

CONCRETE JUNGLE



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PLANT A BULB | The West Side Community Garden planted over 15,000 tulips for this year's anniversary. See page 3.

John Ging speaks at Barnard without Just Peace sponsorship

BY REBECCA WRIGHT
Columbia Daily Spectator

John Ging, director of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency, took the stage Sunday night at Barnard—but he did so without the sponsorship of the student group that helped to organize the event.

Just Peace, a self-described “pro-Israel, pro-Palestine, pro-peace” student organization affiliated with Columbia/Barnard

Hillel, pulled its sponsorship of the event after voicing concerns about controversial statements Ging had made regarding the conflict in the Gaza Strip.

Ging, who spoke about the plight of Palestinian refugees in the Gaza Strip to a full audience at Barnard's Held Auditorium, has been criticized for biases favoring Palestine and mischaracterizing Hamas.

“There was a lot of back-and-forth. ... Discussions went on for

about a week,” said Abby Backer, BC '13 and president of Just Peace. “There just wasn't time to find a solution. We dissociated ourselves from the event so we wouldn't have to dissociate ourselves from Hillel.”

Jonah Liben, GS and Israel coordinator for Hillel, said that he would have supported the event if Hillel could control the format, but representatives from Just Peace said they wanted Ging to have the

opportunity to deliver an uncensored speech. Backer said she also heard concerns that the conversation might spiral out of control in an unproductive way.

“It's unfortunate that this event couldn't happen with Hillel's name on it,” Liben said—and both he and Backer said that time constraints, and not fundamental disagreements, prevented the two groups

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HACKING IN | Sid Nair, CC '13, sits at a computer in the Hackerspace lab at a recent campus event.

Student hackers find space offline, on campus

BY HENRY WILLSON
Columbia Daily Spectator

For the average Columbia student, the words “computer hackers” conjure up images of teens in their parents' basements stealing Social Security numbers and national security secrets from the Pentagon.

Not so, said Moses Nakamura, CC '13, an organizer of the Application Development Initiative, a student group dedicated to supporting software developers on campus.

Hacking means “hacking away at a problem. It's fixing a problem through maybe unconventional means,” Nakamura said. “When Alexander the Great cut the Gordian knot, that was an example of hacking.”

However you define the hacking trade, last month, a new campus locale opened in the Gateway Lab, recently renamed the Botwinick Lab, that Nakamura said will allow Columbia's dispersed but dedicated programming enthusiasts to collaborate and hone their skills.

Hackerspace opened on Oct. 22, and students said they hope the space will give structure to a community that has traditionally been fragmented.

“A big complaint about Columbia in general is the lack of community,” said former Spectator columnist Akiva Bamberger, who is a computer science student in the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, president of the Association for

Computing Machinery, and one of the driving forces behind the project. “You find a lot of clubs that have this type of structure, where the community comes as a result of close vicinity, and also all the resources necessary for whatever you have to do being in one location.”

Last Friday, at a well-attended social event in the space, Sid Nair, CC '13 and an ADI board member, showed other students a program he had recently written that allows friends to host free, private poker games online.

Students said Hackerspace will also serve as a platform to encourage profitable

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Columbia launches Jewish Studies Library

BY KATHERINE MEDUSKI
Spectator Staff Writer

Columbia has received \$4 million to establish the Norman E. Alexander Library for Jewish Studies.

The University, which already has more than 100,000 monograph volumes in its Jewish studies research collections and the second largest collection of Hebrew manuscripts in North America, allotted \$2 million toward establishing a Jewish studies librarian position, \$1 million toward general collections, and \$1 million toward special collections, according to James

Neal, University librarian and vice president for information services.

The Jewish Studies Library will be part of the Area Studies Collections, which is the only library at Columbia without its own space or building, said Michelle Chesner, the new librarian for Jewish studies. Instead, the library will be scattered throughout campus, as its books and manuscripts apply variously to art, business, history, and other disciplines.

This is one of many contributions made to Jewish life and culture by Norman Alexander, CC '34 and Law '36, who died in 2006.

Alexander also established the Alexander Program Center for Jewish Life at Columbia/Barnard Hillel, served as vice president of the American Jewish Committee, helped to found the Jewish Foundation for the Righteous, and supported the Jewish Publication Society, according to a University press release.

Chesner said her goal is to improve Columbia's collection while also helping students, faculty, and researchers at the University.

“There are still lacks in the Jewish studies collection, and now people can come to me if

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EMPIRE STATE BOWL



MICHELE CLEARY FOR SPECTATOR

WINNERS | Alex Gross (#37) celebrates with his team after beating Cornell. See back page.

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Piloting new initiatives

Open housing is a step forward in making our voices heard.

In whose light shall we see light?

Neil FitzPatrick declares that we must branch off from our Anglican roots.



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Men's basketball drops season opener

Columbia fell to La Salle, 82-71, in its season opener, handing new head coach Kyle Smith a loss in his first game at the helm. The Lions will try again in their home opener tonight.

EVENTS

Lions vs. Fighting Hawks Basketball Game

Come support the Columbia Lions as they take on the Fighting Hawks.
Levien Gym, 7 p.m.

Opera Hispanica

Listen to the Sonetos de Amor y Muerte as a quintet performs Spanish opera pieces.
Diana Event Oval, 8 p.m.

WEATHER

Today



57°/46°

Tomorrow



56°/51°

John Ging speaks without Just Peace sponsorship

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from reaching a compromise. Referring to the national Jewish organization that supported Ging’s trip to the United States,

“These events need to happen, but this event was too free.”

—Eric Lawrence, GS/JTS

where he is visiting a number of campuses, Liben added, “We know that J Street isn’t bringing Ging in to bash Israel, and he tried to contextualize his statements ... [but] Ging is a controversial speaker.”

The event was ultimately sponsored by six organizations, including the Columbia University Democrats, the School of International and Public Affairs’ Arab Student Association, and the Institute

for the Study of Human Rights. Critics protesting at the event handed out fliers alleging that Ging has supported aid groups with links to terrorism, though Ging said during a Q-and-A session that he has repeatedly been misquoted and misrepresented.

Ging—who at the U.N. works to provide aid, health care, and education to Palestinian refugees living in the Gaza Strip—spoke about conditions in the region, at times pleading for a resolution of the conflict. “I believe a solution will be found. ... The thing that cannot be changed are the lives that are lost in the meantime as people cease to believe that this day will ever come.”

A moderator attempted to maintain order during the audience question session, but speakers at times spoke over each other, some raising concerns about the legality of Israel’s blockade of Gaza and flotillas that attempt to deliver supplies to the region.

“These events need to happen, but this event was too free,”

Eric Lawrence, a student in the joint General Studies-Jewish Theological Seminary program, said after the event, adding that he wished there had been more of a structure.

Liben said he wanted to hear a more substantive, nuanced discussion. “Such an emotional conflict evokes non-intellectual responses, which are unfortunately quite polarizing.”

The debate continued after the program ended, with audience members talking in the auditorium for more than 45 minutes after the talk.

While some said they recognized that Ging had attempted to facilitate a balanced discussion, others said they left unsatisfied.

“I don’t feel he fully answered or directly commented on my comments,” said Sarah Wellington, an activist who was handing out fliers for U.S. to Gaza, an organization that supports sending an American boat to Gaza. “I think he found a very nice way to not be pro or con.”

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TALKING GAZA | John Ging of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency spoke Sunday on campus.

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they need something,” she said. “I want to help make the collection better.”

Since joining the library in May 2010, Chesner has coordinated a number of campus events to teach students research skills and raise awareness about the resources the library offers.

Jeremy Dauber, director of the Institute for Israel and Jewish Studies, agreed that Chesner will be a significant asset to the University.

“With a new Jewish studies librarian, students and faculty will have an invaluable source in the Columbia library system to help them with their research and their scholarship,” Dauber said.

A portion of the rare books endowment has gone toward cataloging manuscripts in CLIO, the library’s online database. To date, cataloger Yoram Bitton has added 950 out of approximately 1,300 to 1,500 manuscripts to the database.

Dauber has already seen the benefits of these efforts.

“With the increasing diversity and volume of information becoming available on the Internet, in digital databases, and, of course, in traditional print publishing,” he said, the Alexander gift will allow Columbia to use this information for “far-reaching scholarship in student papers, faculty books, and classroom opportunities.”

“In addition to working with faculty to teach and support student research, the collections are now more available to scholars here and around the world,” Neal said, adding that the endowment will help Columbia buy important texts, including manuscripts and other personal archival works, from global publishers.

“There is no end date [to the endowment],” Neal said. “We will continue to build for a larger and richer collection.”

Anna Kats, BC ’11, said she was looking forward to the benefits of Alexander’s gift.

“I’m thoroughly excited that this resource is becoming increasingly available to the undergraduate community and

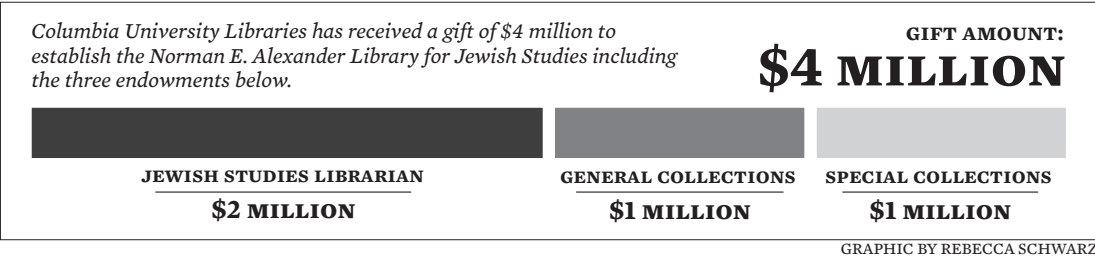
the University as a whole,” Kats said. “I don’t doubt that my own

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—Anna Kats, BC ’11

interests in Jewish studies will profit tremendously from this endowment”

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Proposal would ban smoking near CU buildings

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I think, unfortunate,” Bollinger said before the official vote on the amendment.

The amendment was voted down, with 32 senators opposed to the idea, 11 in favor, and six abstentions. But the senate voted unanimously to consider the idea going forward.

If the shelters were approved, architecture students could even help build them, said Esteban

Reichberg, a student senator from the Graduate School of Architecture, Planning, and Preservation.

After the issue of the shelters was decided, the body moved on to discussing the issue as a whole.

Some senators raised broader concerns about the University’s ability to enforce a 50-foot rule. The proposed policy might alienate student smokers, and it could be difficult to determine where proper smoking areas should be.

After a lengthy debate, Bollinger agreed with some senators that they were not prepared to vote on the issue yet, and the senate voted to table a final vote until its December plenary meeting.

At the end of the meeting, Bollinger conducted a straw poll to gauge members’ current opinions and found that 22 were in favor of the policy and 16 opposed, with nine abstentions.

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8 PM
The Event Oval, The Diana Center

11/17
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7 PM
Sulzberger Parlor, 3rd Floor Barnard Hall

11/18
TRANSLATION AS PERFORMANCE
From Español into English
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HACKERS | Students gathered at a recent Hackerspace event in the Botwinick Lab on the 12th floor of Mudd Friday night. Student hackers have found a new space to collaborate in this laboratory.

Student computer hackers find space for collaborative efforts offline, on campus in Mudd laboratory

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collaboration between programming experts and others with professional ambitions, including Austin Baker, SEAS '13, who joined friends in the lab after participating in a programming contest for Goldman Sachs.

Danny Cosson, SEAS '11, came to the space two weeks ago without a programming idea, but he said he hopes to use the space to collaborate on online startups.

“It takes a long time to code things, and it can get kind of boring or discouraging being just alone in your room,” Cosson said. “It’s nice to be in a place where other people are working on similar projects.”

The idea for the space—funded by the SEAS Center for Technology, Innovation, and Community Engagement, with participants and organizers coming from various technology- and entrepreneurship-related student groups—stemmed

from discussions between Bamberger and Rebecca Rodriguez, senior associate director for entrepreneurship at SEAS, about how to improve the climate for technological entrepreneurship on campus.

Rodriguez said she and her colleagues encourage students from any school in the University to participate.

“This is not typical of University school of thought. Most will look primarily toward the students they have

enrolled within their school. We feel very strongly that entrepreneurship is something that’s a part of Columbia as a whole,” Rodriguez said.

She and Bamberger said they have further plans for the space.

The Botwinick Lab, Bamberger said, is not an ideal home for Hackerspace, since students need swipe access and software security restrictions on the computers there often thwart heavy-duty

programming efforts.

Rodriguez, who sees the space as an important step toward SEAS Dean Feniosky Peña-Mora’s goal of encouraging student entrepreneurship, is working with the computer science department to secure new server space or even a new location for Hackerspace.

She also hopes eventually to hold more student-led workshops, seminars on programming techniques, and events with guest speakers, although

she is quick to emphasize the importance of preserving an informal atmosphere.

Bamberger admitted that the space is still in the “beta” phase, but he is eager to encourage the idea of computer science as a creative endeavor.

“Before it was an engineering endeavor, engineering is being given the architect’s plan and building it, whereas now, I think it’s more you can be the architect and build it,” he said.

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PLANTING BULBS | Volunteers at the West Side Community Garden planted more than 15,000 tulips—an increase from previous festivals.

Thousands of tulips planted in garden for anniversary

BY KARLA JIMENEZ
Columbia Daily Spectator

Amid the hustle and bustle of New York City, more than 15,000 tulips were planted this weekend in the West Side Community Garden. The tulip-planting festival, held annually by the West Side Gardeners, will culminate in a tulip show in April for the group’s 20th anniversary.

“It has developed over the years into our biggest planting event,” Tom Thies, special projects manager and one of the group’s founding members, said of the festival.

Volunteers usually plant 10,000 bulbs, but organizers

expanded the event this year. “We’re actually putting in about 15,000 tulips and another few thousand small bulbs,” Thies said.

The flowers bloom each April during the group’s annual show, which earned a Philip N. Winslow Landscape Design Award for best landscape in 1991. “When the tulips are out for those three weeks, it’s magical,” Margot Adler, a member of the West Side Gardeners, said.

The garden is organized so that everyone who volunteers for the tulip-planting event can contribute. Some individuals sign up to take care of flower pots, and others are in charge of ordering tulips and tending to them. There

are also communal areas in which anyone can help plant, as well as individual vegetable and flower plots on the lawn.

With this emphasis on cooperation, many volunteers said they enjoyed watching the neighborhood come together. “It’s a community where you see people every year—you know them. That’s rare in the city,” Adler said.

The West Side Community Garden is a nonprofit, all-volunteer organization that was founded in 1975—a time when the neighborhood was in a much different state, group president Jackie Bukowski said.

“You had a lot of burned-down houses here; you had

trash in the vacant lot—this was actually known as Strip City because people brought stolen cars here to strip them for parts,” Bukowski said.

Through support from neighborhood residents, the group was able to secure 16,000 square feet of land for a local garden. “It’s a very unusual thing in New York City for an all-volunteer group to own a piece of property in Manhattan that’s open every day,” Bukowski said.

Neighbors said they try to take advantage of the free, open space.

“We come a lot in the summer,” said Ellen Reid, who often brings her daughters to visit the



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West Side Garden. “Our ballet is down the street, so whenever one of them is in class, the other one comes here with me. We read, we’ve had picnics, and it’s just a really nice garden.”

Volunteers and passersby attributed much of their affection toward the garden to this

annual tulip event.

“It makes me feel good. It’s cheaper than therapy, and it’s sharing time with other people who love gardening,” group member Mira Stulman said. “It’s watching nature here in the middle of New York.”

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With Diana open, Barnard’s Lewis Parlor no longer available for student use

BY DANIELLE GRIERSON
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Barnard’s Lewis Parlor is no longer available for student use, according to college officials.

Lewis Parlor, located on the main floor of Brooks Hall in the Barnard Quad and frequently used as a study and lounge space, was often reserved last year for student events, especially as construction on the Diana Center left less room for campus activities.

But with the Diana now open, Barnard officials closed down Lewis Parlor at the beginning of the semester and have yet to decide how to use it in the future. Converting it into a full-time student lounge seems unlikely.

“Lewis Parlor was never a student lounge,” Lisa Gamsu, vice president of administration, said. “We started using Lewis Parlor as a multi-function space because it had lots of tables and space.”

Instead, administrators have moved all lounge furniture into a smaller room next to Lewis Parlor, where they hope students will adapt to a new hang-out spot.

“In the beginning of the semester, students had a lounge like they always had,” Gamsu said, referring to the new location. “Lewis Parlor is closed to everybody, including the college.”

Gamsu added that administrators were interested in

preserving the parlor’s “special finishes,” and for that reason, they chose to close the space as soon as an alternative was available.

“The college is looking at what to do with it in the future,” she said. “It is a work in progress, but we have been too busy to come to a decision on it.”

Gamsu has discussed possibilities with Barnard’s Student Government Association, but noted that the college is always in need of more reading rooms.

Many students were disappointed at the loss of Lewis Parlor as a hang-out space.

“I’ve had a lot of events in Lewis Parlor, and I like that space,” Tabia Santos, BC ’13, said. “It’s frustrating because spacing is so hard in the first place, and having closed spaces which are so convenient, like Lewis Parlor, makes student life and student activities so much harder.”

Gayatri Malhotra, BC ’13, agreed.

“Lewis Parlor was a great

place to study or be with friends,” she said. “I’ve been there several times throughout the last year.”

But she said there are still locations on campus where students can study and socialize.

“Its relaxing environment will definitely be missed, but there are other places available for students to use that serve the same purpose,” she said. “I miss the nice TV in Lewis Parlor, though.”

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Open housing, open university

BY AVI EDELMAN

There is much to celebrate in last week's announcement that Deans Michele Moody-Adams and Feniosky Peña-Mora approved the Open Housing Task Force's pilot program for the 2011-2012 academic year. The deans should, of course, be thanked for their responsiveness to the manifold student voices urging this important step forward. The task force should be congratulated for its hard work and speedy pace in developing the pilot program in time for this year's housing selection. And the many hundreds of students who advocated for this policy on some level should be proud that their efforts are finally coming to fruition.

But as we all give ourselves a well-deserved pat on the back, it is important to lend some critical thought to the events of the past two years and not lose sight of the work that still remains.

This process has shown the power of student policy initiatives when they are spearheaded by a coalition of students and student groups. Two councils and several

queer groups worked on the original proposal. Nearly 20 other groups and nearly 1000 individual students joined the effort by lending their names to the cause after the initial policy was delayed. It was a rare moment of student voices unifying to better their community, and it should be repeated in support of future policy efforts.

Unfortunately, the fight for gender-neutral housing has also demonstrated the potential for Columbia's bureaucracy to drown in its own complexity. Two years might not seem unreasonable for a major university to weigh a policy change, but it is when you take into account that not a single administrator ever expressed any ideological opposition to gender-neutral housing. And let us not forget that we are looking at another full year and a half, at minimum, before "open housing," as it is now called, can be applied across all University residence halls.

The most deeply frustrating part of this entire process—and the thing that makes even last week's announcement somewhat bittersweet—is that all of the right pieces were in place for students and administrators to usher the gender-neutral housing policy through various levels of housing administration in time for students to feel that their concerns were being addressed with a sense of urgency appropriate for an issue of comfort and safety in student housing. Instead, some

combination of bureaucratic confusion, toe-stepping, and mishandling led to the delay of a policy that was green-lighted for full-scale approval by the Housing Advisory Board and many administrators who run housing at Columbia and are familiar with its intricacies.

We must use the missteps of this process as a “teachable moment” that will be instructive as we move ahead.

Now is the time to look forward, and Dean Moody-Adams and Dean Peña-Mora (and also Dean Kevin Shollenberger and Dean Terry Martinez, whose advocacy on behalf of students was invaluable) exhibited commendable leadership in keeping the temporary delay from stalling the progress that is continuing to occur, however slowly.

Though we cannot harp on the fact that the upcoming pilot is only a shade of what it could and should have been, we must use the missteps of this process as a “teachable moment”

Columbia’s continued enlightenment

In an article published last Thursday (“Columbia forgets her religious foundation,” Nov. 12), Stephen Wu decried the fact that “Columbia has institutionally abandoned the religion—and consequently the idea of universal truth—on which she was founded.” His point was interesting, eloquently expressed, and, ultimately, very, very wrong. For Columbia to instill in its students the Anglican morals of its founders would be to betray both the principle of intellectual freedom that is the basis of the modern University and the concept of a liberal arts education embodied by the Core Curriculum.

As Wu pointed out, Columbia was indeed founded as an Anglican institution in 1754 with the motto “In lumine Tuo videbimus lumen” (“In Thy light shall we see light”). But Wu seemed to ignore the following 256 years of both intellectual history and the history of Columbia in drawing his next conclusion: “If indeed the school needs theology and God in order to attain truth, as our motto proclaims, then the University has a mission, and indeed a duty, to promote certain values.”

Setting aside the fact that a motto is



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poor grounds on which to base the assumption that an institution “needs” religion to attain truth, it is worth noting that the second charter of Columbia—granted by the state legislature of New York after the Revolutionary War—prohibited the use of any religious tests in hiring faculty. It is therefore evident that, at the time when King's College became Columbia, the institution was already moving away from its Anglican roots. Granted, this move came at the behest of the legislature—a body outside the University—but one can see why a law-giving body in a new nation intent on religious freedom might want to divorce religious prejudice from an institution receiving state funding. It was this great intellectual principle of the era—a principle that we study in Literature Humanities and Contemporary Civilization—that motivated the first step toward secularism.

Of course, it would be wrong to assume that Columbia embraced the notion of religious freedom simply because of a slight change to its charter. In 1854, the University was investigated by the New York State Senate for violating that charter by refusing to hire Oliver Wolcott Gibbs, a graduate of Columbia, because of his Unitarian faith. Soon after, the Christian Examiner in Boston described the college as “good in classics, weak in sciences; very few distinguished graduates.” Gibbs would have been a professor of chemistry, but rather than improve a weak department, the close-minded board of trustees turned a

distinguished candidate down because he was not Anglican.

Obviously, Wu was not suggesting that the modern University, were it to re-embrace its Anglican roots, should engage in similarly prejudiced hiring practices, but it is not hard to imagine that a university deciding to “present some dominant version of truth consonant with her founding principles” might deter countless bright teachers and students who possessed alternate principles.

For Columbia to instill in its student Anglican morals would be to betray intellectual freedom.

It is here that Wu's argument is weakest. Leaving aside ethnic diversity for a moment, his proposal leaves no room for intellectual diversity, which is the true heart of the modern University. He condemns the Core office for saying that “students should not expect Lit Hum to teach them what these texts are about.” But in saying that Columbia does not want students “to learn about the central themes and issues presented” or “to have some sort of evaluative framework by which to judge and favor one value system over the other,” he is missing the point. Lit Hum instructors—at least, all the ones I

that will be instructive as we move ahead with open housing and other policy endeavors. I hope Columbia administrators will examine the systems in place to support student policy initiatives and make a greater effort to create transparent channels for students not only to make their voices heard, but also to find support in actualizing their ideas.

We are extremely fortunate to attend a university that encourages its students to make our campus community stronger and more reflective of the values of diversity and inclusion that brought many of us here in the first place. Despite the hang-ups that have delayed gender-neutral housing and reduced its scope, I recognize that there is much to be thankful for: Only in such a remarkable and supportive environment could one look at this kind of progress and call it insufficient. We are truly lucky to be attending this school, and all of our hard-working administrators deserve unceasing gratitude for shaping our experience here. Now let's keep working together to make it even better.

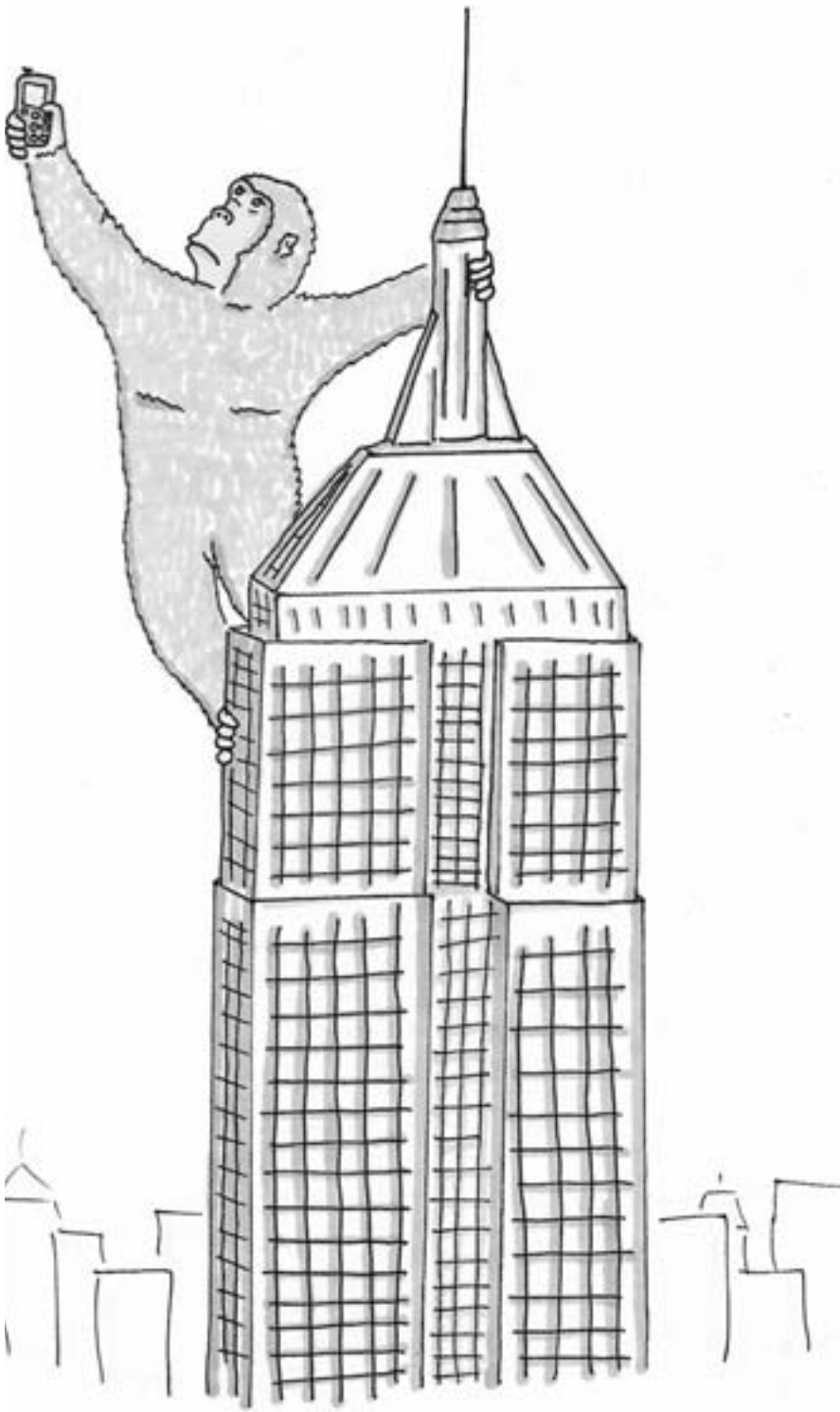
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have heard of or been taught by—do their best to teach what each text says and nothing more. They help students see the textual basis for religions like Anglicanism, but they do not preach the tenets of Anglicanism, which are nothing more than interpretations of the text in front of them made by other men. As for an evaluative framework, this is precisely what Lit Hum and CC look to provide. In exposing students to the history of Western thought, these courses give us a context within which to judge any ideas that we might encounter—the same context in which those ideas were formed.

In “What Is Enlightenment?”—a text read in many CC classes—Immanuel Kant opens with the following: “Enlightenment is man's emergence from his self-imposed immaturity. Immaturity is the inability to use one's understanding without guidance from another.” He proclaims the motto of enlightenment to be, “Have the courage to use your own understanding!” Columbia has granted and continues to grant thousands of students this courage. To go against that now, to encourage students to accept “guidance from another,” would be the worst kind of regression and would be shameful.

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JODY’S DRAWINGS!



JODY ZELLMAN

Correction: In Friday's editorial, we wrote that Provost Claude Steele had already replaced the ad hoc tenure system with a standing committee and modified the structure of employees' fringe benefits. Although Steele hopes to implement these changes in the coming months, he has not yet done so. Spectator is committed to accuracy in reporting and editorializing alike, and we apologize for the error.

A call for help from CU-EMS

BY M. ALEXANDER HARSTRICK

With thousands of people living, working and studying on this campus, it is easy to feel that both your good days and your bad days go unnoticed and are inconsequential to those who do not know you personally. But as hundreds of students, faculty, and staff know firsthand, when you're feeling at your worst, there is always someone to care for you. Columbia University Emergency Medical Services is available at no charge to help at absolutely any time of the day, every day. Today we need help in getting a new office space to ensure that we can keep up these efforts.

Currently, CU-EMS is housed in the basement of Carman Hall. We are requesting to move into the old Center for Student Advising offices in Broadway. This is not to say that our current office space is inadequate, but in light of the consolidation of CSA, there is an opportunity to obtain a space that will be a significant improvement. We are well aware of the premium on space at Columbia, but we believe that CU-EMS is the best candidate for occupying the Broadway location.

CU-EMS is a University-funded volunteer ambulance corps whose student members commit to at least one 12-hour shift every week and another 12-hour shift every other weekend. While a crew of four students is on call at any given time, students must be no farther than four minutes away from the ambulance. This policy ensures that our response time to local emergencies is minutes faster than 911, and in EMS, minutes mean lives. CU-EMS is committed to quality, community-centered care, and, while our members enjoy fulfilling this important role on campus, we make substantial sacrifices to meet the organization's high standards.

Over the past several years, we have seen a substantial increase in our call volume: We're running about 150 more calls a year than we did six years ago, and the numbers suggest an upward trend. Due to this increase, while on call, students are being called out of class more frequently and getting less sleep at night. The stress of these challenges is relieved by shortening shifts and working around class schedules, which is fairly easy to do when the membership is large. Unfortunately, our current office space does not lend itself to increased membership. CU-EMS cannot hold vital training sessions or emergency medical technician classes in the current office, and we face challenges when reserving spaces because we are not a student club. The Broadway space offers a solution to this problem—it is large enough

to accommodate most trainings and generally increased membership.

Additionally, our diverse membership has the same personal concerns and array of religious backgrounds as any other Columbia group. Our current space has two couches and a bunk bed, all in the same room. While on call, 91 percent of CU-EMS members live in the office because

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their residences are outside of the four-minute response range. Thus, members must sleep in the same room as each other, regardless of gender—an unavoidable scenario that is against current University policy. This is not only uncomfortable for some students, but it is, in some cases, prohibited by some students' religions,

Give before Thanksgiving

Is it hypocritical to give thanks through volunteerism only on Thanksgiving? Nicollette Barsamian argues that those who do so are romanticizing service, Maria Lantigua notes that hunger doesn't only come on holidays, and Lucy Herz urges volunteers to remember that they're serving individuals, not ideas.

Too many volunteers spoil the broth

BY NICOLLETTE BARSAMIAN

If you're the type of person who only chooses to help out at a soup kitchen on Thanksgiving, you're probably just trying to alleviate your guilt. Yes, I'm all for helping out the hungry and homeless, but I object to people only choosing to help on one day out of the 365 days of the year.

It's very convenient to suddenly care so much about the poor once Thanksgiving comes around and you realize how content you are with your full three- to five-course Thanksgiving meal. What about all the other days? Those same people are still starving on the days that aren't the fourth Thursday of November.

I propose there be some sort of requirement for helping out in soup kitchens on Thanksgiving. If you want to volunteer on Thanksgiving, you should have to volunteer at least one other day of the year. This might sound ridiculous and excessively strict, but the soup kitchens don't need an endless supply of help on Thanksgiving followed by limited help on the other days of the year. Another 3,000 people had the same great idea as you did (which is particularly evident in a city as big as New York) and wanted to help out as a way to give thanks. The soup kitchens get more than enough volunteers on Thanksgiving, and, as the old saying goes, too many cooks spoil the broth. The extra hands wind up being a hindrance, not a great help. With the requirement of helping out one other day, some of these people will probably choose not to volunteer at all.

There should be some sort of requirement. If you want to volunteer on Thanksgiving, you should have to volunteer at least one other day of the year. The soup kitchens don't need an endless supply of help on Thanksgiving.

Contact your local soup kitchen before Thanksgiving. Find out if they have enough volunteers for Thanksgiving or if an extra set of hands would be more useful in the days leading up to the holiday. Sometimes the kitchens need assistance buying supplies, food, and utensils. Ask them what they need and offer to help out. They might ask you to prepare food, pick up donations, take inventory of food, set up tables, or clean up. Don't just hold onto your glorified idea of filling a soup ladle and smiling at the tired homeless man in front of you who thanks you profusely.

If you still insist on helping out on Thanksgiving Day, contact Meals on Wheels or another specialized organization that delivers food to those who can't go out to get their own food. Many of the drivers for these organizations take Thanksgiving off, so they sometimes need the extra help on Thanksgiving.

And if you still insist on the soup kitchen idea, then be aware that most soup kitchens have four- or five-hour shifts. You definitely won't be needed for more than one shift.

Yes, it may be Thanksgiving, and you want to help, but remember that these places need help year-round, not just when turkey season rolls around. A warning, though: It won't be as romantic as you imagined, and they might not even need you, but if you still feel like assuaging your guilt, go right ahead.

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A new way to help the homeless

BY LUCY HERZ

In the next month, Americans will flock to homeless shelters, soup kitchens, and homeless outreach events in droves. It seems that on any given day from January to October, the plight of the homeless is far from the mind of the average American, but come Thanksgiving season, feeding the poor and helping the homeless are the activities du jour. What brings about this sudden increase in action, and how can we become better at consistently fighting the ills of poverty and homelessness?

It seems to me that this "Thanksgiving altruism" is a combination of a buildup of guilt and a mischaracterization of homelessness and poverty. All year long, most of us go about our lives largely unaware of the poverty that flourishes all around us. Come holiday season, a time when generosity is encouraged, we are motivated by a pang of guilt and a heaviness of conscience to do something. This "something" can take many forms, but it almost always occurs only singularly: We are rarely inspired by our Thanksgiving altruism to do anything beyond Thanksgiving!

In other words, Thanksgiving altruism is characterized primarily by a lack of commitment and personal investment. We feel the pang of guilt, we assuage it with an afternoon of volunteering in a soup kitchen or distributing lunches, and we move on with our lives. Though well-intentioned, this kind of guilt-motivated, noncommittal volunteerism can never even begin to address the myriad problems that face the homeless. The bottom line is that a much greater investment is needed if there is any hope of effectively caring for the people around us.

Perhaps I should clarify what I mean by "investment." I do not mean to say that every American should devote a minimum number of hours per week to volunteering. Instead, our definition of helping the homeless must transform from something we do at Thanksgiving to assuage our guilt to an integral part of our everyday lives. Most importantly, our attitude toward poverty and homelessness must be fundamentally altered.



In the popular discourses of politics and media, homelessness is characterized as an abstract problem that needs to be solved. The topic of homelessness surfaces most often in dehumanizing phrases such as "clean up the streets," and huge statistics are thrown around as just another part of a struggling economy. Where is the humanity here? When seen as a political issue, a problem no more human than the budget deficit or gridlock in Congress, the millions of faces behind the term "homeless" disappear. It is almost as if we have forgotten that the adjective "homeless" is followed by the noun "person." What we need is a redefinition, a new conceptualization, of homelessness not as a large, abstract problem, but as an affliction of millions of individual people.

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If we reconceptualize homelessness, our way of responding will naturally change as well. If we want to make a difference in the lives of homeless people, we have to start interacting with the people instead of just with the adjective "homeless." What exactly does that mean? It means talking to the guy who stands in front of Morton Williams, not just handing him a quarter. It means sitting down in the subway station to have a conversation and share your lunch with the lady who always sits at the bottom of the stairs. Essentially, it means relating as people rather than as dollar signs. Eventually, you could make—gasp—a homeless friend! This is precisely what I mean by investment and commitment. It's all too easy to spend a couple of hours volunteering one Saturday in November. It requires a much greater investment to reach out personally to individuals in need, but this is what has the potential to effect real change in the lives of the homeless. Who knows—it might just change your life, too.

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and as the program grows, we need to be able to offer all members appropriate accommodations.

Furthermore, even working in the office during the day is often incredibly challenging due to the noise level of the music practice room that is adjacent to the office. Members use the office to study instead of a library to avoid leaving their belongings unattended when responding to calls. Finally, we do not receive cellular reception in the Carman basement, and we must be accessible by phone in the event of a radio malfunction. The Broadway space, rooms 102 and 103, will fix all of these issues.

Fortunately, our request has been impressively well received, and I have not met a single administrator on this campus who has not supported our bid for the Broadway space. In a campus-wide petition, we have been able to garner hundreds of student signatures in less than a week pledging the same support. It is good to know that now that CU-EMS is the one in need, the campus is answering the call. Once this process is complete, we hope to have a significantly better office in Broadway 102 and 103 that will allow CU-EMS to become an even better ambulance service. CU-EMS is always just a call away, and we hope to continue this promise for years to come.

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Giving more than thanks

BY MARIA LANTIGUA

In a couple of weeks, many of us will be going back home, sharing great times with relatives, and having a great feast. We have many different traditions, and for some of us, that includes taking time to give back to the needy in our communities. There's something about Thanksgiving and other holidays that makes us think of others and their moments of despair. I believe it is the abundance of food during Thanksgiving that makes us think of the scarcity of resources that many members of our society have to endure.

During high school, I began volunteering at a local church with many of my classmates. It is a tradition in my school for students to gather and serve food at Trinity Church during Thanksgiving. Every time I've volunteered in that church, there have always been many volunteers and thus very little to do. Each person gets to serve food for twenty minutes at most. Throughout the years, we began using some creativity to increase the participation of volunteers by having some of the students sing and perform for those who stay to have dinner. We also spread out around the church and have conversations with the needy members of the community to make them feel welcome and to show them that they are not alone.

It brings me joy to see so many young people volunteering and caring about the community. It would be even more wonderful to have so many individuals engage in the community year round. Taking time to volunteer during Thanksgiving is great, but it would be even better if we tried to volunteer as much as we can without having any special occasion to do so.

Any endeavor which involves the true desire to help is gratifying.

During the holidays, many donate food to soup kitchens, churches, and shelters, but the reality is that the people who benefit from these organizations need the food year round. The need or hunger of people does not intensify during Thanksgiving—it is prevalent and present in their lives and thus there is always something we can do to help. Volunteering is a rewarding experience no matter what day of the year it is. What we have to understand is that hardship is a part of people's everyday lives. I am by no means saying that individuals should not volunteer during Thanksgiving but that there are people who need and depend on our service at any time of the year.

This past summer, I volunteered with City Meals on Wheels, and it was one of the most rewarding experiences of my life. We started packing and serving meals really early in the morning and then began delivering them throughout various locations in Manhattan. Many of the elderly we encountered that morning were alone in their apartments and probably had no other human interaction during that weekend. I engaged in conversations with the other permanent volunteers, and many of them expressed the necessity for helpers throughout the year. They already had established relationships with the senior citizens and shared how gratifying it was to take time out of their day to serve them.

I wouldn't say that volunteering at the church during Thanksgiving was more rewarding than volunteering with City Meals on Wheels—they were both worthwhile to me. Any endeavor which involves the true desire to help will be gratifying no matter who we are helping or what time of the year it is. It is easy to think that giving back during Thanksgiving and the holiday season can be more rewarding than giving back on any other day, but I think that volunteering during any time of the year is the greatest deed one can do.

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Concussion management a necessity

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of the game. However, many experts say that concussions often go undiagnosed and misidentified as merely big hits. While Thomas was never diagnosed with a concussion, it is more than likely that he endured at least one during his career. Therefore, players need to be more conscious of their own health and not afraid to sit out if necessary. A line needs to be drawn between being tough and being safe.

In fact, lawmakers in Washington, D.C., took immediate action following Thomas's death to pass a bill that required concussed athletes to receive medical approval before returning to the playing field. The House Energy and Commerce Committee recently proposed a bill called the Concussion Treatment and Care Tools Act that has passed in the House of Representatives and will be up for a vote in the Senate. The bill intends to establish and implement concussion management guidelines for children ages five to 18. Such a safeguard will hopefully reduce exacerbating injuries in young athletes.

While advances in medical technology and safer athletic equipment have and will continue to assuage the brunt of big hits, I support more regulation and penalization when it comes to unnecessarily dangerous contact. This system is currently embraced by other contact sports such as hockey in order to discourage unwarranted violence. For example, when Washington Capitals superstar Alexander Ovechkin checked Brian Campbell of the Chicago Blackhawks head-first into the boards last season, he was issued a two-game suspension (which cost him \$232,645 from his salary) in addition to

The Ivy League is as vulnerable to concussions and CTE as the NFL.

a five-minute boarding penalty. Campbell suffered a broken clavicle and ribs, sidelining him for the rest of the regular season. While some say Ovechkin's questionable hit should have warranted an even longer suspension, the NHL nonetheless demonstrated that it would not tolerate such behavior. Major League Baseball is also considering implementing a seven-day disabled list just for head injuries in response to concussions, and the NCAA passed new rules on concussions immediately following Thomas's death requiring that players receive professional medical attention when dealing with head trauma. As cases like Thomas's indicate that hits beginning at a young age can lead to CTE, more stringent standards and repercussions for unnecessary violence need to be implemented in pre-professional-level sports to minimize the risks involved.

According to the CSTE, 17 of 18 contact sport athletes examined were posthumously discovered to have traces of CTE. Short of not playing a sport, significant preventative measures must be implemented in sports of every level to reduce CTE and its symptoms. Thomas's death marked the second suicide in five years by Penn football players (the first was Kyle Ambrogio, though his depression was never linked to CTE). The Ivy League is as vulnerable to concussions and CTE as the NFL. While steps are slowly starting to be taken, more needs to be done by players, coaches, and administrators starting as early as in little league to reduce CTE in athletes and prevent future tragedies.

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FOUR FOULS | Senior Lauren Dwyer scored a team-high 17 points before committing her fourth foul.

Lions suffer defeat in first game of season

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“We kind of held them in a relative check—I mean, we’re probably lucky we weren’t down 20—but I don’t think you can spot a good team that kind of lead and expect to come back and eventually win the game,” Nixon said. “I mean, it’s one thing to be able to come back and get it close. But when you make your run now, instead of you taking the lead, now you’ve just gotten closer to them.”

Dwyer ended the Lions’ drought with a jumper, and freshman guard Brianna Orlich scored on Columbia’s next possession. Long Island’s 10-2 lead had become a 10-6 advantage. But the Blackbirds responded with seven unanswered points, the last two coming from an open layup off a full-court inbounds pass.

Still, Columbia did not allow its deficit to become too unmanageable. While the Lions trailed by seven after Dwyer’s third foul, they ended the first half with a 6-0 run. Sophomore forward Tyler

Simpson started the rally with a jumper, Orlich followed with two foul shots, and Simpson then made two free throws of her own. With 43 seconds left, Columbia faced just a one-point deficit.

The Lions had the chance to enter halftime with a lead, but a bad pass by junior guard Melissa Shafer with six seconds to play led to a steal by Long Island. The Blackbirds tried a long 3-pointer at the buzzer, but it did not fall. Long Island held a 30-29 advantage at the intermission.

The Blackbirds opened the second half with a 7-1 run. With 14:24 remaining, they held a 43-37 lead. But Columbia did not fold. First, Orlich made a 3-pointer. Then, just under two minutes later, she passed to freshman forward Blaine Frohlich, who found freshman center Courtney Bradford for a layup. Bradford was fouled while shooting and completed the three-point play.

Columbia’s momentum faded as Long Island scored six unanswered points. The Blackbirds

went on another 6-0 run a few minutes later and led 56-46 with 6:12 left. After that, Columbia did not get any closer than within six points—to which Long Island responded with a trey—and fell in its season opener.

Including Dwyer, four Columbia players scored in double digits. Simpson, in her first career start, went 4-for-5 from the field and 5-for-6 from the foul line to finish with 13 points. Orlich was the only non-starter to reach double digits for the Lions, also contributing 13 points. Barry scored 10 points but missed nine of 11 field goals.

For Long Island, junior forward Ashley Palmer scored a game-high 18 points, hitting eight of 11 field goals and two of four free-throws. Senior guard Heidi Mothershead and senior forward Chelsi Johnson also scored in double digits.

Columbia continues nonconference play against Fairleigh Dickinson on Tuesday. Tip-off is set for 7 p.m. at Levien Gymnasium.

Lions end season tied for fifth in league

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“As far as the game goes, we dominated the first half and continued to create chances even when we were a man down,” he said. “But it just wasn’t enough today. We followed our game plan well—and the priority was to not concede in the last 30 minutes, and we did that.”

The game marked the final contest for the three senior Lions: Adafin, Johns, and Peppe Carotenuto.

Words were few, as emotions governed the seniors’ post-match reactions. Adafin was grateful for the opportunity he has had.

“It’s been fantastic, and I appreciate the opportunity to have been a part of this team,” Adafin said. “I’ve enjoyed my time, and I’m definitely a better player and person leaving the program than I was coming in. I appreciate the support of everyone that made this so special for me.”

Johns focused on the promise of the Lions team.

“Everyone put in a good effort, and we played with our heart and soul,” Johns said. “It’s four results in a row in the conference, and we’re proud of that. I’m happy for the team and the potential that’s there. I can’t wait to come back in the future and see what the team can do.”

And with that, another season is over. It was a season full of dramatic highs at Harvard, the Mayor’s Cup, the comeback against Seton Hall, as well as the last-gasp home win against Dartmouth. However, there were also occasional lows at venues such as Providence, Philadelphia, and, too often, at Columbia Soccer Stadium in contests against Adelphi, Saint Peter’s, and the heartbreaker against eventual champions Princeton. Most of all, though, 2009-2010 has been a season in which the Lions have re-established themselves as a team that, on its day, can outplay anyone in the conference.

Agho accounts for majority of Lions’ first-half points

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first 11 points for Columbia and almost single-handedly kept his team in the game.

“He played terrific—he kept us in the game in the first half,” Smith said after the game.

Agho finished the first half with 21 points on 6-for-9 shooting.

“I just wanted to come out and make a statement,” he said of his first half performance. “I’m just playing my game.”

Though Agho accounted for the majority of Columbia’s first-half points, there were other offensive contributors as well. Sophomore point guard Brian Barbour had eight points for the Light Blue, and freshman guard Steve Frankoski had six. Grimes led the Lions on the boards in the first half with four rebounds.

The second half started much like the first one ended, with Columbia firing on all cylinders. The Lions expanded their lead to 12 in just two minutes thanks to a layup by Grimes and six points by senior center Max Craig.

The Explorers shifted their defense to contain Agho after halftime, and he only scored five more points. With the attention more on him, though, Agho was able to spread the wealth.

“I think they focused on me more, I think I was able to pass the ball a lot more—other guys stepped up and did a great job,” he said of the second half. “I became more of a facilitator.”

Though the Explorers started to chip away at the deficit, the Light Blue held onto its lead until just over four minutes were remaining. La Salle’s Guillaudeaux knocked down three consecutive three-point shots to give the Explorers a 73-69 lead with 3:18 to play, and they closed out the game with a 9-2 run to take the win, 82-71.

“The kid [Guillaudeaux] at the end hit some tough shots—we made some mistakes on defense, but it ebbs and flows, and unfortunately the last wave wasn’t in our favor,” Agho said after the game.

Though Guillaudeaux was occasionally left open, most of his three-pointers were contested by the Light Blue.

“We just couldn’t stop them—it’s as simple as that,” Smith said.

“We were trying to mix up defenses and had done a decent job playing zone, and then Ruben Guillaudeaux got it going.”

Guillaudeaux finished with a game-high 29 points, thanks in large part to his six second-half threes.

“I think the difference is Ruben Guillaudeaux today,” Grimes said. “In the second half, he really turned it on. He hit about five threes in a row, and I think that really gave them a momentum swing.”

While they didn’t get the result they wanted, there were plenty of positives that the Lions could take away from the game.

“For a first game, we did a lot of great things. I think we’re going to be able to build on that as the season goes on.”

—Noruwa Agho, junior guard

“As a team, we just got to do some things at the end, but I have really high hopes,” Agho said. “I think there were a lot of stretches out here where we looked really, really, really good, and I think that for a first game, we did a lot of great things. I think we’re going to be able to build on that as the season goes on.”

In addition to Agho’s, there were a few strong individual performances. Grimes, who was injured at the end of last season, had 11 rebounds and nine points. Barbour, who missed practice earlier in the week because of illness, finished with 10 points, five assists, and just one turnover.

“I thought Brian [Barbour] played terrific,” Smith said. “He runs the team, he’s got a good awareness out there, and he made some pretty big plays for us.”

In his first collegiate game, Frankoski had a solid performance as well, posting eight points, two rebounds, and a steal.

“He played great, and we need that—we’re going to need that every game,” Agho said of Frankoski. “I know he’s up for the challenge, and I’m excited to play with him for the rest of the year.”

The Lions will try for their first win Monday night at 7 p.m. in Levien Gymnasium when they face Maryland Eastern Shore in their home opener.

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Seniors earn win in final home game

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into halftime with a seven-point deficit.

“That last drive at the end of the half, that was a killer,” head coach Norries Wilson said. “I never doubted that we would come back from it, though I would have liked to at least have gotten the opportunity to at least get three points there, but Sean tried to make a play and their guy made a play and picked it off and ended the half.”

Brackett’s decision to throw short of the goal marker with time running low and the field goal unit standing by raised eyebrows.

“He was supposed to throw the ball into the end zone or throw it out of the back of the end zone and line up and kick the field goal,” Wilson said. “Now, he didn’t do that. You’d have to ask Sean why he didn’t do that. But he said he was trying to hit the snag route, and he didn’t hit the snag—well, he hit the snag, just the snag had on the wrong color jersey.”

The Light Blue received after the break, and Brackett started to look as comfortable scrambling as he did earlier in the season. He defused a third-and-eight situation with a nine-yard carry to keep the drive alive. A pitch to running back Nick Gerst gained 16 yards and a 17-yard connection over the middle to Kennedy kept the ball moving, but Brackett only picked up one yard on fourth-and-two from the 30 after communication problems with the sideline forced him to run the key play in a hurry.

The teams exchanged punts on their next possessions, but Cornell came back with a 27-yard touchdown pass to tight end J.C. Tretter for a 14-point lead with 2:47 to go in the third.

The Lions finished the frame with a 70-yard touchdown drive of their own, which culminated with a three-yard scoring pass to Kennedy on the first play of the fourth quarter. A 23-yard sideline pass to wide receiver Kurt Williams and two big rushes by



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LAST HURRAH | In his last college home game, senior linebacker and captain Alex Gross (#37) led the Columbia defense with 14 tackles, nine of which were solo.

Brackett paced Columbia on the drive.

After forcing a three-and-out for Cornell, the Lions got the ball back and drove all the way to the three before a series of incomplete passes compelled them to settle for the easy field goal. They trailed by just four with 10:52 remaining.

Each team bore down on defense, and Columbia had one last chance to score after starting from its own 41 with 2:37 remaining and two timeouts to burn. Brackett kept the Lions alive with a key third-down scramble into Cornell territory and a 10-yard pass to Williams down to the 33.

A six-yard completion to wide receiver Nico Gutierrez brought up fourth and inches from the two with 45 seconds left on the

clock. Wilson burned a timeout and had Brackett lunge forward on a quarterback sneak. He got near the goal line and then spiked the ball to stop the clock. On the next play, Brackett lined up in the shotgun and dove forward across the line for the game-winning touchdown.

“It was a great last drive,” Brackett said. “I don’t know how many yards it was, but everyone just made a play. Our linemen blocked and everyone just made a play when they needed to, so I think that was really big for a change, and it was pretty good for me personally, getting over a little hump.”

“It was just a persistent effort by the whole team to just keep playing away,” senior captain Kennedy said. “You know, we

went down 14, but we still kept our focus.”

“It was a great last drive. I don’t know how many yards it was, but everyone just made a play.”

—Sean Brackett, sophomore quarterback

Much of the credit for Saturday’s comeback win has to go to the defense, which consistently shut down the

Cornell attack late in the game and gave Wilson the confidence he needed to call for punts on fourth down.

“Once we start on that roll, when we’re getting three-and-out, three-and-out, three-and-out, you just see it in their faces,” senior linebacker and captain Matt Moretto said. “And you see the looks on ours, and they’re completely different, and you feel that high and you feel unstoppable. So I give a lot of credit to my guys, defense and offense, just persevering.”

Brackett finished 19-41 on the day with 204 passing yards, one touchdown, and an interception. He also rushed for 151 yards and a six-pointer.

“I think he’s put that perfection thing on the shelf,” Wilson

said of Brackett’s strong performance. The sophomore signal-caller seemed to be battling a leg injury in the waning moments of the game, but he dispelled any concerns with three words in the post-game press conference.

“Yeah, I’m good,” he said.

With his last-minute extra point, Eddy broke the school record with 26 points after touchdown in a single season.

For Cornell, Mathews was 17-36 with 197 yards. Running back Grant Gellatly led his team in rushing with 56 yards. With the loss, the Big Red fell to 2-7 on the year (1-5 Ivy).

The Lions will look to wrap up their season on a positive note against Brown in Providence, R.I., this coming Saturday at 12:30 p.m.

Brackett’s run game key to winning drive

BRACKETT from back page

Later in the final quarter, a Cornell punt put the Lions at their own 41-yard line with 2:37 remaining. Columbia was in desperate need of a touchdown, and again, it was Brackett that carried the drive. On a third-and-10 from the Columbia 41, he evaded two tackles for a 16-yard rush and first down to keep the home team in the contest.

Brackett’s passing set up a second-and-four from the Cornell 27. He then scrambled and passed to Ian Cummins for a 15-yard gain to bring Columbia to the Cornell 12 with 47 seconds left to play. Soon, on fourth and inches, Brackett kept the ball for two yards to make it first-and-goal from the Cornell one.

On second-and-goal, Brackett took two steps before diving over

a pile of linemen for a quarterback sneak. The touchdown with 37 seconds remaining gave Columbia the lead and the win.

“The last drive, I thought, was big for me personally,” he said. “In the last couple of weeks, we’ve been in that situation with two minutes to go and it hasn’t worked out, but everyone stepped up this time. It was really big for the team and big for me.”

Head coach Norries Wilson felt that the team stepped it up on the final drive, which consisted of 13 plays over 59 yards in just 2:08.

“It was the drive that put us over the top,” Wilson said. “The last couple of weeks, I’ve been making excuses not to do two-minute on Thursday practices, because the defense kicks the offense’s butt. This time, the guys just came out and played and got up to the line, and Sean

got a scramble. He had a guy open and Kurt [Williams] made a big catch.”

Wilson was pleased with Brackett’s return to form.

“I think he’s doing what the coaches are asking him to do, and he’s making good decisions with the football outside of the interceptions,” he said. “He’s pulling the ball down and running, and I thought he did a good job with that today.”

Brackett’s 151 rushing yards were more than double Cornell’s team total of 74. After the 351-yard game against the Big Red, Brackett’s total offense for the season stands at a league-best 2,421 yards—enough to put him fourth on Columbia’s all-time single-season chart. With one game left to play, his weekend showing has put Jeff Otis’ 2,675-yard, third-place spot in serious jeopardy.

Men’s soccer team draws with Cornell

BY MRINAL MOHANKA
Spectator Staff Writer

The men’s soccer team (6-8-3, 2-3-2 Ivy) made it three conference shutouts in a row as they played out a goal-less draw with Cornell (4-8-5, 0-5-2 Ivy) in this weekend’s season finale. Even though both sides were inseparable after two periods of overtime, the game was full of action and far more entertaining than the scoreline suggests.

The Light Blue had the better of the Big Red for the first 80 minutes but found itself a man down when goalkeeper Alex Aurricchio was sent off after being given a red card. The Lions battled hard for the remaining half-hour and made it 313 consecutive minutes without conceding a goal in Ivy League play as the Big Red could not make use of their extra man.

Not giving up a match in the past four conference games means that the Lions finish tied with Harvard for fifth place in the league and gives the Lions their best season record since 2003, when they finished third.

The home team dominated the proceedings early but could not find the right touch needed for the breakthrough. Defender Ronnie Shaban headed a Nick Scott corner wide in the third minute, and freshman Steven Daws fired narrowly wide after a marauding run soon after.

Sophomore Scott shot wide after being set up by classmate Will Stamatis in the 19th minute, and junior Mike Mazzullo added to his side’s offense in the 24th minute with a long-distance attempt, but Rick Pflasterer in Cornell’s goal was equal to the task.

The visitors were unable to muster a shot in the first half, as the Lions led the shot count 5-0 going in to the break.

At the start of the second period, freshman David Najem had a chance to give Columbia the



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GOAL-LESS | Bayo Adafin was one of three seniors to play his last college soccer game against the Big Red, which ended with no goals.

CORNELL	0
COLUMBIA	0

lead when senior Bayo Adafin found him, but the freshman’s effort was cleared by a Cornell defender on the goal line.

The Big Red threatened on a three-against-two counter attack in the 52nd minute, but Shaban was able to track back and cut out the pass that would have put a Cornell forward clean through on goal.

The Lion’s defense has been rock-solid in recent games, and this was no different. Senior Hayden Johns, Shaban, and fellow juniors Nick Faber and Jesse Vella stood firm for the duration of the contest and gave Cornell the hard task of breaking them down.

However, the encounter would flare up with 10 minutes to go, as Aurricchio was left in a one-on-one situation and had no

choice but to run out of his box and go for the ball. He took out the Cornell attacker running at him, and was issued a red card for the foul. The Lions brought on freshman Michael Attal, who saved the ensuing free kick before he even had a chance to warm up.

Johns made a crucial block in the 84th minute, as he deflected Daniel Haber’s goal-bound effort to safety, and that was the last chance of note as both sides battled bravely in the 20 minutes of overtime but could not create a game-winning opportunity.

Aurricchio and Attal each made one save in the combined shutout, and Pflasterer was called into action on three occasions. The Lions ended with an 8-5 lead in shots.

Head coach Kevin Anderson could not fault his side’s effort.

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VOLLEYBALL

Lions split weekend matches, meet program record for Ivy wins

With a 3-0 victory over Brown, the Columbia volleyball team tied its 2001 program record for Ivy wins in a season—despite falling 3-0 to Yale the day before—and broke the mark set in 2000 for best total record.

With the doubleheader split, Columbia (16-9, 8-6 Ivy) will finish at least fourth and could tie for third if Princeton (13-11, 8-5 Ivy) loses to Penn (15-10, 11-2) next week.

The Lions headed into the weekend following a sensational victory over Princeton that gave them their first season sweep ever against the Tigers. However, despite playing at home, Columbia was trounced by Yale in

three sets, falling 25-21, 25-19, 27-25.

The Light Blue was stifled by the Yale defense, which held the Lions to an attack percentage of just 0.077 for the match. The Bulldogs dominated the Lions up front as well: Yale finished the match with 19 blocks compared to Columbia’s 10.

The following day, Columbia rebounded in style, defeating Brown 25-15, 25-16, 25-19 to end the season with its most convincing performance of the year.

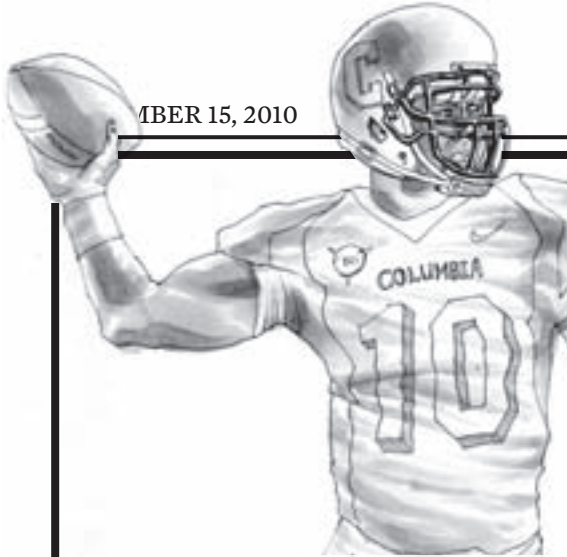
With the conclusion of the Brown game, Columbia senior libero Martina Kajanova ended her decorated career with the Light Blue in front of 223 fans.

YALE	3
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BROWN	0
COLUMBIA	3

Freshman Madeline Rumer ended her spectacular first season with a strong performance against Brown, recording an attack percentage of 0.527.

By sweeping Columbia and Cornell, Yale (18-7, 12-2 Ivy) clinched at least a share of the Ivy title. The aforementioned Penn-Princeton game will determine whether Yale, which is currently on a 10-match win streak, wins the title outright.

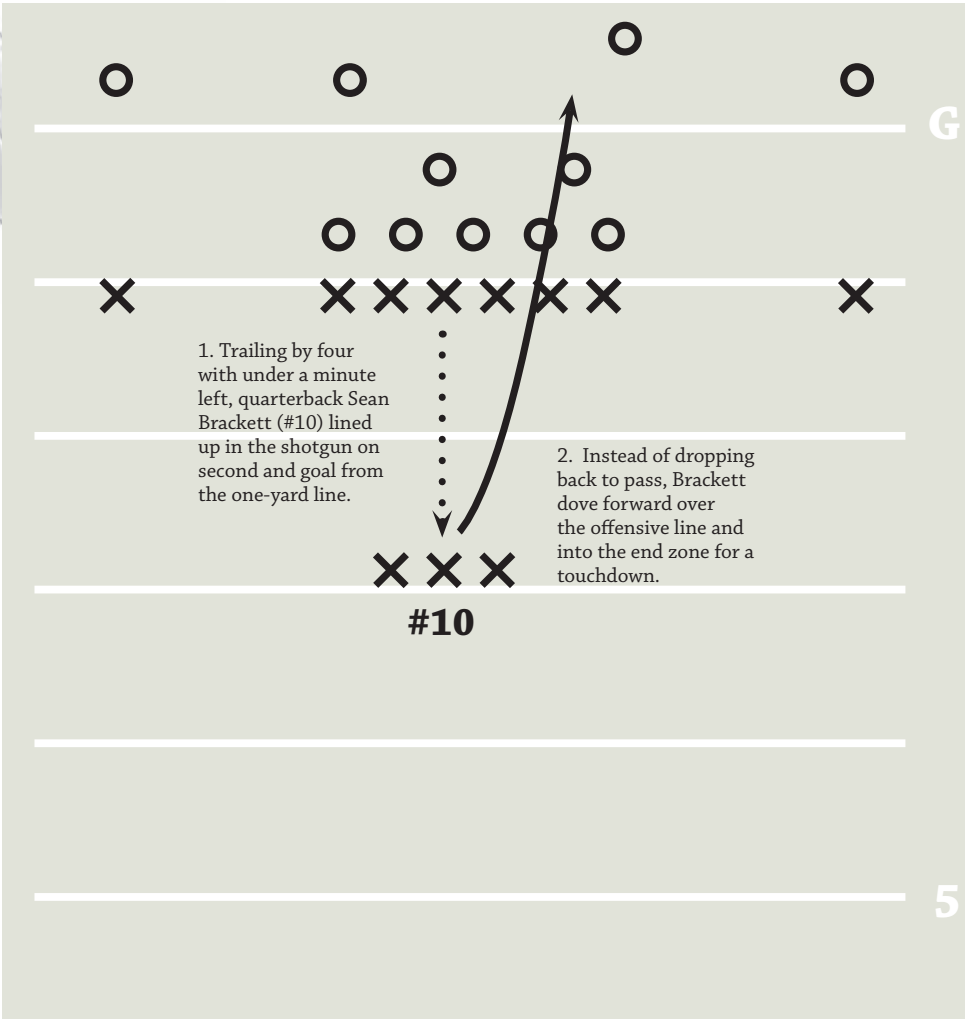
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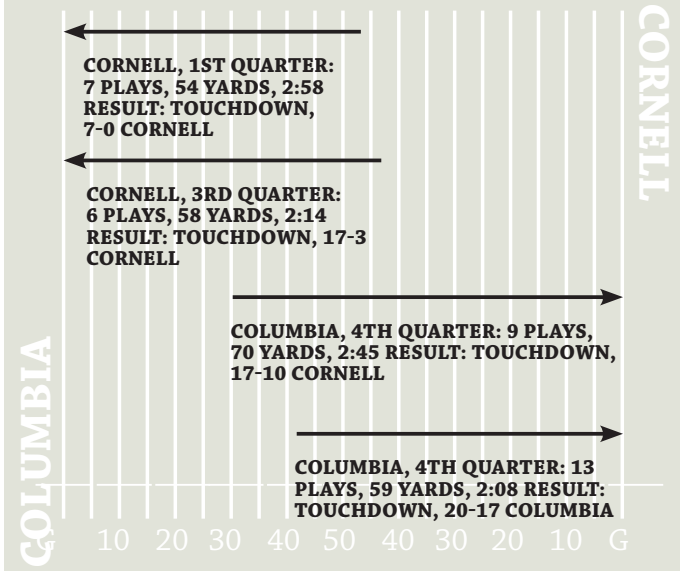
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PLAY OF THE GAME



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KEY DRIVES



IVY LEAGUE FOOTBALL STANDINGS				
IVY	OVERALL	IVY	POINTS FOR	POINTS AGAINST
PENN	8-1	6-0	259	138
YALE	7-2	5-1	203	183
HARVARD	6-3	4-2	245	166
BROWN	5-4	4-2	209	194
DARTMOUTH	5-4	2-4	233	212
COLUMBIA	4-5	2-4	206	190
CORNELL	2-7	1-5	117	243
PRINCETON	1-8	0-6	165	303

GAME BALL

Sophomore quarterback Sean Brackett returned to his early-season form Saturday, rushing for 151 yards and passing for 204. On the winning drive, it was Brackett who dove over the pile of linemen in front of him to score the touchdown.

BEST CALL

On that last, winning drive, the offense spread the ball around, keeping the Big Red defense on its toes. Brackett not only ran the ball himself but also handed it off to Nick Gerst and threw it to Kurt Williams, Nico Gutierrez, and Andrew Kennedy.

WORST CALL

On the Light Blue's first drive of the third quarter, an incomplete pass to Kennedy brought up fourth and two. Miscommunication rushed the fourth down play, and Brackett was only able to carry the ball one yard, resulting in a turnover.

TURNING POINT

At the end of the third quarter, the Light Blue offense started a drive from its own 30-yard line that ended with a touchdown pass from Brackett to Kennedy. The Lions had been trailing 17-3 before the score, and that drive sparked their comeback.

RECORD

GAME ONE VS. FORDHAM L 16-9	GAME TWO VS. TOWSON W 24-10	GAME THREE VS. PRINCETON W 42-14	GAME FOUR VS. LAFAYETTE W 42-28	GAME FIVE @ PENN L 27-13	GAME SIX VS. DARTMOUTH L 24-21	GAME SEVEN @ YALE L 31-28	GAME EIGHT @ HARVARD L 23-7	GAME NINE VS. CORNELL W 20-17	GAME TEN @ BROWN 11/20

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2	Michele "I Can See Cleary Now" Cleary	39-33
3	Victoria "Batting a Thousand" Jones	38-34
4	Bart "The Tailgating Tales" Lopez	35-39
5	Kunal "Moving the Chains" Gupta	34-38
5	Michael "Turn Up the Mike" Shapiro	34-38
7	Lauren "Shiver Me Timbers" Seaman	33-39
7	Lucas "In the Refrigerator" Shaw	33-39
9	Jacob "Eye on the Ball" Levenfeld	31-41
10	Zach "Boom Goes the Dynamite" Glubiak	25-47

WRESTLING

Co-captain Kevin Lester places second at Bearcat Open

The Lions opened their season this weekend at the Bearcat Open, which featured wrestlers from 20 different schools on 10 different mats.

The event was a double-elimination tournament in which the losers of each match dropped down to the consolation bracket. The results showed the team's strength going into the rest of the season, especially in the 149- and 285-pound weight classes. Sophomore 149-pounder Steve Santos, who placed second at last year's tournament, lost a chance to be in the finals when Cornell's Kyle Dake, the eventual tournament champion, beat him 8-0. Santos redeemed himself in the consolation bracket, though, when

he defeated Binghamton's Donald Vinson and placed third overall.

Heavyweight junior co-captain Kevin Lester finished the highest on the team, placing second. He began the tournament well, pinning club wrestler Matt Tourdot in under a minute, and kept up his stamina through the next round, winning over Hofstra's Zeal McGrew to qualify for the finals. However, in the last match of the day, Orlando Scales from Notre Dame beat Lester with a score of 9-4, winning the tournament. This was nonetheless an improvement for Lester, who placed fifth at last year's Bearcat Open. Other strong performances came from

184-pounder Nick Mills, who finished fifth overall after losing to Old Dominion's Joe Budi, and freshman Matt Bystol, who placed fourth in the 133-pound weight class.

While the tournament showed the Lions' strengths, it also highlighted some weaknesses. Columbia did not enter wrestlers in the 174- and 197-pound weight classes, which could mean trouble for the dual season. If the Lions cannot find anyone to wrestle in those classes, they may have to forfeit, which would cost the team valuable points.

Columbia returns to the mat this weekend in Orlando, Fla., where it will face Indiana and the Citadel.

—Meredith Mead

SWIMMING

Men's swimming team dominates against Penn, Yale

The men's swimming and diving team had a successful weekend, winning its opening dual league meets against Penn and Yale.

The weekend began at home with an impressive 198.5-101.5 victory over the Quakers. The diving team helped the Lions take an early lead, with sophomore Jason Collazo, senior David Levkoff, and sophomore Michaelangelo Borghi finishing two-three-four in the three-meter diving competition. Levkoff and Collazo also went one-two in the one-meter diving contest.

As the night progressed, the Light Blue did not stop winning. Among Columbia's many victories, senior Adam Powell

won the 50 and 100 free, setting new pool records for both races. He finished the 50 free in a time of 20.15, breaking the previous record of 20.24, set in 2003. Powell broke his second record of the night when he finished the 100 free in a time of 44.42. Columbia swept the 200 free thanks to an impressive freshman effort in which Eric Traub, Daniel Tan, and Nathan Yueh finished first, second, and third, respectively. The Lions also swept the 100 back, with junior Johnny Bailey earning first place.

Columbia continued to win on Saturday and finished the night with a 177-122 triumph over Yale, its first win in New Haven in over 20 years.

Powell again won the 50

and 100 free in 20.01 and 44.16 seconds, respectively, surpassing his record-setting time of 20.15 in the 50 free from the previous night. Junior Bruno Esquen was a double winner after finishing first in the 100 and 200 fly. The Light Blue had first-place finishes in many events, including the opening and closing races of the night: the 400 relay and the 200 medley. Collazo swept the one- and three-meter diving events, and Levkoff finished second in the one-meter event.

The Lions ended the weekend with a 2-0 overall record. The team will travel to Harvard and Navy next week as it looks for continued success in its dual meet season.

—Rebeka Cohan

SWIMMING

Women's swimming and diving suffers defeat against Yale

After a competitive battle in New Haven, Conn., on Saturday, the women's swimming and diving team fell to Yale, 174-126, in its first meet of the season.

Columbia started off the evening by taking first in the 200 medley relay with a time of 1:45:64. Freshman Alena Kluge, senior Annie Perizzolo, and sophomores Caroline Lukins and Katie Meili contributed to the win, beating the Bulldogs by just two-tenths of a second in that race.

In the 1,000 free, freshman Aileen Smith came out strong for the Lions, winning in 10:15:54, while sophomore Molly Dengler placed second in 10:19:70. Yale swept the 200 free, winning first through third places, and also took the top two spots in the 100 back.

However, the Light Blue's Perizzolo and Mariele Dunn placed first and second in the 100 back to keep the score close. Perizzolo also went on to win the 200 breast, while Meili took first in the 100 free

with a time of 52:39.

Although freshman Kathleen Furr took third in both diving events, Yale was able to seize first and second and secure the top spots in the 50 free, 500 free, 100 butterfly, and 100 IM as well, holding on to the lead and eventually topping the Lions by 50 points.

Columbia's next event will be its Ivy home opener against Harvard, which will be held in Uris Pool this Friday, Nov. 19, at 2 p.m.

—Julia Garrison

CROSS COUNTRY

Men's and women's teams finish fifth at Northeast Regionals

The color of the leaves at Hammonasset State Park reflected the results of Saturday's NCAA Northeast Cross Country Regionals in Madison, Conn. The Syracuse Orange dominated both the men's and women's fields, taking first place in both events. Columbia finished fifth in each race.

The top two teams from each region qualified for the NCAA Championships, which will be held next Monday in Terre Haute, Ind. There will also be 13 at-large bids given out based on previous

competition results, which should be announced by the NCAA on Monday. Columbia is unlikely to receive one of these bids.

While it is improbable that the teams will travel to Terre Haute next weekend, two individuals did qualify. Sophomore Caroline McDonough finished fifth overall with a time of 20:12.6, earning an automatic qualification, and senior Thomas Poland finished ninth, which should earn him an at-large bid to the national event. Poland is the first male to

qualify for nationals since Steve Sundell made it in back-to-back years in 2002 and 2003.

McDonough will represent the women on the national scene after their first absence at the NCAAs since 1999 last year.

The No. 14 Syracuse men barely edged No. 4 Iona to win the event, but this placement did not have any effect on championship qualifications. The Iona men and Stony Brook women, who each finished second, will join Syracuse at the NCAA Championships.

—Jim Pagels

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We all love football, but at what cost?

Let's face it. Sports columns are a prime forum for self-indulgence, inside jokes between writers, and virtually uncensored praise or criticism of Columbia athletics. This week, however, I'm using this space to shed light on a more serious issue—the physical and mental toll of sports. Many Americans love football because it is gritty, aggressive, an opportunity to tailgate, and, yes, because it's a physical sport. As a long-time Chicago Bears fan, I've seen my fair share of big hits and helmet-poppers, but now it has all hit a little too close to home.

Former Harvard football team captain Carl Ehrlich published a sobering piece in the New York Times this past Friday calling attention to the adverse physical and, consequently, psychological effects of football. The article pays tribute to former Penn defensive lineman Owen Thomas, who committed suicide last April at age 21. Examination of Thomas's brain tissue revealed primitive traces of chronic traumatic encephalopathy, a progressive degenerative brain disease found primarily in athletes with a history of repetitive concussions.

According to the Center for the Study of Traumatic Encephalopathy, 90 percent of CTE cases are found in athletes, most of whom were boxers, football players, or wrestlers. As a result of repeated head trauma, brain tissue degeneration linked to memory loss, confusion, paranoia, and depression begins to occur. While one might assume that such a progressive disease would take many years to develop, traces of CTE have been found in athletes as young as 18.



MICHAEL SHAPIRO

Turn Up the Mike

17 of 18 contact sport athletes examined were posthumously discovered to have traces of CTE. Short of not playing a sport, significant preventive measures must be implemented in sports of every level to reduce CTE and its symptoms.

Nevertheless, Thomas was the first college athlete in which CTE has been discovered. However, in over 10 years of playing football, Thomas was never diagnosed with a concussion or symptoms of brain trauma. Researchers at CSTE believe that a litany of smaller hits may be culpable in Thomas's case. "This is a person getting many little hits, starting from a young age," Katherine Brearly, Thomas's mother, said in an ESPN article. "Football linebackers might get 1,000 little hits. Now we're thinking these are like teaspoons. A thousand teaspoons of water could be the same as a big jug. It's possible."

Ehrlich's column explicitly argues that the answer to CTE and subsequent depression is not to stop playing football or to punish players for helmet-to-helmet contact but instead to be more cognizant of not only concussions but also the depression that can follow. He pleads that "depression requires attention" and that "accomplishing this is everyone's responsibility." However, the difficulty is with players like Thomas, who apparently never displayed signs of depression. So what can be done?

For starters, players need to take more responsibility for their own health on the field. Every Saturday in the NCAA and every Sunday in the NFL we see an abundance of exceptionally big hits, which both fans and players often write off with a simple, "He got his bell rung." This is the wrong attitude. Players who suffer these hits should not always shrug them off as part of the game. I'm not suggesting that every person who gets hit in football should sit out for the rest



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MAD RUSH | Quarterback Sean Brackett's return to form in the second half of play made the difference against Cornell.

Brackett's rushing game key to last-minute victory

BY MRINAL MOHANKA
Spectator Staff Writer

The old adage, "form is temporary, class is permanent" rang true this weekend as Columbia quarterback Sean Brackett bounced back to his best, playing an instrumental role in the Lions' late revival to triumph 20-17 against Cornell in the Empire State Bowl at Wien Stadium.

The sophomore started the season on fire, recording 10 touchdown passes and a rushing touchdown in his Light Blue's opening four contests against Fordham, Towson, Princeton, and Lafayette. His early-season play included a staggering five touchdown passes against Princeton, which put him at the top of the Lions' all-time list for most touchdown passes in a game.

This run enabled the Lions to get off to an impressive 3-1 start.

The sophomore's success continued when he recorded four touchdown passes at Yale, but he could not prevent the Lions from slipping to a 31-28 defeat against the Bulldogs. Brackett recorded a touchdown pass each against Harvard, Penn, and Dartmouth, as well as a rushing touchdown against the Big Green, but the Lions still lost each of those encounters.

Brackett had a quiet first half against the Big Red, rushing for 38 yards and passing for 85, and the Lions trailed 10-3 going into halftime. It seemed that it would be another defeat for the Light Blue, but the second half changed that. The difference: Brackett's rushing.

The sophomore returned to life in the second half, showing glimpses of his early-season dominance, and ended the game with 151 rushing yards.

In the third quarter against Cornell, he rushed for three first downs to create a first-and-goal at the Cornell three-yard line, ending the quarter and leading to a touchdown for the Lions.

Soon after, Columbia regained possession of the ball after a three-and-out drive by Cornell at the Columbia 43. Brackett again reigned supreme, rushing three times and picking up two first downs in a drive that ended with a 20-yard Luke Eddy field goal to reduce the deficit to four with less than 11 minutes remaining.

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Lions start season with 82-71 loss to La Salle

BY MICHELE CLEARY
Spectator Senior Staff Writer

PHILADELPHIA—New head coach Kyle Smith will have to wait for his first win at the helm of the Light Blue, as Columbia fell to La Salle, 82-71, on Friday.

It was the Lions who drew first blood, with junior guard Noruwa Agho knocking down a jumper despite being fouled by La Salle's Earl Pettis. Agho made the free throw to put Columbia up 3-0. The Explorers soon took the lead, though, going up 6-5 on a jumper by Ruben Guillandeaux. They were able to increase their advantage to 11 with 8:44 remaining in the half before Columbia started to crawl back.

"We just couldn't stop them—it's as simple as that."

—Kyle Smith, head coach

With just over three minutes remaining in the half, back-to-back free throws by senior forward Brian Grimes gave the Lions a 34-33 lead, which they stretched to 41-37 by intermission.

Agho was crucial to the Light Blue in the first 20 minutes, as he scored the

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KEY PLAYER | Junior guard Noruwa Agho was crucial in keeping Columbia in the game in Philadelphia, scoring 21 points in the first half of play.

CU comes from behind to win final home game

BY JACOB LEVENFELD
Spectator Senior Staff Writer

With a dramatic fourth-quarter comeback and a last-minute winning touchdown, Columbia captured the first-ever Empire State Bowl on Saturday, sending its seniors out in style with a 20-17 victory over New York rival Cornell at Robert K. Kraft Field. Quarterback Sean Brackett's goal-line dive with 37 seconds remaining on the clock gave the Lions their first lead of the game and capped an emotional Senior Day for the class of 2011.

"One of the issues we had was closing out close games," senior linebacker and captain Alex Gross said at the post-game press conference. "I think that, more importantly than our last game at home or anything like that, is that we were able to come out on top in a close game."

Columbia (4-5, 2-4 Ivy) took a while to get going. The Lions had three-and-outs on their first two possessions and held the ball for just 3:36 in the opening frame. After one quarter, they trailed 7-0 on a one-yard touchdown rush by Cornell quarterback Jeff Mathews. The Big Red picked up seven first downs in the quarter, while the Lions had none.

Columbia finally moved the chains with 9:05 to go in the second quarter on a 22-yard passing play to tight end Andrew Kennedy, but by that time, Cornell placekicker Brad Greenway had already put his team up 10-0 with a 45-yard field goal. The Light Blue reached the 18 on its next drive but had to settle for Luke Eddy's 35-yard attempt, which split the uprights with 6:47 remaining in the first half.

The Lions had another chance to dent the scoreboard with time running low in the second quarter after Cornell pinned them at their own four on a favorable punt bounce. Brackett engineered an 89-yard drive all the way to the Big Red seven, but the offense once again stalled. On second-and-four with 10 seconds to go, Brackett threw up the middle into coverage and was picked off by safety Ben Heller, ending Columbia's threat and taking the Lions

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CORNELL	17

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Women's basketball falls to Long Island

BY SARAH SOMMER
Spectator Senior Staff Writer

With 11:55 remaining in the second half on Friday, the Columbia women's basketball was tied at 43-43 with Long Island. The Lions had the momentum, having tallied six unanswered points to knot the score.

But Long Island responded with a 6-0 run of its own—one of several runs that the Blackbirds went on during the game. Columbia ultimately suffered a 73-60 loss.

Senior center Lauren Dwyer scored Columbia's first basket and finished with a team-high 17 points. But she also got into foul trouble, committing her third foul with just 1:41 left in the first half and her fourth in the first minute of the second.

"I probably should not have put Lauren back in in the first half with the second foul," head coach Paul Nixon said. "That's not to say I won't do it again at some point later in the year—it's not like she's never going to play [in the first half] with two fouls again—but I think in this particular game, that was probably a mistake."

The Lions held a 2-0 lead after Dwyer's first shot, but turnovers and misses prevented Columbia (0-1) from extending its advantage. Long Island (1-0) capitalized on the Lions' struggles, using a 10-0 run to take an eight-point lead.

LONG ISLAND	60
COLUMBIA	73

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