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NOT JUST ANY PHONE | Saturday night, a suspect followed a student into a brownstone and demanded that he hand over an iPhone.

## Suspect brandishes gun in attempted robbery on 114th

BY CASEY TOLAN AND  
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*Columbia Daily Spectator*

An armed robbery failed on Saturday night after the mugger got picky about his taste in cellphones.

At 7:30 p.m., the male suspect followed a Columbia student into his brownstone residence on 114th Street between Broadway and Amsterdam, drew a gun, and demanded an iPhone, according to a security update from Columbia's Director of Investigations Ken Finnegan. The resident gave up his phone, but after being told it wasn't an

iPhone, the suspect returned it.

A second resident entered the brownstone and, after being threatened by the suspect, handed over his phone. The suspect returned it after discovering that it wasn't an iPhone either. He then fled on foot toward Amsterdam Avenue.

The brownstones on 113th, 114th, and 115th streets are the only residence halls without security guards stationed in the lobby to swipe residents in.

The incident is the latest in a string of thefts involving technology on the block this semester. In September, several laptops were stolen from the Alpha Delta Phi fraternity and Kappa Alpha

Theta sorority brownstones, and three suspects were later apprehended. Last month, two students fled after being threatened with a box cutter by two suspects, also demanding an iPhone.

Ugne Klibaite, SEAS '13, and Dylan Lonerger, CC '12, who live in the brownstone formerly occupied by Pi Kappa Alpha, said that the series of incidents was scary but that Public Safety maintains a visible presence on the street. An officer "walks down the street" often, Klibaite said.

Still, Lonerger questioned why the officer didn't find the suspect loitering on the steps of the brownstone suspicious.

"I'm not sure how their presence goes unnoticed," Lonerger said.

Vincent Nasri, SEAS '13, who lives in the nearby Broadway residence hall, said that students should be more careful.

"They just shouldn't allow people in," he said. "They should know who lives in their brownstone."

The suspect isn't the only one attached to Apple's signature smartphone.

"If anyone came for my iPhone with a gun, I might get hurt because I might not give it up," Klibaite said.

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### NEWS BRIEF

## USenate vote on full smoking ban may not happen until 2012

Eleven months after a campus-wide smoking ban was first discussed in the University Senate, the University's policy-making body is not likely to go through with the oft-delayed vote at its plenary session Thursday.

After Business School professor and USenator Mark Cohen described his proposal for a University-wide ban at the October plenary, it appeared to be headed for a vote this month. But after a procedural snag and rescheduling of the November plenary, discussion of the ban might continue into next semester.

Cohen had tried to get the senate's Executive Committee, of which he is a member, to endorse his ban earlier this month. A vote of support from that committee would have paved the way for a vote at Thursday's plenary, but the committee declined to support the ban.

The last Executive Committee meeting was "very lightly attended," Cohen said, and as a result, "no resolution on this matter was determined."

Executive Committee member Alex Frouman, CC '12, a co-chair of the senate's Student Affairs Committee, would not comment on why the committee decided against supporting the ban.

But Frouman said that he personally does not support it because the senate passed a resolution last December to ban smoking within 20 feet of buildings on the Morningside Heights campus. The December resolution dictated that the policy would be reviewed in two years by the senate's External

Relations and Research Policy Committee.

"This resolution circumvents the senate process by avoiding the External Relations Committee," Frouman said. "It would seem inappropriate for the Executive Committee to sponsor the resolution as it doesn't follow due process."

Cohen said last month that if the Executive Committee did not vote to support his resolution, he would propose it on the senate floor himself.

But according to senate by-law 1E, resolutions introduced by individuals senators "shall be referred to the appropriate committee to be dealt with in accordance with Senate rules." Cohen has not officially introduced his resolution at a plenary yet.

Senate parliamentarian Howard Jacobson said that the senate has the ability to suspend its rules and bring a resolution to a vote without first referring it to committee, though this would be difficult.

"The motion to suspend the rule requires three-fifths vote of all incumbent members of senate, which is very hard thing to get," Jacobson said.

It's also not clear if Cohen will officially introduce his resolution on Thursday. This month's plenary was originally scheduled for Friday, but it was rescheduled for Thursday to accommodate University President Lee Bollinger's schedule.

"I am teaching that day," Cohen said in an email. "This issue may very well find its way onto the December or January plenary agenda."

—Yasmin Gagne

## Barnard looks to draw Dodge crowd to gym

BY EMMA GOSS  
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Barnard's weight room is getting a face lift.

Maggie Martini, the interim director of Intramurals and Recreation, has been seeking ideas from students to get more people to Barnard's gym, which is located in the basement of Hewitt and has long been a low-key alternative to the Dodge Fitness Center.

"There's better lighting here than at Dodge, and it's more motivating because it's brighter and a better atmosphere."

—Ryann Shane,  
BC '15

"We're trying to make the weight room a little more uplifting and welcoming for people. Right now it's in a basement of a building, so it's kind of blah," said Martini.

So far, Martini has been told that hanging motivational posters, replacing old equipment, and redesigning the room might get more students pumping iron at Hewitt. She recently began a flier campaign asking students to write down what they find motivational—a word, quote, or phrase that inspires students

to work out.

But Sophie Marcopoulis, BC '15, who comes to the Barnard weight room every other day, said she's happy with the way the gym is now.

"I think it's comforting. I really like coming to this gym because it's small and pretty chill," Marcopoulis said. "Dodge is big, and all the athletes train there, and it's just not the environment I want to be in when I work out."

In late October, Barnard began enhancing the facilities in the space. Two older machines, a treadmill and an elliptical, were replaced by new, upgraded versions. Students can now connect their iPods to the new treadmill, adjust their incline, and select pre-planned workouts.

"I like the new elliptical—it's better," Delaney Simon, BC '12, said. "I haven't really used the new treadmill. A treadmill's a treadmill—you're going to run anyway."

The funding for the new equipment comes from the physical education department that manages the budget for Barnard's intramural sports, PE classes, and weight room.

At Dodge, there are "too many people, too much traffic. When you want to workout, you just want to be in your zone, you know?" Geovanna Carrasco, BC '12, said.

The women-only hours are another component that is unique to Barnard's weight room.

"I feel like it's [the Barnard weight room] better for women," Simon said.

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## Columbia behind peers in faculty salary

Figures show widening gap in Arts & Sciences pay compared to Ivies

BY SAMMY ROTH  
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Faculty salaries in several major departments have been significantly lower than corresponding salaries at other Ivy League schools, according to University figures obtained by Spectator.

On average, full professors' salaries in nine Arts and Sciences departments were six percent lower than salaries at other Ivies during the 2009-2010 academic year. During 2005-2006, those salaries were only 4.5 percent lower.

Salaries for assistant professors in those departments were, on average, 5.8 percent lower than those at other Ivies in 2009-2010, an improvement from an 8.3 percent deficit in 2005-2006. The pay disparities differed from department to department.

Administrators say that these numbers don't tell the whole story, since most faculty members receive additional compensation outside of their salaries. But some A&S professors believe that overall compensation still does not compare favorably to peer institutions and that lower salaries are a part of that.

Full political science professors made up the most ground over the four-year period, although they still found themselves 8.4 percent behind their peers in 2009-2010.

"This discrepancy is not

acceptable and our salaries should be immediately raised," political science professor Jean Cohen said in an email.

Political science department chair John Huber said there's probably a simple explanation for A&S salaries being relatively low compared to the rest of the Ivy League.

"Places like Princeton, Yale, and Harvard in particular have much deeper pockets than Columbia," he said.

### 'WE'VE ALL TAKEN A HIT'

Several department chairs, including Huber, told Spectator that they had not previously seen data comparing salaries in their departments to salaries at other Ivies. But for English department chair Nicholas Dirks, the numbers "don't come as a shock."

In the English department, salaries for full professors were 4.4 percent behind other Ivies in 2009-2010, and assistant professors' salaries were 9.4 percent behind.

Executive Vice President for Arts and Sciences Nicholas Dirks said that since 2004, he has been working to increase A&S salaries as quickly as possible. He said a lot of progress has been made but that he's "not happy" with current levels of compensation, especially since salary increases slowed during the economic recession.

Salaries in the Faculty of

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## AVERAGE SALARY DIFFERENCE: Columbia vs. other Ivies

In 2005-06, Columbia professors in these departments earned an average of 4.5 percent less than their counterparts at other Ivy League schools. By 2009-10, that gap had reached 6 percent.

### [PROFESSORS]

Department	2005-06	2009-10	Change in pay gap
ENGLISH	-5.4%	-4.4%	0.9%
MATHEMATICS	-4.5%	-8.8%	-4.3%
CHEMISTRY	4.7%	4.3%	-0.3%
PHYSICS	2.5%	-9.4%	-11.9%
PSYCHOLOGY	0.6%	-0.9%	-1.5%
ECONOMICS	-12.3%	-14.7%	-2.4%
POLITICAL SCIENCE	-16.5%	-8.4%	8.1%
HISTORY	-3.6%	-2.6%	1.0%
ART HISTORY	1.5%	-3.0%	-4.5%
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	-4.5%	-6.0%	-1.5%

### [ASSISTANT PROFESSORS]

Department	2005-06	2009-10	Change in pay gap
ENGLISH	-8.8%	-9.4%	-0.5%
MATHEMATICS	-6.8%	14.3%	21.0%
CHEMISTRY	(*)	6.1%	n/a
PHYSICS	0.9%	-0.6%	-1.5%
PSYCHOLOGY	-1.0%	3.7%	4.7%
ECONOMICS	0.0%	-4.0%	-4.0%
POLITICAL SCIENCE	-6.9%	-6.4%	0.5%
HISTORY	-4.0%	-3.9%	0.1%
ART HISTORY	-11.1%	-7.7%	3.3%
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	-8.3%	-5.8%	2.6%

\* No assistant chemistry professors at Columbia in 2005-06.

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#### Home sweet home

Going back to the suburbs, and liking it

#### Guilty Pleasures

Indulging the primal instinct



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#### Band will miss season finale versus Brown

The Athletics Department has forbidden the Columbia marching band from participating in this week's season-ending football game after its performance at Cornell.

### EVENTS

#### Tea and Talk with Dean Avis Hinkson

Get to know Barnard's new dean over cookies and tea. Bring your favorite words and quotes that inspire you, and share them as Dean Hinkson shares hers.

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POWER HOUR | Barnard administrators hope the weight room's small but loyal following will grow.

Barnard upgrades equipment in cozy weight room

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Martini said she does not think the Barnard weight room is under-utilized—it averages 40-50 patrons a day—but she would like more people to know about it.

“Our biggest thing is that we want people to know that we’re

offering these things—intramurals, the FitBear program, the weight room down there. We want people to know that we do have them and choose not to come to them, rather than not go because they didn’t know,” Martini said.

Ryann Shane, BC ’15, who comes to the weight room five

to six times a week, said she likes the weight room’s atmosphere the way it is. “There’s better lighting here than at Dodge, and it’s more motivating because it’s brighter and a better atmosphere. Also they play music, which is also motivating,” Shane said.

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Admin says many factors comprise compensation

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Arts and Sciences have increased no more than two percent per year since the recession began, and in 2008 there was a salary freeze.

“There’s fairly broad agreement that junior faculty are suffering, that we’ve all taken a hit,” Dames said. “And except at the very top end, there’s a sense that everybody needs to be increased.”

It’s possible that Columbia will soon start to make up ground in salaries. Dirks said he’s working on a three-year plan to increase faculty salaries more rapidly, meaning raises “a lot more” than the zero-to-two percent increases during the recession. Dames said he has heard numbers in the four-to-five percent range “bandied around,” but Dirks said he could not comment on what kind of salary increases faculty might see.

“We’re not flush or anything, but we’re getting our endowment returns back to the level that they were,” Dirks said.

Dirks acknowledged that it would be tough to budget these higher raises, but he said he committed last semester to the Policy and Planning Committee, the faculty governance committee of FAS, to the three-year plan.

“If something else has to go, something else will go,” he said.

NOT JUST THE ECONOMY

Unfavorable economic conditions don’t explain everything—salaries in these nine departments were, on average, lower than salaries at other Ivies in 2005-2006, before the recession hit. And Columbia’s endowment weathered the recession better than most other Ivies’ did.

Italian professor Teodolinda Barolini, who has served on many University committees and is currently a PPC member, said that salaries have been a problem for years.

“For me, it seems like for years I’ve been looking at charts at faculty meetings where we are not ever at the top ... maybe just anecdotally, I’m very accustomed to the idea that Columbia would not be leading,” she said.

A report released in April by the American Association of University Professors showed that Columbia professors, on average, have the second-highest salaries in the country, though this survey included Columbia’s professional graduate schools, where professors tend to have higher salaries than members of the Faculty of Arts and Science.

Physics department chair and PPC member Bill Zajc said that in his 25 years at Columbia, he has never had the impression that salaries in his department were higher than salaries at peer institutions, and that the specific salaries he knew of were always behind peer institutions.

Among full professors, the physics department saw the most dramatic relative salary drop-off, with pay going from 2.5 percent ahead of other Ivies to 9.4 percent behind between

2005-2006 and 2009-2010. Salaries for assistant physics professors fell from slightly ahead of the pack to slightly behind the pack.

“I admit that I am surprised to learn (if it’s true) that we were ever above the Ivy average,” Zajc said in an email.

Several department chairs said that salary levels, in a vacuum, have not negatively affected recruitment and retention. Huber, who has chaired the political science department since 2006, said that administrators have consistently made “market price” offers to entice professors to come to Columbia, a point echoed by Dames.

“They’ve been totally supportive in every single case we’ve had,” Huber said. “And they haven’t been unable to do what it takes to retain or attract people.”

Salaries for full art history professors were three percent behind other Ivies in 2009-2010. Art history professor Robert Harrist said that while he’s never met a professor who feels “overpaid or under-worked,” it’s important to have some perspective when it comes to salaries.

“It’s a moment in which we are concerned about the overall quality of life, and the way that all of these issues come together to create perhaps an unparalleled deterioration in the quality of faculty life.”

– Teodolinda Barolini, Italian professor and PPC member

“We all would like to earn more, but I can’t help noting that professors at Ivy League universities, whatever their departments, have the best jobs on earth,” Harrist said in an email. “Our complaints, and many of them are justified, have to be considered against the reality of the immensely privileged lives we lead.”

OVERALL COMPENSATION

Salaries are important, but they’re only one component of a faculty member’s overall compensation. As history department chair Mark Mazower put it, it is “very difficult to disentangle the salary factor from overall standard of living,” which includes fringe benefits and housing compensation.

“If the benefits package and the housing package are not perceived as advantageous, the burden in their mind has to be

assumed by the salary ... and it’s at that point that you actually see the disparity opening up across institutions,” he said.

Dirks said there are two important compensation programs to look for in salary compensation—the Tenured Faculty Research Program and housing compensation.

“Without proper context (including how compensation is measured, forms of additional compensation, the distribution of faculty rank and other characteristics, among many other factors), data such as this is misleading at best,” Dirks said in an email.

Every year, TFRP provides tenured faculty members with the choice of either receiving a payment of one-ninth of their salary or taking a leave-credit.

Four leave-credits add up to a semester off, which faculty members often combine with a sabbatical semester to take a year off. According to Dirks, science faculty members tend to take the money and put it towards research.

“It’s real compensation,” he said. “It’s either paid time off or a ninth of your salary.”

Additionally, Columbia offers several housing-related programs, including University housing near campus, access to mortgage loans through commercial lenders, and, sometimes, salary support. Dirks said that certain faculty members who do not live in University housing are provided with compensation—\$22,000 per year for junior faculty members, and \$40,000 per year for senior faculty members.

Zajc said that as far as he knows, TFRP is unique to Columbia, and that if factored into salaries, “you might get back near the level of your peers elsewhere.”

But he added that there are “very significant negatives going in the other direction”—including the cost of University housing. He said that rents have risen at nearly twice the rate of inflation for at least a decade, while salaries have not kept up with inflation.


“Salaries are established by academic units (such as the Arts & Sciences) but rents are set by Central Administration, and there does not seem to be any effective feedback mechanism,” Zajc said in an email.

“Professors have legitimate concerns with the cost of housing, and with rent increases,” Dirks said.

Barolini also noted that faculty members living in University apartments aren’t able to build up home equity, compounding the problem of low salaries. Add to that equation the high cost of living in New York City, rising health insurance costs, and unresolved changes to Columbia’s retirement benefits, Barolini said, and a grim picture develops.

“It’s a moment in which we are concerned about the overall quality of life, and the way that all of these issues come together to create perhaps an unparalleled deterioration in the quality of faculty life,” she said.

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# Cheering is OK at away games

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implications.

The issue in this game had to do with standing. All my life I have stood up during key situations of sporting events.

Every time the Lions had a corner kick, a counterattack, or any set piece, I got up on my feet and began cheering. When a person in the front row stands up at a sporting event, it is customary for the person behind to stand up if he cannot see the game action.

Unfortunately, my stature has resulted in instances where my substantial height (I'm about 6-foot-7) kept the person behind me from seeing the game—even when he or she was standing, in which case I've done my best to duck down or even sit so the person behind me could see.

At Berman Field, however, I was yelled at several times by the person sitting behind me for standing up during crucial moments of the most important Columbia soccer game in decades.

It escalated in the second overtime, at which point I resorted to standing the majority of the time. It was an issue of school pride and a part of a tradition of fandom that traces back long before any of us were born (except maybe Jim Calhoun). When Columbia had the ball deep in Cornell's zone, I wasn't going to stay seated—in part because I was too nervous to sit down, but also because I hoped to get the small section of Columbia fans riled up to start screaming for their boys.

While this may have seemed like a long rant with no real purpose, I hope you take one point away from this column. The people who ruin the experience of a game are not those who make fun of an opposing player's socks, but the ones that get upset at those who do. Don't allow people to ruin your fan experience, and as long as it's appropriate—racism, bigotry, sexism, and the like should never be tolerated—I urge you to scream louder, stand up more, and get in the opposing players' heads.

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SHOOTING HIGH | Reigning Ivy League Rookie of the Week Amara Mbionwu will need to continue her success around the basket against city rival Wagner.

## In search of first win, Lions must control Wagner frontcourt

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Nixon said. “I think we are going to have to do a good job of making sure that she doesn’t get any easy scores. I think that’s the thing that really hurt us here last year, was she got a lot of uncontested layups. So whether it’s her primary defender or secondary defender helping, we’re going to do as much as we can to make sure that all of her shots are contested and that we block her out and only give her one opportunity on each trip down the floor.”

While the Lions will have their

hands full with Clark on the defensive end, perhaps their greater challenge will be igniting an offense that has struggled over the course of the season. Columbia has shot just 31 percent from the field this season and has made only six of 35 three-point attempts. The Lions have struggled to get high percentage shots in the paint and have had to settle for low percentage shots from beyond the arc.

Nixon says that the team has tried to fix its offensive struggles by going back to the basics.

“We’ve really been focusing on trying to get back to sort of what we consider

to be our fundamentals on the offense,” Nixon said. “We’ve really been focusing on the fundamentals of working together, if we’re in a two-man game and being able to have the pass go from the guard to the post successfully, or have the pick and roll occur and have both the guard and the post make the right read at the same time.”

Wagner is far from a one-woman team, as the Lions will also have to try and stop junior forward Marie-Laurence Archambault. Archambault is a talented three-point shooter, and she enters her junior year already sixth on the Wagner-all time list in

three-pointers made. The Lions will and have to contend with junior guard Veronica Fournier, a gutsy and hard-working athlete whose contributions are not reflected in the box score.

The Lions will look for continued production from freshman Amara Mbionwu. Mbionwu was named the Ivy League’s Rookie of the Week in her first week of competitive games as a college athlete. Mbionwu will be key around the basket in Columbia’s bid to control Clark and ground the Seahawks.

Today’s game with Wagner will tip off at 5 p.m. in Staten Island.



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RED TIDE | Harvard beat Penn to clinch its 14th Ivy title and sixth under head coach Tim Murphy.

## Weekend action leaves three-way tie for second place

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to Hanover to face Dartmouth to avoid the possibility of finishing tied for last.

### DARTMOUTH 21, BROWN 16

The Big Green (4-5, 3-3 Ivy) upset host Brown (7-2, 4-2 Ivy) in the latter’s bid to stay in contention for the Ivy title. Dartmouth possessed the ball for over two-thirds of the final half, outscoring Brown 14-9 in

the process. Dartmouth senior running back and Ivy rushing leader Schwieger had 137 yards on a career-high 37 carries, including the game-winning touchdown, to bring his rushing total to a conference-leading 766 yards.

The Dartmouth win came in spite of a strong performance from Brown in the first half. The Bears tallied more than twice as many yards as the Big Green, 224-111, but entered halftime tied at seven due

to a 32-yard touchdown pass from Dartmouth senior quarterback Conner Kempe seconds before the half. Bears senior quarterback Kyle Newhall-Caballero completed 22 of 33 passes for 252 yards and a touchdown in the loss.

The Big Green has a slim chance to tie for second with a win in its finale, hosting Princeton, and the Bears come to New York to face winless Columbia to clinch, at least, a tie for second.

## CUMB’s commitment to CU athletics remains strong despite punishment

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the torch to the next generation of band leadership in a type of “changing of the guard” ceremony.

“It’s our mission to be at every game, so it’s obviously a big deal when we’re not able to be out there and play,” Delgado said. “For our seniors, it was going to be the last home game. We usually, in our halftime script, have senior nicknames and just pretty much dedicate the show to seniors. For graduating seniors, it’s a little difficult to not be able to have that tradition for themselves.”

The band plans to attend the game in plain clothes and without instruments. The ceremony will likely take place instead during the halftime of Saturday night’s men’s basketball game in Levin.

Before elections on Thursday, band leadership met to discuss its reaction and how to move forward given the penalty.

“Although it seems like we have a strained relationship with Athletics right now, it’s not our point or mission to keep it that way,” Delgado said. “It is our intention to try to be a part of this team, try to be a part of school spirit at games, try to have more members every year that attend events, and try to have more music, better music, and be more creative on the field. Moving forward is the theme of the day.”

Other band veterans confirmed that CUMB is still completely committed to supporting Columbia’s athletic teams—especially this football season, despite the team’s poor performance.

“In the three years that I’ve been here, this year’s attendance is the best we’ve had,” band member Rich Medina, CC ’13, said. “There’s no attendance requirement in the band, so anyone who comes to these games goes because they want to be there and support the team.”

This is one of Columbia football’s worst droughts since it lost 44 straight in the late 1980s, and the temptation to poke fun certainly exists for a group characterized by its unapologetic edge. For Delgado, though, such humor has a time and a place.

“I think it depends on the context of the situation,” Delgado said. “Sometimes people are in the mood to take a joke, and sometimes they’re not. If you don’t know how to navigate that situation, you just should not try to even risk it.”

Despite its controversial and sometimes-offensive antics, the band said that one thing remains constant—its central commitment to the Lions.

“We’re there for them whether they win or lose,” Delgado said. “Obviously we prefer to have a winning team, but in the end, we’ll be there for them. This year we took 50 kids to Princeton, Dartmouth, and Cornell. We’ll always be there, no matter what happens.”

“There are probably few people on campus that care more about the football team than the band does,” Medina agreed. “For all its snark and cynicism, the band is and always has been one of the last bastions of school spirit at Columbia.”

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# Reoccupy Wall Street

BY SARAH GITLIN AND JANINE BALEKDJIAN

By now, all of us know what happened very early Tuesday morning: Hundreds of police officers, armed with riot gear, batons, and pepper spray, and equipped with bulldozers, raided Zuccotti Park in the middle of the night to force out the Occupy Wall Street protesters.

What readers of mainstream media outlets like the New York Times may have missed is a message that the protesters chanted to anyone watching the OWS live feed at 1:20 Tuesday morning: This is what a police state looks like. The legal issues regarding who—if anyone—had the authority to expel OWS protesters are murky and will be best decided by challenges currently pending in court. But the manner in which Mayor Bloomberg and the NYPD suddenly and brutally raided the park is crystal clear, extremely frightening, and blatantly unconstitutional.

First Amendment violations were not restricted to freedom of assembly. Bloomberg also trampled on freedoms of speech and the press. During the NYPD's invasion of the park, members of the press were barred from entering and prevented from informing the public of the events. Police refused to respect press credentials, tellingly responding to one who claimed: "I'm press!" with "Not tonight," and—chillingly—arresting at least seven journalists from outlets such the New York Times, the New York Daily News, and the Associated Press. A CBS helicopter that tried to cover the eviction aerially was forced to leave the airspace over the park by the NYPD, depriving the world of a view of what, exactly, the police were doing. Barring press from covering stories and arresting them when they attempt to do so is something we often see in repressive regimes from Saudi Arabia to Russia. It is something we do not expect, something we will not accept, and something we will resist in New York.

## Torn in two

Have the occasionally dry readings required for Literature Humanities and Contemporary Civilization taken the air out of your creative wings? Does the excessively formal material and its focus on the structure of functional, upright societies sometimes make you want to shout and beat your chest in a primal outburst? These are urges that have filled the minds of Columbia undergrads for almost a full century (the Core was instated in 1919), but have only recently been quenched by the American movie industry. In the past decade, films based on such works as the "Iliad" by Homer and the "Histories" by Herodotus have taken very liberal interpretations of these classics—swapping in action and intrigue for narrative integrity—and reaped box office rewards. However, for the quintessential Columbia student, there exists an intellectual dilemma: Should one honor the literature presented in one's classes, or submit to desires for violence and excitement and attend these gruesome interpretations?



WALKER  
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Support for movies like '300' or 'Immortals' spells an undermining of the legend of Homer, Herodotus, and Thucydides.

To simply claim that these movies are deviations from their classical roots is to do an injustice to both. The trend was started in 2004 with the release of both "Troy" and "Alexander," which were devoted more to showing Brad Pitt's and Colin Farrell's chiseled bodies than to accurately representing the stories of the Greeks and the Macedonians, respectively. Historians cried foul, especially when Troy reeled in almost \$500 million worldwide, aware that for many, these films had become the preeminent references for ancient works. Little did they know that only a few years later, filmmakers would further shift the focus from history towards historicism. In 2007, Warner Brothers came out with "300," which allegedly recapped the defeat of the Spartans to the Persians at the Battle of Thermopylae. The movie focuses almost entirely on precisely choreographed battle sequences, featuring, at times, superhuman mutants in lieu of much historical substance. The script is barely 6,000 words long—a length hardly out of reach for a verbose Columbia student, and it took the actors twice as long to train for

In order to "clean" the park, the police used pepper spray and tactics forceful enough that, when New York City Council member Ydanis Rodriguez was arrested Tuesday morning at Zuccotti Park, he was bleeding from the head. When the police wake hundreds of peaceful, unarmed, sleeping protesters for a middle-of-the-night raid while blocking media coverage, they do not protect public safety—they imperil it. The assertion that the park needed to be cleaned by force in the dead of night sounds all the more ridiculous (if possible) because protesters and supporters did an excellent job of tidying the park themselves the last time Bloomberg claimed the need to institute martial cleaning. But the mayor learned from the egg thrown at his face from that episode, and gave no warning when the police moved Tuesday morning.

Occupy Wall Street is still about the inequality of our political and economic systems, but it is no longer about that alone.

The double-talk surrounding the police raid was incredibly Orwellian. The police closed the Brooklyn Bridge and shut down almost all of the subway stations leading to Zuccotti Park. Multiple activists reported on Twitter that the subway stations were supposedly closed for "cleaning" at the same time as the raid on the protest—a blatant attempt to stop reinforcements from pouring in. It's never a good sign when

their roles by lifting weights (four months) than it did to actually shoot the movie (two).

"300" opened up a whole new realm of possibilities for directors seeking to exploit ancient history, as it became obvious that audience members would gladly trade any sort of historical or mythical accuracy for prolonged battle scenes and state-of-the-art CGI. The "Clash of the Titans" came out in 2010, purporting to be based on the mythological conquests of Perseus. To get a sense of how diligently the movie follows the original myth, one should simply consider the fact that no actual Titans, the original Greek gods, were included in the plot, while the Kraken, an epic sea-monster from Norse mythology, was. A Titan does, however, appear in "Immortals," which was released this past weekend. The film is based on placing King Midas into the myth of Theseus and the Minotaur. Unfortunately, such a crossover is also utterly fabricated, as are several other key plot points, making "Immortals" no more accurate than its predecessors. To get a sense of how egregious these divergences are, simply imagine current inconsistencies like Woody dying in "Toy Story," or Mufasa defeating Simba in the "Lion King," or Columbia being in The Big East instead of the Ivy League. It seems that even given the relatively entertaining opportunities provided by myth as opposed to reality, filmmakers continue to disregard the classics. Maybe such a plan is prudent: The "Clash of the Titans" also neared the \$500 million benchmark worldwide, and "Immortals" made \$32 million in its opening weekend alone, easily claiming the top spot for box office totals.

For the average college student, these movies can be consumed or ignored without consequence. But for the Columbian who has taken Lit Hum and CC, the films stand in direct contrast to the books we have (supposedly) read. Support for movies like "300" or "Immortals" spells an undermining of the legends of Homer, Herodotus, and Thucydides, which have for years been a key part of the Columbia academic sphere. In this crisis of literature, perhaps then we should turn to the literature itself for a solution. Socrates, who is quoted in the opening scene of "Immortals," tells us to seek truth over all else in Plato's "Republic," as only such diligence will lead to a just existence. By that logic, virtuous students should avoid these silly, albeit undeniably awesome, movies, as they are but mere delusions. Then again, in the same book, the character Glaucon argues that humans are naturally evil, and that subsequently hedonism is the most sensible path one can take. Thus, to the box office we go, to absorb all the bone-crunching, computer-animated action we can, even if it means somewhere in the underworld Homer is weeping.

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STAFF EDITORIAL

# NYPD Occupies Wall Street

Hours before dawn yesterday morning, the New York Police Department descended upon Zuccotti Park in Lower Manhattan, evicting protesters and arresting anyone who didn't leave the area quickly enough—including reporters who were there to cover the operation. Bloomberg's decision to enact a middle-of-the-night raid raises a number of serious journalistic, ethical, and public safety concerns.

Since we are members of a student newspaper, issues regarding freedom of the press are especially resonant. The inability of news outlets to gain access to the site from the ground or the air is an unacceptable abridgment of this freedom, and the restriction of media coverage raises larger questions about the legitimacy of the NYPD's actions.

Mayor Bloomberg's speech this morning cited sanitary and public health issues, as well as quality of life concerns, as justifications for clearing the park. These concerns were discordant with the dramatic methods by which he chose to clear the park. While the legal rights of protesters to sleep in the privately owned Zuccotti Park are tenuous, the unbroken presence of the protesters for several months suggests that sanitation and health issues were not a sudden problem needing to be addressed at 3 a.m.

But more worrying than Bloomberg's reasons for clearing the park is the way that the NYPD deployed its forces. A disproportionate and theatrical display of police might was disconcerting given the peaceful nature of the protests. The NYPD treated protesters without the respect and dignity that citizens deserve and expect in this country.

the police storm in under the cover of darkness and throw away thousands of books, as the NYPD did with at People's Library Tuesday morning. The Mayor's Office continued to violate the law this morning, when it ignored a court restraining order requiring the NYPD to allow protesters to return to Zuccotti Park. The Mayor and NYPD's outright flouting of the legal and judicial system is downright terrifying, and we must not allow it to pass unchallenged.

Despite the late hour of the surprise attack and the lack of organization, at least 10 Columbia students braved the subway outages to head downtown and support the occupiers, proving that the recent activism on campus is strong enough to pull students out at 4 a.m. on a school night. Rather than symbolizing the end of a movement, the raid demonstrates the need to strengthen the activist spirit, both on campus and around the country. At the impromptu general assembly which sprang up in Foley Square overnight, protesters confirmed that they will continue with mass demonstrations planned for Thursday, Nov. 17, the two-month anniversary of Occupy Wall Street. Columbia students have the chance, the reason, and the duty to participate, now more than ever. Occupy Wall Street is still about the unfair inequality of our political and economic systems, but it is no longer about that alone. Our First Amendment rights are now under attack. We will be reoccupying. We will be reorganizing. Be ready to join us. Anyone who cares about preserving democracy and the rule of law should be protesting this Thursday. You can't evict an idea whose time has come.

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## Suburban bliss

MICHELLE CONWAY

For fall break this year, I spent the long weekend in my hometown, Scotch Plains, a fairly typical mid-sized northern New Jersey commuter suburb about an hour outside Manhattan. During the break, I met a friend for lunch—my best friend from high school who, luckily for me, also decided to attend Columbia. We had been looking forward to this lunch for weeks. We met at our favorite restaurant in Scotch Plains: an Indian buffet modestly nestled in an aging strip mall with a Dunkin' Donuts, a Burger King, a nail salon, a Subway, and an Edible Arrangements. We got out of our cars in the parking lot. "Oh my God," my friend blurted out, "I am so glad to be home. Fast food! My car! Strip malls! Is it terrible that all that makes me so happy?"

My studies have confirmed what I felt the first time I read Jane Jacobs: Urban living is the best kind of living.

Her instinctive guilt was telling. These suburban things, after all, were the things we were trying so hard to escape when we moved to New York. Yet it sometimes seems like the two of us have an increasing amount of appreciation for our unremarkable suburb the more time we spend in the "Big City." Sure, we love the food, culture, and everything else New York has to offer. But it can be tiring (not to mention expensive) to try to keep up with all of it. Sometimes we just want to eat at an unpretentious \$8.95 Indian buffet and hang out at a mall all day buying tax-free clothes. Because that's just what you do in New Jersey.

I don't doubt that most of us have experienced this sentiment. Coming to New York from more suburban hometowns, it's not uncommon for us to miss our cars, big box stores, and front yards. But for me, the conflict between urban and suburban living is more than simple nostalgia for my hometown. It is a question of ideology, and one that concerns my professional future.

I've known I wanted to be a city planner since the tenth grade, when I happened to pick up a copy of Jane Jacobs' "The Death and Life of Great American Cities" while doing homework at the Scotch Plains Public Library. I devoured the book in a few days. It was a revelation for me—someone put into words the vitality of urban streets I so eagerly took in anytime I visited New York. As an urban studies major at Columbia, I've studied cities in sociology, political science, history, and architecture classes. My studies have confirmed what I felt the first time I read Jane Jacobs: Urban living is the best kind of living.

I've read about the racial discrimination that stopped non-white Americans from taking part in the suburban American dream, the urban renewal projects that devastated working class neighborhoods with expressways, the disinvestment in urban centers that led to riots—all the mid-century injustices that remind us of the true cost of our driveways, lawns, and cul-de-sacs. I understand the environmental danger of car (and oil) dependence, low-density housing, and sprawl. I understand how unfulfilling it can be to live in a socially homogeneous town with little street life or walkability. I feel so strongly about these issues that I even want to go to graduate school to learn how to begin solving them.

Yet I really, really like coming home to my car and to my favorite strip mall restaurant on Route 22—a highway that severely isolates my own neighborhood from the rest of my town. In my time here at Columbia, despite my urban-centric curriculum, I've also learned that the suburbs are here to stay, and there's no sense wishing they didn't exist. I might end up a city planner with a very urban lifestyle, and I most certainly won't be moving back to New Jersey, but there's no reason I can't relish a trip to the mall. Of course it's not terrible, I told my friend. Home—with all its unsexy suburbanity—always makes me happy, too.

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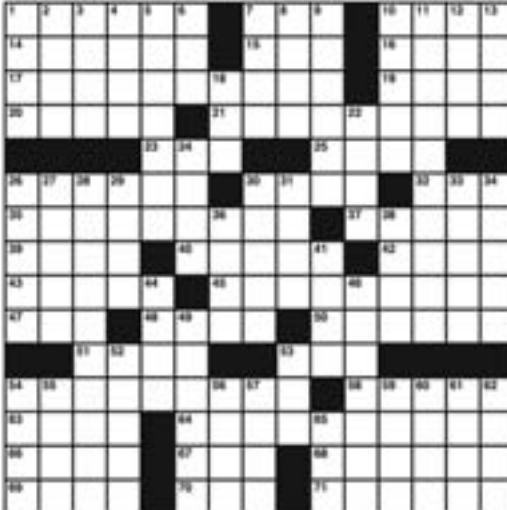
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Don't let your fan experience be ruined

This past weekend contained by far the most hectic and intense experiences I have had as a Columbia sports fan. I made my voice heard across the Northeast, from the back row of Gampel Pavilion in Storrs, Conn. to the freezing bleachers of Cornell soccer's Berman Field in Ithaca.



JEREMIAH SHARF  
Sharf Attack

On this weekend of supreme Columbia fandom, I also encountered a number of opposing "fans" that impeded my enjoyment of the game. While my colleague Benjamin Spener recently complained about the distraction of hecklers in "The Top Spin," I had the opposite issue—in two separate instances, I was basically told to "sit down and shut up."

In Storrs, I was on my own. With the exception of some parents of players—who seemed more worried about checking that their sons were OK than building up a "defense" chant—I was one of approximately 10 Columbia fans in a crowd of over 10,000 cheering for a team projected to finish near the bottom of the Ancient Eight to take it to the defending national champion UConn. Despite being outnumbered, I made it a goal to be loud and disruptive.

As the game wore on, my incessant screaming seemed to bother the home-team supporters around me more and more. To be honest, I really think some of my tactics worked. Sure, we didn't get the miracle final results we wanted, but deep down, I truly believe my screaming contributed to an uncharacteristically low 55.6 percent free throw shooting by the home team (particularly Shabazz Napier, whose 4-for-8 free throw shooting was 27 percent lower than his average from last season).

The people who ruin the experience of a game are not those who make fun of an opposing player's socks, but the ones that get upset at those who do.

It wasn't until I began to heckle UConn head coach Jim Calhoun, though, that I was rudely shot down. To Huskies fans, Calhoun is a demigod who can do no wrong.

To me and most opposing fans, Calhoun is just another high-profile coach that thinks he's above the rules. Sure, I could have called him out for his recruiting violations, but I instead chose to loudly point out an in-game rule infraction.

As the game went on and UConn was unable to pull away from the Lions, Calhoun's growing frustration eventually pulled him off the bench and out past the hash mark so he could yell at his players. Any casual fan knows this is a violation—I just happened to be the one to call him out for it.

When I began shouting, I was hit with a showering of boos and wisecracks about my school. It tore me up a little and I was forced to sit down for a while, my fan experience shot by a number of immature remarks. Once I remembered I have plenty to be proud about as a Columbia student, I got right back on my feet and continued to cheer hesitantly, worried about what might result from the ultra-sensitive, Spener-like fans that could not seem to handle criticisms of their head coach. I was eventually silenced for good when Jeremy Lamb threw down a thunderous dunk that knocked Mark Cisco on his back.

My main issue with this game is the attitude of the fans. Heckling is a part of the game.

Another issue I had this weekend was at the Columbia men's soccer game—a game with direct title

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FILE PHOTO

BANNED BAND | The Columbia marching band will not be allowed to participate in the season finale against Brown due to its poor choice in lyrics last Saturday.

Athletics bans marching band from football finale

BY TREVOR COHEN  
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The Columbia University Marching Band, long known for controversial and provocative humor, may have crossed a line at last Saturday's football game in Ithaca, N.Y. As a result, it will not be welcome at this weekend's season finale against Brown at Baker Field.

The decision came from the Columbia Athletic Department after it took offense to a parody of "Roar, Lion, Roar" the band sang as the football team exited the field following its ninth loss of the season in as many games.

"The Athletics Program welcomes the band to our football games to promote school spirit and provide fan entertainment," the Athletic Department

said in a statement. "We believe the actions of the band on Saturday, Nov. 12, were inappropriate and embarrassed our student-athletes, coaches, parents, and fans."

After the final whistle blew on a 62-41 Cornell win—a game that got away from Columbia after it finished the first half with a six-point lead—the Lions walked to the locker rooms past the band, which was seated in the front row of the bleachers.

"Every time every game ends, we play 'Roar,'" said José Delgado, CC '12 and the band's manager. "There's music, there's a part in between when we sing lyrics, and there's music again—that's where it happened."

Rather than singing the traditional lyrics to Columbia's century-old fight

song, many members instead belted an original verse that reflected the losing ways of Lions football—one of a variety of alternative verses that, according to one band member, are meant only for the band bus and Orgo Night, one of the band's most notable traditions. The first two lines say it all: "We always lose, lose, lose; by a lot, and sometimes by a little."

According to Delgado, immediately following the incident, a member of the coaching staff confronted the band about the lyrics and the team's reaction.

"Someone spoke to our drum major, and he told her they were upset about it, and immediately after, we banned those lyrics," Delgado said.

On Tuesday, Delgado had to tell the rest of the band that it would not be welcome at Columbia's final game

against Brown.

"Our football players, coaches, alumni, [and] parents are extremely hurt, disappointed, and angry by the band's behavior at Cornell," Director of Intercollegiate Athletics and Physical Education Dr. M. Dianne Murphy said. "Because of the band's disrespect for the feelings and efforts of their classmates and fellow Columbians, we believe that allowing the band the opportunity to perform at Lawrence A. Wien Stadium on Saturday undermines the University's institutional support for our football team."

The penalty feels particularly harsh for CUMB, which uses halftime of the annual Brown game to officially pass

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Harvard clinches, Brown upset

BY MUNEEB ALAM  
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The Crimson clinched its 14th conference championship thanks to a win at home over Penn and a Brown loss to Dartmouth. The running games of Harvard, Princeton, and Dartmouth all shined, while Yale overcame Princeton's rushing attack with an outstanding passing performance.

AROUND THE LEAGUE

HARVARD 37, PENN 20

The Crimson (8-1, 6-0 Ivy) clinched the Ivy League title with a big win over the Quakers (5-4, 4-2 Ivy). Harvard dominated the play on the ground, rushing for 204 yards and only allowing Penn 24 rushing yards. Crimson freshman running back Zach Boden ran for 86 yards and a score, while junior running back Treavor Scales ran for 70 yards and a touchdown.

Penn struck first with less than a minute remaining in the first quarter with a 21-yard pass from junior quarterback Billy Ragone to senior wide receiver Ryan Calvert, who made 11 catches for 114 yards in the loss. Harvard took control of the game in the middle two quarters, outscoring Penn 24-0. Both teams scored two touchdowns and each missed extra points—Penn, going for two points—in the fourth. The game featured nine punts from Penn and eight punts from Harvard.

The Ivy title marks the sixth for Harvard under head coach Tim Murphy, who first took over in 1994. This game also made Penn history, as Ragone became the first Penn player to run for over 1,000 yards and throw for over 2,000 yards.

The Quakers, trying to clinch a share of second in the Ivy standings, finish their season on Saturday against Cornell, while the Crimson will formally conclude its championship run the same day at Yale.

YALE 33, PRINCETON 24

The Elis (5-4, 4-2 Ivy) beat host Princeton (1-8, 1-5 Ivy) in a battle of Bulldog passing versus Tiger rushing.

Senior standout Patrick Witt became Yale's all-time leader in passing yards with 379 yards. The quarterback also threw for three scores. Senior tailback Alex Thomas added a 62-yard touchdown run in the middle of the third quarter, as Yale had 500 total yards compared to 326 for Princeton.

Princeton freshman running back sensation Chuck Dibilio ran for 178 yards and three scores himself on 31 carries. Dibilio became the first Ivy freshman to rush for 1,000 yards and will look to win the conference rushing title. He is currently 17 yards behind Dartmouth's Nick Schwieger.

The Bulldogs finish their schedule at home against Harvard, with a win securing a tie for second in the conference, while the Tigers travel

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RK (LW)	TEAM
1 (1) 6-0	<b>HARVARD CRIMSON</b> Harvard continued to win and clinched its 14th Ivy title with a solid win over Penn.
2 (3) 4-2	<b>YALE BULLDOGS</b> Yale outgained Princeton's running game with over 370 passing yards, good preparation for Harvard's rushing attack in "The Game."
3 (2) 4-2	<b>BROWN BEARS</b> Brown lost its chance to win the Ivy title with a stunning loss at Dartmouth, snapping its six-game winning streak.
4 (4) 4-2	<b>PENN QUAKERS</b> Penn fell to Harvard, in large part due to a poor rushing game on both sides of the ball.
5 (6) 3-3	<b>DARTMOUTH GREEN</b> A dominant second-half performance to upset Brown gives Dartmouth two wins in a row and three in its last four outings.
6 (5) 2-4	<b>CORNELL BIG RED</b> Cornell set a school record 62 points in its win against the Lions, and quarterback Jeff Mathews amassed 521 passing yards.
7 (7) 1-5	<b>PRINCETON TIGERS</b> Princeton's running game was strong again but was not enough to avoid the Tigers' sixth loss in a row.
8 (8) 0-6	<b>COLUMBIA LIONS</b> Columbia's offense came alive for 41 points against the Big Red, but the Lions could not hang on to their halftime lead.

Lions look for first win against Wagner

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The Columbia's women basketball team (0-2) will attempt to win its first game of the season today when it travels to Staten Island to take on Wagner (0-1). The Seahawks are also looking for their first win since they lost their opening game to Army by a score of 76-40.

COLUMBIA VS. WAGNER  
Staten Island, N.Y., 5 p.m.



Wagner is coming off a season in which it won only 12 games overall and went 5-13 in conference play. Yet one of those 12 wins was its March 12 away game at Columbia, which it won 69-50. In that game, Wagner center Kelly Clark had a dominating performance as she scored 27 points and had 15 rebounds.

Columbia head coach Paul Nixon acknowledged that limiting Clark's success will be a major challenge for the Lions.

"We're going to have to do a much better job than we did last season,"

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