from the restaurant, operated a table where partygoers could get Obama heads and campaign logos painted on their nails for \$5 each.

“It's thumbs up for Obama,” Logan said. While she also brought Romney nails—“you never know”—she said she hadn't sold any yet.

Beyond their nails, many partygoers sported other, more traditional campaign memorabilia—including one “47%” T-shirt, a reference to Romney's now infamous comments about Americans who pay no income taxes. Even the waiters maneuvering through the crowd sported Obama pins.

But Sophia Watkins, who wore a half-dozen Obama pins on her scarf and had more in her bag, was the most decked out. Watkins, who was also at Londel's in 2008, said she feels that Obama's family

“is just like me.”

“He has honesty, you can really feel that,” she said, noting that she didn't mind standing in the cold as she waited to vote for him this morning.

She added that she's been so nervous lately that she's had trouble eating and drinking.

“Between Sandy and the election, I've lost about 15 pounds,” she joked.

Many partygoers said they'd seen a large Election Day turnout in their Harlem communities. Malik Small, who was having dinner with his wife Nichole, TC '98, said there were long lines at his voting place on Adam Clayton Powell Boulevard and 145th Street.

“Every strata, every type of person was in the voting line,

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TOP 10 #CUVOTES2012 TWEETS FROM ELECTION NIGHT

The cheering from outside my window has not stopped for the past half hour #Obama2012 #4moreyears #CUvotes2012 @sney94 11:35 p.m. Nov 6

So can I go back to critiquing the left from the left tomorrow pls? #CUvotes2012 @robLbie 8:59 p.m. Nov 6

this election has me too nervous to do anything but completely fixate on it. #CUvotes2012 @alexandraalida 10:57 p.m. Nov 6

HOW AM I SUPPOSED TO GET ANY WORK DONE TONIGHT? #CUvotes2012 #obsessed @ana_ccastillo 7:27 p.m. Nov 6

@nytimes has got some catching up to do. Your map is so fifteen minutes ago #election2012 #CUvotes 2012 @GGGeetika 11:13 p.m. Nov 6

Hebrew homework and CNN. Am I an American Jew or a Jewish American? #CUvotes2012 @ItsSALgood 9:56 p.m. Nov 6

#cuvotes2012 is an anagram of “covet us... 2012.” What sinister subliminal witchcraft is this?!? #darkhand @gross_raisin 9:55 p.m. Nov 6

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Calling home

Noel Duan discusses the importance of remembering family.

Military leadership

Kyle Perrotti on the benefits of training future officers at Columbia.



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Columbia falters in game against Crimson

Although they were coming off last week's inspiring victory over Yale, the Lions lost 69-0 to Harvard.

EVENTS

The European Crisis

Panelists discuss how Europe's crisis has affected Latin American economies. 1501 International Affairs Building, 1 p.m.

Digital Humanities

Using modern technology to study 16th-century French poetry and culture. East Gallery, Buell Hall, 6 p.m.

WEATHER

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Tomorrow



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CELEBRATION | Obama and his wife Michelle wave to supporters in Chicago Tuesday night; attendees at his watch party wave flags.

Obama supporters gather in Chicago for Election Night victory party

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time Obama had been projected the winner, the room was a stadium of sound.

“I’m so excited, I don’t know what to do,” said Carla Fox, 50, of Chicago, as the crowd awaited Obama’s victory speech. “I’ve been volunteering since the summer. I’ve been calling for a long time. It’s been a real positive experience. Hard work really does pay off.”

Before the race was called, Illinois Senator Dick Durbin told reporters at McCormick Place that the campaign had employed an efficient strategy for targeting battleground states.

“Last month, we started weeding out states. Obama campaign said, ‘We can’t do Missouri—we’re out of Missouri,’” Durbin said. “And now that I look at it ... it was a careful selection of states that would make a difference and a dramatic infrastructure investment on the campaign.”

Obama, who served as a senator from Illinois before being catapulted to the White House in 2008, is the first Columbia College graduate to serve in the nation’s highest office, but not the first Columbia affiliate: Dwight Eisenhower served as University President from 1948 to 1953 before ascending to the U.S. presidency,

and Franklin Delano Roosevelt started at Columbia Law School in 1904 before dropping out.

A political science major with a concentration in international relations, Obama transferred to Columbia from Occidental College as a junior in 1981, although he rarely discusses his college years. He lived in apartments on West 109th Street and East 94th Street and has said he “lived like a monk.”

“When I transferred, I decided to buckle down and get serious. I spent a lot of time in the library,” he told Columbia College Today in 2005.

Obama visited campus just twice during his presidential campaigns—once in September 2008 for a community service forum with Arizona senator and then-presidential candidate John McCain, and again in May of this year for Barnard’s commencement.

Barnard President Debora Spar said she was surprised to receive a call from the White House last February asking if Obama could speak at Barnard commencement, although it was an offer she said she gladly accepted. Still, Obama’s decision to speak at Barnard angered many Columbia College students, since he had previously turned down multiple invitations from students to speak.

At the Barnard commencement ceremony, which was held under a tent on Southfield, Obama alluded to the interschool tension, saying, “I have to tell you a hard truth. I am a Columbia College graduate.” He went on to urge the graduating class of women not just to get involved politically, but to “fight for your seat at the table. Better yet, fight for a seat at the head of the table.”

The prospect of electing the first black president excited many voters in 2008, who turned out in record numbers to produce a landslide win for Obama, giving him 365 electoral votes compared to McCain’s 173. But four years later, Obama’s message of “change we can believe in” failed to generate the same enthusiasm it did the first time around, with some students saying they supported him more reluctantly than they did in 2008.

The president ended the war in Iraq, oversaw the raid that killed Osama bin Laden, and ended the military’s discriminatory “don’t ask, don’t tell” policy. At home, he has signed a comprehensive health care reform bill, become the first sitting president to voice support for same-sex marriage, and overseen a sluggish but steady economic recovery.

In the weeks leading up to the election, Obama held a consistent, if at times narrow, lead in

national and most battleground state polls. Romney gained some ground following an impressive performance at the first debate last month, middling jobs numbers, and what Republicans called Obama’s lackluster response to the September terrorist attacks on the U.S. embassy in Libya.

But in the end it was not enough, with Obama’s victory in Ohio proving one of the tipping points. Obama said that while “democracy in a nation of 300 million can be noisy and messy and complicated,” the electoral process works.

“Each of us has deeply held beliefs, and when we go through tough times, when we make big decisions as a country, it necessarily stirs passions, stirs up controversies,” he said. “That won’t change after tonight, and it shouldn’t. These arguments we have are a mark of our liberty.”

Supporters hung on Obama’s every word, building off his cadence as he reached the climax of his victory speech.

“We are greater than the sum of our individual ambitions, and we remain more than a collection of red states and blue states,” he said, echoing his speech at the 2004 Democratic National Convention. “We are and forever will be the United States of America.”

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Some voters frustrated by long lines, dimly lit ballot machines

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margin, came out on top in his bid to retain his Upper Manhattan state senate seat, garnering more than 90 percent of the vote and securing the seat for two more years. Rep. Jerry Nadler, who represents Morningside Heights in the House of Representatives, was also elected to another two-year term.

Local State Assembly members Daniel O’Donnell, Keith Wright, and Herman Farrell all ran unopposed, securing their seats for the next two years. State Senator Bill Perkins also ran unopposed and will continue to represent District 30, which includes parts of Morningside Heights and Harlem.

Matico Josephson voted with his father at 390 Riverside Drive, where he grew up. He said that he waited in line for at least half an hour.

“There were about 100 people here until late afternoon,” Josephson said. “There was already a longline at 9 a.m., maybe as early as 8. It was long all day long.”

Obama referenced the long lines across the country in his victory speech Tuesday night, saying that “we have to fix that.”

At Columbia’s Wien Hall, lines had declined by Tuesday evening.

“Up until 12, it was pretty full,” poll worker Heungman Kwan said. “It’s slowed down a little but it never stops—people always keep coming.”

Anna Rosen, who lives on 111th Street, took her daughter Annabelle with her to 390 Riverside to vote on Tuesday evening. Rosen said that her daughter voted in a mock election on Monday at school.

“It was good, I’m excited,” Rosen said. “She just went [to vote] with her dad about an hour ago. She’s going through the process.”

Rosen added that the vote scanners were “very easy and effective.”

“We literally just walked in and walked out,” she said.

Some voters, though, criticized the dim lighting in the voting booths.

“The lights are bad, the text is too small, so the system for old people is really terrible,” Lauren Taylor, BC ’70, SSW ’74, and GSAS ’12, said.

For most Morningside Heights and West Harlem residents, Obama was the easy choice for president. Fatima Dierro, who wasn’t old enough to vote in 2008, cast her ballot for Obama, saying that it took her between 15 and 20 minutes to vote.

“I’m looking forward to the results,” Dierro, who voted at 390 Riverside around 8 p.m., said. “I’m not nervous. Obama’s got this.”

Even though Azcona voted against Rangel, she remained solidly Democratic in her presidential choice.

“My man is Obama,” she said, breaking into a wide grin.

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Turnout in Bronx community ‘the greatest thing I’ve ever seen’

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ready to exercise their right of voting,” Small said. “You don’t see that all the time, especially in communities of color.”

Victoria Stevens, who voted “first thing” in the morning near her Bronx home, said turnout was “the greatest I’ve ever seen it.” Stevens, an Ohio State University graduate, spent the rest of Election Day calling Ohio residents from Obama campaign offices in the Bronx and on the Upper West Side.

“Before I worked the phones, I didn’t feel very good, but talking to people made me feel optimistic about it,” she said.

Politicians swept through the

victory party as well, shaking hands and patting backs.

“I’m feeling great,” City Council member Inez Dickens said as she breezed by a reporter. “We’re going to win—we’ve got this.”

Harlem stalwarts like Rangel, Dickens, former mayor David Dinkins, and State Assembly member Denny Farrell all attended the party. Manhattan Borough President Scott Stringer made an appearance with Julie Menin, a candidate for borough president.

“There’s so much energy here,” Menin said. “It’s a great night for Democrats, both locally and nationally.”

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Dems knock on 56,000 doors; CUCR takes election results in stride

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and had the math to back it up.”

“I don’t think four years is enough to do what he needed to do, because he just inherited such a terrible economic condition, and he just had a lot that he needed to work on, and four years wasn’t enough,” said Akunne Robyn Daniels, CC ’15, who was at Low Steps Tuesday night. “And I think that now that he doesn’t have to worry about re-election, I hope that it’ll be better.”

Raeye Daniel, CC ’13, agreed, saying she hopes Obama does more in his second term.

“I definitely feel like second-term presidents in general in the U.S. tend to work better, because of the fact that they don’t have to worry about re-election,” Daniel said. “They tend to follow more of what they set out to do originally. I think that Obama will go back to, hopefully, his original platforms from 2008.”

Some students were surprised that the race was called so early, especially considering Obama’s narrow leads in key battleground states like Ohio, Florida, and Virginia when CNN projected his victory at about 11:20 p.m.

Julian Bass-Krueger, CC ’15, who canvassed for Obama in 2008, said he was surprised that the networks called Ohio when the numbers indicated it was still neck and neck.

“Friends I was with were still holding out reservations, because of when Gore got projected as the winner of the 2000 election and then turned out not to win,” Bass-Krueger said. “So I mean, there are always a couple reservations to celebrating too early, but I think by now, it’s pretty much clear that Obama has won. So I’m just waiting for it to settle in.”

While many Obama supporters gathered on Low Steps, several members of the Columbia University College Republicans watched CNN’s elections coverage on a screen at Mel’s Burger Bar, at 111th Street and Broadway. The group sat quietly toward the back of the bar, which also had several tables of cheering Obama supporters.

John Kenney, CC ’13 and CUCR’s director of public relations, said that most of the group’s members “were resigned pretty early to the fact that President Obama would be re-elected.”

“The demographics of the

country have changed in a way such that the Electoral College currently favors the Democratic Party,” Kenney said. “And so, short of a major gaffe or national disaster, it was unlikely that Obama would lose.”

Tom Callander, SEAS ’14 and CUCR’s director of finance, said after the election was called that he hopes that Obama works with congressional Republicans to avoid sequestration, a series of across-the-board budget cuts that are set to take affect Jan. 2. Still, cooperation goes both ways—David Bowles, CC ’13 and CUCR’s director of inter-group affairs, said that Obama’s re-election would send a signal to the Republican Party that they need to cooperate with Democrats over the next four years.

“It will let the Republicans know that instead of trying to block Barack Obama, they need to work with him,” Bowles said. “They need to come to the table and be able to compromise.”

Obama’s victory in Ohio was aided by the approximately 170 students who took part in the CU Dems trip to Ohio, where they knocked on more than 56,000 doors over four days. Zoe Ridolfi-Starr, CC ’15 and CU Dems lead

activist, gave a speech on one of the group’s three buses back to New York, saying that “every single knock was a knock toward victory, and it could not have happened without us.”

“The margins of victory look like they will be smaller than the number of doors that we knocked on, meaning that we had an impact greater than the margin of victory,” Jagoda said.

Jackie Garcia, BC ’12, was one of several Columbia and Barnard graduates who returned to campus Tuesday night to watch the results and get out the vote. Garcia remembered seeing Obama and Arizona Senator John McCain, the Republican candidate in 2008, speak at a forum in Roone Arledge Auditorium during her freshman year.

“Columbia is where Obama graduated from, and it’s where he started his political activism, his grassroots. And it’s also where we started voting, and we continued on—and this is why we came back,” Garcia said. “It’s very special to us.”

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CHILLY NIGHT | Students bundled up in the cold November air as they watched CNN’s election coverage on Low Steps on Tuesday. Obama was projected to win with at least 303 electoral votes.

University releases student life fee breakdown

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The University released a line-by-line breakdown of the student life fee for Columbia College and the School of Engineering and Applied Science last week, following a semester-long student push to convince administrators to make the breakdown public.

The largest portion of the \$1,396 fee—which is set by the central administration each year—is the \$390 that goes to the athletic department. The next-highest amount goes to Columbia University Information Technology, which gets \$376, followed by a \$220 “house fee,” a \$216 student activities fee, \$66 for the Center for Career Education, \$64 for printing, and \$62 for Lerner Hall. There is also a \$2 “cross-cutting multi-school activities fee.”

Dean of Student Affairs Kevin Shollenberger sent the breakdown to representatives from the Columbia College Student Council and the Engineering Student Council, both of which had lobbied administrators to release the information this semester. Shollenberger also sent them a document outlining specific initiatives that some portions of the fee were used for last year.

Shollenberger said he brought up the idea of releasing the fee breakdown to the term bill committee, which is headed by Provost John Coatsworth, in response to student concerns. The committee then recommended to the board of trustees that the information be released.

Shollenberger explained that the committee had not previously made the breakdown public because it did not want students to “get into the argument about certain dollar amounts and not understand the bigger picture.”

Terry Martinez, dean of community development and multicultural affairs, said she was worried about the tone of the conversations that might arise—particularly in *Spectator* and on *Bwog*—if the fee breakdown were made public.

“I think that’s exactly what there was concern about in the past, that this isn’t good discourse, that it’s just an opportunity for people to be snarky,” Martinez said. “And for those that want to have some good discussions, you can’t have it in that forum. It does get into, ‘The football team sucks, so let’s not

give them money.”

ESC President Tim Qin, SEAS ’13, said that while releasing the breakdown was a step in the right direction, he still wants more information.

“I think that it’s good to have transparency, and for students to know exactly where the money will go, as far as specific buckets,” he said. “I think we need to better understand exactly how that money is used for each of the buckets.”

The \$216 student activities fee is given to CCSC and ESC, which came to \$982,368 for CCSC and \$330,912 for ESC this academic year. The largest portion of the councils’ annual budgets is distributed to governing boards, who in turn give the funds to student organizations. The councils use most of the rest of their budgets to sponsor events directly.

ESC Vice President of Finance Siddhant Bhatt, SEAS ’14, said that an even more specific breakdown of how the overall student life fees are spent would help him better allocate ESC funds. He questioned why athletics receives such a large portion of the fees.

“Does any of that money help subsidize club sports groups, their transport?” Bhatt asked. “If it subsidizes their transport, it makes my life easier in deciding how much of our budget I want to allocate to their transport.”

Bhatt said he was excited to see the numbers released but cautioned that students should be reasonable in their reactions to the breakdown.

“From our end, we’re happy because the numbers got released, and it shows that we have the power to get something released that students wanted to see,” Bhatt said. “We’re hoping that students are mature about it and don’t harp about it.”

Jessica Chi, CC ’15, said that while students were “a little lukewarm” on some parts of the breakdown, she didn’t have any issues with it.

“It’s nice to know that money is going to resources that I support, and I know exactly where it’s going and that I’m not just paying some fees into the depths of some Columbia system that I know nothing about,” she said.

Justin Yang, CC ’13, said he was glad that the administration released the breakdown, but he added that he would like to see more money going toward career services.

“I’m supportive of the release

of these numbers, and I’d like to see more dialogue on it in the future,” Yang said.

Many students said they were frustrated to learn that such a large portion of the fee goes to athletics. Ben Swetland, CC ’15, said, “I think we’re wasting a lot of money on sports, because they don’t really enrich our intellectual experience at Columbia.”

Swetland said that the money would be better spent on the Arts Initiative, which has seen its funding cut substantially over the last few years.

“I think it’s more logical for us to fund things within the humanities and the arts than it is for us to fund athletics, which have no long-term benefit to anyone,” Swetland said.

However, Matt Bristol, CC ’14 and a varsity wrestler, said that the money spent on athletics makes sense.

“Having an atmosphere like that [of an athletic arena] really attracts donors, who really put in the money. Tuition’s adding a lot, but donors adding in multimillion dollars is really what’s bringing in a lot of money,” Bristol said. “Filling a stadium, it really attracts alumni to come in and feel a part of the whole experience at Columbia.”

Some students were unsure what the \$2 “cross-cutting multi-school activities fee” is used for. The document provided by Shollenberger states that it funds the Interschool Governing Board, a governing board that oversees groups with both undergraduate and graduate student members.

Qin said that student feedback is important as the councils work to evaluate the breakdown.

“I think it’s just great that there’s more transparency, and that’s what the student councils have been working on this past year,” he said.

Bhatt agreed, saying that while the numbers warrant further discussion, he is “pretty satisfied” about the administration’s decision to release them. He said CCSC and ESC members had dinner with Shollenberger earlier in the semester to discuss making the breakdown public.

“We had that dinner about four weeks ago,” Bhatt said. “And to have that sitting in my inbox in PDF form four weeks later is pretty unprecedented.”

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A HELPING HAND | (top) Friends of Morningside Park President Jacquie Connors helped organize the cleanup effort. (bottom) Volunteers with rakes walk up Morningside Drive on Saturday.

Post-Sandy, volunteers clean up M’side Park

BY TRACEY WANG
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Almost a week after Hurricane Sandy thundered through Morningside Park, downing trees and leaves, dozens of volunteers gathered to clean it up Saturday morning.

Volunteers with garbage bags and rakes cleared away debris and fallen branches on paths through the park and along Morningside Drive between 114th and 122nd streets. A group of about 50, including some Columbia students, started the cleanup and grew as the day went on.

Meanwhile, students have gotten involved in several other efforts to support those most affected by the hurricane, with thousands of students supporting and organizing relief efforts on Facebook and others donating blood at Low Library on Monday.

While Sandy had less of an impact on Morningside Heights than on the rest of the city, it left Morningside Park with what locals called the worst damage in recent memory. Jacquie Connors, president of Friends of Morningside Park,

which organized the effort, said that even though the Parks Department had cleared fallen trees and branches on Tuesday, there was still a lot to be done.

“For the next few weeks, people should get involved in the recovery effort,” Connors said.

Columbia students, including Caitlin Watterson, CC ’13, and her suitemate Susan Ou, CC ’13, helped out.

“We use the parks all the time, so we wanted to help out in the cleanup so people can get back in here,” Watterson said.

Pirapong Jitngamplang, SEAS ’14, cleared scattered leaves off park benches at 120th Street and Morningside Drive. Jitngamplang said that he comes to the park to read once in a while, so he thought this would be a good opportunity to give back.

“It’s a nice break from midterms, too,” he added.

Marci Muhlestein Clark, GS ’08, said she brought about 30 volunteers from the nearby the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints in Harlem, which holds activities like play groups in the park.

“As a neighborhood and as a community, it was just important to be here,” she said.

While Morningside Heights was largely left intact by the hurricane, other areas of the city suffered massive power outages and floods.

Bridget Black, 28, came from Lower Manhattan to volunteer. Her apartment lost power after the hurricane hit and got it back on Saturday morning. Black said she came to Morningside Park because she wanted to help and because it was accessible by subway, unlike most of downtown.

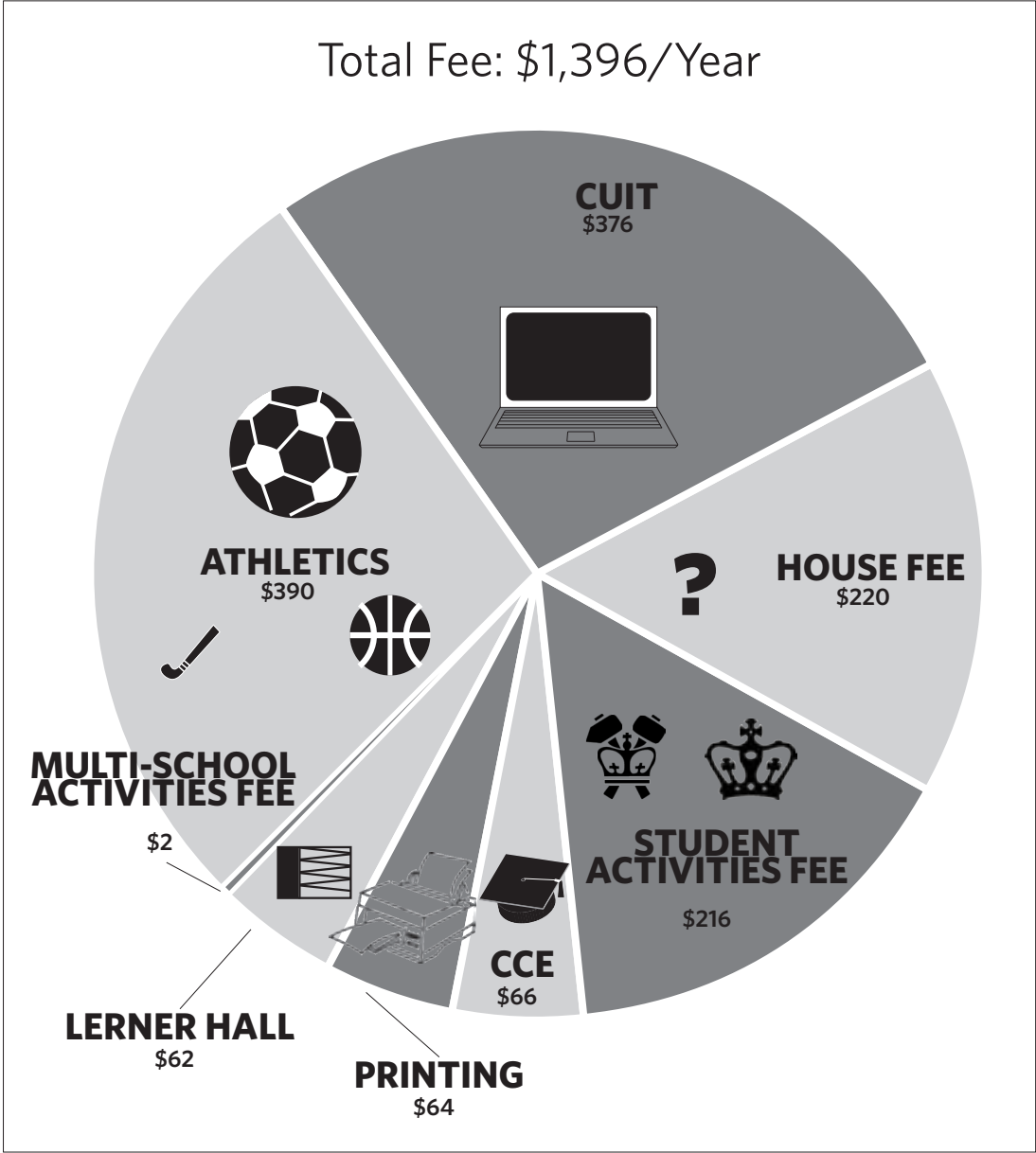
“I just hope people don’t have a short attention span about this,” Black said. “There is going to be a long recovery time for the city.”

Jennifer Collins, GS ’84, who lives in Morningside Heights, was at the park Saturday. She said she has been downtown several times since the hurricane to care for her disabled aunt.

“There are still a lot of people without food or water—we have to remember that,” Collins said, snapping a long branch in half on her knee.

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STUDENT LIFE FEE BY THE NUMBERS



Ivy basketball exceeds expectations for writer

ALAM from back page

be proud of you. But van Gogh might also wonder about contrast.) Although I’d be the first to admit a bad team when I see it, this basketball

team, for the time being, looks legitimately good.

If you’re not into basketball, that’s fine. But if you’re even the slightest bit curious, come to some of the games. These guys take hundreds of shots a

week. I highly encourage you to find time to give them one.

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‘Save CUArts’ petition gets 1,200 signatures

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A petition calling for members of the Columbia community to save the Arts Initiative has garnered more than 1,200 signatures from undergraduates, graduate students, and alumni.

The petition comes following concerns that CUArts and its executive director, Melissa Smey, are not doing everything they can to support students’ artistic pursuits on campus.

CUArts, which was established in 2004, has come under increasing criticism for its out-of-date website, the decreasing amount of funds it awards to undergraduate performing arts groups, and what students perceive as a lack of transparency. Before Smey, who is also the executive director of Miller Theatre, was tapped to lead the initiative last year, it saw its budget cut by 40 percent over two years.

Smey, who met with leaders of student performing arts groups earlier this month to discuss their concerns, has largely defended CUArts against the criticisms. She said in a statement that she has been meeting with other administrators to look at possible ways to improve the initiative.

“Conversations with Columbia College Dean Jim Valentini and Dean of Student Affairs Kevin Shollenberger have begun to explore ways in which the Arts Initiative and Miller Theatre can continue to enhance the undergraduate student experience,” she said.

Valentini said in a recent interview that a few students brought concerns about CUArts to him last month, and that he

is working with college staff to “determine what the problems are and see if we can find ways to improve it.”

“There are a lot of things that are not run from the college, but they affect your lives,” he said. “And when they affect your lives, I take an interest in them.”

The “Save the Arts Initiative” campaign is being led by Columbia College Student Council Vice President for Policy Will Hughes, CC ’13, who is also president of the Columbia University Performing Arts League. Hughes started the petition.

“It is a matter of public record that the budget for CUArts was cut 40% in the two years before Melissa Smey began serving in her dual role,” Hughes said in a statement. “While she is correct in saying the budget has not been cut further, it seems we fundamentally disagree as to the adequacy of this reduced budget for the continued health of the Arts Initiative.”

For the last two years, CUArts has not published a formerly annual report that documented total award money distributed via the Arts Initiative Student Arts Fund, also known as the Gatsby Student Art Fund—a major source of funding for performing arts productions. Data on the CUArts website show that funding from Gatsby grants has been declining since its high of just over \$70,000 in 2008, the year before CUArts was transferred from University President Lee Bollinger’s office to the School of the Arts.

Smey said in her statement that \$60,000 is set aside in Gatsby grant money every year. “The number and total

dollar amount of grants awarded fluctuates from year to year, however, we (CUArts) have been able to award funds to all the projects that met the eligibility requirements,” she said.

The petition calls for CUArts to move from the School of the Arts to “an administrative home that reflects CUArts’ mission of serving all students, faculty, and staff,” and for Bollinger’s office to restore its previous funding levels.

Opal Hoyt, CC ’11, signed the petition and wrote that CUArts shaped her college experience.

“The CU Arts Initiative provided me one of the best internships ever,” she wrote on the “Save the Arts Initiative” website. “I hope it can continue to do the same for others.”

Todd Nelson, CC ’12, wrote on the website that he was grateful for the resources the Arts Initiative offered students, including free museum passes.

The “Save the Arts Initiative” campaign is also asking for a CUArts director who is focused solely on CUArts—unlike Smey, who also runs Miller Theatre—as well as the reinstitution of a student and faculty advisory committee, formerly a hallmark of the program.

The petition also calls for Miller Theatre to allow the Columbia Ballet Collaborative to once again perform in Miller Theatre at a subsidized rate. Starting next year, the group will be required to pay the full price that an outside group would be expected to pay, limiting its ability to perform on campus. It has already had to pay a higher rate this year than it did in years past.

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Military leaders make a better Columbia

BY KYLE PERROTTI

I once had a conversation with a young man at a bar who said, “Our generation is in a serious state of emergency.” I held this statement to be absolutely true. However, when I asked him what we could do about it, he had no answer. I see this as representative of one of the overarching themes of life in the 21st century. Although some people choose to ignore the problems or become part of them and some are keen to make the problems known, no one seems to have the solution. If we do not get proactive and creative with solutions, we will go down in history as being a generation characterized by apathy.

A perfect example of this cultural flaw is seen right here on Columbia’s campus. Instead of focusing on solutions, most faculty and students at Columbia are acutely aware of the many faults in the military action of our country within the last decade and the resulting consequences. The irony here is that a perfect opportunity to make a difference lies right at the feet of our institution, yet we are too busy focusing on the problem ahead to notice our golden opportunity: the recently reinstated NROTC program. This program gives our school the opportunity to train new naval officers in the sound principles that this school projects into society through the realms of business and politics—principles of social responsibility, intellectual thinking, and problem-solving on a large or small scale. Accepting the ROTC program’s presence on campus is the only way that we are going to be able to move on and make a difference in the quality of our military leaders, and therefore become a part of the solution.

Prior to attending Columbia, I was stationed on board a submarine, the USS San Juan. It did not take me long to realize the difference between a “good” officer (logical, reasonable) and a “bad” officer (impulsive, irrational). The “good” officers typically came from the ROTC programs at more elite institutions of higher learning. Many officers that I knew and respected eventually landed roles in Washington, D.C., where they worked with the decision-makers—the Joint Chiefs, intelligence organizations, foreign relations teams—who implemented and retracted policies, such as the military’s “don’t ask, don’t tell” policy. Columbia is responsible for educating many of the world’s leaders in science, business, politics, and the arts. Adding military leaders to that list will pay dividends on the other end. Many of these veteran officers go on to hold positions in the highest levels of politics and business, therefore making an even greater difference in those realms.

I am always surprised to see a school that prides itself on embracing diversity in the classroom acting so apprehensively toward a group that can add a new element to our learning environment. This trepidation has been made clear by many of the students and faculty I have spoken with as well as by a recent column in Spectator (“Military education,” Oct. 29). These young men and women are here to receive the same rigorous education as the rest of us. It just so happens that their means of paying for it will be to serve the country—a service that those who have never stepped up may find easy to criticize. It is important to keep in mind that these individuals volunteer to fight the wars that are cooked up by politicians and corporate leaders. Their willingness to step up and wear the uniform should be seen as being most honorable in the eyes of those who are spared the toils of service, courtesy of their willingness to risk their lives. If Columbia is able to put socially responsible officers into the Navy, the potential exists for military and civilian lives to be spared.

I appreciate the fact that Columbia students are excited to step up and offer their thoughts as Alex Collazo did in his recent column. Any time something happens that potentially changes the structure of the education we are all paying for, it is important to get involved and make our voices heard. Every situation should be met with a healthy dose of skepticism. However, we cannot allow ourselves to fall victim to our own skepticism. If we do not find ways to make the best of a negative situation, we will be asserting our status as an apathetic generation.

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STAFF EDITORIAL

A ‘life fee’ inquiry

On Nov. 2, the University released the most detailed breakdown of the student life fee ever seen by the Columbia student body. The decision to release that information was contentious among the administration, with Dean of Student Affairs Kevin Shollenberger and Columbia College Dean James Valentini appearing to take opposite sides on the matter. Once the information was released, much student discourse has been focused on the largest portion of the student life fee—\$390 to “athletics”—and has questioned whether such a distribution accurately reflects the interests of the Columbia community as a whole.

Despite the release of the breakdown, however, students still have very little idea about how the University allocates spending. For many departments and programs, the student life fee contribution finances only a fraction of operations. Without a better understanding of the University’s spending, students would be remiss to make judgements on the administration’s financial decisions based on the student life fee breakdown.

The question on many students’ minds is how the \$390 allocated to the athletic department is actually spent. The \$390 goes toward funding multiple aspects of Columbia’s athletic department, from maintenance of Dodge Fitness Center to club sports to transportation of varsity teams and community outreach for its games. More concerning is the lack of explanation behind the \$220 “house fee.” What is this fee? Does it feed into the Office of Residential Programs, or does it support other residential programs like Greek life or Special Interest Communities? In addition to these specific questions, we hope the administration will be able to provide us with a better perspective on how these fees have changed over time and whether these fees constitute substantive or supplemental portions of the budgets for these departments.

Beyond trying to acquire more information, we would urge our fellow students to treat this information with the seriousness it deserves. Both Shollenberger and Dean of Community Development and Multicultural Affairs Terry Martinez have gone on the record expressing their hesitation to release this information because they fear students will not talk about it with maturity, and that the helpful conversations it could create will devolve into something like the unproductive and hurtful “Obamanard” scandal of last year. The release of this breakdown is a rare move in administrative transparency. While we should ask productive questions on the spending, we should also keep in mind that the student life fee covers a relatively small portion of the University’s budget and is not necessarily representative of Columbia’s financial and administrative priorities.

You should call your parents right now

The night of Hurricane Sandy, I was (very luckily) safe in my brownstone, eating mochi ice cream—which I had stupidly bought from M2M that night, right before the emergency alert was sent—and bonding with my housemates over a game of poker, as the tree branches outside smashed against the windows. On the other side of the country, however, my mother was glued to the news and to her cellphone. She left me seven voice mails and three text messages that night, which ranged from chiding me for not buying enough bottled water to advising me to stay away from windows to telling me that she loved me.

In college, I developed the horrible habit of not answering my mother’s calls on a regular basis. Because she calls me almost every day, I never expect the call to be of anything urgent. Also, when she asks about my week, I am very reluctant to tell her the details of what I did at 1020 and Le Bain.

I confessed my heartless habit to a friend the other day. She replied, “I don’t even call my mom. I talk to my parents twice a month—when they call me.”

Another friend said, “I Skyped my parents a lot the first month of freshman year. I even cried once because I was so homesick, but once I made more friends, I just didn’t have time to talk to them anymore.”

Columbia students like to think of themselves as independent and self-sufficient—we somehow manage to graduate and learn our Foucault and Said without much academic advising. The city instills us with a fierce sense of personal identity, and, perhaps, personal disillusionment, as we feel like marching, anonymous worker ants—never the queen. When Hurricane Sandy hit last weekend, though, the city’s people came together to help each other. Neighbors spoke to each other for the first time, and uptown friends offered temporary shelter to downtown friends.

“I’ll never make fun of people who live uptown ever again,” a co-worker at my internship joked.

Helping others was on my mind, but calling my worried mother wasn’t. Of course I know how to take care of myself during a hurricane, I stubbornly thought.

I don’t know about you, but I don’t find unconditional love in every corner of my life. My mother is the only person I can call at 3 a.m. when I’m stressed about having two midterms the next day. My mother is the only person who checks up on me constantly when I have the flu and Health Services makes me wait two hours in the waiting room. And increasingly so, as graduation approaches, my mother is the only person in the world who doesn’t seem



NOEL DUAN

You Write Like a Girl

to love me any less based on my achievements (or lack thereof) or my post-college graduation plans (or lack thereof). She loves me even when I’m too hungover or stressed or absentminded to call her back.

For the lucky ones, who have one—or two—parents who care enough to call us incessantly, we often also take for granted the love that we have. We fret about our romantic relationships (or lack thereof) on campus, but we rarely fret about the people who fret about us back home.

My mother recently sent me a brief email reminding me to wash my hands often to repel sickness. I told her I carry hand sanitizer everywhere I go. Hand sanitizer is not the same thing as soap, she replied. I rolled my eyes. You worry too much, Mom. I’m an adult now.

I don’t know about you, but I don’t find unconditional love in every corner of my life.

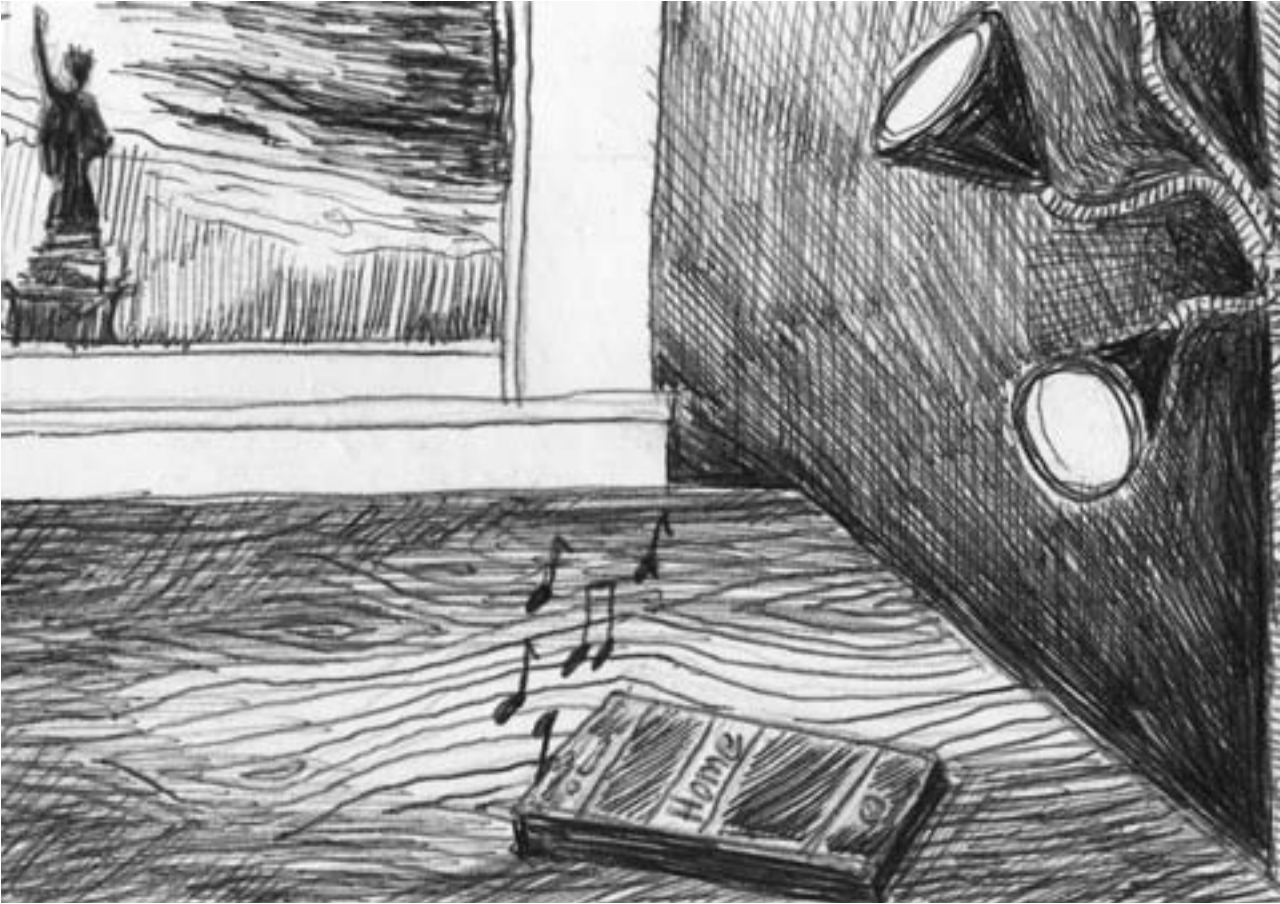
But then I think about all the times I got sick and couldn’t get out of bed. I think about all the times I couldn’t sleep before an exam I had over- (or under-) prepared for. I think about all the times I almost set off the fire alarm while trying to cook dinner for myself. I am still so, so, so far from being the adult that my mother is.

In her memoir, “Bossypants,” Tina Fey composes a brilliant poem about motherhood:

“And should [my daughter] choose to be a Mother one day, be my eyes, Lord, that I may see her, lying on a blanket on the floor at 4:50 a.m., all-at-once exhausted, bored, and in love with the little creature whose poop is leaking up its back. ‘My mother did this for me once,’ she will realize as she cleans feces off her baby’s neck. ‘My mother did this for me.’ And the delayed gratitude will wash over her as it does each generation and she will make a Mental Note to call me. And she will forget.”

I’m about to call my mom right now. We don’t have to delay our gratitude until we have our own children. If you’re lucky (and maybe taking it for granted, like me), there’s someone thinking about you on the other side of the world, country, or city right now: your mom or dad.

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JULIA JARRETT

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor:

As a gynecologist, abortion provider, and Columbia alumna, I would like to thank Columbia Health Services and congratulate the students who spoke up to re-establish financial support through a discretionary fund to ensure confidential reproductive health services for women at Columbia University (“After concerns, Health Services creates fund for confidential services, including abortions,” Oct. 22).

For all women, the changing landscape of health insurance reconfigures what reproductive health services are covered for whom. Columbia University should be commended for protecting students’ access to confidential reproductive health services, especially abortion. Reproductive health care continues to be under attack in virtually every region of the country. It is incumbent on institutions of higher learning such as Columbia to set the bar as high as possible for reproductive freedom, both to ensure unfettered access to members of the Columbia community, and to set an example for the rest of the country.

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To the Editor:

The Boston Massacre was re-enacted on Saturday. In 1770 the score was Redcoats 5, Colonists 0. This time around, the rout was even more one-sided, 69-0, in favor of the Crimson (“Columbia football trounced by Crimson in Boston,” Nov. 3). Fortunately, the only harm was to the “pride” of the Lions.

Next year will be the 240th anniversary of the Boston Tea Party. Alas, vengeance is not Columbia’s.

On December 16, 1773, a group of patriots disguised as Indians boarded a ship and dumped its cargo of tea into Boston Harbor. The name of the vessel: the Dartmouth.

Dale Geduldig

To the Editor:

Any attempt to capture centuries of political conflict under the neat contemporary opposition between “liberals” and “conservatives” will fall short as a guide to history. Margaret Mattes’ news article (“1968’s liberal legacy still strong, but diluted,” Nov. 1) is no exception.

In presenting the 1968 University occupation as a “liberal” phenomenon, she obscures the reality—the students and community members who took over buildings that year were self-identified radicals in revolt against liberalism.

I do not mean only that the local opponents and targets of the 1968 protests (from professors Daniel Bell and Richard Hofstadter to President Grayson Kirk) were liberals, though this is true.

More fundamentally, the issue that took on such existential importance for members and sympathizers of Students for a Democratic Society in 1968 was their opposition to our war in Vietnam—a war planned and executed by the liberals of the Kennedy-Johnson administration. The savage foreign policy conducted by Kennedy and Johnson was not an aberration from their political creed, but the fulfillment of an aggressive Cold War strategy inaugurated by Democrat Harry Truman, justified by court intellectuals like Arthur Schlesinger, Jr. as constitutive of American liberalism.

It is important to avoid reducing conflicts to liberal versus conservative. In our time, a Democratic president and his liberal intellectual allies defend the same kind of destructive foreign policy as Johnson and Schlesinger did—this time in the form of the daily killings of Pakistani civilians in drone strikes, which violate the principle of sovereignty.

To break with these troubling policies would require that we imagine, as our predecessors in 1968 did, a radical activism that differs not only in degree but in kind from liberalism.

Tim Barker, CC ’13

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5 Head-hanging emotion
10 Almonds alternative
15 Fan favorite
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17 Absorbed the loss
18 Tropical headgear
20 Passover ritual
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22 Calendar abbr.
24 Prior to, in verse
25 Low-tech note taker
27 Deal-closing aids
30 Unblemished
31 Line winder
32 Baking by-products
33 Creative enterprise
34 On the fence
35 Six-stringed instrument, usually
36 Urbana-Champaign
41 Two pages
42 "Zp...Doo-Dah"
43 Tram car filler
45 Totally absorbed
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49 Pontiac muscle cars
50 Powerful pin cushion?
52 "It... hit me yelf"
53 Map follower?
54 Scientology's ____ Hubbard
55 Sushi bar soup
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64 Boyfriends
65 Couple in a rowboat
66 Run through a reader, as a debit card
67 Footlocker
68 Sandstorm residue

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2 Org. concerned with crowns
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39 "As of yet, no"
40 Pressing need?
44 Inexact fig.
45 Throws out
46 Reservation wader
47 Spiral pasta
48 One of Dancer's partners
49 Far-from-efficient vehicle
51 Reservations
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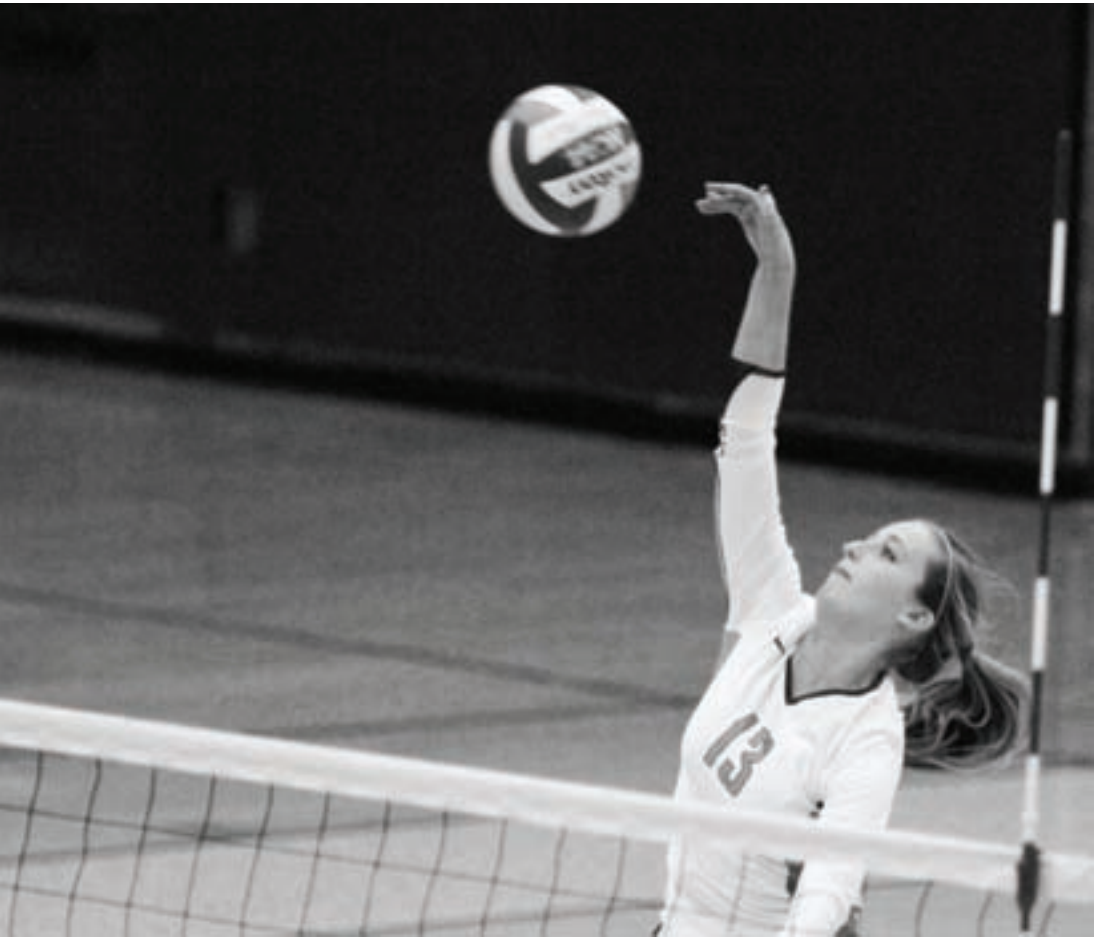
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CRIMSON KILLER | Freshman Atlanta Moye-McLaren had a kill at the end of the Light Blue’s 3-1 win.

CU makes history on road against Ivies

BY ERIC WONG
Spectator Staff Writer

It was a historic weekend for the Columbia volleyball team (12-9, 7-5 Ivy) as it recorded its first-ever week-end-away sweep with wins over Harvard and Dartmouth, setting three program records along the way.

“It’s towards the end of the season and we’re still getting better,” senior Heather Braunagel said. “Coach told us after the game that the Dartmouth coach came up to him and asked, ‘How are you doing this? What do they have to play for?’ He responded, ‘Are you kidding? They always have something to play for.’”

Going into the weekend, the senior class had never beaten the Crimson at their gym. The trend finally reversed itself, as the Light Blue pulled out a 3-1 win.

“We had to come from

behind. It could have gone to five games,” Braunagel said. “I’m really happy we were able to able to win in four.”

In the decisive fourth set, the Lions were neck and neck with the Crimson. Tied at 25-25, the Lions had run out of substitutions, forcing defensive specialist sophomore Molly Winger to play in the front row.

“Molly told me, ‘Heather, I’m not going to block,’” Braunagel said. “She was in the front row. She knew where to go, played off blocker defense, got a ball up off a block.”

Even with the mismatch in the front row, the team came through to clinch the set, 28-26, capping the win.

The Lions then traveled to Andover for a rematch with Dartmouth, where they secured the record-setting weekend sweep with the 3-0 win over the Big Green. This

was also the first time that the Lions have beaten another team 3-0 both at home and away in the same season.

The Light Blue crushed Dartmouth in the first set, 25-12. Dartmouth failed to find a way to come back, as it fell behind early in the second and third sets, never gaining a lead. Columbia senior Megan Gaughn finished the weekend with a team-high 35 kills, while junior Charlee Dyroff led the defense with 28 digs.

Although Yale officially clinched its third straight Ivy League title with victories over Penn and Princeton this weekend, the Lions have a chance to move into third place, with two home matches left against Penn and Princeton. They will look to extend their three-game winning streak into the upcoming final week of Ivy League play.

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69-0 loss shows Lions still work in progress

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quickly before—I think that was 21 in probably the fastest ever,” Mangurian said after the game. “But that’s how fast it happens. Unfortunately, that’s where we are right now.”

In all, Harvard scored a program record 35 points in the second quarter, and 28 of them came within the period’s first 5:07.

Mangurian also said that part of the Lions’ disparity in performance from its victory over Yale to the loss at Harvard stemmed from the bigger stage on which they were playing.

“It was too big for us—that’s the truth,” he said. “At this point, not just today, but as long as this program has been in the situation it’s been in. We’re going to have to face the truth here and deal with the realities of what it’s going to take to become the program we want to be.”

And despite the overwhelming loss, the head coach said that games like Saturday’s will not stick around.

“Am I in awe? No. Will it always be that way? No. I think they [the Harvard players] know that too,” he said.

And as it turns out, they said they do.

“Pete Mangurian’s a terrific coach, and I guarantee you that this will not be the type of situation of Harvard-Columbia games in the future,” Crimson head coach Tim Murphy said. “They’re just not in the same level of development right now, this particular Columbia team, as we have been.”

And Mangurian, for one, said he’s not afraid to continue to put that message out to the public.

“I’m not going to walk around with my hat in my hand,” he said. “That’s not the way we’re going to do things. We’ll take our lumps, and we’ll move on.”

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ONE MISTAKE, BIG CONSEQUENCES | Brackett’s fumble ignited Harvard’s offensive onslaught.

Mistakes cost Lions scoring chances in loss

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Immediately following the kickoff, Harvard linebacker Connor Loftus intercepted McDonagh’s first-down pass and took it back for six points. The subsequent extra point put the Lions in a 35-0 hole.

Columbia’s best scoring chance of the game came with five seconds to play in the opening half, when the Lions got the ball at the Harvard three following a muffed punt. The Light Blue had two chances to put up some points with only five seconds left on the clock, but came away empty-handed.

The second half followed a similar narrative, this time with quarterback Conner Hempel and a number of other second-stringers on the field for the Crimson. Harvard tacked on another 27 points in the second half, while Columbia was once again unable to score.

Damani Wilson, listed as a defensive back, made some big plays running the ball for the Crimson late in the game.

Wilson, who is also a sprinter, reeled off a pair of long touchdown runs in the fourth quarter, both from more than 40 yards out.

With 30 seconds to play in the game, the Lions picked up a big gain as freshman wide receiver Chris Connors made a nice catch by the Columbia sideline. But McDonagh was sacked on the next play, and one play later, Harvard closed out the shutout and the dominant 69-0 win.

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Light Blue beats Harvard, falls to Rutgers

BY JOSH SHENKAR
Spectator Staff Writer

Senior forward Gabby Kozlowski tied and broke the women’s field hockey record for career goals during the team’s season-ending, two-game road trip. The field hockey team (9-8, 4-3 Ivy) as a whole did not end its season on such a high note, defeating Harvard 3-2 on Saturday but losing 3-2 to Big East powerhouse Rutgers in Sunday’s season finale.

The Lions entered the game against Harvard (3-13, 1-6 Ivy) needing a victory to ensure a top three finish in the league. The Lions’ offense was dominant in the first half. Columbia out-shot Harvard nine to four in the first half and earned six penalty corners to the Crimson’s three. The Lions closed the half with two goals to show for their effort. Senior back Katie DeSandis continued her impressive scoring form this season with a goal in the 13th minute off a rebound from a Lion corner shot.

Kozlowski then doubled the Lions’ lead, as she collected a loose ball in front of the net and hurled it past Harvard goalkeeper Cynthia Tassopoulos for her 10th goal of the season. The goal was a milestone for Kozlowski as it enabled her to tie with Nikki Campbell, CC ’02, for the record of 40 career goals.

Harvard dominated the second half, outshooting Columbia seven to three and earning four penalty corners to Columbia’s one. In the 40th minute, the Crimson cut the Lions’ lead in half. Senior goalkeeper Christie O’Hara came up big for the Lions, however, making three second-half saves to preserve the Lions’ lead. DeSandis gave Columbia insurance with her second goal of he game at the 60:24 mark, and although Harvard got a second goal with less than 40 seconds left, it was too little, too late for the Crimson.

The Lions struggled in their game at Rutgers, where they were outshot 17-6. Rutgers’

physical play—it earned three green cards and two yellow cards in the game—made it difficult for Columbia to get into the game. Cornelia Duffin started the scoring for the Scarlet Knights in the 21st minute off a set play from the corner. The Lion’s forward Kozlowski scored at the 24:43 mark to tie the game.

The goal was Kozlowski’s second of the weekend and 41st for the Lions, pushing her past Campbell, Columbia’s previous career-goals leader. Kozlowski then notched her second goal of the match just five minutes into the second half, giving the Light Blue the lead. However, a relentless Rutgers team equalized the game in the 55th minute off an unassisted goal from Christie Lonsky. As the game clock wound down, it appeared the game might go to overtime but Lonsky scored with less than three minutes left to give Rutgers the win and Columbia, a season-ending loss.

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SENIOR STARS | Katie DeSandis and Christie O’Hara contributed to CU’s 3-2 win over Harvard.

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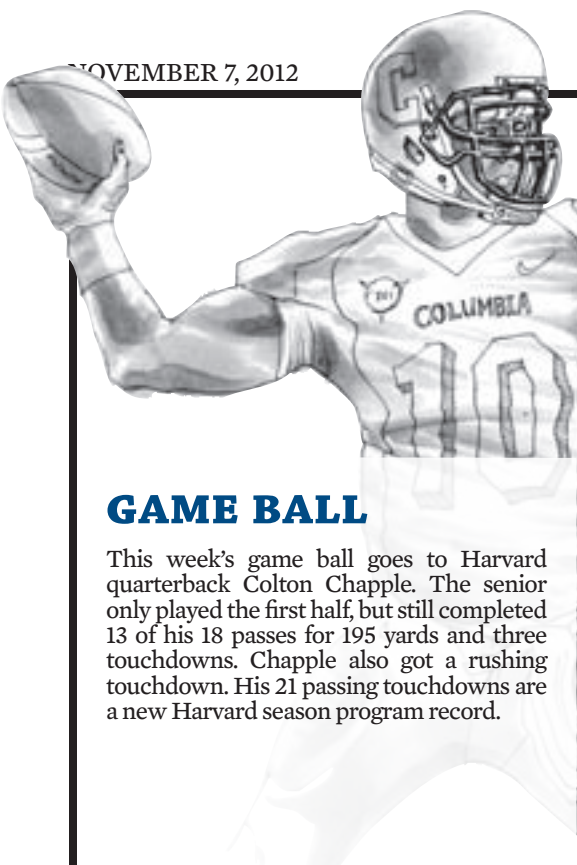
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MONDAY MORNING QUARTERBACK

week #8

GAME BALL

This week's game ball goes to Harvard quarterback Colton Chapple. The senior only played the first half, but still completed 13 of his 18 passes for 195 yards and three touchdowns. Chapple also got a rushing touchdown. His 21 passing touchdowns are a new Harvard season program record.

BEST CALL

The Lions recovered a Harvard muffed punt on the Crimson's three-yard line with just five seconds left in the first half. Down 42-0, the Lions could have taken the opportunity to kick a field goal just to get the zero off the scoreboard. But, the Lions took their two plays to try and get a touchdown. The Lions didn't score any points, but as in the situation against Yale, they didn't just take the easy way out.

TURNING POINT

There was a period of 45 seconds in the second quarter in which the Crimson went from a 14-0 to a 35-0 lead off of three Columbia turnovers. A Sean Brackett fumble led to a Chapple passing touchdown, then a Brackett interception led to a Treavor Scales touchdown run, and finally Trevor McDonagh threw a pick-six. After that, the game was firmly in Harvard's control.

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GAME ONE
VS. MARIST
W 10-9



GAME TWO
VS. FORDHAM
L 20-13



GAME THREE
VS. PRINCETON
L 33-6



GAME FOUR
@ LEHIGH
L 35-14



GAME FIVE
@ PENN
L 24-20



GAME SIX
VS. DARTMOUTH
L 21-16



GAME SEVEN
VS. YALE
W 26-22



GAME EIGHT
@ HARVARD
L 69-0



GAME NINE
VS. CORNELL
11/10



GAME TEN
VS. BROWN
11/17

	Harvard	Columbia
Total offensive yards	585	149
Total offensive plays	80	58
Average gain per play	7.3	2.6
Total first downs	28	8
Rushing	16	0
Passing	12	8
Penalty	0	0
Net yards rushing	328	-19
Rushing attempts	52	21
Average per rush	6.3	-9
Yards gained rushing	376	37
Yards lost rushing	48	56
Net yards passing	257	168
Completions-attempts-int	19-28-0	15-37-3
Average per completion	13.5	11.2
Passing touchdowns	3	0
Third-down conversions	7/13	2/12
Fourth-down conversions	0/2	0/0
Time of possession	38:00	22:00
Fumbles: Number-lost	2-1	4-3
Penalties: Number-yards	8-52	2-10
Interceptions: Number-yards-TD	3-87-1	0-0-0
Red-zone: Scores-chances	7-8	0-1

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McDonagh, T.	9-20-2		125	0	
Brackett, S.	6-17-1		43	0	
Rushing	Att	Yds	TD	LG	Avg
Garrett, M.	7	29	0	8	4.0
Receiving	Receptions		Yds	TD	LG
Nelligan, C.	7		67	0	15
Connors, C.	3		42	0	24
DiNovo, L.	2		24	0	19
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Olinger, Z.	6			8	14
Murphy, R.	30	30	50	40	330
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IVY LEAGUE FOOTBALL STANDINGS				
IVY	IVY	OVERALL	POINTS FOR	POINTS AGAINST
HARVARD	4-1	7-1	339	120
PENN	4-1	4-4	170	192
DARTMOUTH	3-2	5-3	192	161
PRINCETON	3-2	4-4	216	157
BROWN	2-3	5-3	167	136
CORNELL	2-3	4-4	220	233
COLUMBIA	1-4	2-6	105	233
YALE	1-4	2-6	127	226

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In final match, Light Blue loses to Harvard

BY CAROLINE BOWMAN
Spectator Staff Writer

After 89 minutes of play with a 0-0 score, Lions women's soccer (6-9-1, 2-4-1 Ivy) match against Harvard (9-5-3, 3-3-1) on Saturday was seconds away from going into overtime, until the Crimson put together one last burst on offense to break the deadlock. Having lost this battle, the Lions end the season in fifth place in the conference.

With nine seconds left on the clock, Harvard's senior midfielder Aisha Price crossed the ball into the box to freshman midfielder Brooke Dickens, who then headed the ball past the Lions' defense and into the net for the game-winner with just five seconds left in the match.

"They had a striker who was quite alert, and I think she just beat our goalkeeper to the ball, and had the good fortune to spin off her head and go in," Lion head coach Kevin McCarthy explained of the final play.

The majority of the match was airtight, as both teams mounted several offensive

attacks and narrowly missed out on goals on several occasions. Junior defender Shannon FitzPatrick and sophomore forward Alexa Yow led the Lions with strong shots on goal that Harvard's sophomore goalkeeper Bethany Kanten managed to turn away. Harvard had an edge over the Lions in scoring chances and recorded 18 shot attempts to the Lions' 10 attempts.

Despite the shot discrepancy, McCarthy said the match was pretty even offensively until the very end. "I think it was a pretty even game. They had a few more shots than us though not really dangerous ones, whereas I think we had greater possession of the ball," McCarthy said. "We would have liked if we had carved out some better scoring chances and perhaps gotten a fortunate bounce here or there, which really was the difference in the game."

The Lions have dropped three of their last four matchups by narrow margins in spite of very solid showings on both sides of the pitch. While losing a series of close matches can prove

to be a tough mental obstacle for athletes, the Lions will use the experience of these past few games as motivation to improve as a team next season.

"We are in a business measured on production and results, so while we are aware that some really good things happened in the process of this season and that we played some really good quality soccer, at times there is really no comfort in that," McCarthy said. "And we have been spurred on even more to keep improving and make sure that process leads us the kind of results that we expected."

While a heartbreaking loss against the Crimson was not the way the Lions may have hoped to end their season, they have consistently demonstrated that the Light Blue is a team capable of brilliance on both ends of the pitch. The Lions end the season with six shutouts in 16 games, and their two leading goal scorers, juniors, forward Coleen Rizzo and midfielder Beverly Leon, will both return next season.

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FENCING

Freshman fencers finish first, third at Junior World Cups in Europe

Two Columbia freshman fencers placed highly in international competitions last weekend, with one becoming a world champion. Geoffrey Loss took first place at the Men's Sabre Junior World Cup in Kiev, while Jackie Dubrovich finished in third place at the Women's Foil Junior World Cup in Luxembourg. The collegiate season has yet to officially begin, but the Columbia men's and women's fencing teams already have something to cheer about.

Loss defeated opponents from Japan, Romania, Moldova, Ukraine, and Georgia to

reach the final round, where he defeated hometown favorite Kostiantyn Voronov, to take home his first international title.

Dubrovich, a two-time Junior World Team silver medalist, entered the competition as the seventh seed, but topped foes from Germany, Poland, the United States, and Italy to reach the semifinal round before falling to another Italian and settling for third place.

With the season set to begin this weekend, the Light Blue, on both the men's and women's sides, appears to be in good hands with the underclassmen.

—Melissa Cheung

MEN'S TENNIS

Men's tennis shows inconsistency at Clay Court Invitational

Two Light Blue freshmen made a decent showing last weekend at the inaugural United States Tennis Association Clay Court Invitational. In the first round of the gold singles draw, Columbia's Dragos Ignat defeated the tournament's No. 4 seed, Kentucky sophomore Panav Jha, 6-0, 6-7 (4), 6-0. But in the round of 16, Ignat lost 6-0, 6-2 to Duke sophomore Jason Tahir. He then retired in the second set of his consolation draw match. Light Blue freshman Eric Rubin fell 6-3, 7-5 to Georgia Tech sophomore Nathan Rakitt in the first round of the garnet singles draw. Rubin

recovered from his initial defeat, however, besting both Florida freshman Luke Johnson and Florida State senior Andres Bucaro in two consolation draw matches. As a doubles pair, Ignat and Rubin found less success, losing 9-7 in the first round of the gold doubles draw to Florida State seniors Jordan Kelly-Houston and Anderson Reed. The Lions' final competition of the fall is the National Indoor Collegiate Championships, which Columbia will host at the National Tennis Center this weekend.

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TOUGH ONE | Sophomore Alexa Yow tried to score in the final ten minutes for CU, but to no avail.

Lions back Grigsby adds second goal of season in CU victory

MEN'S SOCCER
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midfielder and co-captain David Najem, was important in the Lions' effort to push forward and win the game.

"It was a back and forth game to start, but again, we looked very sharp defensively as a unit—from the forwards all the back to the keeper—and that proved to be crucial to our overall performance," Najem wrote in an email. "Our strong start defensively gave us the confidence to build out of the back a lot more, and turn and run at their defense several times to put them under pressure."

The goal came in the 37th minute off a throw-in. It was Grigsby's third career goal and second of the season.

Grigsby commended Brendan O'Hearn and freshman midfielder Antonio Matarazzo for making great runs, which gave Grigsby the necessary time and space to score off freshman midfielder/forward Frederick Elliot's throw-in.

Harvard freshman goalie Evan Mendez had a fairly light workload overall, facing only one other shot on goal, from sophomore forward Greg Gudis in the 72nd minute.

"In the second half we were able to maintain the momentum for the first 15-20 minutes, and then shifted toward a more defensive strategy in an effort to protect the lead," Grigsby said. "As a result we were forced to endure another 25 minutes of continuous pressure before the final whistle sounded."

Grigsby and the rest of the seniors will play their final regular-season game for Columbia on Saturday against No. 15 Cornell.

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CU basketball worth a shot

A year ago, I hated basketball. I like ice hockey most of all, and I didn't like basketball's balance between continuous play and lack of sustained possession (24 seconds isn't a whole lot).



MUNEEB ALAM
Picked Apart

People did tell me that college basketball was better than professional basketball, but I didn't buy that reasoning, especially not for Ivy basketball. I mean, Cornell made the Sweet 16 a few years ago, but in 2006 the bottom-seeded Edmonton Oilers—this is a franchise that has received the very first pick in the NHL entry draft in each of the last three years, folks—were a win away from the Stanley Cup, too. In the playoffs crazy things happen every now and then, especially when rounds are one game long instead of best-of-seven.

But when each Spectator writer chose the winter sports they would cover, there was only one sport I knew something about. So I gave basketball a shot.

College basketball thoroughly exceeded my expectations. Sitting in the press row, watching the game without having to sit through frequent TV timeouts (usually), and talking to players and coaches were quite fun. And I didn't even have to leave campus, as we need to for most other sports. The atmosphere in the crowd was terrific for some of the games, too.

So it's no surprise that now I'm really looking forward to a new season starting again this weekend. The Ivy preseason poll projected Columbia to finish behind only Princeton and Harvard, when all's said and done. Predictions for postseason all-Ivy honors normally mention senior point guard Brian Barbour, who was a first-team honoree last year.

My inner pessimist, though, is in denial. (I'm from Virginia, so I have plenty of experience.) Just one year ago, Noruwa Agho, first-team all-Ivy as a junior, held that distinction before getting hurt early in the season (against this weekend's opponent, in fact). Fortunately, Barbour and company were able to pick up some of the slack, but there's no guarantee that, in the case of unexpected problems, there would be someone ready to take the reins like that again this year (although freshman Grant Mullins is pretty good already).

It doesn't have to be injury. Stuff can go wrong for a player or a team if a high level of performance is not sustained. We've all seen it. Maintaining top-level performance is hard, especially once you have a target on your back. Barbour is one big target here. Another is the team's defense, which surprised mostly everyone by how well it ended up playing.

Despite the parity of the conference, after doing some research, I've been able to assuage those fears. Since 2001, a guard has gotten first-team all-Ivy recognition as a non-senior 18 times. Barbour is one. Two had their senior years cut short. Only one managed to play the entire year and not get conference-wide recognition. The other 14 were all honored—with 12 of them on the first team, and two of them receiving Ivy Player of the Year. Assuming nothing crazy happens, Barbour is a good bet to have a great season.

On that other issue, the defense, I don't know what to expect. I suppose if everyone was surprised last year, perhaps the safe bet is to once again underestimate the defense. But the team is also going for a bigger look by trying to play both 6-foot-9 Mark Cisco and 6-foot-11 Cory Osetkowski—probably the tallest player on the court when he's out there—at the same time, which should make it harder for opponents to find space around the net for easy baskets. We'll see.

The bottom line is that even a pessimist or realist can be excited about Columbia men's basketball this year. Any team can see its star get hurt or get surprised by an underrated team. Every team has a few vulnerable points in its game plan or on its roster. It's easy to paint Columbia sports with a broad brush dipped in the hue of the football program. (I'm sure van Gogh would

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Light Blue trampled by Crimson in 69-0 blowout



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NOT ENOUGH | Connor Nelligan's receiving yardage was a drop in the bucket compared to the Crimson's numbers.

Upward battle continues for Lions after loss to Crimson

BY MYLES SIMMONS
Spectator Senior Staff Writer

Going into the game against Harvard on Saturday, Lion football head coach Pete Mangurian said he knew the Crimson's propensity for taking control of a game quickly.

"Harvard's very opportunistic—they've got big-play capabilities," Mangurian said last Wednesday. "And you put those two things together, the game can get out of hand, which is what's happened to most of the people they've played to this point."

Unfortunately for the Lions, that's exactly what happened to them on Saturday. After a first quarter where, despite not scoring, Columbia was able to move the ball for three first downs, the Lions' train went completely off the tracks.

It began when senior quarterback Sean Brackett fumbled in the backfield to give the Crimson the ball at the Lions' 27-yard line with 12:42 to play in the half. Harvard then scored a touchdown on an eight-yard pass from quarterback Colton Chapple to receiver Kyle Juszczak with 10:38 left to make it 21-0.

Columbia got the ball back on its own 18-yard line, as Harvard's kickoff was fielded at the two-yard line, negating the possibility of a touchback. Brackett's first pass of the drive was incomplete, but his second was intercepted by defensive back Chris Splinter, who returned the pick 32 yards to Columbia's one-yard line. Harvard scored on its next play.

Again, Harvard's kickoff was perfect, with the Lions fielding it on the two and returning it 15 yards to the 17. Lion freshman quarterback Trevor McDonagh, who had been alternating with Brackett as quarterback, then came in and promptly threw a pick-six on the first play of the drive to put Harvard up 35-0.

The whole 21-point sequence took about 45 seconds.

"I've had 19 points scored on me

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Behind strong defense, men's soccer defeats Harvard 1-0

BY MUNEEB ALAM
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Last weekend, the men's soccer team (4-7-4, 2-2-2 Ivy) started strong at Yale and got on the board early, but could not maintain that pace as the Bulldogs scored the tying goal in the second half. On Saturday, Columbia's opponent, the Crimson (2-10-3, 0-5-1 Ivy) started the first half well, although they ended up losing 1-0.

Senior forward Brian Rogers had an obvious goal scoring opportunity with only Lion senior back Quentin Grigsby between him and the net. But Grigsby blocked his shot, and even added the winning goal 20 minutes later off a header.

"We were unable to set the tempo of the game early and as a result we weathered a bit of a storm for the first 15 minutes or so," Grigsby wrote in an email. "After that we found our footing, and were able to really grab the

momentum for the remainder of the first half."

Grigsby also said that his shot block early in the match might have spurred the team's better performance for the later part of the half, and might have been the most important moment of the game.

"Harvard's center forward made a very creative run and used his pace to get in behind us," Grigsby wrote in an email. "Fortunately Brendan [O'Hearn] and Kyle [Jackson] applied enough pressure to delay the Harvard forward's shot, their decision making gave me enough time to get to the goal line and keep the game level."

Jackson had another good performance, making six saves for his third shutout, the best mark in the Ivy League through six conference games. And this reliability from the defense and goalie, according to junior

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DYNAMIC FORCE | Senior defender/midfielder Quentin Grigsby showed off both offensive and defensive skills in the Light Blue's win over the Crimson.

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BOSTON — For the first quarter or so, the Lions were hanging with the reigning Ivy League champions. The Crimson was ahead by just a touchdown after a full 15 minutes of play at Harvard Stadium.

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But the wheels came off for Columbia (2-6, 1-4 Ivy) shortly thereafter, as Harvard (7-1, 4-1 Ivy) set a modern-day single-quarter school record with 35 points in the second quarter and seven total touchdowns, while the Light Blue offense managed only 16 yards of offense.

"Disappointing is an understatement. It's a good football team we played, very good. Knew that coming in, and we played poorly," Columbia head coach Pete Mangurian said.

The Crimson on the other hand played well across the board, with quarterback Colton Chapple leading the charge for Harvard. The senior picked apart the Light Blue defense, throwing for 195 yards and three touchdowns while picking up an additional 50 yards and another score on the ground, despite only playing in the first half.

Harvard's defense also shined, keeping the visitors off the scoreboard and giving up a total of 149 yards of offense. Columbia had 168 passing yards on the afternoon, and a net of -19 yards on the ground.

The Crimson defense also played a critical role in the sequence early in a second quarter that effectively destroyed Columbia's chances. Both senior quarterback Sean Brackett and freshman signal-caller Trevor McDonagh, who got some reps under center for the second-straight week, threw critical interceptions in their own territory as Harvard built upon its already tremendous second-quarter lead.

With the home team already leading 21-0, Harvard corner Chris Splinter picked off a Brackett pass intended for sophomore wide receiver Connor Nelligan and returned it to the Columbia one. Running back Treavor Scales punched it in on the very next play, putting Harvard up 28-0 after the extra point.

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WOMEN'S SOCCER
Columbia 0
Harvard 1



VOLLEYBALL
Columbia 3
Harvard 1

Columbia 3
Dartmouth 0



MEN'S TENNIS
Dragos Ignat defeats tournament's No. 4 seed



FOOTBALL
Columbia 0
Harvard 69



MEN'S SOCCER
Columbia 1
Harvard 0



FIELD HOCKEY
Columbia 3
Harvard 2

Columbia 2
Rutgers 3