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Roone Arledge Auditorium, 4-6 p.m.

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"The Celluloid Closet," a documentary about the history of LGBT people in film, explores America's understanding of gender and sexuality through a century of cinema. A discussion hosted by professor and producer James Schamus will follow.

Roone Arledge Cinema, 7-9:30 p.m.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"We see the anthropologist struggling for himself, thinking of himself as a self in the midst of selves."

—Associate professor of anthropology Neni Panourgia

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BY EMILY KWONG
Columbia Daily Spectator

As a graduate student of anthropology at Columbia in the 1970s, Scott Atran was responsible for organizing a meeting of the minds at the Abbaye de Royaumont in France. Social theorist Claude Lévi-Strauss was on the guest list.

Decades later, Atran recalled how he was struck by the way Lévi-Strauss turned his personal warmth on and off like a light switch. The distinguished anthropologist's recent passing now conjures up such memories, which mark his unique contributions to Columbia's anthropology department.

Lévi-Strauss died at the end of October in Paris at the age of 100. His development of anthropological "structuralism," one of the most groundbreaking social theories of the 20th century, sought to demonstrate how all human activity is informed by universal patterns of thought. Lévi-Strauss's work directly challenged conventional Western understandings of civilization.

Anthropology professor Rosalind Morris traces the prominence of structuralism to its unifying

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CLAUDE LÉVI-STRAUSS

Lila Neiswanger / Senior staff photographer

Columbia Right to Life hosts speaker on abortion

Abortion trends were compared to the Holocaust at an event hosted by Columbia Right to Life on Monday night.

Stephanie Gray, cofounder and executive director of the Canadian Centre for Bio-Ethical Reform, made this analogy in Altschul Auditorium as the guest speaker for the talk titled "Echoes of the Holocaust: Reflection on Abortion within Contemporary Society." She began with a brief overview of the history of abortion and continued forward in time to the present status of the issue in health care, religion, and culture.

"What these injustices in history teach us is that wherever human life is valued not for being human but for that human being's function or appearances—in those situations, the vulnerable and weak will be attacked and harmed by the powerful and influential," said Gray, who has traveled around North America and the United Kingdom giving anti-abortion lectures and arguing against pro-choice legislation.

To support her belief that embryos are human beings and that preventing their development is murder, Gray showed an animation of embryonic development followed by a more graphic film displaying an abortion operation. The first explained the physiological makeup of a six-week old fetus. The second showed real fetuses after they were aborted and removed in clinics.

Her detailed, step-by-step narrative—beginning with abortion and arriving at the Holocaust—carried with it several themes. These included dehumanizing rhetoric, judging the value of life based



EMBRYO ENIGMA | Pro-life activist Stephanie Gray addressed students in Altschul on Monday night, comparing abortion trends to the Holocaust.

on form or function rather than on existence, the involvement of physicians, the systematic nature of killings, and massive loss of life, according to Gray.

"Some people say the Holocaust shouldn't be compared, but if we don't remember the philosophy it will be impossible to stop it from happening again in the future and rearing its ugly head," Gray said in preemptive defense of her analogy.

Gray covered a range of abortion-related issues within her Holocaust analogy, including stem cell research, which Gray compared to the genetic experiments performed by Nazi doctors on prisoners in concentration camps. Gray maintained that while stem cell research has many potential benefits,

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International relations forum addresses U.S. policy in Middle East

Martin Kramer may not know how to fix the Middle East, but he knows how not to do it.

At Monday night's Columbia University International Relations Forum, Kramer, the president of Shalem College in Israel, and Jack Snyder, Robert and Renée Belfer Professor of International Relations in the Columbia political science department, talked about United States foreign policy and the Middle East. The professors offered counterpoints to their theories of American power in a panel called "How Not to Fix the Middle East."

Rajiv Lalla, CC '10 and director of programming, said that CUIRF had been looking for a dialogue between two scholars who could present alternative views about current U.S. foreign policy with regards to the Middle East. While Snyder's area of expertise includes, among other things, U.S. military engagement in Iraq and Afghanistan and Kramer has studied Israel and Palestine for decades, the two could still go head-to-head in a discussion of American policy in a post-Bush America. Snyder and Kramer, Lalla said, seemed perfect for a back-and-forth on

the modern balance of power.

While Kramer feels that America's power is shrinking at a crucial time—evidenced, he said, by President Barack Obama's recent statements asserting that no nation should be elevated over another in the world order—Snyder asserted that the use of force in certain nations had the potential to backfire on the U.S., especially as increased civilian deaths may spur animosity in people who could otherwise have been allies.

To Kramer, it seems that the latest problems with U.S. engagement in Middle Eastern countries have been met with less interest than post-Sept. 11 invasions, which seemed to galvanize Americans. The current military and policymaking abroad appeared to him to be extremely remote from college campuses—especially as the connection with Sept. 11 becomes more distant, he said in an interview after the event.

Vice President of CUIRF Cate Barrett, CC '12, said that she was glad to see that Kramer steered away from discussing Columbia politics, of which he has been a vocal critic in the past. Kramer spoke out against Columbia's tenure of

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Barnard panel reflects on egg donation

Benefits and costs of donation discussed

Eggs are for sale, and they're a precious commodity.

For women, this is a question of "blessing or business," as the title of an egg donation panel at Barnard Hall asked Monday night of this controversial—and, in many cases, emotional—issue.

As Barnard President Debora Spar noted, the term "donation" is somewhat of a misnomer. "You can call it a donation, but there's not a lot of donations I know of for which you receive \$15,000," she said.

Moderator and organizer Aditi Shankar, BC '11, defined egg donation as "the process through which a woman provides one to several of her oocytes for the purpose of assisted reproduction or research."

According to Shankar, egg donation has rendered about 47,000 births to date and produces \$38 million dollars per year. Donors typically receive anywhere from \$4,000 to \$25,000 per egg. The price for the eggs of donors who give through an agency, which selectively chooses the women whose eggs it offers to recipients, tends to be on the higher end of this spectrum.

Eggs donated for vitro fertilization were at the forefront of discussion for the mostly female crowd. These eggs hold the promise of birth and motherhood for single or infertile women, single men, and homosexual couples.

In addition, the panel addressed donation through an agency rather than directly through a medical center; the health and psychological issues involved in the egg donation process for the donor, the recipient, and the child; and the political issues surrounding potential government regulation of the fertility market.

Panelists included Spar—author of "The Baby Business: How Money, Science, and Politics Drive the Commerce of Conception"—and civil rights attorney Kathryn Kolbert, director of the Athena Center for Leadership Development as well as cofounder and former vice-president of the Center for Reproductive Law and Policy. In 1992, Kolbert testified on a woman's legal right to reproductive choice before the Supreme Court in Planned Parenthood v. Casey.

Another panelist, Rachel Danis, BC '10, is a psychology major who hopes to go to medical school. She interned at the Center for Reproductive Medicine and Infertility at Weill Cornell Medical College this past summer, observing the process

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Columbia professor charged with assault, harassment

A week after Columbia associate professor Lionel McIntyre punched School of the Arts production manager Camille Davis at a local bar, it remains unclear how restaurant managers and the University are responding.

According to police reports, McIntyre—a 59-year-old associate professor in the urban design program at the Graduate School of Architecture, Planning, and Preservation—assaulted Davis on Friday, Nov. 6 at Toast on 125th Street. The police were not called, and Davis did not report the assault until Monday Nov. 9 at Harlem's 26th Precinct.

McIntyre was arrested on charges of assault and harassment. According to a spokesperson for the New York district attorney's office, he has since been released without bail. The case is still pending, and his court date is scheduled for Jan. 11, 2010.

The DA spokesperson confirmed that McIntyre was charged with third-degree assault and second-degree harassment, adding, "According to an eyewitness, the victim was punched with the defendant's closed hand, causing bruising and redness and swelling

in the right eye." The DA report says that based on testimonies, Davis experienced "substantial pain."

According to Lex Dunbar, a bar manager at the 125th Street Toast, the bar is currently following up on the incident. He declined to comment on any specifics, but said, "We're dealing with it professionally, legally, and psychologically." Dunbar and other employees all declined to comment further, and the owner and general manager of the Toast chain—which has another location on 104th Street—did not respond to comment.

Daniel Morgan, a regular at the bar who said he knew both the offender and victim, said that he was not pleased with this response. "This is a typical cover up," he said. "They just want the whole thing to go away. It's too big."

Robert Hornsby, director of media relations for Columbia University, declined to comment on the investigation or the status of McIntyre's job. McIntyre could not be reached for comment. Camille Davis declined to comment.

—Sarah Darville and Sam Levin

Students discuss Columbia stereotypes

BY ELIZABETH SCOTT
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Columbia's Model Congress convened in a Hamilton Hall classroom Monday night with the intention of breaking down stereotypes about each undergraduate school. But the role of Barnard students turned out to be a hot-button issue.

Model Congress President Maisha Rashid, BC '10, explained that the impetus for the forum was to help first-year students become integrated into the University and understand where they fit in. "The most concerning part for a first-year is they want to fit in, they want to belong. I think it's an event that needs a bigger forum for first-years."

With "BC, CC, SEAS stereotypes" scribbled on the board in the background, stereotypes about Barnard students were up for audience review. Attendees named some assumed profiles of Barnard students—that they are sexually promiscuous and lacking intellectual curiosity.

One female Columbia College student said she was dismayed with Barnard students citing Columbia's name because, as a Barnard applicant who considered going, she feels it cheapens the appreciation that Barnard

students should have for their college in its own right.

A number of Barnard students expressed that they felt generally uneasy on campus at times. This stems from feeling pigeonholed as inferior and illegitimate members of the University, they said.

Felicia Montalvo, BC '11, said she feels this pressure in a number of ways. "There are three different dimensions of that. One, I'm a Barnard student. Two, I'm a woman. And three, being a person of color is a whole other stereotype that comes with the issue. People think, 'You got here not based on merit but because you're part of an underrepresented demographic.'"

Audience members discussed tensions between School of Engineering and Applied Science and Columbia College students, though mostly in passing. One SEAS student described the uneasiness that comes from differences in academic preferences and strengths between SEAS and CC students.

Obiora Azie, SEAS '13, invoked a popular, relatable analogy to describe his perception of the four undergraduate schools. As Azie sees it, "CC is Gryffindor, SEAS is Slytherin, Barnard is Ravenclaw, and GS is Hufflepuff."

Students concluded that the tension is partly the result of students' insecurity in assimilating into a larger undergraduate community as well as their identification with a specific college.

Montalvo said she thinks more students should participate in similar events to get at the heart of this matter. "Dialogue in general is always helpful but the only way it can be truly effective is if you have it with people who are perpetrators of stereotypes, and it's hard to get them to come to these things for that reason. That's the kind of dialogue you want to get because you want to break down those stereotypes," she said.

Devon Galloway, CC '10, also found the forum effective—to an extent. "I don't think these conversations will solve everything, but it does make sense to at least acknowledge the problem because when you're at Columbia, you fall into these stereotypes. You start telling Barnard jokes, and you start believing them."

"When you have big university communities, special identities within that community will happen. It's our job to take it with a grain of salt, not take it seriously, and talk about it with each other—address it together—in forums like these," Rashid explained.

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FERTILITY MARKET | At an event Monday night, Barnard President Debora Spar noted that egg donations are not simply charitable gifts—they come with a sizeable reimbursement. But there are other kinds of costs.

Barnard hosts egg donation panel

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of egg donation first hand. She remarked on the donor recruitment advertisements seen around campus, many of which target Ivy League students who would donate the trait of intelligence, a commodity in the

fertility market. These ads can draw in students who pay high tuition and may find egg donation a compelling source of income. "What is absent from these ads are the health risks and psychological effects," Danis said.

"These are the same issues that surround abortion and

childbearing decisions," said Kolbert, who spoke extensively of the political, ethical, and legal challenges facing the fertility market. "They are especially relevant to young people, and they raise fascinating questions that are worth exploration."

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Lévi-Strauss remembered fondly

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capabilities. Lévi-Strauss's research "attempted to dispel the idea that there were fundamental or categorical differences in the mode of thought among those defined as 'primitive'... and those defined as 'civilized,'" according to Morris.

An exhaustive, global-minded thinker, Lévi-Strauss studied tribal cultures in a manner unlike any anthropologist before him. He spent much of the 1930s living among indigenous peoples in North and South America where he sought to unearth the intricate logic of tradition—especially tribal mythology, systems of kinship, ritual masks, and tribal art and music.

Vincent Debaene, an assistant professor in the department of French and romance philology, served as an editor for the Lévi-Strauss edition of the "Bibliothèque de la Pléiade," a 2000-page volume containing seven of Lévi-Strauss's greatest works. The four-year project gave Debaene and his fellow editors access to the anthropologist's personal archives, a unique opportunity he described as both exciting and moving. Lévi-Strauss's notes were replete with drawings, diagrams, and scores of Brazilian Indian music, transcribed painstakingly by ear.

"Lévi-Strauss had never

shown his field notes to anyone," Debaene explained. "We were going to his place, reading his field notes, archives, and correspondence, and talking to him about his own ideas."

Atran, now a professor at the University of Michigan, organized the veritable pantheon of intellectuals in France in 1974. After securing the attendance of linguist Noam Chomsky, psychologist Jean Piaget, and biologist Jacques Monod, Atran was encouraged by his academic advisor, celebrated anthropologist Margaret Mead, BC '23 and GSAS '29, to personally invite Lévi-Strauss to join. Despite an initially cold reception, Atran recounted that there was "an instant change" in Lévi-Strauss's demeanor upon Atran's mention of Mead, and he agreed to be a part of the debate.

Atran said Lévi-Strauss was very fond of Mead, who secured him a job at The New School for Social Research when France capitulated to German invasion in 1940. It was in this climate of irreconcilable political tensions, Atran recalled, that Lévi-Strauss was able to produce some of the most humanistic ideas of the century. "He recognized that if you want to understand what's different between people, begin by looking at what's common."

Lévi-Strauss was shown the American side of anthropology by renowned Columbia anthropologist Franz "Papa" Boas in

the 1940s. When Boas had a heart attack during dinner at the Columbia Faculty House, he died in Lévi-Strauss's arms.

For an intellectual who dedicated his career to the study of universals, Lévi-Strauss's ideas continue to resonate for today's anthropologists. From her first reading as a graduate student at Indiana University in 1982, associate professor of anthropology Neni Panourgia still considers "Tristes Tropiques"—Lévi-Strauss's famous memoir—a work of enormous personal significance.

"We see the anthropologist struggling for himself, thinking of himself as a self in the midst of selves," she said.

Sonia Ahsan, who is currently studying anthropology at the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, also noted the insight of Lévi-Strauss's "Tristes Tropiques." Flipping through her well-worn copy, she pointed with astonishment to the book's mention of Peshawar, the city of her birth on the border between Afghanistan and Pakistan. "Even for his time, he was so well traveled," she said.

"I felt so small next to this intellectual giant but realized, 'He was not shy, so let's not be shy.' He taught me not to be fearful of unexpected associations and comparisons," Debaene said of Lévi-Strauss. "There is a way of not being afraid that one learns from studying his work."

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Pro-life speaker discusses abortion

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it is unethical to kill an embryo and harvest its stem cells, just as it is unethical to kill a person and take that person's heart to save another life.

Gray also criticized abortion clinics.

"The systematic nature of killings was seen in Auschwitz then and in abortion now. It is

legal ... and medical professionals do the killing. Centers are set up for express purpose of terminating lives where women come and their children are dismembered," Gray said.

She also discussed race, deformity, and gender-based abortion targeting, presenting these as examples of how legal and accessible abortion will harmfully alter the composition of populations and

attempt to eliminate certain genotypes.

Ultimately, though, Gray stressed that she is against abortion, not against the women getting abortions, saying that, "In condemning the action of abortion, I am not condemning the actors. The reality is we all, including myself, bear responsibility. Even though we don't commit it, we permit it."

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Middle East forum talks foreign policy

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controversial Middle Eastern studies professor Joseph Massad as well as the Middle East and Asian languages and cultures department.

Instead, Barrett said, his presentation had a broader appeal, and both Snyder and Kramer made strong cases on how foreign policy theory plays out in the Middle East.

"It was less controversial than I expected," added Stephanie Bradford, BC '12, who anticipated that Kramer would be "really more critical of MEALAC."

Kramer said that he steered clear of extensive Columbia criticism because it seemed inappropriate for the venue and event topic. While he noted that he felt he had the credentials to speak on some of the University politics, both as a longtime scholar and a Columbia alumnus, Kramer stressed that University decision making needed to come from the inside and not be influenced by outside pressures or opinion. "Discussion should very much be started from within," he said.

Still, he called the letter sent to University President Lee Bollinger by professors and faculty several months ago—a

letter that called into question whether proper procedure had been followed in granting tenure to the polarizing professor Massad—a "positive sign" for the cause.

But Monday evening, Kramer said he was glad to see students interested in the broader issues. About 50 students attended, and many participated in a question-and-answer session after the discussion.

And for organizers, the dialogue between Kramer and Snyder was largely a success.

"Look," Lalla said at the end of the event. "They're still talking."

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Final weekend of football presents many storylines

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a completely new direction, though. The only advice I could offer in commencing the chaos of a coach hunt is that money talks.

Of course, this whole rant could be rendered irrelevant if Columbia can steal a huge win against Brown this week. The defending Ivy co-champs will come into Baker Field as favorites, but the Lions generated some momentum of their own last Saturday.

Quarterback Millicent Olawale grabbed his job back from freshman Sean Brackett and woke the offense in the second half against Cornell, leading his team to an Ivy victory in relief for the second time in his career. The defense was terrific in that game, and the rush offense is coping with the loss of Ray Rangel relatively well.

Big Senior Day performances from Olawale and Austin Knowlin, a competent special teams display (a possibility now after the emergence of Dean Perfetti at placekicker this past Saturday), and another confident defensive effort could lead to one more twist in this wild season on Saturday afternoon.

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Harvard's chance at crown depends on Penn loss

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Ancient Eight hardware in Cambridge. Following a three-point win over Brown in its Ivy opener, Harvard won its next four conference contests by an average of nearly 24 points.

Aside from a 42-7 dismantling of archrival Princeton, Penn has made a living scratching out close games in league play, beating Dartmouth, Yale, and Brown by single digits. The Quakers needed overtime to turn back the Bears' upset bid.

Nevertheless, both teams entered last Saturday's showdown undefeated in the Ivy League and expecting a close game that would hinge on a few key plays. In a display of how evenly matched the Ancient Eight's two top teams really are, those game-changing moments were decided by a matter of inches.

In the second quarter, the Quakers were threatening deep in Crimson territory after a botched snap and a partially blocked punt gave quarterback Kyle Olson and the Penn offense the ball at the Harvard 29-yard line. Olson, attempting a quarterback sneak after another Crimson mistake—a roughing the passer penalty—put his team inside the one-yard line but had the ball knocked out of his hands right as he neared the goal line. The apparent fumble was recovered by Harvard.

To the away team's delight, the officiating crew decided Olson had broken the plane and awarded Penn the touchdown.

That score, complemented by a five-play scoring effort on Penn's opening drive, held up as the game progressed. Penn's defense also proved strong, as it has all year long. The Quakers made themselves known early, sacking Harvard quarterback Collier Winters twice on the Crimson's first possession.

Harvard knew what was at stake and put together the sort of late-game, gutsy drive required in such evenly matched contests. With 2:44 to play, Harvard faced a fourth-and-one from the Penn one-yard line. On the previous play, Harvard had been held to less than a yard after taking the snap from the two-yard line.

With the Ivy League title on the line, Winters took the snap and lunged for the end zone. Penn senior captain and defensive back Chris Wynn came up with the stop, standing up the Harvard signal caller within inches of the goal line. With the failed fourth down, the Crimson lost any hope of a comeback, and the Quakers assured themselves of at least a share of their first title since 2003 (also their 14th title overall). The conference champs have now won seven straight games, and they stand at 7-2 overall as well as 6-0 in conference play. The Crimson are now 6-3 overall and 5-1 in Ivy competition.

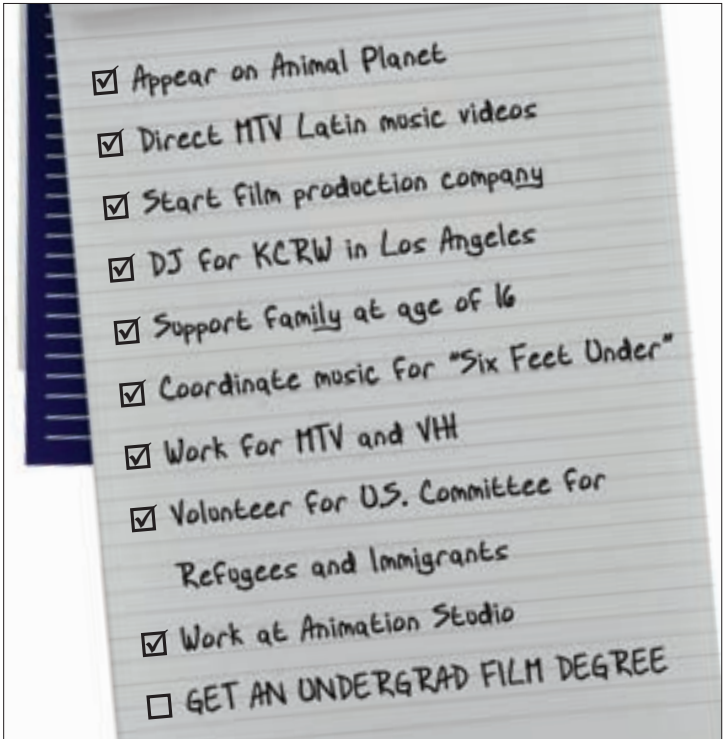
And so, despite Harvard's impressive play

of late, Penn enters its date with Cornell ranked 24th nationally, the highest ranking among the Ivies, and positioned to win the league crown outright with a victory.

In other Ancient Eight action, Princeton overcame Yale 23-17, and Dartmouth fell to Brown 14-7. The Tigers found themselves back in the winning column thanks to a breakout performance from sophomore quarterback Tommy Wornham, who finished the day 16-for-23 with 136 yards passing and an additional 55 yards running the ball. Senior running back Kenny Gunter turned in the first 100-yard rushing performance of the year for Princeton on the same day the Tigers honored their graduating class. Princeton enters its last game of the season with an overall record of 3-6 (2-4 Ivy). The Bulldogs are now 4-5 on the season (2-4 Ivy) as they head into their rivalry showdown in New Haven against the Crimson.

In Providence, the Big Green forced the Bears into overtime with a stellar defensive effort only to be doomed by Brown quarterback Kyle Newhall's laser to Buddy Farnham in overtime. On the ensuing possession, The Big Green needed a touchdown to stay alive, but Dartmouth's freshman quarterback Greg Patton was stopped on fourth-and-one to end the game. Brown moved to 6-3 overall (4-2 Ivy) with the win, and Dartmouth fell to 2-7 (2-4 Ivy) in defeat.

FILM



Graphic by Jin Chen

GS students explore more formal side of film

BY VICTORIA FOX
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“I was in the everglades and being chased by an alligator, and I was stark naked in brackish water,” Augie Kennady, GS, explained, remembering an experience he had while acting in a piece for Animal Planet. “I’m thinking to myself, ‘This sucks. Maybe I should start telling my own stories.’”

Kennady is one of many students from the School of General Studies who was drawn to Columbia’s undergraduate film studies major. GS students comprise about one-fifth of the film major, and, for many, the program is more than something that looked interesting on the course directory. The students want to make films.

But what distinguishes many GS students from other undergraduates with filmmaking aspirations is that many come here with filmmaking experience, seeking to use the theory-based curriculum to add depth to their existing production skills.

After his Animal Planet epiphany, Kennady redirected his focus from acting to making short films, and he eventually made music videos for MTV Latin. When choosing a school, he was not deterred by the theory-based major. He applied only to Columbia instead of production programs at the University of Southern California or New York University.

“If you come from a production background, I think you benefit here more than elsewhere,” Kennady said.

Rob Caudy is another GS student who brings ample experience to the class, as he has supported himself and his family since age 16. At 19, Caudy started his own production company, working on commercials and live sporting events. “I’ve been hustling since I was 12 years old,” Caudy joked. “So I hustled and got contracts, and it was a pretty successful business.”

To add to his earlier technical filmmaking experience, Caudy sought the complexity a theory-based program could offer, claiming theory is more esoteric and difficult for students to grasp on their own. “Production stuff is easy,” Caudy explained. “You can read a few books and grab yourself a camera and do the things to get the experience.”

Jason Eldredge, GS, entered the major from a musical background. Before coming to Columbia, Eldredge was a disc jockey with

a Saturday night radio show on KCRW in Los Angeles, which eventually lead him to music supervising for film and television. One of his earliest jobs was as a music coordinator for the HBO series “Six Feet Under,” and he eventually worked on shows for MTV and VH1. This practical experience adds depth to his directorial aspirations. “Being a music supervisor really taught me, which I already knew how important music can be to film,” Eldredge said.

Friends and contacts recommended Columbia to Eldredge, praising the film program and academic flexibility. “I have been on sets and kind of know what’s going on,” Eldredge said. He added that he was drawn to the theory-based program because “you start to realize that a lot of different working directors are working on that same level and have an understanding of it.” The GS program at Columbia also gives Eldredge the option to double major in film studies and psychology.

This academic latitude is also attractive to GS students with a less extensive production backgrounds who want to explore film along with other academic tracks. Jack Haggis, GS, came to Columbia after volunteering for the United States Committee for Refugees and Immigrants in Albany and is still considering his options. “I’m still undecided. The two things I’m interested in are completely different,” Haggis explained of his conflict between Russian and film studies.

The academic environment at Columbia is also a draw. Debra Moore and Russell Calkins came to GS together after working with animation studios in Portland in addition to other freelance filmmaking jobs. Moore, who has previously studied production-based curricula, applied to Columbia for the general “caliber of education,” adding that, “at an institution like Columbia, part of what you’re paying for is your peer group.”

The rest of the undergraduates in the film major also benefit from studying alongside GS students, whose production experiences add important insight into the theory-based major. “I’d like to think that I’m bringing something of a practical value from my six years of experience working on film sets,” Calkins said. “When I have an opinion about something, it’s not out of nothing.”

BOOKS

Students talk books on College Walk

BY NORA LEWONTIN-ROJAS
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Columbians certainly don’t suffer from a lack of exposure to good books. But as semesters progress, it can become increasingly difficult to enjoy a good read. Even for English majors, it can be hard to disentangle the stress of deadlines and grades from the pleasure of sitting down with a good book. In the spirit of reading for fun, though, two campus reading groups invite students, alumni, and professors to engage with books outside of the classroom and enjoy conversations with other bibliophiles about a broad spectrum of literary works.

“My main preoccupation is to make up a list that is very varied so that each reading will be a surprise, a discovery,” said Danièle Lasser, who coordinates the Maison Française Book Club. The club, now a decade old, meets once a month from September through April at the Maison Francaise to discuss different works. “Being a very democratic group, we attempt to put on the program any request,” Lasser explained. The

only strict criterion is that the work be written in French. “We have texts that are very Parisian as well as texts from Africa, Asia ... and once in a while, a classic.” Lasser also noted that the club is a budget-conscious group. “All of the books we read are poche [paperback] at \$10, or less, each,” she said.

Each session is chaired by a guest moderator who has particular expertise in the work being discussed. “The tenure of our meetings and the quality of our analysis are due to our superb moderators,” Lasser said. But she also emphasized that the book club’s meetings are primarily occasions for conversations in which everyone participates and that the role of the moderator is not to lecture, but rather to “guide us in our understanding of the book.” On Dec. 7, the group will meet to discuss contemporary author Jean Rouaud’s novel, “Les Champs d’Honneur.” The meeting will also include a screening of 2004’s “Un Long Dimanche de Fiançailles” (“A Very Long Engagement”) followed by a discussion of both works moderated by Séverine Martin, former moderator of the Maison Francaise’s

Cinema Thursdays.

Book lovers who prefer to read in English might consider attending an event hosted by the Columbia College women’s book club, CCW Bookies. The club, also in its 10th year, was started as an informal group for Columbia alumnae. “It’s a way to socialize with women you might not normally socialize with ... women of different ages and interests, but with the commonality of having gone to Columbia,” Shira Boss, CC ’93 and the founder and coordinator of the group said. Like the Maison Francaise book club, the CCW Bookies pay attention to price when they construct their book lists. “We don’t read the latest best-sellers,” Boss said. “We don’t read anything you can’t buy in paperback or pick up at the New York Public Library.” Instead, the group prefers a mixed reading list, which includes everything from classics like “The Brothers Karamazov” to contemporary works, particularly those written by Columbia authors. “We simply want the group to be about reading great books, not about buying

anything,” Boss said.

In addition to offering an intimate reading group for alumnae of the college, the CCW Bookies are now organizing special book events that are open to the entire Columbia community. In September, the club hosted its first public event: a reception and discussion with author and Columbia alumnus Kevin Baker to discuss his book “Strivers Row,” a meticulously imagined historical novel set in 1940s Harlem. “We were so happy to have Kevin come discuss his book with us,” Boss said. “He’s such a good writer and historian. It was a lot of fun.” Details about future events may be found on the Columbia University events calendar.

In an academic setting, it’s easy to overlook two of the greatest virtues of reading—it is both inexpensive and vastly entertaining. Following reading with a discussion group adds another valuable dimension to the experience of reading for pleasure. “It can be so much more interesting than reading on your own,” Boss said.

FOOD & DRINK

Columbia cafe culture: more brew for your buck



Embry Owen for Spectator

CHEAP JAVA | Students in search of caffeine-induced energy can find their pre-study buzz at campus cafes.

Besides “The Illiad” and perhaps a cigarette for the average student’s obligatory two-week stress-induced smoking stint, coffee is Columbians’ uncontested companion. It’s there when students fall asleep in Butler. It’s there when students are on the verge of intellectual comas during finals. It’s there when students need a pick-me-up in a lecture on Marxist commodity fetishism. Columbia coffee is reliable, cheap, and always fail-proof. But where can students get a decent cup of joe on campus without having to trek oh-so-far downtown and without going broke buying the Blue Mountain Reserve Kilimanjaro Sampler? Right on campus, students can find the most flavorful, generously portioned coffee if they know where to look.

—Ethan Wong

4) BUTLER CAFE, BLUE JAVA, \$1.69	3) URIS CAFE, \$1.61	2) BRAD’S CAFE, \$1.95	1) BROWNIE’S CAFE, \$1.00
This coffee would be from Butler. Harsh like the long, sleepless nights there, this coffee is neither worth the price nor the torture. Not only the second most expensive brew sampled, this coffee is bitter, has an unpleasant twang, and leaves a strange waxy after-taste. Blue Java is not the way to go.	An improvement on Butler Blue Java, the Uris Cafe provides a slightly better brew. Despite the sleek, fancy machinery and the display of fresh beans, Uris’s coffee hardly lives up to outward appearances. While the coffee doesn’t have the acridness of Butler’s blend, it is too weak and ends up tasting like coffee-tainted water.	Located in new Journalism annex student center, Brad’s Cafe has a great atmosphere and provides a decent cup of coffee. Stronger than Uris Cafe’s, Brad’s coffee doesn’t have too much depth or body. Though it loses points for using a Starbucks blend and being the most expensive out of all the coffees, Brad’s served a good cup in a cafe with great ambiance.	Oh, Brownie’s, how you never fail to please. The cafe in Avery Hall’s basement will hands down give students their money’s worth. Though Brownie’s Cafe uses smaller sized cups than other campus locales, its coffee is the cheapest and definitely the best tasting. It has a really full, well-rounded flavor that is bold without being severe. It goes down smoothly, leaving a nice, fragrant coffee aftertaste.

Animated TV show satisfies ‘Arrested’ withdrawal

Sit Down, Shut Up



Courtesy of FOX

NEW DEVELOPMENT | Actors from “Arrested Development” return in Fox’s new series.

When it comes to television, I have one weakness: Will Arnett’s voice. My addiction started the first time I saw him in “Arrested Development” and hasn’t stopped since. I could listen to him in anything.

And I do. Arnett joins a wonderful cast of actors who lend their voices to “Sit Down, Shut Up,” Mitchell Hurwitz’s failed attempt to replace his cult classic “Arrested Development.”

It’s an adequate series with clever plot lines and hilarious characters. And I don’t feel guilty because



I watch it—I feel guilty because of the reasons why I watch it.

After watching the entire “Arrested Development” series on Hulu three times and regularly checking the film’s Internet Movie Database entry for the release date—it says 2011, so keep your fingers crossed—I saw no other choice for a next step in my path towards obsession.

For the most part, “Sit Down, Shut Up” fulfills my need for more “Arrested Development.” All returning actors play basically the same parts aside from their names and occupations. Arnett remains the insecure antagonist, Bateman is the dry-witted antihero, and Henry Winkler returns as a teacher who—surprise, surprise—doesn’t have a clue what he’s doing. It’s almost like watching season four of “Arrested

Development” if it had been moved to an alternate universe.

The one main glitch is that the show is animated. The scripts may sound the same, but from the opening credits onward anyone can tell it’s a different series.

Still, I watch. So what if it’s slotted for Saturday nights, meaning the series is incredibly unpopular and probably has the lifespan of a goldfish?

If fantasizing about a more appealing show while I’m watching another is called cheating, then I guess I’m guilty. But when it comes to finding places where I can listen to Will Arnett’s voice, I could do a lot worse.

“Sit Down, Shut Up” airs Saturday nights at midnight on FOX.

—Lily Cedarbaum

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Private corporations and the future of war

BY MELISSA SIONS

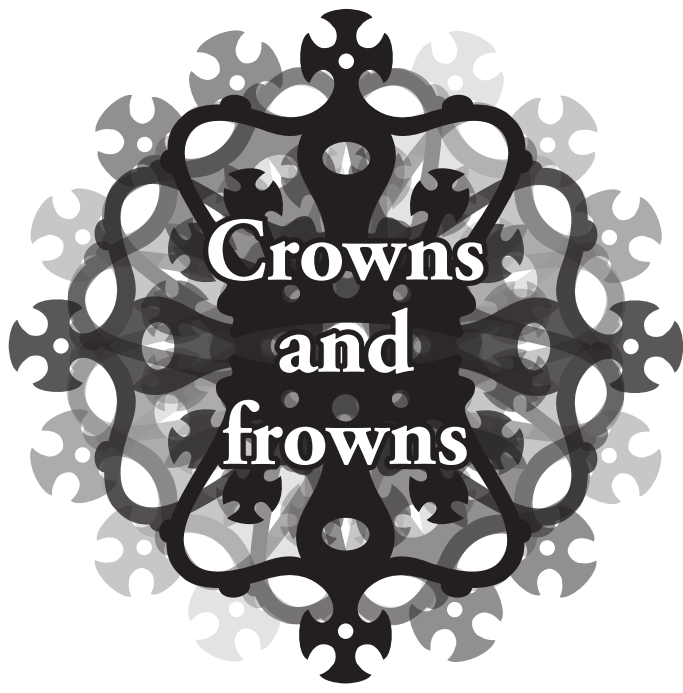
Over the last few weeks, we have witnessed the intense debate raging over the Obama administration's decision on whether to send more troops to Afghanistan. General Stanley McChrystal, commander of the U.S. and NATO forces in Afghanistan, recently implored Obama to send a staggering 40,000 troops, and this request has not been taken lightly. Afghans and Americans alike have voiced their concerns about this ever-increasing military presence when, according to a New York Times article, Afghans have come to be “increasingly skeptical that the Taliban can be defeated.” Americans, particularly Vice President Joseph Biden, are also bristling at the move. But even as a new story broke last week about the infamous private security corporation Xe (formerly Blackwater), there's been surprisingly little debate about how many private contractors will be sent in addition to our 40,000 uniformed soldiers. In August, the Wall Street Journal published an article that provided some estimates for the private military presence in Afghanistan, and its comparison to the U.S. troop population showed the U.S. military to be vastly outnumbered: 74,000

private military companies, or PMCs, versus 58,000 soldiers on the ground. That's a difference of about a third. A third. If Obama decides to send another 40,000 troops overseas, how many more contractors from Blackwater, KBR, and similar organizations will be tagging along? It's important to be critical of this for a number of reasons. Obama has been “downsizing” in Iraq, true, but he's been downsizing in U.S. military personnel. The problem is that even in the absence of the U.S. military, our presence is still felt because the government then supplements the military with private companies that do everything the military would normally do. Yet these companies are not held accountable to the same chain of command that U.S. troops are, and thus are rarely prosecuted when something goes wrong. Last week, The New York Times reported that Blackwater authorized secret payments of \$1 million to Iraqi officials to silence them after the shooting of 17 civilians in Nisour Square in 2007. This, in essence, is bribery. It's not the first article detailing yet another point on Blackwater's laundry list of offenses—weapons smuggling, prostitution of minors, and more. Since the Nisour Square shootings, five guards have been charged with manslaughter, and another pleaded guilty last year. But regulation on corporations is few and far between save for these very public incidents. It's hard to believe that such vast numbers of unregulated forces overseas, performing the same work as the American military, are all behaving properly. It's simply

impossible. And Blackwater as an entity has yet to be formally charged. I make note of this because PMCs are consistently left out of the debates about American military operations in Iraq and Afghanistan. In fact, it might even be fair to say that Americans cannot even conceptualize modern warfare because they're still being fed a simplistic idea of war from the 1960s and 1970s: that the success of a military operation is wholly contingent upon the initiative the citizenry takes to protect its country. In reality, citizens' support is not as important as it once was, as there is an unaccountable force overseas over twice the size of our military. Now it almost seems that whether or not we ask for a troop reduction is meaningless—we'll welcome the U.S. Army home, but there will still be a military force in place. Private corporations work in America's name—just without the military's rules. This is already a problem, and it's not going away. In Obama's first year in office, the administration has increased its use of PMCs in Afghanistan by 29 percent, and these firms have been used in more than just these recent wars. For our own benefit, it's important that we are up to speed with how war is changing. We must know where our tax dollars are going, understand what it means when we ask our governments to “bring the troops home,” act on the accelerating privatization of warfare and security.

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Staff Editorial



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Exhibit C: The Advisory Committee on Socially Responsible Investing will hold a town hall meeting and forum tonight to discuss the investment of the University's endowment.

Exhibit D: Health Services sends out a mass e-mail to update students on the swine flu vaccine.

Community

BY JONATHAN TANNERS

I remember a few years ago when hip-hop group Foreign Exchange released its first album. The group was notable for the unique circumstance of its formation. Rapper Phonte from North Carolina and producer Nicolay from Sweden connected over the Internet and put together an entire album without ever sitting in the same room. Through the power of accessible music software and cable modems, fans, rappers, and producers alike have been able to engage in an unprecedented and truly global discourse. With increased access comes extreme fragmentation. Hip-hop, a historically regional art form, has splintered into countless communities and sub-genres—it is almost impossible to keep track of rappers and their output. Classifications become irrelevant as artists across genres and borders blend styles and utilize signature elements of hip-hop, including booming 4/4 beats and heavy bass. Further divisions and technological breakthroughs allow for new opportunities. For example, Bay Area rapper Lil B has created an entire virtual world through the use of an alleged 100 MySpace pages (an intriguing, if perhaps flawed and puzzling, experiment). This fragmentation, for all its potential, means the disintegration of one of hip-hop's most important aspects: human interaction. Hip-hop was born from parties—from sweaty bodies joining together to lose control and forget cares over pulsing

rhythms. Hip-hop was the sound track to block parties, cookouts, and summer nights spent listening to old favorites. Hip-hop was the battle—the break-boy battle, the master of ceremonies battle, the disc jockey battle. This is not to romanticize hip-hop's past. As an art form, it truly blossomed from the close contact among human beings. The same could likely be said on some level of a number of genres (punk springs immediately to mind), but the interaction was never merely an accomplice to the music. It was an integral piece, expressed in lyrics and beats. It is difficult to gauge precisely what rappers mean when they speak of the “streets” these days. It often seems like they work from a photocopy that has been run through the ringier to the point at which they are producing nothing but a faded image, a series of shadows that resemble some great “gangsta” rap you once heard. The link to reality is lost in the shuffle to outshine, outshoot, and outsell the competition.

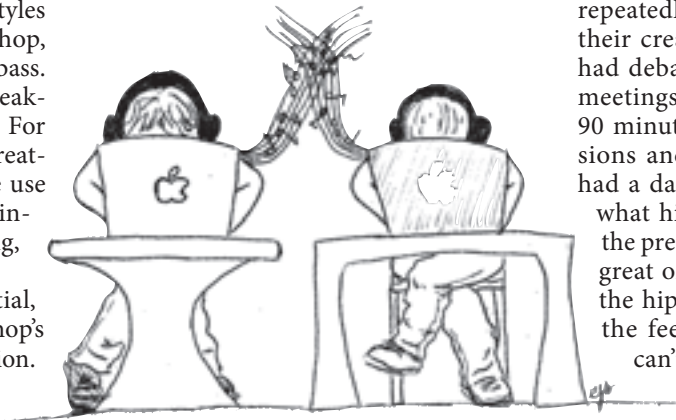


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The end of bipartisanship



DEREK TURNER
OPENING REMARKS

There were 11 minutes left of the vote when I tuned in to C-SPAN. Superimposed onto the multi-tiered House of Representatives chamber was a grid displaying the support for the Affordable Health Care for America Act. The left column displayed the “yea” votes (210), the middle column displayed the “nay” votes (208), and the right column displayed the votes yet to be cast (17). Knowing that these last minutes could represent final moments for a bill dominating the news for the past eight months, I sat glued to the countdown clock. With only three minutes left, the previously lethargic pace of responses sped up, and nine Democrats cast their votes in favor of the bill. Flirting with the last seconds of the voting period, the remaining voters cast their decisions, and the final numbers stared me in the face—220for, 215 against. Though I was not surprised with the end result, I could not help noticing the imbalance that the numbers represented. Of those 220 supporting votes, only one came from outside of the Democratic Party. Meanwhile, the “nays” included not only the 179 other Republicans, but also 39 Democrats. The bill had passed, but with only two votes over the needed majority and almost no support from the minority party. We find ourselves in an era of rabid partisanship perpetrated at every end of the spectrum. From the Republican-controlled Congress of the early 2000s to today, whichever political party is

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in charge has considered its majority a blank check for whatever it can get passed. While the election of a specific party does provide a legitimate legislative upper hand to an extent, the trend today is to take significant liberties with an ambiguous “mandate.” I am not concerned that the majority party has the ability to single-handedly pass policies that strictly adhere to its platform. What concerns me is that even when bills with great societal consequences or far-reaching effects go up for vote, compromise is abandoned, and passage is assured through one party. Even though a bill promises to significantly affect the average American's life, the two parties take their usual positions of opposition and abandon the bargaining table in favor of the more utilitarian “just get it passed” mentality. The result is not only the passage of a narrow-minded piece of legislation, but also the growth of divisions within the public. To remind myself that bipartisan effort in the passage of important bills is possible, I look to the past. In the 1930s, Franklin Delano Roosevelt presented his New Deal reforms as critical to the improvement of public life. He could have passed the Social Security Act relying solely on his own party, which had a significant majority. Despite this option, executive and legislative leaders alike opted for a bill that would fulfill its original purpose but also boasted enough compromise to attract the other party. In the end, 81 of the 102 Republicans voted for the Social Security Act. Again in the 1960s, the alleged necessity of a bill did not negate the need for bipartisan compromise. When President Lyndon B. Johnson presented the idea for Medicare, one of the more influential socially-minded bills in our history, he did not depend on his party's majority.

Instead, he and his colleagues in Congress put a bill on the floor that garnered 70 Republican votes—more than half of the Grand Old Party members in Congress. The fact is that we have entered a chilling period of separation between our nation's political parties. Any hint of making real attempts to get opposition support for a major bill has disappeared because of the majority's unwillingness to adequately consider the priorities of the minority as well as the minority's stubborn refusal to compromise. Instead of looking for a consensus and solutions that appeal to a broad cross-section of the American public, each party is looking out only for its own ideological interests. With this attitude, it is not surprising that bills pass through Congress supported by just one party. This approach serves only to polarize the public and sabotage constructive dialogue. All last year we heard promises of bipartisanship from almost every candidate, especially our current president. Now, though, it seems that those promises weren't made seriously. There is a growing cancer of partisanship on Capitol Hill, and it needs to be addressed. Necessity for a bill is no excuse for blatant partisanship. Yes, there needs to be health care reform, but when a \$1.2 trillion dollar bill passes through the House with only two votes over the halfway mark, something is wrong. The point isn't getting the bill from point A to point B. The point is making that journey with as much support and as many different contributing voices as possible. Compromise has been attained in the past with issues just as critical, and it can be achieved again.

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ACROSS

1 Sirs' counterparts
6 "Fernando" singers
10 Endure
14 Have ___ on one's shoulder
15 Defeat soundly
16 Sailor's patron saint
17 Another name for Farsi
18 "Undeveloped home site"
20 Slangy "Don't lose any sleep over it"
22 Overdo it on stage
23 W. Hemisphere go. formed to defend against communism
24 Made changes to
26 "1977 Triple Crown winner"
31 Tell-all news story
32 One just hanging out
37 Antiquing substance
38 Heartache
39 Pouty expression
40 Evade
43 A ___ valid independent of experience, in logic
45 "2,240-pound unit"
47 Handyman's nickname
51 Poetic dusk
52 Windy City airport
53 At risk
58 "Huck Finn" conveyance
61 Neighbor of Florida's St. Petersburg
62 Shortly, to Shakespeare
63 Vaulted church part
64 Winter Nin
65 Wisdom of the elders
66 Cattle rancher's tool
67 The answer to each starred clue ends in a big one

DOWN

1 Everystreet
2 Prefix with bat or phobia
3 Obsessed
4 Fictional whaler
4 Revealing skirt
5 Um taps
6 Give counsel to
7 Highlands hillside
8 61-Across NFLer
9 Lawyers' org.
10 "Here, I'll do that!"
11 "It's ___ nothing!"
12 Hit, biblical-style
13 Schiepp
19 Meas. of a package's contents
21 It's not quite a hurricane
24 Medicinal plant
25 Luau merriment
26 Aegean and Bering
27 Military vet
28 Irritated
29 Ripped
30 Hillside
33 Jannings of old films
34 Underlying cause
35 Continental currency

36 Harness lead
38 Cried
41 Philly cager
42 1979 meltdown site, briefly
43 Like the Piper's clothes
44 Drank on credit
45 Like many a lux
46 Story's lesson
48 Horned safari beast
49 Party gift

50 "I'll see you in my dreams" girl of song
53 Should that be the case
54 When repeated, Mork's sign-off
55 FBI agent
56 Grand in scope
57 Impulsive
59 Knock
60 Month after Mar.

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

W	A	R	M	S	S	C	O	R	E	A	S	H	
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The Columbia women's basketball team will take on Long Island on the road on Wednesday. Check back tomorrow for a preview of the matchup.

TOMORROW



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Pick up a copy of the Spectator tomorrow to see how the Columbia men's basketball team fared in its season opener against DePaul.

TOMORROW

Storylines remain for football in final weekend



TOM DI BENEDETTO
THE MOUTH THAT ROARED

to talk about this week.

Like Wilson's job security. The head coach looked like a dead man walking just a week and a half ago. Columbia had lost five straight games during a season that was supposed to bring respect back to the program, and strange sideline behavior in the second half of the Harvard loss culminated in a penalty and jeers from the home crowd. It looked like he had one foot out the door.

But a week and a half later, things no longer look so certain. The Lions grabbed a respectable 30-20 win in Ithaca on Saturday to put them in a four-way tie for fourth place in the Ancient Eight, and this week's game at home against Brown will give Wilson an opportunity to steer his own fate. A win over the 6-3 (4-2 Ivy) Bears would clinch a share of fourth place in the league and would serve as a strong statement about the stability of the program going forward.

However, a loss on Saturday would certainly make the future a bit hazier. Due to the nature of college sports, not having a coach can be scary for a program, especially in terms of recruiting. In order to minimize the damage of a change, the decision should be made quickly in order to give the new regime a legitimate shot at salvaging a recruiting class for the year.

Even if the athletic department plays its cards right and does make a decision in the next few weeks, and even if that decision is to move in a new direction, Columbia will face an uphill battle in finding a new head coach. The Lions graduate their three biggest offensive weapons this year, as well as most of the offensive line, and there is little proven depth behind these seniors. Recruiting football players to Columbia has never been easy (for reasons I will never understand), and doing it after the program's potential "poster season" went south will be even more difficult.

Interestingly, Wilson's strength during his Columbia tenure has been recruiting. Whatever class he is preparing to line up for next year will likely be better than anything a new replacement could muster. Which begs the question: how can the Lions maintain continuity and recruit through a coaching change in addition to making the decision quickly?

Your simple answer: promote an assistant.

Now I know promoting a Wilson staff member to take his position seems less like a concerted effort to change the direction of Columbia football and more like a lazy, cheap, quick fix. And I am not usually a proponent of elevating an assistant on a team that has had problems with consistency in energy and effort. In those situations, someone fresh is often the best way to go. But I believe that there is a Columbia assistant who deserves consideration.

Enter Aaron Kelton. The second-year defensive coordinator has coached the team's best unit over the past two seasons, and his defenses at Virginia State, where he spent five years as defensive coordinator prior to joining the Lions, were consistently good as well. He is also a solid recruiter since he has experience as the recruiting coordinator at both Virginia State and Concord College. He preaches defense, is enormously respected by the players, and would best achieve continuity for the football program going forward. His lack of head coaching experience is a concern, but his familiarity with the program would likely make the transition to head man easier.

It will certainly be understandable if the athletic department decides to go in

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Lions take on Big East foe in season opener

Game at DePaul to serve as measure for state of team

BY LUCAS SHAW
Spectator Senior Staff Writer

For Columbia and DePaul, tonight's basketball season opener could not have come any sooner, as both teams are looking to forget how last year ended.

The Lions were within one game of eventual league champion Cornell on Feb. 21, but starting that night at Yale, they lost four of five down the stretch to finish 7-7 in Ivy play for a third straight season.

Meanwhile, the Blue Demons not only failed to contend for a league crown, they did not even win a single Big East game. Though many consider the Big East to be the nation's best basketball conference, DePaul's ratings percentage index actually ranked 75 spots below that of Cornell, largely because the Blue Demons lost their league games by an average of 16.4 points and suffered nonconference defeats to lowly teams like Morgan State and Northwestern.

The question for both squads—starting tonight—will be how they respond.

"Hopefully we can stay healthy this year and get some continuity and a good level of chemistry with each other," Light Blue co-captain Patrick Foley said. "I think that's the key. Everyone gets tired towards the end of the season, so it's hard to tell who will work together better at that point."

Health has already been a factor this year with several expected starters still recovering from injuries. The list includes the frequently injured Foley as well as co-captain Niko Scott, Asenso Ampim, and Brian Grimes. While all four are currently healthy, the injuries have affected how much time the team members have played together.

"I don't think we are close to being what we're going to be right now," head coach Joe Jones said. "I think part of that is some guys are still dealing with

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Allstate Arena, 9 p.m.

the effects of offseason surgeries and guys being off the floor for two years and trying to get back."

Still, with a roster of 19 players, Jones has a number of players to turn to. Last season's injuries may also be helpful in this regard, as many of his reserves—like center Zack Crimmins and guard Steven Egee—played more than they otherwise would have.

"Crimmins is going to play a lot on the front line," Jones said. "I thought he had a terrific start. He was hampered by a little ankle sprain, but he is getting his timing back. He had a good preseason overall."

If Grimes or Ampim find themselves a step behind, Crimmins, as well as freshmen John Daniels and Mark Cisco, will be essential against a DePaul team that features a trio of skilled post players.

Headlining the triumvirate is junior forward/center Mac Koshwal, who was one of the few bright spots for the Blue Demons last season. Koshwal nearly averaged a double-double, posting 12.2 points and 9.6 rebounds per game, a performance that led him to consider bolting for the National Basketball Association.

Joining him up front are two sophomores, Devin Hill and Eric Wallace. Wallace, who began his career at Ohio State, received a fair amount of hype coming out of Hargrave Military Academy—the former school of many pro players, including Josh Howard of the Dallas Mavericks. However, after not getting significant playing time with the Buckeyes as a freshman, he chose to transfer.

Wallace is likely to match up against Noruwa Agho, who was named to the Ivy League All-Rookie team after his stellar play last season. While Wallace will have a few inches on the 6-foot-3-inch Agho, Agho is physically one of the strongest players on the Columbia roster.

"He's a competitor and one of the hardest-working guys I've ever been around," Jones said.

Still, the matchups to watch will likely be in the backcourt, where senior



File photo

BIG EAST MATCHUP | Sophomore guard Noruwa Agho is likely to go head-to-head with DePaul's Eric Wallace tonight in the Light Blue's season opener.

guards Foley and Scott will go head-to-head with Will Walker.

Walker, DePaul's leading returning scorer, averaged 14.2 points per game last season and also connected on 71 three-pointers. Foley, Scott, and the Lions' third captain—senior Kevin Bulger—may alternate guarding him. Walker stands at just 6 feet tall but is strong enough that he may require Scott or Bulger to shift over.

Foley would be left to guard Jeremiah Kelly, a sophomore guard who led DePaul in assists last season.

Seeing how the Lions match up against one of the Big East's weakest teams should give Jones a good indication of where they stand with

two months left until Ivy play. DePaul will be the first of two Big East opponents for the Lions, who will travel to Syracuse on Nov. 27 for a game in the Carrier Dome.

Unlike the game against Syracuse, in which the 25th-ranked Orange will be expected to romp, the matchup against DePaul is more similar to last year's trip to Seton Hall. In that contest, the Lions stayed close for a while but saw the Pirates pull away in the second half.

A win—or at least a competitive game—may indicate that Jones has helped his team take another step forward. But if the Lions are blown out, their season will remain uncertain.

Rank	Ivy Power Rankings	Last Week
1	PENN (7-2, 6-0 IVY)  The Quakers finished off the Crimson in dramatic fashion on Saturday with a late goal-line stand and now control their own destiny.	2
2	HARVARD (6-3, 5-1 IVY)  After falling 17-7 to the Quakers, the Crimson need a win coupled with a Penn loss to clinch a share of the crown.	1
3	BROWN (6-3, 4-2 IVY)  The Bears should cement a strong season with a victory over the Lions on Saturday.	3
4	YALE (4-5, 2-4 IVY)  The Bulldogs suffered a major blow by losing to Princeton, but are still pumped up for The Game.	4
5	COLUMBIA (3-6, 2-4 IVY)  The Lions may have salvaged their season with a comeback win against the Big Red.	6
6	PRINCETON (3-6, 2-4 IVY)  The Tigers came up huge with a win against Yale this week. Can they beat the Big Green?	8
7	DARTMOUTH (2-7, 2-4 IVY)  The Big Green nearly pulled off an upset over the Bulldogs, but ended up falling in OT.	5
8	CORNELL (2-7, 1-5 IVY)  The Big Red fell to Columbia this past Saturday and is doomed to be blown out by Penn this weekend.	7



File photo

CROWNING VICTORY | Penn's weekend win against Harvard secures its piece of the prize come the end of football season. Harvard must beat Yale and count on the Quakers to lose if it wants a place atop the Ivy rankings.

Quakers grab share of conference title

BY ZACH GLUBIAK
Spectator Staff Writer

Penn rose to the occasion at Harvard Stadium on Saturday, overcoming powerful winds, torrential rain, and a talented Harvard squad that had been cruising through Ivy League

play. The victory clinched the Quakers at least a share of the Ivy League title. The defeat forces the Crimson to rely on a Penn loss and a victory over Yale in the final weekend of play to nab



a piece of the league crown for themselves.

Harvard has won at least a share of the title for two years in a row, and up until this weekend, the Crimson looked like they were in prime position to keep the

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What to Watch

The editors' picks for the week ahead

COLUMBIA:

Men's basketball vs. Longwood, Friday, 7 p.m., Levien Gymnasium

The Lions open the home portion of their schedule against Longwood. Come watch captains Foley, Scott, and Bulger compete in front of a friendly crowd for the first time as seniors.

NEW YORK:

Rangers vs. Capitals, Tuesday, 7 p.m., Madison Square Garden

Led by electrifying youngster Alexander Ovechkin, the Washington Capitals pay a visit to the Garden tonight. The Caps are tied with the Devils for first in the Eastern Conference.

NATIONAL:

Chargers vs. Broncos, Sunday, 4:15 p.m., Denver, Colo.

The Chargers and the Broncos square off at Invesco Field with domination of the American Football Conference West on the line. Both teams hold a share of the division lead with 6-3 records.