

Faculty calls for more involvement in Core decisions

BY JEREMY BUDD
Columbia Daily Spectator

In 1991, when the faculty of Columbia College was folded into the newly-formed Faculty of Arts and Sciences, longtime professor William Theodore de Bary started to worry about the Core Curriculum.

“It had a terrible effect,” said de Bary, CC ’41, MA ’48, Ph.D ’53, who has taught at Columbia since 1949. “Nobody took responsibility for the Core.”

The CC faculty has never been formally disbanded, but it no longer holds meetings or has any functions. And amid ongoing discussion about the health of the Core—sparked in part by philosophy professor Michele Moody-Adams’ resignation as CC dean in August—professors and administrators are asking whether faculty need to find new ways to take ownership of the Core.

Executive Vice President for Arts and Sciences Nicholas Dirks, who is also the Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences, said that FAS has not been able to take the place of the CC faculty.

“The Faculty of Arts and Sciences should have assumed the responsibilities of the schools it took over,” he said. “I would like to see them take over interests that the College [faculty] involved itself with.”

According to de Bary, before FAS was created, the CC faculty would hold monthly public meetings, and would host “smokers,” evening meetings where faculty would gather to discuss issues about the practice of the Core, in between the meetings to discuss the content of the Core.

“The people teaching it should have a vote in the direction and conduct of the Core.”

—William Theodore de Bary, East Asian studies professor since 1949

“It was a constant discussion among college faculty,” de Bary said. “The people teaching it should have a vote in the direction and conduct of the Core.”

FAS holds a two-hour all-faculty meeting once per semester. De Bary described FAS as more of a faculty interest group than an academic body, and said that the Core is rarely discussed at its meetings.

“Meetings consist of receiving reports from central administration and other opinions concerned of the faculty unions,” he said.

One of the few venues for faculty to affect the Core is the Committee on the Core Curriculum, which was created in 1988. The committee has 12 faculty members—the chairs of the different Core classes and several administrators, including Barry Weinberg, CC ’12.

“The committee ... deals with broad issues, like should Frontiers of Science be a Core class, what sort of support

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Funding from student councils reduces Bacchanal debt to \$6,000

BY BEN GITTELSON
Columbia Daily Spectator

Bacchanal has nearly dropped its debt like it’s hot.

The concert-planning group has gotten student government organizations to help make up \$12,000 of an \$18,000 budget shortfall that resulted from a last-minute venue change in April.

After booking alternative hip hop duo Das Racist and high-profile rapper Snoop Dogg last spring, Bacchanal was forced to reach deep into its pockets to accommodate added costs, after a venue change caused by a scheduling conflict with commencement and security concerns that Snoop Dogg would draw a large crowd.

Although its fall concert has been cancelled, the budget restoration allows Bacchanal committee members to move forward with their programming for the spring without fear of fiscal troubles.

PLANNING DIFFICULTIES

The group found out it would have to move the spring concert from Low Steps to the South Lawn at its event review in early April, according to Bacchanal president Dan Weinstein.

The move had “major” consequences for Bacchanal, forcing it to change its plans at the last minute and driving up facilities and security costs from moving material over the South Lawn hedges, not letting trucks pull up to the lawn, building and rebuilding the set, and relocating the dressing rooms from Kent Hall to Lerner Hall.

“We went over budget by an enormous amount, and it wasn’t because of any oversight on our part but because of an oversight on the part of graduation planning,” Weinstein said. “Up until our event review, we were 100 percent in budget. We were doing great.”

Bacchanal ended up running \$38,000 over budget, but

securities from student life fees covered \$20,000 of that debt, leaving the group \$18,000 in the red, according to University Senator Kenny Durell, who is investigating the budget shortfall.

Weinstein said the group has made up \$12,000 of that money with funding from student councils, bringing its 2011-12 budget up to \$100,000. He declined to say which councils had voted to fund the Bacchanal because he was still trying to make up the remaining \$6,000.

Mary Waldorf, University Events Management assistant director of venue operations, said that members of Bacchanal followed up in January like they were supposed to. She said she believes students have gotten mixed messages about why the concert was moved.

“Students have heard that the event needed to be relocated because facilities needed to start setting up for Commencement, and that’s probably the prevalent

message,” Waldorf said. “The other message is that the concert needed to be relocated because of the scope of the concert and the size of the audience that was expected.”

Kristina Hernandez, University Events Management director of marketing and communications, said that part of the confusion was that Bacchanal didn’t announce that Snoop Dogg would be headlining until April 1, four weeks before the concert.

“Bacchanal’s a unique situation because they tend to keep the artist a surprise to everyone, including the support partners that need to go into supporting the event,” Hernandez said. “The first time we heard about the artist coming was when it was announced in the Spec.”

Waldorf said she wished Bacchanal would announce its headliner earlier in the year.

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GS Veterans Day float bridges generations

BY ANUSHKA LOBO
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Sixty-eight years after Martin Brod, GS ’67, ran off to join the army, he joined current Columbia veterans at a parade Friday.

“I’ve never been in a veteran’s parade before, so it’s something new to me,” Brod, an 85-year-old World War II veteran, said.

Over 40 Columbia University veterans were invited to participate in the annual Veterans Day Parade on Saturday. The School of General Studies sponsored a float, which carried the veterans through a crowd of over 25,000, for the third year.

According to GS Dean Peter Awn, the school decided to sponsor a float after considering the hostile treatment of Vietnam War veterans who returned to Columbia’s campus in the 1970s.

“We simply wanted to reach out to people who really may have thought that Columbia could never ever do anything that would be positive for veterans,” Awn said. “The invitation was what mattered, the sense of reaching out and saying, ‘We want you back.’”

With Columbia’s participation in the Yellow Ribbon Program, a provision of the post-9/11 G. I. Bill implemented in 2009, the number of veterans on campus rose sharply. In the 2008-2009 school year, only about 60 veterans were enrolled at GS—this year there are 222.

Dan Lagana, GS and president of the MilVets, praised GS’ sponsorship of the float.

“It shows the progression of the relationship between the military and Columbia University.”

Richard Baldassari, GS and the secretary for the U.S. Military Veterans of Columbia University, said that events like this bridge generations.

“I think it’s an excellent opportunity for us to not only show our support for those who are serving but also meet with past generations, and really celebrate our service together, which is a rare opportunity, especially when it reaches as far back as World War II, all the way up to present recruits who are about to enter service,” Baldassari said.

Walking with the GS float gave Brod a way to commemorate loved ones he lost in the war.



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STARS AND STRIPES | Columbia cadets raise the American flag. The University’s celebration of Veterans Day on Friday brought together veterans young and old. For more photos, see page 3.

“I was hoping that by being here as a veteran, and being with other veterans we can honor those veterans who were killed,” Brod said.

Amy Claypool, an Air Force officer currently

studying at Columbia’s College of Physicians and Surgeons, said that uniting veterans fostered a sense of community that goes beyond school boundaries.

“Columbia has done a great

job of supporting all their student veterans from all the schools. I’m not even on the same campus as a lot of the other veterans, so these kinds of events bring us all together,” Claypool said.

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Kathryn Brill questions our evaluation of worth.

Stop the slurs

The word “slut” does not deserve to be in our vocabulary.



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After a shootout—during which Cornell’s quarterback nearly broke the Ivy League single-game passing record—the Lions, despite scoring 41 points, are still winless with one game left this year.

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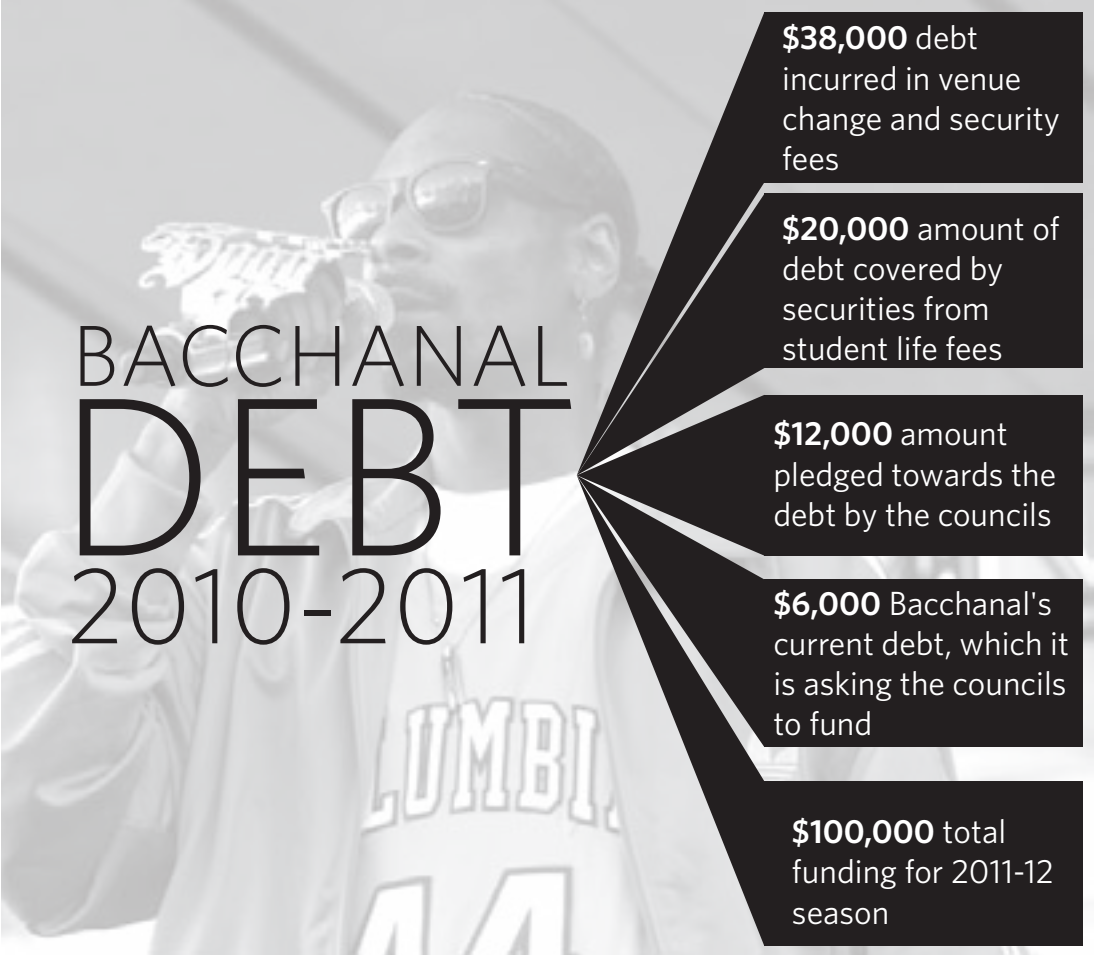


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Admins work to avoid repeat of Bacchanal mishap

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“I feel like there’s a way for Bacchanal to keep that tradition and have the artist be a secret to the student community and still key in the administrators ... which will allow us to meet earlier and plan accordingly,” Waldorf said.

COUNCILS’ INVOLVEMENT

To make up the \$18,000 shortfall, Bacchanal presented funding requests to the Columbia College and Engineering Student Councils and Barnard’s Student Government Association, requesting that each council fund its proportional share. The councils have conditionally pledged to support Bacchanal, reassuring the group it will not be burdened by financial worries this year.

Durell, who is heading an investigation into Bacchanal’s funding shortfall, said he was hesitant to assign blame to any individual party. He said he believed the venue change was part of a systematic problem and that deciding who should cover Bacchanal’s debt is a “complex situation.”

CCSC Vice President of Funding Kevin Zhai, CC ’12, said the council had voted to conditionally fund the group. CCSC will help make up the shortfall if Bacchanal cannot recover any money from the administration—meaning that Bacchanal will get the money either from the administration or the councils.

It’s unlikely, however, that the money will come from the administration, Zhai and Durell said.

“It’s quite obvious that that’s really not feasible,” Zhai said. “What we voted upon was that we would fund them if no money was recovered from the administration. Given the way things have panned out, that money will go to Bacchanal” and will come from CCSC.

Durell said that CCSC would take a final vote on the issue after his report comes out. “It’s kind of a bummer to feel like you know the students didn’t do anything inherently wrong, but you don’t know how to get them the money they need,” Durell said. “I feel like I’m between a rock and a hard place.”

ESC Vice President of Finance Frank Yin, SEAS ’12, who worked with Durell on his investigation, said the venue change was more of a fluke than a systematic error.

“We’ve never brought such a big artist like this before, so there are a lot of things you can’t account for,” Yin said. “I think this was sort of an anomaly.”

ESC also voted conditionally to grant Bacchanal’s request, with a final vote not taking place until Durell’s investigation is finished.

Jessica Blank, BC ’12, and Barnard Student Government Association president and acting vice president of finance, explained that SGA had tabled Bacchanal’s funding request for now. Although Weinstein said he believes Bacchanal is scheduled to talk to SGA soon, Blank said the group hasn’t had much communication with the

council.

“It’s a little puzzling because they haven’t really reached out to us in the sense that they have attended CCSC and ESC meetings,” Blank said. “We’re really waiting on them at this point. We’re happy to vote on this.”

SGA had voted to fund Bacchanal last year on the condition that the group hold an event on Barnard’s campus, which didn’t materialize, Blank said.

“That event on Barnard’s campus never occurred, so there is an issue with that,” Blank said. “We really stress that we want Barnard to be involved.”

Weinstein said he believes the administration should cover Bacchanal’s debt, although he thinks CCSC and the other student government organizations are equipped to deal with the budget shortfall.

“I don’t think this money should come from student life fees, but their budget exists for a reason,” Weinstein said. But the problem with simply filling the budget gap from the student life fees, he said, is that “we’re just penalizing students.”

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—Kevin Zhai, CC ’12 and CCSC VP for Funding

POLICY CHANGES

To avoid another scheduling mishap, the administration is looking to make significant changes to the process of organizing Bacchanal. Robert Taylor, executive director of Student Development and Activities, suggested easing the event review process by narrowing down the potential performers earlier in the year.

According to Taylor, revealing the performer only a month before the concert date can result in conflicts with public safety and administration because they do not know the scale of the event ahead of time. But he said that he understands revealing the performer is a Columbia tradition and wants to uphold that.

“Maybe the group should come up with a shortlist of performers, and from there we can get a good estimate. At that meeting a working plan can be created of what it’s going to take,” Taylor said.

But Taylor hasn’t floated the idea by the group’s organizers yet. “I don’t know if Bacchanal will take that suggestion,” he said.

Waldorf said she would like to “loop in” Public Safety and Facilities earlier in the process, in addition to finding out the headliner before Bacchanal discloses it to the student body.

Administrators aren’t the only ones proposing changes. Durell said he would most likely recommend changes to the event review process that could include meeting with Public Safety earlier in the year,

although he’s not sure of the specifics yet.

Zhai said the event review process could benefit from more formal documentation, but he stressed he’s focused only on “preventative measures.”

“I’m just concerned about the future,” he said. “What’s past is past. What’s important to me is making sure they have the resources they need to put on a good event this year.”

CONSEQUENCES

Because of the budget shortfall, Bacchanal had to cancel its fall concert this semester, but this cancellation allowed the organization to have a full budget for the spring, Weinstein said.

“I don’t think we’re going to take that much of a hit,” Weinstein said. “The one thing it did affect is our ability to jump on planning at the start of the year because we were uncertain about the budget.”

Weinstein said it was fiscal uncertainty, more than Bacchanal’s debt, that had the biggest impact on its programming for the fall semester.

“Over the summer, we didn’t know what we were working with,” Weinstein said. “We didn’t plan on throwing major events at the beginning of the year because we didn’t know what our financial situation was going to be.”

Unclear on who is at fault, students had varying reactions to the debt problem. Luke Li, CC ’12, said the administration should be held accountable if it was responsible for the venue change.

“I think they’re somewhat liable,” Li said. “If the administration didn’t give the coordinators enough time to move, or to plan the event, then it’s something they should have told them earlier.”

At the same time, he said, “if it’s something that’s going to hinder their performance for the coming year, the student council is supposed to be looking out for the interests of the students. Students enjoy Bacchanal, so they could help out.”

Rachel Herzog, BC ’15, said she would have to know whether the “miscommunication” was Bacchanal’s or the administration’s fault before she could decide who would pay for it.

“Support of student performance groups is a good thing,” Herzog said. “Before funding is given, it should be examined where the budget shortfalls were and whether the money would be managed well.”

Jackie Ho, CC ’14, believes the administration should help make up the shortfall if the venue change was its fault. If Bacchanal turns out to be responsible for its own budgetary issues, Ho thinks student government should help fill the gap.

Weinstein said he wants to avoid assigning blame in order to maintain a good working relationship with the administration.

“While mistakes were made, we really respect the people we work with,” Weinstein said. “Going forward, it’s always in our best interest to stay on good political terms with them ... we’re not trying to play the blame game.”

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Faculty say their input will help Core

CORE from front page

systems we should have for the Core classes, can we coordinate between classes, so that’s essentially what this body does,” Weinberg said.

There are also committees to oversee the individual Core classes. The Committee on the Global Core, in particular, gives many faculty the chance to get involved—because Global Core classes aren’t limited to professors with particular specialties, like Literature Humanities and Contemporary Civilizations are—but many professors remain uninterested, according to Classics professor Stathis Gourgouris, a member of the Global Core committee. This committee is responsible for overseeing proposals for Global Core courses each year.

“I do think faculty as a whole should become more involved with issues about the Core,” Gourgouris said. “The more faculty involvement would mean that the way the Core is done or what it is would have to encounter more opinions.”

To foster more involvement, de Bary has proposed the creation of an independent “corps” of faculty members who wish to discuss issues that affect the Core and increase the transparency of the decision-making process. He said he pitched the idea to University President Lee Bollinger earlier in the semester, but that Bollinger was hesitant to endorse it.

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—Stathis Gourgouris, classics professor

Outside of the Core committees, several administrators are involved in Core decision-making, including Dirks, who works with departments to convince professors to teach in the Core. Professor Roosevelt Montás, CC ’95, M.A. ’96, Ph.D ’04, is the director of the Center for the Core Curriculum, the administrative body of the Core, as well as a member of the Committee on the Core.

Montás called the decision-making process in the Core “tremendously complicated,” and said he would like more faculty to get involved.

“I teach in the Core, but my job is to administer courses and participate in conversations that determine policy,” Montas said. “Discussions have dealt with the Global Core, Frontiers of Science, and issues of academic integrity within the Core. Those were the big issues in committee last year.”

He added that the chairs of Core classes are frequently responsible for decisions that affect their respective courses. University Writing chair Nicole Wallack, an English professor, and Lit Hum chair Christia Mercer, a philosophy professor, both said they would like more faculty input in the decision-making process.

That involvement could constitute just teaching Core classes, professors said. Wallack explained that while she is responsible for selecting texts that are used in UW and the sequence of assignments, each UW instructor is given discretion to select additional readings, and Mercer noted that all Lit Hum instructors are responsible for selecting and voting on a version of the final exam.

“We’ve been rethinking the curriculum and developing UWriting with the Committee on the Core,” Wallack said. “I would love as much faculty involvement as possible.”

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SUPPORT YOUR SOLDIERS | On Veterans Day Friday—the last Veterans Day of the Iraq War—the School of General Studies sponsored a float for the third year in a row. Columbia veterans and cadets, young and old, marched.



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Students organize in opposition to NYPD stop-and-frisk practices

BY MEGAN KALLSTROM
Columbia Daily Spectator

Students and alumni are putting their feet down on a controversial policy the New York Police Department has instated.

Campus activist groups Lucha and Students Against Mass Incarceration co-hosted an event on Friday to launch a campaign against the NYPD’s policy of subjecting suspicious-looking individuals to searches on the street, a practice known as stop-and-frisk.

According to the American Civil Liberties Union, 362,150 New Yorkers were stopped by the police in the first half of 2011 under this policy. 51 percent were black, 33 were Hispanic, and only 9 percent were white. 88 percent of them were innocent. Critics say the practice institutionalizes racism.

“This is a difficult topic for some people,” said Lishan Amde, SEAS ’12, who moderated a panel of speakers at the event. “We sit on this campus and we don’t even see NYPD. ...

This is a conversation we have to have here.”

The event, which drew 65 people to the Satow Room in Lerner, featured five panelists, all of whom opposed stop-and-frisk.

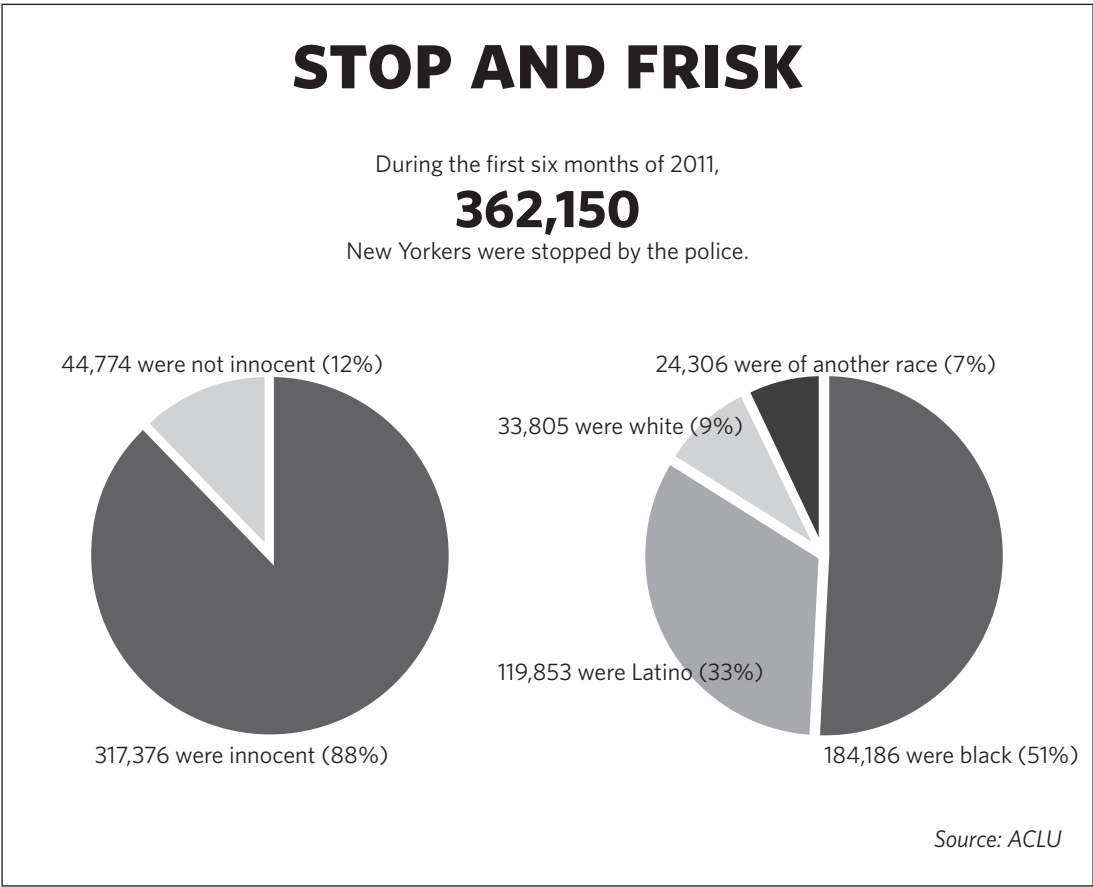
Some encouraged the use of civil disobedience to fight the law. Others urged attendees to self-reflect, like panelist Lewis Webb, a member of the American Friends Service Committee, a Quaker organization that brings together different faiths interested in social justice.

“Politicians ... go as far as we allow them,” Webb said. “Acknowledge your prejudices, acknowledge your fears, and challenge yourselves.”

Asere Bello, another panelist and a member of the Malcolm X Grassroots Movement, reminded attendees that stop-and-frisk is one of many racist policies that exist.

“Stop-and-frisk ... is just the tip of the iceberg,” said Bello, the former coordinator of the Men’s Peer Education program at Columbia.

One attendee, Debra Sweet,



director of the national anti-war group World Can’t Wait, said that she hopes that an event like this will bridge the gap between Columbia students and the surrounding community, a divide several

panelists described. “I learned things from all five of the speakers and from several of the people I met there,” Sweet said. “I hope that it has the effect of breaking down some of the barriers

between the people who live on the Columbia campus or work there or study there and the people very close by who are affected by mass incarceration so terribly.”

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The word ‘slut’

BY CHANTALLE DUMONCEAUX

I transferred here from a college where there was no sorority presence. Recently, I overheard a couple of girls talking about their sororities, and I asked what kind of girls were in each sorority. I wasn't looking for gossip material. I expected answers like “Chi Chamma Omega girls are usually Midwestern,” and “Kappa Beta Omega girls are artsy.” Instead the girl answered “Oh, Gamma Bamma Wamma are the campus whores,” and “Chi Chamma Omega girls are less slutty,” and “Flamma Chi—those girls are prudes. My sorority doesn't have sluts. We're normal.” Every time this girl repeated the word “slut” and “whore,” I gritted my teeth a little more.

Unfortunately, this wasn't an isolated instance on campus. I've heard many girls refer to others as sluts in a denigrating manner. I've seen boys look at a girl's outfit and declare her a slut. Worse, in conversation, I've spoken to guys who have called the girl they hooked up with at a party a slut. Something has to change when this insult can be thrown around so loosely and yet have such deleterious effects on a woman's self-perception and a man's understanding of a woman.

Women have been taught to believe that their intrinsic

A kid inside the critic

Sitting on top of my bookshelf, there's a book I've been reading lately. Luckily, I don't have any papers to write on it or passages to bookmark for class discussion. It's got a cheerful blue and yellow cover, decorated with the silhouettes of four children and a dog splashing in some water. It's called “The Penderwicks at Point Mouette,” by Jeanne Birdsall, and it's a kids' chapter book about a family that goes on summer vacation to Maine. I've been reading it before I go to bed—not only is it relaxing, it's also pretty enjoyable, and certainly better than thinking about all the homework I didn't have time to do.

This is really strange, I know, especially considering I'm an English major. I spend my days immersed in Shakespeare and Milton, filling my head with John Donne and Jane Austen and analyzing these writers in attempts to figure out what makes them so excellent. And I've gotten pretty good at it, if I do say so myself. After two and a half years of doing this, I feel like I could talk with reasonable intelligence on just about any work of literature. If you asked me, I could probably tell you why such-and-such a plot device worked, why one sentence was too long while the other fit the rhythm of the piece, and how all the other things make something in a work of literature “good” or “bad.” My tastes are becoming refined and sharpened in college. And this isn't just a phenomenon for people who study the liberal arts—most of my friends' tastes, from music to journalism, have changed during the course of their time here. If you asked your average Columbian, he would probably say he watches better movies or eats at better restaurants or enjoys better art than he did before he came here. This is what everybody wants, after all—to know what's excellent, so we can enjoy it and appreciate it properly. Nobody wants to spend the rest of his life thinking instant ramen is the best food ever created.

But on the other hand, there's a danger in this sharpening of our enjoyments. We can forget that just because something isn't the best in the world, it doesn't mean that it can't be good. Many of the discussions I have with my friends about music and books swerve in this direction. The end-game is to convince each other that X is much better than Y, isn't it? We want to justify our interests based on their excellence. And if we know that X is not objectively better than Y, then we have to justify our interests some other way. I've heard people trying to convince each other that even though Kurt Vonnegut is not Shakespeare, there is some other intrinsic value to reading Vonnegut, even if they don't believe he's the best author the world has ever produced. They say things like, “I mean, he's not the best, but...” And this saddens me. There's a whole range of excellent and enjoyable books, and just because “Slaughterhouse Five” isn't on the same level as “Hamlet” doesn't mean that no one should read “Slaughterhouse Five” or that it's on par with the world's most poorly written book (whatever that may be—“Twilight,” perhaps?). Take “The Penderwicks,” for example. It's not the work of a literary genius, but the characters are well-written, and the world they belong to has a cozy, warm, and loving feeling that draws you in and makes you wish you belonged to the Penderwick family. And so I read it before bed, and I enjoy it just as much as “Paradise Lost,” although Jeanne Birdsall is no Milton (and likely wasn't aiming to be).

Enjoying things because they are excellent makes sense. But maybe we've narrowed our definition of “excellent” too far. Ever rewatched the movies you loved as a kid? Sometimes you think, “Man, this movie was really good,” and sometimes you think, “I can't believe I liked this.” But back then, you enjoyed it all anyway. It would be sad if we let college rob us of our ability to enjoy all but a select number of things. Let's be kids in the things we take delight in, not just critics.

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value is closely related to their sexuality, or even simply to others' perception of their sexual behavior. This allows degrading terminology to come into common use. The belief is reinforced by the acceptability of words like “slut” and “whore.” Calling a girl a “slut” should be tantamount to calling a gay man a “fag,” a black person a “nigger,” a Jew a “kike,” and a disabled person a “freak.” These respective groups of people are aware of the negative connotations of each of these words. I've yet to hear a gay man call another gay man a “fag” as an insult or a disabled woman call another a “freak.” This makes it even more baffling that women call each other “sluts” as an insult. Just as if there was a gay person in my life I did not like, I would not disparage his or her sexual orientation, but focus on his or her character.

There are so many factors that come into play in the decision to have sex—for example with whom and with what frequency—that a broad sweeping judgement is uncalled for and almost certainly uninformed. We don't have the right to use a derogatory word to describe someone, especially when we know little of the impetus behind his or her actions.

A woman's sexual interest and pursuit should be for her to judge and decide upon. It should not be considered an indicator of her value to society or the quality of her character. I'm recommending that we strike this abominable word from our vocabularies. Stop granting any credence to this ridiculous pressure, and embrace



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Money can't buy happiness

BY CINNAMON LEWIS

Most students attend college with the intention of pursuing a career afterward. The process of finding which career is right for each student is discovered in academic endeavors, as well as through extracurriculars. An internship, for example, is a unique way of working directly in a professional environment, especially for college students who still have some leeway in deciding what they want to do.

As the moment approaches when that decision must be made or steps toward that decision must be taken, a student has to weigh the many factors involved in choosing a career—one of which is the potential salary, and another is the level of interest in that career. Both are weighed differently, and much of the time they are both considered. Yet for some students, a high salary or lack thereof is the only criterion for selection. The degree of interest is disregarded for the most part. I believe, however, that when students cannot find the balance between the two, they should opt for the career they know they will enjoy.

Columbia students are geared toward earning a high salary. There's no denying that many successful people who attended Columbia have gone on to become billionaires. This intimidates many students—they fear that if they do not find a high-paying job upon graduation or shortly thereafter, they will be looked upon as failures, incapable of returning the thousands of dollars spent on their education. The current economic crisis is readily ignored, and people continue to expect Columbia's graduates to earn six figures or more.

Given the unpredictability of life, the prospect of six figures or more is never guaranteed. So when students consider their career options, they will most likely want to select the job that both appeals to them and promises a good salary. But in some cases, the appealing aspect of a career

who you are and what you want (with an awareness of the consequences). Don't worry about people's perceptions of you. Don't do anything you're not comfortable with. Judge women based on their character, not their sexual behavior.

Women have been taught to believe that their intrinsic value is closely related to their sexuality.

We are evolved creatures with free will, and we should be able to respect the decisions others make for themselves. A girl deserves no less respect as a person because of her sexual choices. So I ask you, both men and women, to remove these terrible words from your vocabulary for the sake of equality. Judge a woman for who she is, not who she has slept with. It may be difficult to expunge these words from day-to-day vocabulary. It will require a conscious effort, but they've been acceptable for too long—so please make the effort. Here's hoping I get a different answer next time I ask what a sorority is like.

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is superior to the salary. As a pre-law student, I interned with the New York City Supreme Court. I started not really knowing what type of law I was interested in, but I had a faint, initial interest in criminal law. As it turned out, I began to favor criminal law more as time progressed. Civil law, an area that I was also able to explore, did not interest me as much. After a lot of thought, I decided that criminal law was what I wanted to pursue.

At this point, I had to decide what was more important to me: money or happiness.

One day in criminal court, I spoke to a bailiff who inquired as to what type of law I was interested in. I told him that I was interested in criminal law, and he stated, “Well, you won't make a lot of money, but at least you will be happy.”

I gave serious thought to this statement, although it wasn't the first time I had heard it. But I had never heard it worded this way, with the inclusion of the word “happy.” Other sources had confirmed that a criminal lawyer, unless employed by a private firm, does not stand to make as much money as a corporate or civil lawyer. At this point, I had to decide what was more important to me: money or happiness.

This is a simplification of the decision, which I may change in the future. But the question is valid for all career-driven students. And I answer that the quest for a career should begin with how much it interests someone. The sole or most important basis should not be money, because no amount of money overshadows dissatisfaction and unhappiness with a career choice. A sincere interest and joy in a career is what makes work not seem like work at all.

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STAFF EDITORIAL

What's in \$76 million?

Residents, politicians, and activists have criticized the West Harlem Local Development Corporation for its delinquency and obscure proceedings throughout this year. In 2009, Columbia agreed to donate \$76 million over the next 16 years to fund community education, housing, and job training in West Harlem, and the job of the LDC is to distribute those funds effectively. While Columbia has already donated \$3.5 million of those funds, the LDC has used only \$300,000 to fund a relatively small number of jobs through a youth employment program. And with no website, no official disclosure of the organization's board members, and no apparent plans for its current and incoming funds, the LDC is doing little to meet the pressing needs of its community.

The corporation has been so ineffective that last February, members of West Harlem's Community Board 9 called to dissolve the organization, and the organization's

president Donald Notice promised to have the LDC restructured for better accountability by July. But months after the deadline, the community is still devoid of an effective entity to oversee the disbursement of these massive amounts of money. According to Notice, the delay is because the LDC must be restructured and renamed the West Harlem Development Corporation before it can make decisions about where funding will be allocated—but other sources have confirmed that the process is not as complicated or mandatory as the organization has tried to argue.

Rightfully, the State Attorney General has launched an investigation of the organization. While this should be a signal to the LDC that its current practices will not be tolerated, Representative Charles Rangel has downplayed the investigation, emphasizing its informality and insignificance. Such flippant remarks do nothing to raise awareness about the weight of the situation. For the investigation to be thorough, it must ensure that the organization releases the process by which the members of the board were selected, the identities of the board members, and updates on their progress. The investigation must also keep the LDC accountable in meeting the agreed-upon deadlines, and it must evaluate whether the organization is making responsible plans for additional funds soon to be coming its way.

The onus is on the organization and overarching government to clean up the LDC's act, but Columbia must not wash its hands of this mess. For a university to grant such a huge sum as \$76 million, it must be doing more to advise the organization on ways to allocate funding. Representatives from the University have expressed that this is a priority, but there is no evidence that Columbia has been doing much to support the LDC's decision-making. As a member of the West Harlem community sponsoring millions of dollars in development, Columbia should see that the funding is not wasted. If the problem is a matter of the LDC refusing to be advised by the University, Columbia should increase its pressure on the organization, potentially withholding further funding until the LDC can prove it will distribute it well. Harlem residents should continue to vocalize their disapproval of the LDC, but they can only do so much. While it should not usurp the project, Columbia, as the one providing the funds, has a good deal of leverage to make sure residents receive what they are asking for.

There is too much need and opportunity in West Harlem for both politicians and the University to accept an absence of action on the part of the LDC. The organization should do what its community has justly demanded, and Columbia should do whatever it can to see that happen.

Men’s soccer ends season in disappointing tie

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coach Kevin Anderson said. “It’s something that you’ve heard us talk about. We didn’t come to just win one game, but the fact of the matter is we came to win this one. Sometimes in sport it’s two teams that put together a game-plan and you put your heart and soul into something—and it’s sport.”

The result meant that Brown and Dartmouth shared the 2011 Ivy title, with the Big Green receiving the Ivy League’s automatic bid to the NCAA tournament. The Lions finished third, and Cornell fourth. (Brown, Columbia, and Cornell could still receive at-large bids to the NCAA tournament.) It was the Lions’ best overall finish to a season since 2003, and the team’s best Ivy record since 2002.

However, senior captain Mike Mazzullo was far from content.

“I’m not going to lie to you, I’m not proud at all as a captain,” he said. “It was there for us and we didn’t take it. It might have been the saddest moment of my life. I can’t really think of a positive. I can say for me it was just a very sad ending.”

Neither side could be faulted for effort though. The game got off to a flying start with the Lions initially struggling to adjust to Cornell’s route-one style of play. The Big Red had the better of the opening exchanges, but the Lions were the first to score with a goal against the run of play. Najem picked up the ball near the half-line, and turned before running at the opposition. Columbia forwards sophomore Henning Sauerbier and junior Will Stamatis made runs that pulled the Cornell defense wide, and Najem was one-on-one against a defender. He moved the ball onto his left side to leave the defender in his wake, and then shifted the ball onto his right foot before opening up his body and curling a shot into the top corner past freshman Zach Zagorski in Cornell’s goal.

“That was the dream start we were praying for,” Najem said. “It felt sort of like a dream but we knew we had a long game to go and our work cut out.”

The Lions had the upper hand temporarily after the goal almost doubled their lead five minutes later. Senior defender Ronnie Shaban saw his header, from junior winger Nick Scott’s corner, cleared off the goal-line. (Shaban is a sports columnist for Spectator.)

The hosts raised the tempo with ten minutes to go in the first period, and the Lions were under siege. The Columbia backline dealt with most of what it was faced with, but Cornell eventually found an opening in the 41st minute.

A pass from the defense found junior forward Tyler Regan on the right flank, and he beat his man to play a low ball into the danger area towards Haber. The sophomore finished low past Columbia’s Alex Aurrichio, and the score was tied.

Both sides had eight shots in the opening period, as the teams went in level at the break.

While the teams recorded 11 shots combined in the second half, there were no clear-cut chances for either side and the game was forced to enter overtime as a result.



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EVEN MATCH | Columbia and Cornell battled hard for 110 minutes but had to settle for a 1-1 tie. A victory for Columbia would have crowned them outright champions, while a Cornell win would have guaranteed them a share of the 2011 Ivy League crown. The tie meant that Brown and Dartmouth shared the title.

Mazzullo came closest to breaking the deadlock right at the end of the first additional period.

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—Mike Mazzullo, senior midfielder

Scott played in a dangerous corner, and the Lions captain evaded his marker to get on the end of it. However, his shot was saved by

Zagorski and Mazzullo was left holding his head as the first period of overtime came to a close.

The second period of overtime would decide the 2011 Ivy men’s soccer champion, and both teams were going for gold. Stamatis had a chance on the turn, and even though his strike wasn’t the cleanest, it forced Zagorski into a diving one-handed save. Moments later, Cornell countered and won a free-kick on the edge of the area forcing Aurrichio into a flying save. It was a frantic last few minutes to the game, but eventually the final whistle sounded with the score tied 1-1, even though Columbia and Cornell tallied a mammoth 20 shots each in the contest.

The players left the field to a standing ovation from

the crowd, and Anderson was proud of his charges, especially the eight members of the senior class.

“We wind up with a draw and that gives us nothing, but the thing that I am proud of is the growth and leadership of this team, of the senior class—they’ve been phenomenal,” he said. “They’ve been a pleasure to coach, they’ve been a pleasure to watch grow, and in return I think I’ve grown eight times what each of them have grown, because of the eight of them. So it’s unfortunate, we left it all out on the field—there’s no doubt in my mind that we played to win tonight and it winds up as a draw so there’s not too much to talk about.”

Both teams must now wait for the NCAA to announce the

at-large bids for the postseason tournament.

“We’ll see, we’ll keep our fingers crossed—we’ll see what happens,” Anderson continued. “I think Monday at the NCAA show is a long-shot, but you never know. Things happen in sports, and when you work hard you get opportunities, and these kids absolutely worked hard. They’re the heart and soul of this team, our senior class, and they’re the foundation that this coaching staff has to help build this program. We talked about the foundation having to be the strongest part of your team, so with those eight we have a foundation that can take us wherever we need to go.”

Postseason or not, Najem, a sophomore, knows he has two more seasons with the Light

Blue, and is determined to give something back to the current crop of seniors.

“The seniors and the coaches have set the path for us, and now it’s our job to take advantage of this opportunity,” he said. “We were guided by one of the best group of seniors we’ve had in a long time. The experience, the passion that they brought to us, I can’t even describe to you how rewarding that it for us. We have to turn this rough experience into something we can build off of. These guys have provided everything for us and I think it’s only fitting that we give something back to them and win them a Championship.”

All eyes will now turn to the 2011 NCAA Selection show, which airs today at 4:30 p.m. on NCAA.com.

Women’s basketball opens season with pair of losses to Vermont, Sacred Heart

BY JOSH SHENKAR
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The Columbia women’s basketball team suffered a double setback this weekend as it fell in its opening games of the season to Vermont and Sacred Heart. The Lions gamely competed in both contests, but inconsistency, turnovers, and poor offensive production resulted in a 63-52 loss to Vermont and a 60-42 loss to Sacred Heart.

In the Light Blue’s season opener against Vermont, the Catamounts quickly got off to a 7-0 start and led 13-7 after only five minutes. Columbia fought back through the outstanding play of senior Melissa Shafer and

junior Brittany Simmons and tied the game at 32 a minute into the second half. Overall, Shafer contributed 17 points, Simmons recorded 9 points, and both pulled down four rebounds. However, the Catamounts quickly pulled off another scoring run in which they recorded 15 points, while Columbia only managed four. The Lions never recovered from this torrid stretch, and Vermont had a fairly comfortable last five minutes. Coach Paul Nixon admitted that the Lions’ offensive inconsistency contributed to their loss.

“They had three or four consecutive scores that we were not able to answer. And that comes back to us being not as consistent on offense as we need to be.

We would get it [the lead] down to five or six points but then we would kind of stall there and not get any closer.”

A key factor in the Lions’ loss was the effectiveness of Vermont’s pressure defense, which forced the Columbia offense into a paltry 17-for-53 shooting performance. Vermont kept Columbia’s guards and forwards from penetrating the paint and getting high-caliber shots. This struggle resulted in the Lions making only one of 16 three point attempts.

“We really allowed their defensive pressure to dictate to us too much and because of that we were not consistently effective on offense. That was the difference

in the game,” Nixon said.

“We were not consistently productive in the game. We went through long stretches without a basket.”

—Paul Nixon, women’s basketball coach

The Lions also got off to a poor start in their away game at Sacred Heart as the Pioneers took an

early 10-4 lead. Columbia fought to tie the game at 15 and even took a 17-15 lead when junior guard/forward Tyler Simpson made a layup. The Lions continued to struggle to score on offense, as they only managed to score five points for the rest of the half. Sacred Heart took full advantage and went on a 17-5 scoring run, ending the half with a 34-20 lead. The Light Blue played more competitively in the second half as it was only outscored 26-22. But the Lions could not recover from their instability in the first half, and lost the game 62-40.

“We were not consistently productive in the game. We went through long stretches without a basket. Whenever

you’re playing and you go through two, three, or four minutes at a time without putting any points on the board, it just puts so much pressure on your team getting stops,” Nixon said.

The Lions struggled to take care of the ball late in the first half, turning the ball over 17 times. Even though Columbia had a nearly identical field goal percentage to Sacred Heart in the first half, these turnovers enabled the Pioneers to get easy transition points.

The Light Blue will be looking to pick up its first win of the season on Wednesday, Nov. 16, when it takes on Wagner. The game is scheduled for a 5 p.m. tip-off in Staten Island, N.Y.

Scoring systems need a fix for ties

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Blue and the Big Red two and three points behind respectively and allowing a win (and the three points that come with it) to vault them to first place (or in Cornell's case, a share of first place.) The only thing that would prevent either of them from taking the title themselves would be if they tied as well.

I joked with my co-editor that if a draw did in fact occur in the early game, Columbia and Cornell should meet before the game and say, "Hey, so neither of us wants to screw the other over. Let's flip and coin and say that if the game happens to still be tied with 60 seconds left in the second overtime, one of us will let the other tap one in the back of the net and take the title." To which the other coach would hopefully say, "Yeah, screw Brown and Dartmouth. We aren't gonna let those guys win shit. Ok I'm down with that." (Flip).

Unfortunately, I was only half joking.

Is it so crazy to say that an equal number of points should be allotted each game?

Of course, Brown and Dartmouth did in fact tie. And of course, that conversation between coaches didn't happen. And of course, the 7 p.m. match was tied after regulation, and as the clock ticked down on the frantic final minutes, the game still stood at 1-1 at the end of the 110th minute. It had to have been the first game I've ever heard of where as soon as the final whistle blew, both teams collapsed to the field in despair.

Now how did this inane scenario occur in the first place? Because of the Ivy League's equally insane standings system: three points for a win, one for a tie, and zero for a loss. The methodology isn't rare for soccer—in fact, most leagues across the world employ it—but it doesn't seem as though there has been much thought put behind it other than encouraging teams to go for wins rather than settle for draws.

Under this system, there are a total of three points awarded when a team wins versus only two when teams tie. Is it so crazy to say that an equal number of points should be allotted each game? Apparently, all games are created equal—except for ones in which the teams themselves are equally matched.

With this kind of organization, teams like Cornell—who tied three times this season—are unfairly punished in the table. I'd just like someone to explain to me with a straight face how a team that goes 2-5 in Ivy play should only be a point back in the standings of a team who ties all seven members of the Ancient Eight.

The National Hockey League has a similar problem. Because hockey teams get a consolation point for losing in OT, why don't teams intentionally go into extra minutes in inter-conference games? Since your opponent is in another conference, you might as well guarantee that each of you at least gets a point and then duel it out in the OT or have a shootout to see who gets the extra one.

While the soccer system is flawed, let's just thank God the Ivy League hasn't instituted penalty kicks to determine winners like the NHL did with shootouts, as they're nothing more than a glorified guessing game.

But if the Ivy League doesn't step up and make a statement to the rest of the NCAA about this system, crazy situations like the one on Saturday will continue to spring up. Until then, Columbia and Cornell can hurdle into the ocean.

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MEN'S SWIMMING AND DIVING

With help of emerging freshman talent, Lions defeat Penn, fall to Yale

The men's swimming and diving team went 1-1 this weekend, narrowly defeating Penn 154-146 on Friday before losing to Yale 178-122 on Saturday. At Penn, the day began with the 200-yard medley relay, with Columbia taking both second and third place. The meet was closely contested—the Lions clinched the victory with the final race of the day, the 400 freestyle relay. Freshmen Omar Arafa and Daniel Gosak and juniors Patrick Dougherty and John Wright combined for a time of 3:05.80 to finish first. The other Light Blue team finished third, securing the points necessary to win the meet. Underclassmen led the way in the short distance events, confirming the team's high expectations for their newest recruits. "We believe that the class of 2015 is one of the best collections of swimmers in our history, so we will be disappointed if all ten do not make

their mark," head coach Jim Bolster wrote in an email. Arafa finished the 100 back in 51.22 seconds to take first place, sophomore Matthew Swallow had a time of 59.17 seconds to finish second for the 100 breast, and freshman Stanley Wong won the 50 free in 21.09 seconds.

The Light Blue couldn't replicate its success on Saturday, and the Bulldogs handed the Lions their first defeat of the season. Though freshman Micah Rembrandt and junior Jason Collazo took first and second respectively in diving, the Light Blue saw its lead slip away as Yale—led by freshman Rob Harder—won most of the free events. Arafa took first place in the 100 back once again with a time of 50.29 seconds, but Columbia failed to keep pace with Yale, ultimately losing the meet. The Lions are now preparing for their next dual meet against Army on Nov. 19 at 12 p.m.

—Eric Wong

WOMEN'S SWIMMING AND DIVING

Light Blue overcomes Bulldogs at home in opening meet of the season

The recruits that had head women's swim coach Diana Caskey so excited prior to the beginning of the season lived up to expectations Friday in a victory against Yale. The team posted stellar times and finished strong.

The freshmen duo of Chacha Bugatti and Salena Huang dominated the distance events, going one-two in the 1000-yard freestyle. Huang would climb out of the pool only to dive back and handily win the next event, the 200-yard freestyle. She also claimed the top spot in the 500-yard freestyle (4:59.49). Bugatti finished third in 5:03.39, just behind Yale's Joan Weaver.

Meanwhile, on the other end of the spectrum, freshman Stella Zhao held down the fort in the sprint free arena, claiming second in both events against a competitive field.

The rookie magic wasn't contained to the lane—on the springboard, diver Alyssa Menz posted an NCAA cut score in her first

collegiate meet. Menz finished fourth overall in the 3-meter contest and won the 1-meter diving with a score of 266.40.

Combining their efforts with those of upperclassmen teammates, the Lions put together a performance that managed to edge Yale, 161.5-138.5, by winning the final event—the 400-yard freestyle relay. The team of Huang, Zhao, freshman Mikaila Gaffey, and senior Isabelle Vandenbroucke out-touched a Yale squad in 3:29.27 for the win.

Juniors Katie Meili and Caroline Lukins, sophomores Grace Senko and Laney Kluge, and Gaffey also finished in the top three in their respective events.

"It was so close from start to finish," Caskey said. "I think it's the hard work we've been putting in, the team cohesion we've developed in such a short time. The team works hard and well together and I think being at home in our own pool gave us that edge."

—Charlotte Murtishaw

CU falls to defending national champions

BY STEVEN LAU
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STORRS, Conn.—Against the much taller Connecticut Huskies, it was not the rebounding of the Columbia men's basketball team that caused problems, but rather the shooting.

The Lions (0-1) fell 70-57 against the No. 4-ranked defending national champions on Friday night at Gampel Pavilion in both teams' first regular-season game of the year.

Though the Light Blue only lost by 13 points, the team struggled to find any offensive rhythm, shooting less than 30 percent from both two-point and three-point range compared to the Huskies' 50 percent field goal average.

"They're long everywhere and I knew it'd be hard to make baskets, especially around the rim," Columbia head coach Kyle Smith said. "I knew we'd have to make a lot of threes to compete, and we didn't."

Columbia was not lacking in scoring opportunities, taking a total of 73 shots—21 more than the Huskies. But a combination of blocked shots by UConn's front-court and poor finishing left the Lions trailing from the opening minute onwards.

"We definitely got what we wanted," senior guard Noruwa Agho said. "I think it's a matter of making the right decisions at times and just really finishing. If I make half those layups, then it's a whole different ball game hopefully."

Though Agho led the Light Blue with 16 points, he went 6-25 and never made his way to the foul line.

The only thing keeping the Lions in the game was the effort from the Columbia front-court, including junior center Mark Cisco and senior forward Blaise Staab.

Staab, who finished with a game-high 12 rebounds, started on Friday for the first time in his collegiate career due to an ankle sprain suffered by junior forward John Daniels earlier in the week.

"The game plan tonight was



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STUFFED | Senior forward Blaise Staab struggled to elude the UConn defense, which had 13 blocked shots to limit the CU offense.

to put a body on the big guys and we did that," Staab said. "Me and Mark did that and the guards were able to pick up some loose ones."

Though UConn outrebounded Columbia 43-41, the Light Blue outworked the Huskies on the offensive boards 20-10, and the defense by the Lions' front-court limited the Huskies' options at the post.

The lack of offense from UConn's big men forced sophomore guards Jeremy Lamb and Shabazz Napier to carry the team. Lamb led all scorers with a career-high 30 points, and Napier was close behind with 21.

UConn head coach Jim Calhoun stressed the lackluster performance by UConn's front-court compared to the smaller but more persistent Lions.

"They had two, three guys that were beating our guys," Calhoun said. "20 offensive rebounds for Columbia—I'm sure that their coach should be happy. I would be happy if my team could give that kind of effort"

Where the Huskies did dominate was perimeter shooting and transition play, and both these strengths were evident throughout the game.

The Huskies took a 3-0 lead one minute into the game and it was not long before the Lions fell behind. Though Columbia kept the margin in single digits for most of the first half, UConn led by 15 at the break.

The Lions played better basketball in the second period, but they could not find a way to stop Lamb and Napier, who pushed the lead to as much as 18.

Several times, the Lions looked to be getting hot on the offensive end, but big plays by the Huskies—including a 10-0 offensive run and Lamb's crowd-raising baseline dunk over Cisco—kept the Light Blue out of it.

"It just got down to defending," junior guard Brian Barbour said. "We were doing a good job at first and then they got loose a little bit in transition, which I think really hurt us more than anything."


Despite the loss, the Lions are viewing Friday's game as a learning experience and a testament to the team's spirited effort on the glass.

The Light Blue will have a chance to bounce back on Monday night in its home opener against Furman (1-0).

The Paladins are coming off a 75-49 routing of Roanoke College in their first game on Friday, during which senior forward Brandon Sebirumbi had 15 points and 11 rebounds.

Last year, Furman made it to the semifinals of the Southern Conference Tournament, finishing with a 22-11 overall record. The last time Columbia faced the Paladins was in 1976, when the Lions took a 93-79 victory.

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Volleyball loses last two matches, finishes season in third place

BY ROBERT WREN GORDON
Spectator Staff Writer

The 2011 season ended on a sour note for Columbia volleyball (15-10, 9-5 Ivy) as the squad was swept on the road this weekend at Penn (10-14, 6-8 Ivy) and Princeton (18-8, 11-3 Ivy).

In its final weekend of play, the squad first traveled to Philadelphia to face off against the Quakers. In their first match this season at Levien on Oct. 8, the Lions managed to narrowly defeat a competitive Penn squad in five closely contested sets.

The second contest witnessed another closely contested meeting that forced another five-set match, although this time the Lions were unable to tally a win. In what has been a common theme throughout the season, the Lions on the road struggled during their first set. Despite close play by the Light Blue, the Quakers took the first game, 30-28.

Columbia came back in the second and third sets, winning both by scores of 25-20, setting the stage for a pivotal fourth set during which the Lions' luck ran out. The Quakers came from behind to win the match, beating the Lions 25-12 and again by 15-9 in the final sets of the night.

In its last match of the season, the team traveled to New Jersey to face rival Princeton. With Yale's victory over Harvard on Friday clinching the Bulldogs' claim to the Ivy crown, nothing but second place was at stake during this match. Princeton, which was 10-3 in the conference, was already in second place. But Columbia, with an Ivy record of 9-4, could have taken a share of second place with a win at Princeton.

However, this wasn't meant to be as the Tigers got off to a strong start, taking the first set 25-22. Columbia took the second set 25-20, securing the win with a five point run after both squads were tied 20-20. The two teams went back and forth throughout the night. The Tigers clinched the third set 25-18 and the Lions came back against to win the fourth set 25-20, coming back from a 16-10 deficit in the middle of the game. Unfortunately for the Lions, Princeton dominated the final set of the contest 15-6 and effectively ended the Light Blue's season.

With the loss to Princeton, the Light Blue closed out the year 15-10 (9-5 Ivy) and third in the conference. Junior outside hitter Megan Gaughn led the team in kills, scoring 284 through the course of the season. Five Lions—Madeline Rumer, Caitlin Brenton, Heather Braunagel, Monique Roberts, and Cindy Chen—had over 100 kills during the season. On defense, sophomore libero Charlee Dryoff led the squad with 425 digs, and four other Lions—Chen, Gaughn, Colleen Brennan, and Molly Winger—also had 100 or more digs for the season.



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BIG BAD RED | In Saturday's matchup, Cornell quarterback Jeff Mathews fell five yards short of the all-time Ivy League passing record, finding holes in CU's defense.

Light Blue defensive woes exposed by Cornell quarterback Mathews

BY JEREMIAH SHARF
Specator Senior Staff Writer

ITHACA, N.Y.—In the wake of Saturday's mind-boggling shootout loss to Cornell (4-5, 2-4 Ivy), Columbia's (0-9, 0-6 Ivy) football team is on the brink of a winless season.

There has not always been a single factor causing the Lions' losses, but this game was an exception. The contest—which ended 62-41 in Cornell's favor—was decided by a record-breaking passing display put on by Cornell's sophomore quarterback Jeff Mathews.

The baby-faced gunslinger from Camarillo, Calif., threw for a school-record 521 yards and five touchdowns. Mathews was just five yards short of the all-time Ivy League record for single game passing yards.

While the Lions' Achilles heel has

usually been their run defense, Mathews' incredibly accurate 40-for-46 completion rate was what did the Lions in. Mathews is a talented quarterback, but open receivers made his job much easier, and for that he can thank the Columbia defense.

Head coach Norries Wilson spoke about the importance of pressuring Mathews, but it wasn't a lack of pressure—the quarterback was sacked four times. The issue was with Columbia's secondary.

Prior to this weekend's game, Columbia's passing defense had only given up a respectable 214 yards per game. After Saturday's debacle, that number has jumped to 248.

"We didn't do enough to stop them," Wilson said. "We didn't get any turnovers."

Wilson made it clear that it was not one section of the defense that was the

issue, but the defense collectively. The pass pressure was not good enough, according to Wilson, and the defensive backs weren't doing their jobs.

"If you're a defensive back you can't let a guy beat you deep," Wilson said. "It's easy to stand there and say 'we were right there.' You've got to be right there and make a play. If the receiver makes the play you've got to be able to make the play as well."

Columbia sophomore Marquel Carter, who just made the transition from defensive back to linebacker, spoke about Mathews' prowess and reiterated Wilson's sentiment about keeping up with the receivers.

"They have a really good quarterback, and our scheme was good enough that if we stopped the run from the beginning, we should have been in position to make plays on all those balls," Carter said. "It's like we said in practice, we didn't run the routes better than them. We just didn't make any stops."

Carter finished the game with 12 tackles in his first defensive appearance outside of the secondary.

There were numerous plays where Big Red receivers seemed wide open, but there were also times when they were able to elude players and accumulate large numbers of yards after catch (YAC).

Cornell senior wide receiver Shane Savage hauled in eight catches for a total of 199 yards and three touchdowns.

Savage touched on the importance of YAC.

"Our coaches preach YAC," Savage said. "That's all we're focused on, catching the ball and turning upfield, and get as far up the field as we can."

Savage also added that though the receivers appeared to be wide open at

times, they also owed a lot to the talents of Mathews.

"I don't know if I was open all like that, but when you have a quarterback like Jeff putting it right on your numbers each time, it makes it pretty easy," Savage said.

Mathews disagreed, claiming that having open receivers makes it easier to get the ball to them. He was humble about his performance after the game, giving credit to the coaches for their preparation.

"I think that goes back to game planning on Sunday and Monday by the coaches," Mathews said. "They had a great game plan coming in and we knew that."

Head coach Kent Austin was not as reserved, calling Mathews the best player in the Ivy League.

"We have a lot of confidence in our passing game, we have a lot of confidence in our quarterback, and at the end of the day we're going to put the game in Jeff's hands," Austin said. "He's the best quarterback in the league."

The Columbia defense has now given up an average of 33.3 points per game to opposing offenses, and the difficulty stopping the pass in Saturday's game was a key contributor.

An inability to force turnovers, pressure the passer, and get the receiver down before he could turn around was one of the factors that plagued the pass defense.

Looking ahead to next week's match-up against Brown, things don't get any easier for the Light Blue, as they will face quarterback Kyle Newhall-Caballero, another premier passer. The Lions will be seeking their first win in their final game of the season.

SINGLE-GAME IVY PASSING RECORD

1	Michael Dougherty, Brown (at Holy Cross) Oct. 11, 2008	526
2	Jeff Mathews, Cornell (vs. Columbia) Nov. 12, 2011	521
3	Bob Holly, Princeton (vs. Yale) Nov. 14, 1981	501
4	Kyle Slager, Brown (at Rhode Island) Oct. 5, 2002	497
5	Gavin Hoffman, Penn (vs. Brown) Oct. 28, 2000	476
6	Kyle Rowley, Brown (vs. Rhode Island) Sept. 29, 2001	474
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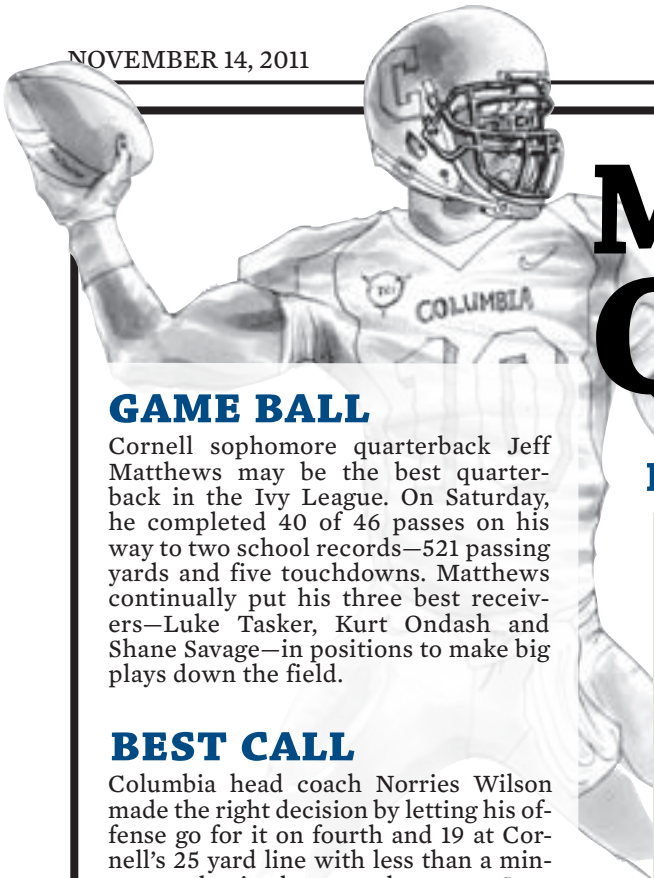
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GAME BALL

Cornell sophomore quarterback Jeff Matthews may be the best quarterback in the Ivy League. On Saturday, he completed 40 of 46 passes on his way to two school records—521 passing yards and five touchdowns. Matthews continually put his three best receivers—Luke Tasker, Kurt Ondash and Shane Savage—in positions to make big plays down the field.

BEST CALL

Columbia head coach Norries Wilson made the right decision by letting his offense go for it on fourth and 19 at Cornell's 25 yard line with less than a minute to play in the second quarter. Sean Brackett found Mike Stephens over the middle for 22 yards and the first down. On the next play, Brackett found Louis DiNovo for the touchdown, which put the Lions up 34-28 at halftime.

WORST CALL

The Columbia secondary was picked apart by the Cornell offense all afternoon. While they substituted in more defensive backs, the Lions coaching staff continued to let Cornell's receivers get off the line of scrimmage untouched. This gave Matthews and his receivers enough time to run wild through Columbia's defense.

TURNING POINT

Despite forcing the Cornell offense to start inside their own 20, the Lions simply had no answer for Jeff Matthews in the first half. Midway through the third, Matthews hit Shane Savage for a 47-yard touchdown pass, which gave Cornell a 38-34 lead. The score was part of a 27 unanswered points rally by the Big Red.

RECORD



GAME ONE
VS. FORDHAM
L 21-14



GAME TWO
VS. ALBANY
L 44-21



GAME THREE
@ PRINCETON
L 24-21



GAME FOUR
VS. SACRED
HEART
L 34-25



GAME FIVE
VS. PENN
L 27-20



GAME SIX
@ DARTMOUTH
L 37-0



GAME SEVEN
VS. YALE
L 16-13



GAME EIGHT
VS. HARVARD
L 35-21

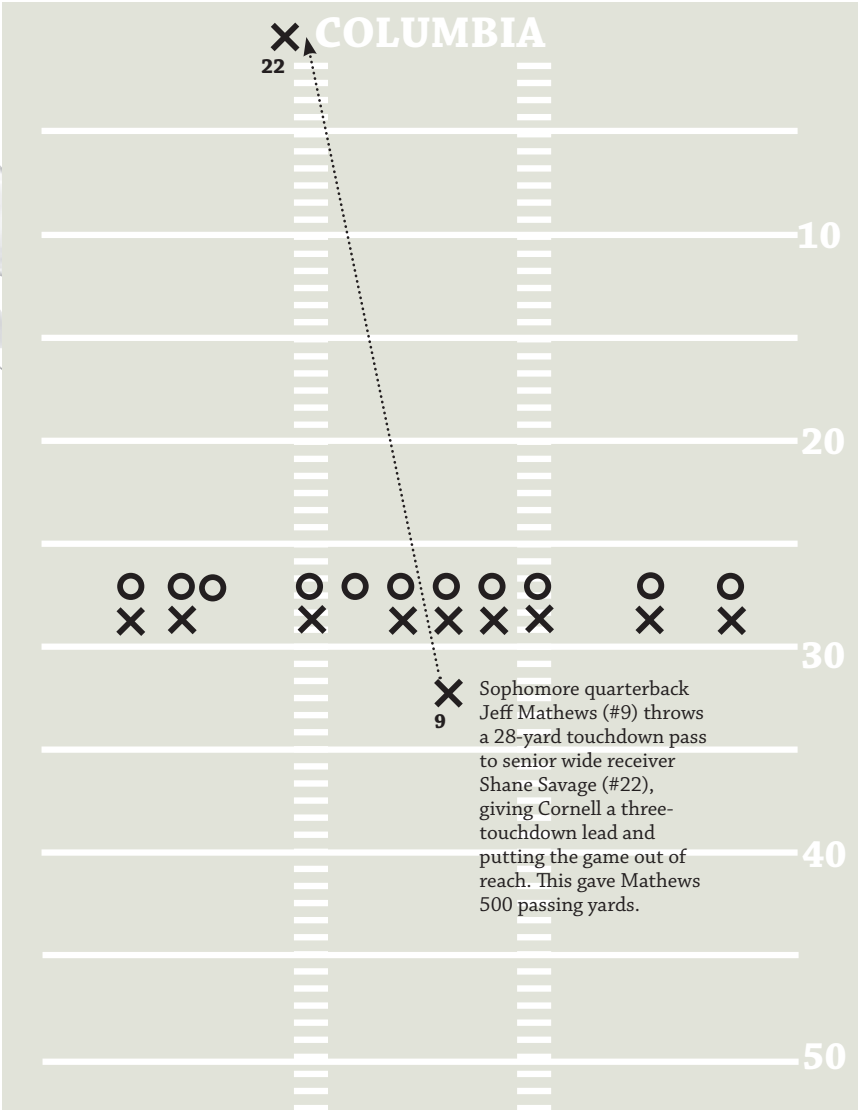


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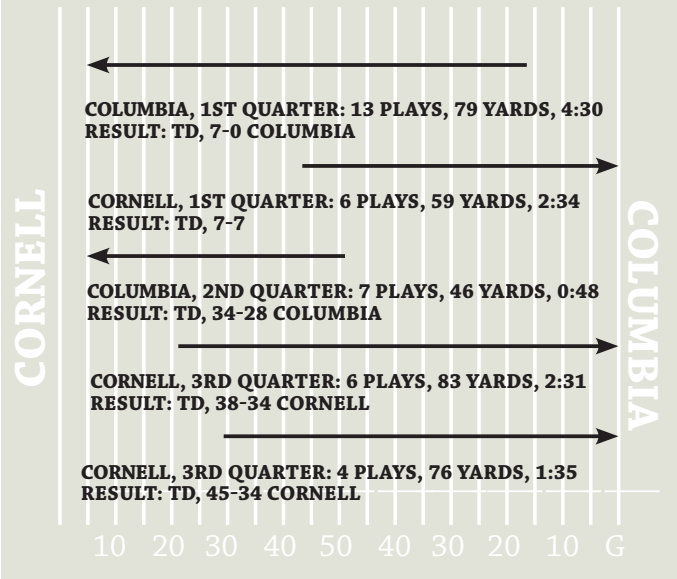


GAME TEN
VS. BROWN
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PLAY OF THE GAME



KEY DRIVES



IVY LEAGUE FOOTBALL STANDINGS				
	IVY	OVERALL	POINTS FOR	POINTS AGAINST
HARVARD	6-0	8-1	329	164
BROWN	3-2	7-2	208	151
YALE	4-2	5-4	232	217
PENN	4-2	5-4	211	204
DARTMOUTH	3-3	4-5	196	202
CORNELL	2-4	4-5	265	249
PRINCETON	1-5	1-8	157	249
COLUMBIA	0-6	0-9	176	300

PIXBOK STANDINGS: WEEK 9

1	Mrinal "Word on the Street" Mohanka	44-28
2	Jeremiah "Sharf Attack" Sharf	42-30
3	Ronnie "Squeaky Bum Time" Shaban	41-31
4	Myles "A Second Opinion" Simmons	40-32
5	Victoria "Batting a Thousand" Jones	39-33
6	Ryan "Roar Ryan Roar" Young	38-34
6	Zach "Boom goes the Dynamite" Glubiak	38-34
8	Jim "On the Couch" Pagels	37-35
9	Benjamin "The Top Spin" Spener	36-36
10	Michael "Turn Up the Mike" Shapiro	35-37

After dropping six point half-time lead, Light Blue fails to find elusive first win of the season

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diving Shane Savage, who was wide open behind the Columbia defense. The Lion defense made one of the few stops of the first half and forced the Big Red to attempt a field goal. After a low snap, Cornell senior place-kicker Brad Greenway, one of the Ivy League's most accurate kickers, missed the 25-yard field goal attempt.

Beginning at their own nine, every pass play the Lions ran on the drive went to Williams. Brackett hit Williams on four plays including a 37-yard touchdown catch on a stop and go route. After the missed extra point, the Lions were up 27-21.

"All week we talked about just taking what they gave us," Williams said. "There

was a lot of inside leverage from the cornerbacks, so we ran a lot of out routes and hit them over the top a few times. The game plan worked well."

It took the Big Red just 41 seconds to take back the lead. Matthews found wide receiver Kurt Ondash, who burned sophomore defensive back Chris Alston, for a 37-yard touchdown. After the extra point, Cornell was up 28-27.

On the kickoff, the Lions recovered a poorly executed squib kick at the Cornell 45-yard line. With just over a minute remaining in the game, Brackett led the offense into the red zone. On fourth and 19, Brackett found senior wide receiver Stephens for a 22-yard gain. On the next play, Brackett found tight end Hamilton Garner for an eight-yard touchdown pass. The score put the

Lions up 34-28 going into the half.

In the second half, Columbia's defense had no response to Matthews. The sophomore quarterback hit Savage for a 47-yard touchdown pass which put the Big Red up 38-34 midway through the third quarter.

"He had as accurate and as good of a decision-making day as any quarterback that I've been around," Cornell head coach Kent Austin said. "He made great decisions, read coverages, and got the ball out of his hand. He's way ahead of the curve in his development as a quarterback. He's the best quarterback in the league."

Offensively, the Lions simply couldn't respond.

"First half we were clicking," Brackett said. "It was night and day to the second

half. I missed some open people. We had some drops. We just didn't make the plays that we were making in the first half."

"We weren't playing well, obviously, in the first half," Cornell senior defensive end Zach Imhoff said. "We made some adjustments at halftime. We really tried to stop the pass and that's what we did."

Meanwhile, Matthews continued to exploit the Lions secondary for big gains. Matthews hit Savage for a 46-yard touchdown play near the end of the third quarter which put the Big Red up 45-34. In the fourth, Matthews and Savage connected for another touchdown. Savage—who finished with eight catches, 199 yards and three touchdowns—beat junior Brian DeVeau for a 28-yard score which put Cornell up 55-34.

"We had a great game plan coming in,"

Matthews said. "We talked all week about executing. I thought we did very well. We didn't turn the ball over. We played a complete game. We give our receivers a lot of freedom to get open. When guys are getting open it's pretty easy to hit them."

The Light Blue offense finally scored with 3:20 left in the fourth. Brackett found Williams on a 22-yard touchdown pass, William's third of the day, which cut Cornell's lead to two touchdowns. Unfortunately for the Lions, it was their last score of the game.

Brackett's final pass of the afternoon was intercepted by freshman safety Rush Miller, who ran it back for the touchdown. With the pick six, Cornell went up 62-41.

The Lions, who remain winless in 2011, were forced to watch as Cornell was awarded the Empire State Bowl trophy.



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JIM PAGELS
On the Couch

I hate it when that happens. While I can assume there are at least a few of you out there who haven't lived the plot of "Air Force One", that's probably how the men's soccer team felt after this crazy final weekend in Ivy League soccer play. (For obvious reasons, we can refer to Columbia as team America and Cornell as the terrorists.) But let's say that while the zip line to safety was sitting there waiting for President Marshall or his enemy, they were both merely concerned with killing each other. What if the movie ended with them wrestling on the floor of the cockpit until the plane hurled into the sea while the first lady looked on horrified at the other end of the harness? Going into Saturday, Dartmouth and Brown were tied atop the standings, and Columbia and Cornell were in second and third place respectively. Of course, to make things dramatic, the Bears and Big Green were playing each other in Providence while the Lions and Big Red were squaring off three hours later in Ithaca. Both Cornell and Columbia, who were playing at 7 p.m., needed a miraculous tie in the other game at 4 p.m. to have a shot at the Ivy title. A tie would only give each Brown and Dartmouth one point apiece, leaving the Light

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DROPPED THE BALL | The Light Blue failed to hold onto and capitalize on a halftime lead this Saturday as the team went down 62-41 in a high-scoring affair.

Football remains winless after shootout in Ithaca

BY SPENCER GYORY
Spectator Staff Writer

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ITHACA, N.Y.—In the second annual Empire State Bowl, the Columbia Lions (0-9, 0-6 Ivy) fell to the Cornell Big Red (4-5, 2-4 Ivy) 62-41. Up by six at halftime, it looked as though the Lions might get their first win of the season in an offensive shootout. But in the second half, Cornell's defense contained the Columbia offense while the Lions' defense had no answers for Cornell's passing attack. The Lions' porous defense allowed the Big Red to put up the school's most points in the modern era. "We didn't do enough to stop them," Columbia head coach Norries Wilson said. "We didn't get any turnovers. When

you have a guy that can stand back and throw the football you've got to find ways to get some pressure on him. If you're a defensive lineman, you got to find a way to win a one on one matchup. If you're a defensive back, you can't let a guy beat you deep. If the receiver's making a play, you got to make a play as well." On their first offensive possession of the game, the Lions were forced to punt after just three plays. However, Columbia sophomore punter Paul Delaney was roughed on the punt and the Lions retook possession at their own 39-yard line. The Light Blue took full advantage of the second opportunity and sophomore running

back Griffin Lowry opened up the scoring with a four-yard touchdown. Cornell sophomore quarterback Jeff Mathews, as he did all afternoon, picked apart the Lions secondary. Cornell tied the game on a two-yard reverse run by junior wide receiver Luke Tasker. The Lions responded with an 11-play drive to take back the lead. On the first play of the second quarter, junior quarterback Sean Brackett put the Lions up again with a 12-yard touchdown on a designed quarterback draw. The Light Blue defense was able to force the Big Red off the field, and the Lions retook possession at their own 10. On the second effort of a run, Lowry fumbled the football, which the Big Red recovered on the Lions' 20-yard line. Two plays later, Cornell tied the game with a 10-yard touchdown reception by freshman wide receiver Grant Gellatly. Cornell's defense forced the Lions into a three-and-out on the ensuing possession. After a poor punt by Delaney, Cornell began its drive inside Columbia territory. Out of the wildcat formation, senior running back Ryan Houska put the Big Red up 21-13 with a three-yard run. Starting with good field position, the Lions tied the game when Brackett found senior wide receiver Kurt Williams for an eight-yard touchdown. On the play, Williams caught the ball, nearly ran into senior Mike Stephens—who shielded a couple Cornell defenders—and ran in for the score. On the next drive, Mathews hit a

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