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Although the 116th Varsity Show has chosen its creative team, there is still a long way to go before the cast takes the stage for rehearsals and performances.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"If a window had been broken, 'Mickey Mouse' would be held responsible."

—Jose Robledo, GS

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KARACHI'S KAMAL | Syed Mustafa Kamal, mayor of Karachi, Pakistan, engaged with audience members after his lecture on "Urban Policy, Global Challenges" at SIPA Monday evening.

Karachi mayor addresses students

Kamal, on visit from Pakistan, speaks at Global Mayors Forum

BY SHIRA POLIAK
Columbia Daily Spectator

For Syed Mustafa Kamal, mayor of Pakistan's financial center of Karachi, a visit to New York revealed the familiar sight of commercialism but also a distinctly foreign governmental system.

Kamal addressed a crowd of students and professors on Monday night as the second speaker in the Global Mayors Forum series held at the School of International and Public Affairs. During the event, which was co-sponsored by Columbia University's

South Asian Association and SIPA's Urban and Social Policy Concentration, Kamal described the challenges associated with running his city.

The Global Mayors Forum series aims to examine urban policy challenges that global cities face in the 21st century as well as to expose Columbia students to international conversations among global leaders, SIPA Dean John Coatsworth explained.

Kamal's experience is rather different than that of most American mayors. In a city that is politically volatile yet

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Conflicts plague employees, managers at new Book Culture venue

BY SAM LEVIN
Spectator Staff Writer

Staff members at Book Culture are grappling with ongoing frustration with management as a new location introduces yet another source of tension.

Book Culture, the local independent bookseller on 112th Street just off Broadway, opened a new 114th Street location this week to fill the void left by Morningside Bookshop. And while many neighborhood residents are breathing a sigh of relief to see an independent bookseller return to this prime retail spot, a group of employees at Book Culture have

expressed grievances over being denied pay and health care benefits.

For these workers, the Local 169 Workers United Union has been, if sometimes unsuccessfully, their only means to protect themselves. But for many in management, the Union is a mere headache that often polarizes the staff and puts a huge, unnecessary strain on a small, independent business struggling to stay afloat. Owner Chris Doeblin and his management team have said that Book Culture is hurting financially and is doing all that it can to keep the store alive while expanding to 114th.

Saving pennies

Recent holidays at Book Culture have been less than joyous for staffers and for Doeblin.

Holiday pay has been a contentious issue for a few years at the store, according to past and current employees who have said that the management has repeatedly denied holiday pay to workers when it is owed to them as stipulated by their contracts.

Doeblin is currently in arbitration with one employee who—with support from the Union—disagreed with the owner's reading of the contract.

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Will Brown / Staff photographer

BY ITS COVER | From behind the counter of this neighborhood bookstore, Book Culture employees have grown disenchanted with management.

Associate professor assaults school employee

BY SARAH DARVILLE AND SAM LEVIN
Columbia Daily Spectator

Columbia associate professor Lionel McIntyre assaulted Margaret Camille Davis, a production manager at the Columbia University School of the Arts, on Friday night—punching her and bruising her eye, according to police reports and local eyewitnesses.

McIntyre, a 59-year-old associate professor in the urban design program at the Graduate School of Architecture, Planning, and Preservation, was arrested on charges of assault

and harassment on Monday, according to Lt. John Grimpel. Grimpel also confirmed that Davis reported the incident to the 26th Precinct in Harlem earlier that day.

According to the police report, McIntyre assaulted Davis at Toast, a local bar on 125th Street and Broadway, on Friday evening. "He punched the victim in the face, causing bruising and redness in the right eye," Grimpel said. He added that the case is now headed for the district attorney's office.

Daniel Morgan, a local resident on 123rd Street who said

he has known both the offender and the victim for around five years from frequenting Toast—said that he was in the bar earlier that evening but left before either arrived.

Morgan said he ran into Davis on the street on Saturday, when he saw her injuries from the fight. "Her right eye was closed from getting a beating," he said, adding, "I told her, 'We got to go to the 26th Precinct and report this immediately.'" According to Morgan, nobody in the bar on Friday night had made any calls to the police, and Davis did not

initially report the assault because she was frightened.

"I told her, 'You are not offending anyone. You were attacked,'" he said. Though he has seen McIntyre get vocal at the bar, Morgan said he had never seen McIntyre get violent.

He added, "What really pisses me off is that no one did anything about it." Morgan said that he was not sure about what caused the fight, though he noted that, over the past two years, McIntyre has generally been involved in increasingly heated conversations in the bar.

Davis waited three days to

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Student brings CatarACT to Columbia

BY RACHAEL SMILOWITZ
Columbia Daily Spectator

After spending time in Ghana, Chris Yim, CC '10, returned with his eyes wide open.

Yim had been working in Africa with CatarACT International, a group devoted to developing sustainable clinics in areas with people suffering from cataract blindness. While there, he was inspired by the group's mission: to help communities launch "sustainable cataract reduction programs" and create a general high-volume, low-cost model for cataract surgery clinics.

Now, Yim is the New York City division director of CatarACT, and he is committed to getting Columbia involved with the organization. The Columbia chapter of CatarACT is in the process of being recognized by the Student Governing Board for club funding.

According to the CatarACT International Web site, 20 million people go blind from cataracts worldwide. The surgery costs \$15 and usually only takes about five minutes. Still, there are thousands of people in West Africa with cataracts without the means to afford surgery.

With several projects in the pipeline, CatarACT International is mainly anchored by a group of young organizers pursuing medical degrees. Prajwal Ciryam, the organization's executive director, is a third-year MD/Ph.D. candidate in the Medical Scientist Training Program at Northwestern University. Yuna Rapoport, co-creator and director of public relations is a third-year MD/MPH candidate at the Feinberg School of Medicine at Northwestern University.

Ciryam worked in a hospital in Erode, India, and witnessed a novel system: revenue generated by those who could afford the surgery subsidized the cost of surgeries for those who could not afford it. Ciryam and Rapoport decided to try this system out in West Africa. CatarACT will establish its first clinic in Ghana.

"The chief goal right now is to get this pilot clinic up and running so we can show

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Plan outlines more efficient building access for GS

BY PAUL HSIAO
Columbia Daily Spectator

Getting to class is hard to do. But for students at the School of General Studies, simply getting through the front door can be a struggle.

The current policy requires Barnard, School of Engineering and Applied Science, and Columbia College students to sign GS students into any residential building, including Broadway, Wien, and Hogan as well as the Living Learning Center in Hartley and Wallach—buildings that house important student resources.

Problems arise when GS students need to access certain parts of residential halls for class, club meetings, or Counseling and Psychological Services offices, according to General Studies Student Council members.

For GS students, it is considered a minor inconvenience at best and an invasion of privacy at worst.

"We pay for these facilities, and we only have access to them on a conditional basis," said Jenny Chong, GSSC vice



Andra Mihali / Staff photographer

SWIPE OR GRIPE | General Studies students are unhappy with limited access to a number of campus buildings. They must even be signed into places where they have classes or counseling appointments.

president of policy.

"It invades privacy," added Katherine Edwards, GSSC president. "If you are at a place for a psychological appointment, it's extremely embarrassing to have to ask a stranger to sign you in."

It's a policy that has made attending certain classes inconvenient for Edwards. "I

have an econometrics recitation in Broadway," she said. "Sometimes I can't get in the building because there isn't anyone around to sign me in and it's just really frustrating."

Though the universal swipe access initiative may be stalled, GSSC hopes it has found an effective compromise.

The council's proposal is modest, according to Edwards. "We're not asking for unlimited access, we're just asking for access to public spaces of some buildings," she said.

Under the new policy, she explained, GS students would

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Mayor Kamal speaks at SIPA Leaders Forum

MAYOR from front page

economically evolving, he does not control public services such as police forces, utilities, and transportation, and he must contend with an intricate central bureaucracy. Many of the issues he has tackled as mayor, such as terrorism and international aid, are traditionally more relevant to leaders governing nation-states rather than city officials.

Karachi generates 68 percent of Pakistan's economy and is home to 18 million people as well as the country's only two ports. As a result, Karachi's integral role in Pakistan's economy has thrust Kamal onto the national and international stages.

It is a difficult balancing act, Kamal noted, to oversee the day-to-day operations of a city in a country straddling conditions of violence and peace.

Kamal's speech resonated with the crowd.

"The fact that Mayor Kamal is included in the series shows that Karachi is considered a major metropolis," SIPA student Arif Kamruddin, a Pakistani native, said.

Kamruddin noted that Kamal runs a city in which there are daily suicide bombings, and he is responsible for ensuring that the city runs smoothly in spite of terrorism threats and his limited control of city utilities.

Aalia Kamalani, a second-year SIPA Master of Arts student, said, "We hear about Pakistan in the news, but we never hear about what's actually going on the ground. Hearing about the direct grassroots experiences in Pakistan is enlightening."

But others were unconvinced by Kamal's optimistic outlook on the city.

"The mayor should have discussed what core issues people [in Karachi] complain about



Jawad A. Bhatti / Staff photographer

GLOBAL CITY, MEET GLOBAL UNIVERSITY | Karachi Mayor Syed Mustafa Kamal discussed his role governing a rising economic city in a country plagued with violent conflict. The city bureaucracy at home in Pakistan functions differently than the comparable administrations in the United States.

and how to solve them," said Farwa Zafar, who graduated from SIPA in 1984 and is now an independent democracy analyst based in Islamabad.

Still, Zafar praised the discourse that the forum fostered among students, professors, and Kamal. "People-to-people contact like this is the way to prevent 'trust-deficit,' which undermines

[the] U.S. and Pakistan relationship" and also robs people of "an opportunity ... to meet others from all political sides," she said.

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CORRECTION

The article "Nonprofits move ahead with Mart 125 redevelopment" states that ImageNation "launched a \$3-million capital campaign starting in January." ImageNation has not launched its campaign yet. The organization will be doing so in January of next year. Spectator regrets the error.



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Europeans, better by night



SHANE FERRO

LA VIE CULTURELLE

A good portion of the study abroad experience is about seeing monuments, ruins, and famous historical sights. It is also about learning to interact in a different language and within a foreign culture.

But let's be honest. It is also about partying. Not so much drinking in itself, but drinking as a means to an end. Being young and impressionable, the life of a city at four in the morning is as interesting as it is at four in the afternoon. And it generally produces better stories.

The most memorable interactions I've had in Europe are set roughly between midnight and two in the morning. While I will not wax overly poetic about the results of a night of heavy drinking (hangover), I would like to dwell on a few of the characters I have come across on my romps through Europe's pubs and clubs. This stuff is too good to make up.

First, there was the Swiss law student. A fraternity pledge from Brest, he found himself in Munich with about seven of his brothers, all practicing lawyers, acting mostly as their whipping boy.

After they departed, I realized one of them had left a small book titled "Kant." It turned out not to be philosophy, but rather a book of fraternity songs. Seeking them out and returning it earned my friend and me two drinks each, and, after that, two nights with English-fluent companions to share a table on which to dance. We also, of course, participated in general rabble-rousing to the tune of traditional German drinking songs.

The London bartender and shoe designer with blonde dreadlocks was also fascinating. Making footwear by day and pulling pints by night, I noticed him as we walked into a crowded blues bar on a side street in central London. After hearing our American accents, he invited a friend and me outside on his break and parted with his life story over a hand-rolled cigarette.

Originally from Boston but with an English mother, he found himself disgusted by the thought of the American college experience and headed across the pond.

After closing the bar on us around 1:00 a.m., he suggested we continue our discussion at another place open later. It was a gritty bar "with lots of tattoos," as he put it. He was fairly certain that we wouldn't show up. He lost that bet.

While waiting in the grungy bar for "dreads," as he was called, I ran into a couple of real Brits. One claimed that the other one was none other than the nephew of a member of AC/DC. He did kind of look like heavy metal's version of Prince William.

I met the most recent character over a pint—or seven—of Guinness in a crowded pub near Temple Bar in Dublin. He and his mates were footballers, in what is effectively the "minor leagues" of Irish soccer. He spent the first part of the evening explaining to me why the Irish hate the English.

Several drinks and two clubs later, after an astonishingly well-executed round of dancing to Michael Jackson, one of his friends playfully grabbed him in the pocket area and sent his passport flying. I picked it up to find a Libyan visa. He is also apparently a trained engineer who has worked on oil rigs in Libya and who once won 40,000 euro in the Irish lottery. He used his prize money to buy a Mercedes.

Ah, the lucky engineer-athlete. Really, my favorite type of people.

There is invariably the one friend who insists on the way home that so-and-so's story just couldn't be true (because it wasn't boring, I guess). I invariably defend whoever we have met. Not because I am convinced, but because it doesn't really matter. It's not about preserving the truth, but preserving the story.

In the words of Oscar Wilde, "The truth is rarely pure and never simple. Modern life would be very tedious if it were either, and modern literature a complete impossibility."

Disclaimer: Yes, these are all males. I don't meet very many girls in pubs.

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THEATER



Courtesy of the Varsity Show

116TH ON 116TH | Although the Varsity Show is months away, the creative team has already begun planning its comic and musical approach. Auditions will be held this weekend.

V116 to put new spin on an old favorite

BY MADDY KLOSS
Senior Staff Writer

If there's no business like show business, then the Varsity Show is Columbia's version of a multi-million-dollar corporation. The singing, the satire, and the countless hours of preparation arguably make the Varsity Show the annual high point of campus theater.

Because the production is so renowned, many students aspire to be a part of the Varsity Show, either behind the scenes or as part of the cast. Although the creative team for the 116th Varsity Show has already been selected, hopeful actors will get their chances during cast auditions, which will take place on Thursday, Nov. 12 from 8-11 p.m. in Hamilton 302; Saturday, Nov. 14 from

4-7 p.m. in Hamilton 407; and Sunday, Nov. 15 from 8-11 p.m. in Kent 424.

Prospective cast members can expect that this year's creative team will be both eager and diverse, with a number of fresh faces to the Columbia theater scene. This year's writers, Peter Labuza—current film editor for Spectator—and Patrick McGuire, both CC '11, have high hopes for this year's Varsity Show despite the fact that neither of them has written for the stage before.

This doesn't mean that the duo lacks experience—Labuza has done film writing, and McGuire contributes to the Jester, Columbia's humor magazine. However, their non-theatrical background may provide a change in perspective, because, as Labuza said, "We come from a different angle than probably [writers of] years past."

Matt Star, CC '12 and one of V116's

composers, also hopes to put a new spin on the long-standing campus tradition—rock music. Star cites rock as one of his main sources of musical inspiration. "I definitely want to include some rock-influenced music in the show," he said.

Labuza and McGuire don't yet have as clear a goal for their tenure with V116, but they already know the importance of keeping the audience entertained. "We just want to have a good fun show that people can go to and laugh ... for not too long of a time," Labuza said.

They also plan to take inspiration from the jokes they enjoyed most from last year's Varsity Show.

"One of the things I really liked was the sight gag with the giant key. That's just a fun thing," McGuire said.

Overall, "fun" seems to be the message from the V116 creative team at this point

in the process. Immediate performance deadlines and hectic rehearsals have yet to begin, so this is the time when the creative team can focus on honing its vision and selecting actors to fulfill it.

For anyone hoping to become a part of the V116 cast, Star offered some audition advice: "This [the audition] isn't a place for subtlety ... go all out!"

Labuza added that he and McGuire are also seeking actors who aren't just funny, but "who can use their comedy well."

But no matter who makes the final casting cut, V116 promises, like every Varsity Show before it, to provide a new take on the beloved campus tradition.

"Every year is a different team, and every year has completely different visions," Labuza said. "We have a tradition, but we're not tied to our traditions."

TV



Courtesy of TBS

LESSTALK | Lopez' show focuses on audience interaction.

Livelier late night with George Lopez

BY PAUL HSIAO
Columbia Daily Spectator

George Lopez launched his new talk show "Lopez Tonight" Monday night, promising positive changes to late-night television. The Mexican-American comedian, known for focusing his stand-up on racial tensions in America, hopes to make the leap to late night with a high-energy, music-focused talk show.

Lopez himself was very comfortable and confident during a live phone conference with other publications. Lopez started the conversation off with a characteristic joke: "I apologize for being late. It has nothing to do with my ethnicity."

Despite launching what's being called a "talk show," Lopez promised that "the talk will be minimal" and that there will be greater emphasis on music and "inherent energy," whatever that means.

Unlike other talk shows, Lopez's show has an open set that stresses the importance of audience interaction and music. "I want the audience to feel that they can actually affect what goes on," he said

about the large open set, and he hopes the audience will dance during the musical interludes. Lopez wanted his set to "look more like a club" without "a desk, a city background, and [cue] cards that other talk shows typically had."

He said that he's tired of typical talk show discussions. Fortunately, he's on TBS, a network on which he says he can be more liberal with language and content.

Because Lopez believes that most current talk shows appeal to largely white audiences, he believes the diversity he brings may be his ticket to success. "We're not going for the same piece of pie," he said.

Finally, Lopez joked that his talk show is the only one that is "White House approved."

"I knew the president back when he was candidate Obama running against Hillary," he said. "The White House was nervous about TBS [running a promotion featuring the president] but in the end, I think it all worked out."

WHERE IT'S AT

Time: Mon-Thurs at 11 p.m.
Place: TBS

FOOD & DRINK

Pumpkin pick-me-ups in Morningside

BY NATASSIA MILLER
Columbia Daily Spectator

When the November chill sets in, not all good things come to an end. So long as pumpkins are harvested each fall, there will always be an abundance of pumpkin treats waiting to be devoured when the cool weather rolls around. Thankfully, Morningside Heights is endowed with a few talented chefs who incorporate this ubiquitous fruit into classic recipes.

Pumpkin bread may be found on virtually every street corner, but it is rarely worth a second bite. Camille's (116th and Amsterdam), on the other hand, is worth countless bites. At \$1.75 per slice, it serves by far the moistest pumpkin bread in the neighborhood, infused with chunks of walnut for a slightly nutty flavor in every other bite. Ordering an entire loaf is tempting.

If walnuts don't strike your fancy, head to Westside Market for the pumpkin bread loaves sold by the salad bar. Instead of being made in the market, these are baked by Lauren's Homemade Cakes on 555 Riverside Dr. (A 6-inch-long loaf is \$4.99.) Though not as moist as Camille's slices, these are equally as fluffy and absolutely delicious when warmed in the microwave.

Silver Moon Bakery (105th and Broadway) offers a couple of treats that should not be missed. Resembling the quintessential neighborhood bakery, with large windows displaying bakers kneading dough and decorating cakes, this gem whips up unforgettable pumpkin macaroons (\$1.75 each). Two soft, orange macaroon cookies sandwich a dollop of sweet pumpkin cream—a



Lauren Weiss/ staff photographer

FALL TREATS | As Thanksgiving approaches, pumpkin-infused foods become a fall staple at restaurants and bakeries in Morningside.

tiny yet decadent treat. The pumpkin tart (\$5.75), served in small, individual sizes, is decorated with a single pecan sitting atop a glossy surface. The smooth texture and thin crust suggest a rather light, subtly sweet dessert.

As for entrees, the house pumpkin ravioli at Community Food & Juice proves that the restaurant has made a fierce comeback from the fire that kept it out of business for the last few months. Six large, tender raviolis

stuffed with roasted pumpkin and butternut squash in sage brown butter sauce are garnished with Parmesan cheese and small, toasted pumpkin seeds. Pricier than the average ravioli dish, this seasonal addition to the menu is definitely worth \$18.

Although dusk may arrive earlier and the piercing autumn wind may be bitter, perhaps it's a small price to pay for the food that comes with the season. Besides, extra layers will surely hide the aftermath.

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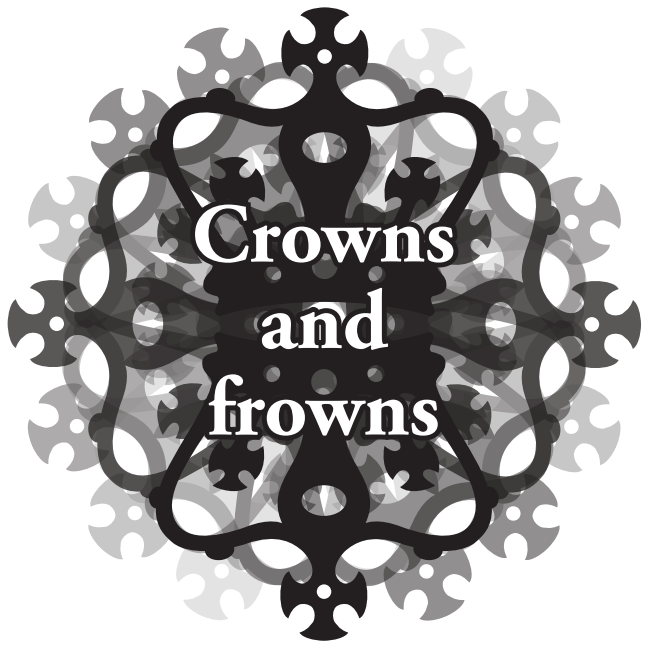
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Staff Editorial



Crown: Some Columbia students have marble baths and ovens with kosher settings in their dormitories, according to the New York Times.

Frown: Most of us undergrads don't.

Also frown: To have marble-bath privileges, you must live in the Bronx. That's even further than Harmony Hall.

Corollary frown: Harmony jokes, which got old after the second week of school.

Crown: Hawkmadinejad lives! Seen on top of a lamp-post outside Butler.

Frown: Our only other wildlife is vermin in our dorms.

Crown: Teachers College wins \$150,000 to develop mobile phone games that help you quit smoking.

Frown: The rest of Columbia

can't quite make up its mind about a smoking policy.

Crown: Laundry swipe is working in East Campus, and a texting feature tells you when your laundry is done!

Frown: Barnard's laundry rooms don't use LaundryView.

Crown: The new Book Culture is now open for business.

Crown: Manhattanville open house in Lerner on Nov. 18.

Frown: Columbia's Manhattanville Web site still considers last year's sustainability grade "news." An update every now and then would be great.

Crown: John Jay begins taking reservations for its annual Thanksgiving dinner.

Crown: Bacchanal is bringing Bob Saget to campus to help us forget our midterm grades.

A Nobel cause

BY ANDREW HITTI

About a month ago, President Barack Obama became the latest Columbian to receive the Nobel Peace Prize. This event shocked many and even managed to offend a few. Obama himself was surprised at his victory, claiming in a press conference that it was his daughter who first told him the news. In the days that followed, media pundits had the same question for their guests: did Obama deserve the Nobel Peace Prize? The resounding answer is no. Many believe that Obama did not deserve this honor. They claim that Obama has not "done" anything. When compared to previous recipients like Martin Luther King, Jr. and Mother Teresa, Obama does fall short by a considerable margin, but there have also been controversial and "less qualified" previous recipients like Yasser Arafat and Henry Kissinger.

It is possible that the motivation behind choosing Obama as the recipient is less than honorable. The Nobel Committee could have

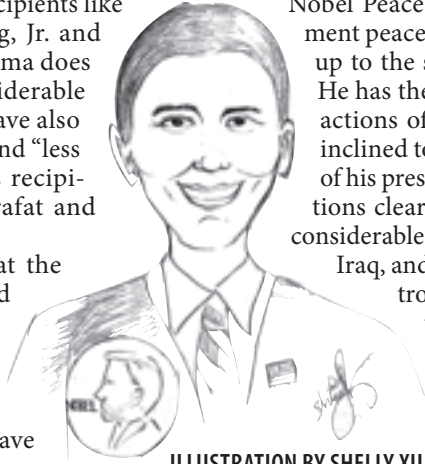


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awarded the prize to Obama to bring more attention to itself and Norway, where the Committee is based. What better way to generate publicity than to give the prize to a controversial candidate who happens to lead one of the most influential nations, if not the most influential nation, in the world?

It should be noted, however, that sometimes, the prize is not offered to commend past behavior but to entice new behavior. The major reason the Nobel Committee cites for giving our president the award is, "for his [Obama's] extraordinary efforts to strengthen international diplomacy and cooperation between peoples." People heatedly disagree with this rationale. They contend that actions, not "efforts," warrant a peace prize.

However, that may just be the genius behind the decision. Awarding Obama the Nobel Peace Prize compels him to implement peaceful policies. He now has to live up to the standards of a Nobel laureate. He has the ever-present reminder of the actions of past leaders and is therefore inclined to act accordingly. At the outset of his presidency, Obama made his intentions clear—he was going to maintain a considerable American military presence in Iraq, and recently he has sent more U.S. troops to Afghanistan. Increasing the number of American soldiers abroad is not a step towards peace. Simply stated, war begets more war and killing begets more killing.

I don't have nine lives

BY MARY DELSENER

Don't get me wrong, I love Barnard. It is a wonderfully diverse whirlpool of independent thought, motivation, and intellect. I have met truly exceptional women here, and every day I find a new role model whose actions I aspire to emulate ... or I just Facebook stalk them. I adore the small, intimate nature of the classes, the opportunities to be active on campus and around New York, and the responsibilities bestowed upon all students that encourage us to mature. I have gained experience, independence, and courage from Barnard. But I have also gained an abrasively blatant enemy: the Nine Ways of Knowing.

I know what you're thinking—hey, you were the one who decided to go to the liberal arts college! You committed yourself to the goal of being a well-rounded undergraduate by taking classes in an array of subjects. And I do appreciate the goals of the Nine Ways of Knowing—something surprisingly beautiful occurs when you find yourself drawing parallels among Spanish poetry meter, physics laws, and a paper you're writing for Legacy of the Mediterranean. Taking a wide array of classes is a great experience, but there's no time for that here! A driven Barnard student usually has, in addition to approximately 15 credits of courses per semester, commitments ranging from campus clubs, internships, performance rehearsals, and sports

practices. When you're trying to have the "college experience"—whatever that might mean for you—it's hard to appreciate the purpose of the Nine Ways of Knowing. Instead, you find yourself confronted with an arch-nemesis. And then you begin to battle.

No, this enemy does not wear a black helmet and speak with an asthmatic drone, nor does it possess an age-old power harbored in pieces of jewelry dispersed across Middle Earth. This nemesis will rear its ugly head just as you finish up a requirement toward your major, begin to plan for study abroad, or apply for a time-consuming internship. You want to double major in Spanish and political science? Great! Just don't forget that, in addition to interning at the mayor's office and fulfilling all those requirements, you have to take two semesters of a lab science! You want to study abroad for a year? Well, make sure you take a quantitative reasoning course before then, unless you want to be the only senior in a Calculus I class, pretending to be interested while thinking about how you could be volunteering, exercising, doing the readings for a seminar, applying to law school, getting a job ... the list goes on.

I personally battle this demon on almost a daily basis. With an intended major in two languages, a three-day-a-week internship, countless club and volunteer opportunities, and a desire to study abroad for the entirety of my junior year, I am acutely aware of how time is running out. My high school did not offer Advanced Placement courses, so I am starting from scratch and trying to do it all. That's right, halfway through my third semester of college—arguably still the honeymoon stage of these four years—I'm already

The Nobel Committee may have realized this and decided to use the Peace Prize as a way to influence his behavior.

To his credit, Obama has taken several successful strides towards change how the world views the United States. He has spoken countless times on crafting a new image of America and opening up diplomatic relations with foreign countries. The award, taken in addition with his words on diplomacy, might make the world more inclined to view America as a peaceful nation and not as an aggressive, warlike one. Obama has publicly stated that he does not deserve to win the prize but that he will work towards deserving it. Obama is one of the most powerful world leaders, and it can't hurt to give him another incentive to act peacefully. Whereas he previously had no benchmark by which to orient himself, he now has to live up to a prestigious prize.

However, many now question whether or not the Nobel Committee should use the prize as an incentive for change. Does this undermine what the prize has previously represented? It is widely seen as recognition of a major accomplishment in fostering peace around the globe. However, while some people disagree with Obama's qualifications to become a Nobel laureate, no one can disagree with the fact that it will help improve the nation's—and, perhaps, in turn, Columbia's—image.

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On doing well by doing good



MONICA ANJALI VARMAN
GREEN PIECE

women from all over the world attended the Intercollegiate Business Convention in Boston, hosted by Harvard University's Women in Business. Although the conference featured the usual suspects in finance and consulting, the program demonstrated the paradigm shift in the industry's attitude towards doing good. Where there was once a cursory mention of corporate social responsibility, there is now an entrepreneurial movement toward creating sustainable, environmentally oriented businesses. Companies no longer get away with a day or two of community service—instead, corporations are slowly incorporating social and civic responsibility into their very DNA.

Priya Haji, one of the keynote speakers, co-founded World of Good, which has partnered with eBay to create an online market for goods made by women entrepreneurs in developing countries. Previously, supply chains were so complex that a good produced in a developing country exchanged hands seven to eight times before it reached its customer, who, as a result, paid significantly more than the producers themselves received. By removing the middleman, the ingenious business model employed by World of Good connects entrepreneurs in developing countries directly with the customers and ensures that these entrepreneurs receive a far more reasonable fraction of the retail price. Haji spoke about how she travelled to India, Cambodia, and South Africa after college to study prospective

supply markets and meet individual producers and nongovernmental organizations. In her travels, she developed an invaluable knowledge base and an understanding of her suppliers. Initially, she and her co-founder, Siddharth Sanghvi, had 10 clients for their goods—and then eBay came knocking. The World of Good Web site features their sellers and the NGOs they partner with to source their products, dramatically diminishing the distance between customer and producer.

This immediacy is old-school business in which the customer and producer have direct contact—the kind of business that took place before large and complex supply chains transformed the nature of consumer-producer interactions. There is nothing old-school, however, about the entrepreneurs entering and transforming the world of social enterprise. Haji is young, dynamic, and armed with a brilliant idea, and she is not the only one of her kind. Jessica O. Matthews is co-founder and business and finance director of the sOcket enterprise. She is also a senior at Harvard, majoring in social psychology and economics. Matthews, along with three classmates, created sOcket as a class final project, and, as she said at one of the panels, she was given start-up capital to market the product.

sOcket is, like many great business ideas, simple, adaptable, and infinitely useful. The product is a soccer ball that acts as a reservoir of energy and harnesses the energy expended while playing for small electrical applications, such as charging a cell phone. Regarding their progress in product development, Matthews said that 90 minutes of play currently produces 15 minutes of energy and that the company is working with researchers and engineers at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology to improve its productivity. The company has both for-profit and non-profit sector components. The co-founders are involved in talks with sporting goods giants Adidas and Puma and are working with Parisian companies to launch an online campaign during the July 2010 Football World Cup. In addition, they work with Whizz-Kids, an NGO dedicated to providing life skills

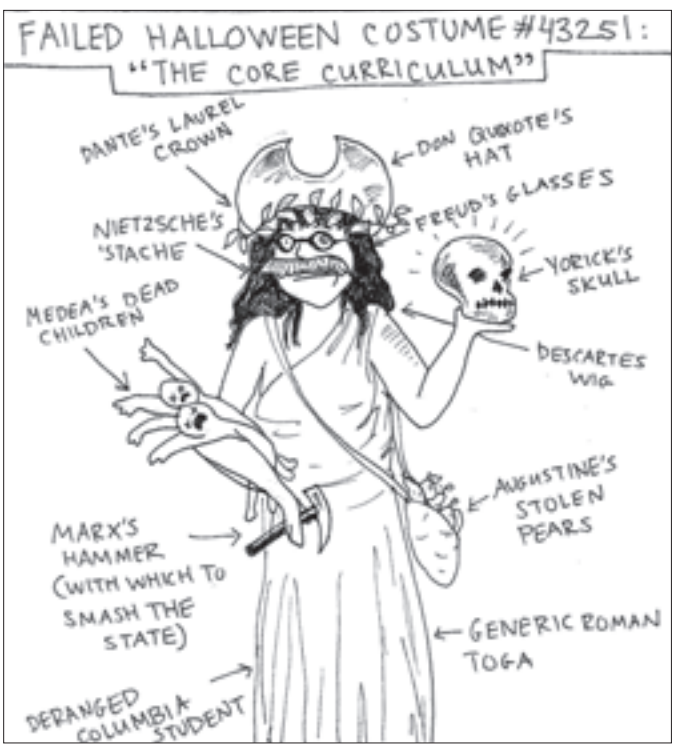
training and HIV/AIDS awareness through the universal language of soccer. By directing its efforts and strategy towards two different markets, sOcket is not just about charity—it is an efficient, profitable, and therefore sustainable enterprise.

This paradigm shift—from a separation between "doing good" and "doing well" to a symbiotic union of the two goals—is increasingly apparent throughout the industry. Albe Zakes works at Terracycle, Inc., a company founded by a Stanford alumnus that converts waste to eco-friendly, useful, and affordable products, such as backpacks. The company started an initiative in which it paid schools two cents for every empty Capri Sun or similar juice pack they collected. Approximately 100 schools signed up in the first hour, and 700 signed up in the first three days. Today, over 50,000 schools participate. "See, our success lies in the fact that he didn't set out to do some grassroots campaign, he looked for a way to make a sustainable profit. Taking something that has zero apparent value and transforming it into something valuable—that's good business," Zakes said of Terracycle's founder.

These are only some of the incredible young entrepreneurs in the business of saving the world, one idea at a time. The experiences of sOcket in particular made me wonder why there isn't more entrepreneurial spirit on Columbia's campus—it is certainly not for lack of talent, energy, or ideas. The University should take a cue from such success stories and encourage students through competitions, sponsorships, and opportunities for them to display their entrepreneurial talent. Engineering and economics classes should focus not only on theories and ideas, but on their translation into tangible ideas that inform real change.

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14 Building passage
15 Retired Cunard flagship, for short
16 Atlanta campus
17 Diva's number
18 Samovars
19 Love, to Luigi
20 One-hit wonder
23 Stylistic judgment
24 Fishing aid
25 Hitler's stat
26 Controversial school subject
33 Deface
36 It may be copped in court
37 VCR successors
38 Oodles
40 Miles, in Spain
43 Soccer immortal
44 Like thick carpets
46 Beehive State college team
48 No-goodnik
49 President's selective rejection
53 Finale
54 European toy dog, briefly
55 Enter, as data
59 Pact addressing nuclear proliferation
64 Germologist's weight
66 Perjurer
67 "and Away": 1960s hit
68 Hit from a toe, and word that can follow the first words of 20-, 28-, 49- and 59-Across
69 Rim
70 Trim with a knife
71 Hood's scheme
72 Halloween cover-up
73 IRS IDs

DOWN

1 Mine passage
2 "Cheers" waitress
3 Fictitious name
4 Explosions

5 Prefix with lateral
6 Actor (Bruce
7 Windshield option
8 Four-armed Hindu deity
9 Eagerly took advantage of, as an opportunity
10 Jane Austen novel
11 Song with the lyric "I'm crossing you in style"
12 NHL legend Bobby
13 TV's "Science Guy"
21 Dickens schemer Uriah
22 Common Mkt.
26 When repeated, Yale's cheer
27 Map in a map
29 T-shirt sizes
30 Eternally, in poems
31 Bit of information
32 Bit of advice
33 Canada's national tree
34 Do-or-die poker bet
35 There and back

39 Mao _____lung
41 Off-road ride, briefly
42 Observe
45 Cool cat
47 Mix
50 Wee one
51 The Democrats' donkey, for one
52 Outbores
56 Half of the "California Dreamin'" singers
57 One-eighty
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Wage and health care arguments cause tension among Book Culture employees

BOOK CULTURE from front page

According to Christina Towne, business manager for the Local 169 Workers United Union, the contract states that part-time employees who work between 22 and 32 hours per week are required to receive pay on days they would have worked had they not been holidays.

But Doeblin said that this point is very vague in the contract. “We had a disagreement—that is not unheard of,” he said, adding that he interpreted the contract to mean he did not owe these workers anything.

The contract—a copy of which Towne provided to Spectator—sets forth specific holiday pay calculations for part-time employees under 22 hours per week as well as pay formulas for full-time employees. Though one part of the holiday

“He makes it seem like it is this neighborhood organization you are coming into, where he is paying his workers a living wage, but it’s not true. It’s false. The nice, independent store, it is a lie.”

—Brenna Kearney, past employee

pay language refers to “all” employees, there is no explicit mention of workers employed between 22 and 32 hours, and Doeblin has denied pay to this group based on that perceived hole in the contract.

The worker who brought forth the arbitration—who was granted anonymity to protect her job—said the back-and-forth fight has been extremely distressing. She fought for pay denied to her on New Years Day, and the management eventually gave her what she argued was owed to her.

But on Memorial Day, she said that she and two other employees did not receive holiday pay, even after she retroactively demanded it. “Why now are you deciding that the contract is so ambiguous?” she later recalled of her reaction. “It gets exhausting to feel like you have to fight for every little penny,” she said, adding, “It was just so uncomfortable.”

Towne echoed this frustration, stating, “Over the whole course of their employment, they had always received this holiday pay. Two holidays into the contract, Chris decided to read this and say, ‘I don’t think they get holiday pay.’” She added, “It was such a bizarre interpretation.”

Nathan Abookire, who worked at Book Culture for over two years and left recently because he was moving out of the city, confirmed that this issue of holiday pay came up regularly. He said that employees and union representatives often disagreed with Doeblin’s interpretations with regard to pay.

Another current employee—also granted anonymity for job protection—did not get paid for the Fourth of July. “He said, ‘This is the way I am reading the contract,’ but we didn’t understand why we weren’t getting paid,” Abookire echoed.

Brenna Kearney, a past employee who no longer lives in the city, said that she, too, had disagreements with management over holiday pay. “The general echoed trend is, he doesn’t want to pay his workers, and if he can get around it, he will,” she said.

Aside from holiday disputes, the worker involved in the arbitration said that she has repeatedly had to fight for pay—citing one instance in which the management initially claimed she hadn’t worked as many hours as she actually did. Though the issue was resolved, she said it took a great effort. “Why should I donate my time? It is a job,” she said.

Doeblin, in response to these types of grievances, argued that cutting costs in a small independent business is an economic reality, and he said he makes a serious effort to be fair and to abide by the contracts. “The only tool I have to stay afloat is to cut payroll,” he said, adding that he has given himself a significant pay cut.

Speaking of the holiday pay and his interpretation of the contract, he added, “It is a matter of principle to me.” Towne estimated that the dispute totaled close to \$1,000, but Doeblin said it was probably less than \$500. Regardless, the sum does not make a difference, he said, in his nearly million-dollar payroll—and thus it is a matter of precedent and not financial necessity.

For Doeblin, the issue is about not giving in to the union every time it makes a demand. He added that, ultimately, his eye has to be on the wellbeing of the store. “Whether or not our store is having difficulties, as the financial manager of the store as well as a lot of other hats, I have to do the best I can for the store,” he said.

Health care for some

Despite the conflict over holiday pay, several disgruntled employees have said that issues regarding health insurance have been much more contentious over the past several years.

The employee involved in the arbitration said that when she started working at Book Culture, she quickly worked her way up to full-time hours after she joined the Union. And after she had been working full-time schedules for a few weeks, she was told that health insurance was not available.

“I asked week after week after week. Finally, they told me, there wasn’t a full-time position available, which is a major problem, because

they decide kind of magically,” she said. “I had been working my ass off.” She guessed that her request for the health benefits was a huge factor in the sudden unavailability of full-time positions. “They don’t like it when people actually read the contract,” she added.

She is not alone.

According to Mo-Yain Tham, a past employee, one of her colleagues who worked full time had to repeatedly request the health insurance she deserved. “It was a constant fight to get them to pay for her medicine,” she said, adding, “She was being proactive, and there were days when she would get really frustrated.”

Three current employees anonymously confirmed that there have been multiple instances of workers seeking health care to no avail and one specific case of a current full-time employee who has faced a lot of problems. “She should be getting it and she is upset. It reflects so poorly on Chris,” another worker said.

For Doeblin and other managers, though, there is a simple response to these grievances: health insurance is extremely expensive, and the reality is that management has to be fiscally careful about awarding those benefits.

“We do limit the number of slots,” Annie Shapiro, a manager and partner in the new store on 114th Street, said of full-time employees. “It is very expensive, and it is fantastic that we can offer it to as many people as we do. We just can’t do that for everyone.”

Doeblin said that the current health insurance costs are more than half the rent. “There are many employees who have families who are counting on health insurance—including my own,” he said of the people that do receive the benefits, adding that he cannot plummet his store into debt by increasing the amount of workers who are subsidized.

While the employee involved in arbitration and other staff members frustrated with the health care disputes acknowledged these financial realities, miscommunication and denial are what upset them most.

But David Patterson, Book Culture’s hiring manager, said that, along with fiscal constraints, the store cannot just open up a full-time position for a new worker unless someone leaves. Seniority also makes it difficult to promote someone to a position with benefits.

The contract, Patterson said, makes clear stipulations about seniority to the point where someone could be denied a position because another employee has been at the store longer. He said of the contract constraints, “There’s times when the perception would be management’s decision, but it is not.”

Doeblin described greater frustration with the American health care system in general, saying that employees were wrongly turning independent store management into the enemy. “If we had universal health care, everyone could share in,” he said, adding, “Let’s stand up not as one individual feeling shortchanged about the way I am treating them, but let’s stand up as a bookselling industry and say, ‘Who do you want to be in business here?’”

For Doeblin, medical benefits policies are part of the survival of a local, independent, community enterprise. He said, “You can stack up all the chips against me that you want, but the stakes for us are huge. If you don’t want me to be as dedicated to running business as I am, fine, go shop at Walmart.”

Union: protector or polarizer?

Doeblin said that he would eliminate the Union if he had the power to do so. Along with the financial constraints it places on his business, he added, “One develops a terrific sense of entitlement.”

And for many employees, this attitude carries through to the workplace.

One past employee was fired two weeks before she headed off to graduate school with very little explanation, she said. Though she questioned the management and was given a vague explanation, this worker—who spoke on the condition of anonymity to protect her future employment prospects—guessed that her firing could have been due in part to the fact that she would soon be eligible to join the Union.

Tham said that it was ironic that many employees often feel as though they have little protection despite the fact that the store was unionized. “For a store that theoretically has employees with rights and methods of having fairness instilled in the store, it felt like it wasn’t

“It gets exhausting to feel like you have to fight for every little penny.”

—Anonymous employee now involved in arbitration

really being utilized and wasn’t allowed to be utilized,” she said.

Kearney echoed these concerns regarding hypocrisy at Book Culture, saying of Doeblin, “He makes it seem like it is this neighborhood organization you are coming into, where he is paying his workers a living wage, but it’s not true. It’s false. The nice, independent store, it is a lie.”

For Abookire, much of his experience at Book Culture was tainted by what he called constant “union busting” on the management’s part. Abookrie said that contract negotiations typically involved Doeblin trying to minimize the Union and added, “Why would you want to alienate people who are supposed to be the face of the community?”



Will Brown / Staff photographer

PILING UP | The new Book Culture location, above, adds another point of concern for staff who have long been frustrated with what they feel is a lack of investment in their concerns—from holiday pay to health care.

Annie Shapiro, one of the managers, expressed frustrations with the Union, arguing that it divided Book Culture’s employees. “It encourages everyone to act in formal, antagonistic ways,” she added, “It is the underlying source of the problem—it creates a tremendous amount of tension.”

A new store in a pained industry

For Shapiro, the new store on 114th Street is the biggest business investment of her life. Shapiro joined the business as Doeblin’s partner so they could have a viable finance plan and avoid the black hole of debts that killed the site’s predecessor.

Shapiro—who will be the manager at the new location—hired an entirely new staff of around seven workers. She said that she acknowledges the past drama at the 112th Street location and hopes to create a stronger, more intimate environment two blocks north.

With a more close-knit operation, Shapiro said she plans to establish a relaxed workplace in which employees will have more autonomy—and hopefully leave the union drama behind.

According to Doeblin and Shapiro, the new store will stock an assortment of mainstream products—such as science fiction, best-sellers, and children’s works—to complement the academic setting in the 112th Street location.

The downstairs room, only accessible from

a small staircase around the corner on 114th Street, is currently being renovated to house a children’s playroom and a comprehensive Spanish section.

But for frustrated employees, these perks of the expansion don’t make up for the investment in this site, which they see as a slap in the face and further reason to fear management cutting costs at the expense of fair employee treatment.

One anonymous employee—who said she actually thought the expansion was a great idea—explained, “I am afraid that he will feel as though he is spread a little thin, and I think that will actually make it harder to treat employees with respect.”

Amid employee complaints and arbitration, Doeblin said that what keeps him up at night is the personal investment he has made at 114th during such uncertain times for the independent bookstore industry.

Doeblin said they are currently losing money, and with recent price wars among booksellers, he is concerned about the future.

When he first opened Labyrinth, Book Culture’s predecessor, Doeblin said he had very little to lose and very little to invest.

The game has changed now. “It is not a side bet for me. I am all in,” he said, adding that, in the changing landscape of bookselling, “I can’t stand by and watch everything just diminish for a decade. We have to go while we still have some strength.”

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Student gets campus involved with CatarACT

CATARACT from front page

people that we know how to make this happen. Once that occurs, the opportunities will present themselves,” Ciryam explained. This “pilot clinic” is based on a model that intends to capitalize on currently existing local resources without needing to bring in doctors and equipment from other parts of the world.

While in Ghana, Yim discovered that, while “these volunteer organizations rely so heavily on continually sending volunteers ... you need the causes that you’re fighting for to be fought without volunteers having to board an airplane and go overseas. The best way to do that is to give the locals the tools to develop and make that happen.”

He added, “Hopefully, our organization will become obsolete because they won’t need us anymore.”

The Columbia chapter of CatarACT will consist of several committees, including public relations, fundraising, and programming. “It’s a unique opportunity to effect the course of history,” Yim said.

Nidhi Hebbar, CC ’12, who has also become involved in the organization, said she came to support the cause “because it’s a sustainable way to cure a problem that seems to plague a lot of people in West Africa and can easily be cured.”

Yim is optimistic that the cause will attract followers on campus, particularly due to the benefits of working in a small group, as students can take a more hands-on approach to their involvement.

“When students bring ideas to the table, they will be in close proximity to what will take effect in Ghana,” he said.

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GS council proposes plan for swipe access

ACCESS from front page

identify as being in GS when swiping in and could then sign themselves into the building—essentially a self-sign-in system.

Sabrina Buckwalter, GS and delegate at large for policy in GSSC, said she thinks the proposed policy would actually increase security and accountability in residence halls. Under these possible changes, “you know who and when comes in the building and when they come out.”

“The way the resolution is written now shows that we want to change the definition of what a ‘student’ is to access residential buildings,” Buckwalter said. “Currently, ‘student’ only means CC-SEAS in the living guide, but we want to add GS to that definition so, by proxy, we get access to buildings.”

She added, “Even a GS sticker on the [student I.D.] card would help.”

Jose Robledo, GS and a University student senator, said that the current system allows for loopholes and may be less secure in some areas than the proposed policy. The proposed policy stipulates that security knows exactly who is in the building at any given time—and knows who to hold accountable for student behavior in the residence halls.

“There is a concern that if a GS student goes into a dorm and breaks a window, the window ... broken is taken out of the account the student who’s dorm it is in,” he said.

Robledo once tested the policy out himself. “I had a friend sign me in for a study session and I wanted to test the [sign-in] system for holes. My friend comes down, and I signed in as ‘Mickey Mouse.’ After the study session, I came back and signed out as ‘Mickey Mouse.’ If a window had been broken, ‘Mickey Mouse’ would be held responsible.”

GS student leaders plan to present their proposal to administrators next

week. Debate about GS swipe access into dorms has been ongoing, though forward movement regarding the policy seems to have stalled in recent years.

But this year, the proposal may see some results. The plan has garnered support from other school councils, including the Engineering Student Council. “The GS council has raised a lot of very good points,” Whitney Green, SEAS ’10 and president of ESC, remarked.

Though he didn’t get into the policy’s details, Brian Birkeland, assistant director of housing and accommodation services, promised that GS swipe-in “is an important issue for the administration.”

“All we want is support from everyone,” Edwards said. “We need people to rally behind us, and we want people to know that we’re not asking for something great or huge, but something that will make our lives easier.”

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Student survey will collect ideas for space use

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If you desperately want to see a foosball room in Schapiro Hall this year, you’ll be able to weigh in soon.

Students who have waited to voice their opinions on the fates of much coveted open space in Broadway Hall and Schapiro can expect to find an outlet for their views by the end of November.

Student leaders plan to survey the student population in the next couple of weeks, said Scott St. Marie, CC ’10 and chair of the Activities Board at Columbia.

The Columbia College Student Council, the Engineering Student Council, the ABC, the Student Governing Board, the Interfraternity Council, Housing and Dining, and Club Sports have been working to release a student

body survey “to gauge the current demand for types of space on campus,” explained Whitney Green, SEAS ’10 and ESC president. The survey itself is complete and awaits final administrative approval.

The space in question has been made available due to the centralization of student affairs offices, which moved to the renovated Lerner 6 offices this semester. Lerner 6 now houses the Student Affairs, Judicial Affairs, and Financial Aid offices. Lerner 4 will be redone for the Center for Student Advising offices by the end of next summer.

Now, the former advising offices in Schapiro, Broadway, Carman Hall, and Furnald Hall are prime for reinvention. “Furnald will become space for more beds, and Carman will lend itself to other services,” Green explained.

This leaves the Broadway and Schapiro spaces open for

student use—though for what use is still up in the air.

Possibilities vary, and the councils and governing boards are ready to release a survey to determine students’ preferences for the future of the newly open locations.

According to Green, the survey looks to see how often current spaces are being used, as well as what students hope to get out of the rooms. This means the offices could become meeting spaces, lounge areas or recreation rooms, among other possibilities.

After tallying student opinions from the survey, student leaders plan to take those suggestions to the administration. The next step will be to finally transform those spaces to fit student needs—though there is no clear time line on the eventual space conversion.

But Green stressed that

possibilities for the spaces are not exactly endless.

“Expectations should be managed because the rooms are only but so big,” she noted. “Everyone is doing their best to ensure that these opening spaces will help to relieve a bit of space crunch.”

As St. Marie has said this semester, the problem with space on campus often boils down to the lack of specialized space for groups. Rooms with hardwood floors and pianos will always be coveted by theater and dance groups, though Columbia often lacks the proper resources to develop these spaces. So while some students may finally see these as the kinds of areas they have needed for years, other groups might find that the new spots will do little to relieve their own campus space squeezes.

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Professor commits assault at bar

ASSAULT from front page

inform the police, because, according to Morgan, “She was being pressured not to make waves.”

The bartender and Monday night manager, Jeremy—who declined to give his last name—said that he had heard that something happened but was not there on Friday night. He declined to comment further.

Three locals at the bar on Monday night—all of whom spoke on the condition of anonymity—also confirmed that the altercation had occurred but declined to give any further details.

Robert Hornsby, the director of media relations for Columbia University, declined to comment, citing the general University policy of remaining silent about police investigations.

Lex Dunbar, a bartender who, according to Morgan was working at the time of the assault, also declined to comment.

David and McIntyre could not be reached for comment.

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Basketball Mania provides opportunity for student unity

VELAZQUEZ from back page

I hope they keep it up this year, but I thought they would prove that not having Midnight Mania was a good idea, and I was hoping against hope that it would return.

I got my wish when I saw on Facebook a few weeks ago that friends of mine were attending something called Basketball Mania. I quickly checked out the event and after doing a little research—thanks Cliff!—found out that the student councils and the athletic department have teamed up to bring back Midnight Mania under a new name. The union is beneficial for both organizations. It’s a great public relations move, and it shows that both organizations are actively trying to cultivate school spirit—something with which both groups want to be associated.

I don’t know if Basketball Mania will be exactly what Midnight Mania was, but I’m definitely going to be there to check it out. So far, 836 other people on Facebook say they’ll be there too, and while that may not be the whole campus, it at least provides some semblance of school spirit and unity.

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Harvard, Penn bring perfect records into this weekend’s clash

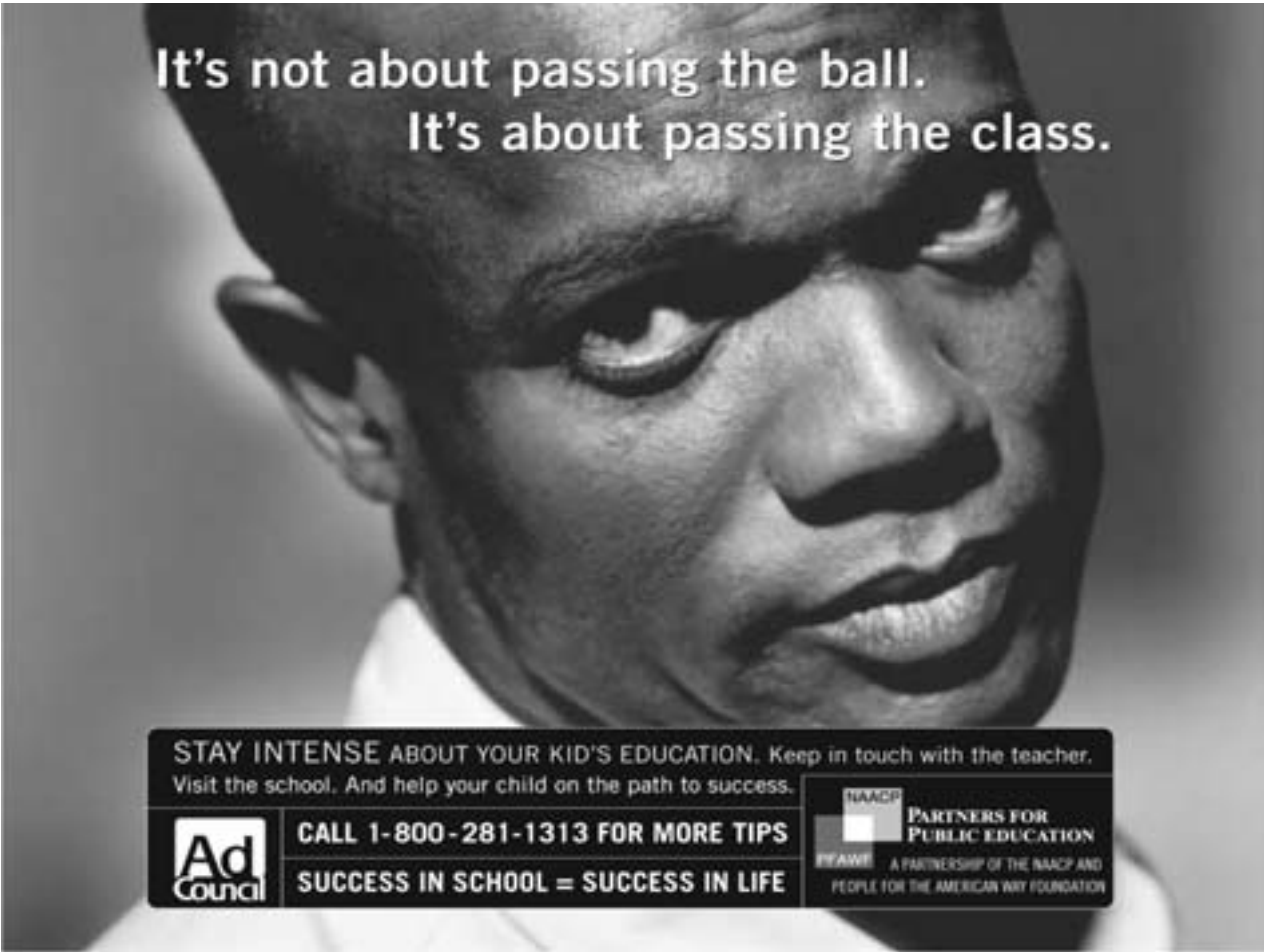
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to Dartmouth while Brown held off a late comeback from Yale to win 35-21.

The Big Red squandered a 10-0 fourth-quarter lead as it lost its sixth straight game. Big Green freshman Greg Patton, playing in his first collegiate contest and starring in the Wildcat formation, turned in a single-game rushing record of 243 yards. Cornell’s defense blanked Dartmouth for three quarters and forced four turnovers, but Patton’s two late touchdowns—including a vital score in the first overtime—undid all of that good work. In the end it was a Foley Schmidt field goal from 40 yards out that gave Dartmouth the victory at home. The Big Green kicker played a vital role in forcing overtime as well. Schmidt’s kick was true from 26 yards out with 2:17 to play to even the score, 10-10.

In New Haven, Yale seemed destined to turn in its second dramatic fourth-quarter comeback in as many weeks until Brown defensive back AJ Cruz’s leaping interception in the endzone with 3:23 to play brought the Bulldogs crashing back down to Earth.

Yale found itself in a hole late in the game due to the heroics of Brown’s sophomore tailback Spiro Theodhosi, who tallied 167 yards on 25 carries. Theodhosi replaced senior starter Zachary Tronti after Tronti left the game in the first quarter with an injury. The sophomore demonstrated poise as he turned in a game-changing effort, highlighted by a 16-yard touchdown run and a 45-yard run that broke the game open. Brown’s is now 5-3 overall and 3-2 in Ivy League play while Yale fell to 4-4 and 2-3 in the conference.



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The Lions' football team has shown good depth in responding to major losses in key positions this year due to injury on the defensive side of the ball.

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The Columbia wrestling team is looking to build on a strong returning core of wrestlers and make its mark in Ivy League competition this year.

TOMORROW

Basketball Mania provides illusion of school spirit



MATT VELAZQUEZ
THE X-FACTOR

While I was a member of the Spectator managing board in 2008, I attended a getting-to-know-you meeting with some deans, including then-Columbia College Dean Austin Quigley. One of the things he said really stuck with me, and it was that we, as Columbia students, don't really have much that pulls us together as a group. There are a few loose traditions here, but for the most part it's extremely rare that we all get together as a campus in support of something.

Much to my chagrin, Columbia isn't a place where students rally around athletics. Obviously it would help if more teams in the marquee sports—football, basketball, baseball—competed in the top level of the Ivy League, but that has not been the case during my time here. Of course, the baseball team is an exception, as it placed first in the Ivy League two seasons ago, but baseball here is not followed the way that football and basketball are. The teams that do succeed—fencing, cross country, rowing, tennis, and golf, among others—tend to be difficult for people to attend or don't have many events in or close to Morningside Heights.

There are two events, though, at which there is at least the illusion of students rallying around Columbia athletics. The first is Homecoming, which is always fairly well-attended by students. I don't know how many of them actually pay attention to the game or even make it into the stadium, but it's a start. Maybe if the Lions win a Homecoming game at some point in the future, the students in the parking lot would abandon their kegs and make an attempt to stumble their way into the stadium near the end of the fourth quarter for the celebration.

The other event actually surprised me with how popular it was when I attended it my first year. I didn't know what to expect from Midnight Mania considering that I knew sports weren't a huge deal on this campus, so I only got there about 15 minutes before the doors opened and it blew my mind that the line stretched all the way to the University Gym. At first, I cynically thought people were just there for the free T-shirts—which was partially true—but the crowd was loud and excited but throughout the event.

I couldn't wait to go back to Midnight Mania sophomore year, but unfortunately we here at Spectator chose that night to slave over our annual basketball supplement—it took until around 7 a.m. to finish, but it was amazing. While in the Spec office that night, my girlfriend visited me. She goes to a school where students love their basketball team—University of Dayton, if you must know—and she went to Midnight Mania in my stead and she said it was actually really cool and fun. Considering the school she goes to, I took that as a big compliment for Columbia athletics.

Then, seemingly out of nowhere, the athletic department decided not to have Midnight Mania last year and instead used the money it saved to offer giveaways at more sporting events and institute the Student Rewards Program. I, along with many other people, was shocked and let down by the move. One of the reasons for the change was that students were going to Midnight Mania, but it wasn't translating to better attendance at basketball games during the year, which, to be fair, made sense.

During the season, I got worried that Midnight Mania would be dead forever, mainly due to the efforts of the fraternities. In particular, the brothers of Sigma Chi, came out to games and lead a cheering section that was more raucous and fun than any I had seen in my time at Columbia. Don't get me wrong,

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Light Blue lacks punch on offensive end

Despite strong effort from freshman Scott, goals are hard to come by

BY SABINE SCHULZ
Spectator Staff Writer

Despite netting the first goal in its match against Harvard, the Columbia men's soccer team was unable to bring in a second tally in overtime play to claim victory against the league leader. The dynamic offense that had posted several close shots in the first half fell apart in the second, creating only one scoring opportunity for the rest of the game. Miscommunication between the offensive players ultimately cost the Lions the match, but the inability to capitalize on opportunities has been a persistent problem for the men's soccer team.

In Saturday's match, there were clear discrepancies between the two teams' offenses. When the Lions gained possession of the ball early in the match, the offense was unable to run the ball towards Harvard's box. Instead, Columbia relied more on corner kicks to set up its shots than on runs or team plays.

However, Harvard freshman Brian Rogers managed to even the score on a solo run into the Light Blue box—a feat the Lions have not been able to accomplish this season. Harvard's game-winning goal was the result of a combined effort by three different Crimson players, each finding the next in open space.

While the Lions have tried such team plays, the forwards usually suffer from a lack of communication and awareness of each others' positions. Throughout the season, the offense has played by moving the ball into the opponent's end of the field only to find no one on the receiving end.

Though the Light Blue almost found the back of the net against Harvard on a team effort executed by Peppe Carotenuto, Bayo Adafin, and James Prince, the Crimson goalkeeper came up with a big save. However, in the majority of second-half play freshman forward Nick Scott was unable to connect with his teammates due to miscommunication. Since his arrival, Scott has become the backbone of the Columbia offense because of his remarkable ability to find space and serve dangerous balls.

Though junior forward Bayo Adafin has often been lauded as the team's main attacking force—leading the team in goals and points—the Rochester,



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SEARCHING FOR GOALS | Nick Scott has created opportunities for Columbia forwards with his distinctive crosses, yet few have been converted into goals, and he has not seen the ball much in recent games.

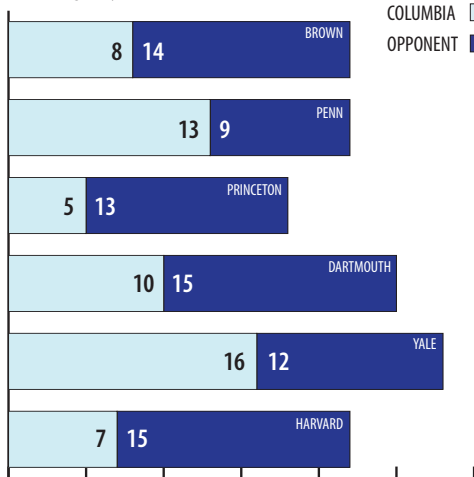
Minn., native spends the better part of games waiting for passes and opportunities than helping to create them. The lack of service to Scott certainly contributed to the Light Blue recording only one shot—a header off a cross from Scott that resulted in a goal—in the second half.

Despite the disappointing quality of the offensive attack, the Lions have improved greatly under new head coach Kevin Anderson, who took the reins almost a year ago. Last year, the Light Blue suffered an embarrassing 6-1 defeat at the hands of the Crimson, allowing spectators to see this year's close 2-1 overtime loss as a great improvement. Additionally, the Lions have a current record of 4-11-1 and have lost most matches only by one goal, whereas they were 3-12-1 by this time last year.

However, the team was still shut out in six of its 11 losses this year. Columbia is definitely on the right track with a solid freshman class that will only be more experienced next season. What the Lions really need are dynamic forwards that can finish chances consistently and make the odds work for them.

SHOTS TAKEN

The men's soccer team has struggled offensively in Ivy play, finding itself outshot regularly as it went 2-4.



Graphic by Ben Cotton

Penn shows teeth, crushes Princeton in homecoming blowout

BY ZACH GLUBIAK
Spectator Staff Writer

As the weekend's Ivy League football contests began, Harvard and Penn sat atop the standings, each with perfect conference records. Harvard beat Columbia 34-14, meaning Penn needed to take care of business in its homecoming matchup against Princeton.

And it did just that. Coming off an ugly 14-7 overtime win against Brown in Providence last weekend, the game looked like it was going to be close. The Quakers, led by an inspired senior class, proved they had other plans, however, handing the Tigers a humbling 42-7 loss. The embarrassing score difference was the largest margin of victory for Penn against its archrival since 1943.

Penn senior quarterback Kyle Olson, playing in his final homecoming contest in front of 14,027 fans, had a career day, throwing three touchdown passes. Classmates Luke DeLuca and Chris Wynn also turned in highlight performances. DeLuca registered two touchdown runs at fullback, and Wynn recorded his first interception return for a touchdown along with a career-high seven tackles.

The game remained close until the end of the first quarter, with Penn holding a slim 7-0 lead. A Princeton special teams mistake—a mishandled punt—and an opportunistic recovery from Penn senior Jake Lewko opened the scoring floodgates. Olson and his offense took over with a short field in front of them, and it only took two plays for Olson to find Matt Tuten in the endzone to put the home team up 14-0.

It didn't take long for Penn to get its third touchdown. Princeton quarterback Tommy Wornham dropped back to pass on the very next possession only to be hit as he threw. The fluttering pass was intercepted by Penn cornerback Jonathan Moore, giving the Quakers great field position once again. DeLuca would step up to the plate this time, punching in a run on fourth and goal from the one-yard line.

Although Princeton scored before the half to pull back the game back to 21-7, Penn would retaliate with 21 unanswered points in the second half en route to a blowout. Princeton's score in the first half was the first touchdown conceded



Courtesy of Penn Athletics

HOMECOMING KING | Penn quarterback Kyle Olson led his team to victory with three touchdown passes.

by the Penn defense in over 12 quarters.

Overall, the Tiger offense was held to 25 yards rushing and 215 yards overall. Penn (6-2, 5-0 Ivy) travels to Cambridge next weekend in a clash of unbeaten teams with Ivy supremacy on the line. Princeton fell to 2-6 overall and 1-4 in the Ivy League.

In other Ivy League action, Cornell dropped a heartbreaking 20-17 double-overtime decision

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COLUMBIA:

Columbia vs. Sacred Heart, Friday, Nov. 12, 7 p.m., Levien Gym

The long wait is over as basketball season starts up this Friday when the women's basketball team hosts Sacred Heart on Friday and Oakland on Saturday.

NEW YORK:

Warriors vs. Knicks, Friday, Nov. 13, 7:30 p.m., New York, NY

The New York Knicks will face the Golden State Warriors this week. The Knicks will look to slow down the Warriors' young but inexperienced squad.

NATIONAL:

Patriots vs. Colts, Sunday, Nov. 15, 8:20 p.m., Indianapolis, IN

The Patriots will face an undefeated Colts in a game that features two superstar quarterbacks: Tom Brady and Peyton Manning.