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THE TWEET LIFE | New York Times media reporter Brian Stelter speaks on Saturday at the Columbia Media Conference, a ticketed event hosted by Spectator, the Blue and White, and the InterPublications Alliance. *See more at #cmc2012.*

Senior wins engineering school’s first Marshall Scholarship

BY JOSEPHINE MCGOWAN
Columbia Daily Spectator

Dylan Liu, SEAS ’13, was named the first ever student from the School of Engineering and Applied Sciences to win a Marshall Scholarship on Sunday. “It’s tremendously humbling and a great honor to have won,” said Liu, who is majoring in applied physics and applied math. “Even after a week since I’ve

been notified, it still hasn’t really sunk in.”

Up to 40 college graduates from the United States may receive the fellowship, which provides two to three years of fully funded graduate study in the United Kingdom.

Last year, Alex Frouman, CC ’12, was awarded a Marshall Scholarship to study economics, and this year, Liu is the only Columbia student to win a

Marshall Scholarship. On Saturday, the Secretary of the Rhodes Trust announced that seven students from Yale and six from Harvard had won Rhodes Scholarships, but no Columbia students were among the 32 winners. Liu said that he spent months perfecting his application, which he called the culmination of his studies at Columbia. Paul Bohlmann, the assistant

dean of fellowships programs, worked closely with Liu during the application process, especially in the months leading up to the deadline. He conducted mock interviews with “incredibly helpful feedback,” Liu said. “Dylan and I met back in April and were in contact throughout the summer,” Bohlmann said. “He did most of the heavy lifting,

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Student forum addresses mental health issues

BY EVA KALIKOFF
Columbia Daily Spectator

The Student Wellness Project hosted a forum Sunday afternoon to discuss how students can reduce the amount of stress on themselves and their peers.

While most attendees seemed to agree that Columbia provides resources for students struggling with stress and depression, there was a general sense that Columbia needs to change how students approach and think about emotional wellness.

With the suicides of Columbia College first-year Martha Corey-Ochoa this year and junior Tina Bu last year, students are working to create more discussions about the culture of stress at Columbia and how students can provide support for each other.

Zak Plautz Posewitz, CC ’15 and coordinator for external affairs at SWP, said that Dean of Community Development and Multicultural Affairs Terry Martinez contacted him about hosting a forum to discuss student wellness.

Plautz Posewitz said that because many Columbia students think they should be stressed, they are reluctant to question the campus’ high-pressure environment.

“It’s so easy to feel helpless when you feel like you are

supposed to be experiencing stress,” he said.

Speakers at the forum included social worker Aileen Hoffman, Assistant Dean for Community Development and Residential Programs Cristen Kromm, Associate Director for Outreach at Counseling and Psychiatric Services Anne Goldstein, and students active in the Student Wellness Project, as well as other wellness-related groups on campus.

Hoffman started the meeting by discussing her own personal experiences with stress and grief, mentioning the tragic loss of a family member in the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11, 2001, and the loss of another family member to suicide. She discussed the different aspects of life that are stressful and the importance of creating a community support network to prevent stress, depression, and suicide.

“It’s really stressful to be in college,” she said. “You are supposed to be stressed.”

Hoffman led an exercise with the students, asking someone with a “strong back” and another student to come up to the front of the room. The strong-backed person was told to hold out her arms straight in front of her chest, while the other girl was asked

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100th Street is noisiest part of New York, study says

BY SOPHIE GAMEZ
Columbia Daily Spectator

Honking horns echo across Midtown. Elevated trains clatter though Manhattanville. But the loudest part of New York City in the morning is a piece of the Upper West Side around 100th Street, according to a study conducted by Columbia researchers.

The two-year project, Noise Map, tracked noise complaints to the city’s 311 phone line and was commissioned in conjunction with a Guggenheim Museum project called Stillspotting NYC, which aimed to find the “still spots” of the city.

Laura Kurgan, director of the spatial information design lab at Columbia’s Graduate School of Architecture, Planning and Preservation and coauthor of the study, said it was conducted in order to bring attention to the adverse effects of noise.

“Medical and public health personnel are worried that noise can injure your hearing but the point was to think about what it means to quantify noise,” she said.

According to the Guggenheim website, 20 million adults and 10 million children in the United States suffer from “noise-induced hearing loss.”

Noise Map divides the city into

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In West Harlem, Senegalese talk commerce

BY EMILY NEIL
Spectator Staff Writer

The festive atmosphere of 116th Street between Frederick Douglass Boulevard and St. Nicholas Avenue—music blaring, neighbors greeting neighbors—belies the uncertain future for many businesses and residents in the area known as Little Senegal, a social and economic hub for Senegalese immigrants in Harlem and throughout the United States.

The economic downturn has affected many of the residents and, by extension, the small businesses in the area, which sell clothes, music, and videos from Senegal, catering primarily to the local Senegalese and West African immigrant community. And now, a new movement to establish a Senegalese Chamber of Commerce in America is sweeping through Little Senegal.

“The business is slow, the shops have closed,” said Mamadou Lmbaye, an employee at New Africa Music and Video, pointing to the empty store behind him and a vacant space up the block.

The SCCA will have its headquarters in Harlem, though it will be national and international in its scope, said Moussa Signate, a Senegalese American and New Jersey resident who is coordinating the project and has written its mission and by-laws.

Signate said that the main objective of the SCCA will be to form a coalition of Senegalese

BC admins opt for early retirement

Package is part of college’s plan to slash \$8 million from budget

BY MARGARET MATTES
Spectator Senior Staff Writer

Vivian Taylor, Barnard’s vice president of community development and chief of staff, is worried that on Dec. 4, she will instinctively hop on the 1 train and head to her Milbank Hall office.

“I would have never in a million years thought I would be leaving Barnard,” she said. “It’s been my home, my second home.”

Taylor, who has worked at Barnard for 27 years, is retiring from her current position on Dec. 3 as part of the college’s early retirement program. She is one of 16 administrators taking advantage of the program, which is a part of the administration’s efforts to cut up to \$8 million from the college’s operating budget.

According to Chief Operating Officer Greg Brown, the plan will save Barnard at least \$200,000 a year. The administration is looking not only to restructure certain roles—for example, by fusing the position of dean of studies with that of the senior class dean—but also to replace more senior positions with lower-paying jobs.

“We are really looking to see where we can consolidate, but constantly looking at how to make sure services are being delivered properly,” Brown said.

Employees have been retiring gradually over the past few months and will continue to do so through the end of the year, a time frame which, according to Brown, has given the administration time to find new hires and prepare for any administrative hiccups. Among those retiring are the campus disabilities coordinator; the director of health services; the associate controller; the dean of studies; and Alan Anderson, the director of mail

and print services.

“Most of my life has been here,” Anderson, CC ’68, said. Anderson originally joined the mail and print services department as a machine operator 38 years ago, a few years after graduating from Columbia College.

“It’s going to be a little odd being away from the place,” he said, adding that he plans to audit classes after his retirement.

Anderson, like many of the participants in the program, would have retired soon future regardless of the incentives. The early retirement package has offered to administrators whose combination of age plus years of service was greater than or equal to 75, as opposed to the sum of 80 that is usually necessary for retirement. It also promised them the retirement benefits, a week’s salary for every year they have worked up to 26 years, and additional health care coverage for those who have not reached the age of 65.

“It was relatively a no-brainer,” Anderson said.

The administration is also in the process of offering an early retirement package to faculty members who meet the same criteria. Forty-eight instructors, lecturers, and faculty members are eligible for the program and have until mid-December to decide if they would like to participate. According to Brown, the administration is expecting between 10 and 15 faculty retirements, although the 16 administrative retirements were more than Barnard’s original estimates. Each department will continue to work with individuals to establish official retirement dates between now and June 30, 2015.

“Although there are a lot

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A PIECE OF HOME | An effort to establish a Senegalese Chamber of Commerce will support the country’s immigrants to Harlem.

OPINION, PAGE 4

The gender spectrum

Columbians need to avoid prejudice toward transgendered people.

An unsolved problem

We need to do more than acknowledge the existence of stress.



SPORTS, BACK PAGE

Lions end season with a loss at Brown, 22-6

Despite taking an early 6-0 lead, the Lions allowed Brown to score 22 unanswered points as the Light Blue dropped its final contest of the season.

EVENTS

‘Some of My Best Friends Are Zionists’

A screening of Bruce Robbins’ documentary about the American Jewish identity. 501 Schermerhorn Hall, 7:30 p.m.

The Ukranian Famine of 1932-33

Professor John-Paul Himka on the famine’s implications in the nation’s history. 1219 International Affairs Building, 6 p.m.

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ANNOYING NOISE | Construction makes 100th Street on the UWS one of the loudest parts of the city, according to a study.

Columbia study measures levels of loudness by city blocks

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a grid of pixels that shows noise complaints by block.

Kurgan said the intent of the project was to enable anyone to browse the data in any neighborhood across the city.

A data studies group comprising 15 graduate students from the architecture, urban design, and urban planning programs analyzed the complaints and found that two of the most common words mentioned during 311 phone calls were “music” and “ice cream trucks.”

But local residents said that construction and traffic were the loudest sounds around 100th Street on Friday morning.

“Morning, noon, and night—it may be the nosiest part of New York,” said Carla Stockton, GS ’73, as she took a quick break from walking her dog near 95th Street. Since moving to the area from Washington Heights four years ago, she said that “it seems like the noise has increased daily.”

Stockton, a writer who lives below Columbia student filmmakers and between people she described as loud music enthusiasts, said that the noise affects her ability to work.

“I have a very difficult time holding onto a thought, so I have to go back and rewrite things that shouldn’t have to be



written,” she said.

Waiting for a bus near 96th Street, Eva Werbell had to raise her voice to be heard.

“The garbage trucks are very loud and the construction is the same,” she said. “You can see right now, the noise level is very high—all of the trucks going by.”

“You have to wait for the traffic to pass when you want to continue a conversation or have a cell phone conversation,” said Jamila Pontonbragg, who was dropping off her two children at St. Michael’s Church on 99th Street. “There’s a lot of construction, also the police cars and the fire trucks going over there, that adds to it—there’s a lot going on here.”

While the project was intended to create awareness of noise pollution, Upper West Siders and New Yorkers in general might need to become accustomed to the racket.

“There is no such thing as a city without noise,” Kurgan said. “It’s life in the city.”

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Little Senegal creates immigrant community

SENEGALESE from front page

or helping the businesses, it is also to foster business and investment relationships between the United States and Senegal,” he added.

Because many Senegalese workers in the United States send much of their income to support their families back in Senegal, Signate said that he views the SCCA as a means to unite Senegal and the United States through their economies.

“I see this chamber as a tool to force the financial economy and commercial integration between the United States and Senegal,” he said. “This is to strengthen our community, and I cannot see any other way to build or strengthen our community. By this way, it helps existing companies to grow and create more growth.”

Signate hopes to begin reaching out to businesses and to have an assembly in December, when the board of directors will be elected, and begin operating in January.

Though the SCCA will look to partner with the Association of the Senegalese in America, which since 1988 has provided services for the Senegalese immigrant community in West Harlem—Signate says it will serve a far different purpose in the community.

“The association is an organization that takes care of the needs of the individual Senegalese in the community,” he said. “The chamber will take care of the needs of the Senegalese businesses. They are two different entities.”

To maintain the strength of the Senegalese immigrant community in light of the economic struggles it has faced, the ASA has continued to offer an array of services to the community and the surrounding area, including tutoring and daily English language classes for children and adults, immigration counseling, job placement, and health services through a partnership with

Harlem Hospital.

“People—even if they don’t know where to go—their first destination is here,” said Bouba Ba, an accountant in Hudson County, New Jersey and an active ASA member. “We help while they get themselves together and finish their journey.”

“If anyone comes here looking for anything, we provide it to them,” Ba added.

The organization is in the process of fundraising to buy a new, bigger space in the area, according to ASA General Manager Kaaw Sow. It’s looking to move from its current location on 116th Street between St. Nicholas Avenue and Frederick Douglass Boulevard.

“There is no place better than home, doesn’t matter where you come from.”

—Bouba Ba, Association of the Senegalese in America member

“Right now, we are collecting some donations because we want to buy a building for the community center, to have a day-care center in it, a training center,” Sow said, sitting in the cramped office space at the current location.

Sow said that it has been difficult for the organization to grow because the ASA has not received any government funding in the past two years.

“Our funding mainly comes from the donations of our members,” Sow said. He added that the ASA General Assembly, which is slated to convene on November 26, hopes to draw up additional fundraising plans to supplement money raised from a weekly reggae program that it holds at a club downtown.

For many ASA members, the resources that the

organization provides are second to the comfort of having a central location where they can speak with others in their native language, Wolof, and discuss Senegalese news.

“Association for the Senegalese is my family. Everybody coming. They’re going to teach you something for life,” Lmbaye said.

“Sometimes I come here to talk to my people,” said Layd Diop, a Senegalese immigrant who lives in the Bronx and travels over an hour each week on his only day off to socialize with ASA members and to visit the stores in Little Senegal.

Sow said that although the Senegalese American community is religiously diverse—with both Muslim and Christian members—the ASA serves as a space where differences are put aside.

“We don’t have a religious affiliation, we don’t talk about religion, because we want everyone to be on the same level,” Sow said, emphasizing the ASA’s support of the local mosques and churches that many Senegalese Americans in the community attend.

Despite the strong presence of Senegalese culture and community supported by the ASA and the surrounding stores, some Senegalese immigrants say it still does not fulfill their longing for home. Many have come to the United States in order to support their families in Senegal.

“I sacrifice things for myself to send money over there,” said Ba, who works to support his mother, wife, and two children in Dakar.

“I want to go back and help,” he added, mentioning that he would like to continue his work in health education and AIDS prevention in Senegal.

“There is no place better than home, doesn’t matter where you come from. We are all wishing today that if there was a position back home, I would take that position,” Ba said.

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Retirement plan cuts costs, consolidates jobs at Barnard

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eligible, I don’t think the impact will be that great,” Brown said. “There’s plenty of planning time going into this program and I think that’s really, really important. Administrative positions you can fill more quickly—academic positions you really have to do carefully.”

According to Brown, the faculty retirement plan is likely to save the administration about \$700,000 in long-term savings per year. The new hires will begin in lower-ranked academic positions that pay less than tenured professorships.

Taylor—who has worked as Barnard’s Higher Education Opportunity Program director, associate dean for student affairs, sophomore class dean, and associate dean of the Academic Success and Enrichment Programs—noted that while the measure cut costs for Barnard, it also created an opportunity for her to “think out of the box.”

“There are so many things I can do to help my family, in addition to getting this great new opportunity, in addition to still having the retirement plan and offering that goes with anyone that retires from Barnard, and still have this connection and relationship—you can’t beat it,” she said.

Taylor, who will start a new job at Columbia’s School of Nursing as associate dean for diversity and cultural affairs on Jan. 7, said that one of the benefits of her new job is that she will still take the 1 train to work every day to the Columbia University Medical Center uptown, and she can stop by Barnard’s campus any time she wants.

“I’m just so excited, and I can always come back and have a relationship with Barnard,” she said. “I have certainly given to Barnard, and Barnard has certainly given to me.”

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Students, speakers discuss emotional wellness

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to place a heavy book on her arms, each with a stressful topic name, such as grades, jobs, and relationships.

“You guys are holding some seriously heavy books,” Hoffman said to the group when the exercise was over.

Toward the end of the forum, the audience of about 22 students was split into three groups to discuss questions about mental health and wellness on campus. Subjects of discussion included the importance of keeping grades in perspective, not over-committing to activities, taking four classes per semester rather than five or six, taking away the stigma from using psychological resources on campus, and offering help to people who say they do not want help.

Goldstein said that while Columbia Counseling and Psychological Services holds many different kinds of events for students, she prefers events that students coordinate and organize themselves.



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REACHING OUT | Zak Plautz Posewitz, CC '15 (left), and Samantha Keller, CC '13, speak at the wellness forum on Sunday.

“I really enjoy talking with students about promoting a sense of community,” she said. “Student-sponsored events bring out more people and are more successful.”

Molly Brachfeld, CC '15, said that she got involved with the Student Wellness Project because she was unhappy with the

way that the Columbia community approaches stress.

“I’m trying to be more proactive about changing the things I don’t like about the community,” she said, pointing out that a lot of work went into putting together the event in order to start this conversation about stress.

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Liu first ever Marshall Scholar from SEAS

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of course.”

Liu believes that the combination of his research experiences, coursework, and interest in the realm of scientific endeavors fit nicely with what the British Consulate-General of New York was looking for when reviewing applications.

The Marshall Scholarship’s mission statement describes fellowship winners as “intellectually distinguished young Americans, their country’s future

leaders,” who would foster the relationship between Britain and America. Liu plans on studying at the University of Oxford to pursue a DPhil in theoretical physics. He sees this particular course of study as a “pretty logical continuation” of his major and expects to continue his research in the future as a physicist.

“Dylan is a brilliant scholar,” Bohlmann said. “I’m ecstatic that he won—he has the potential to make all sorts of great contributions to this world.”

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Dylan Liu, SEAS '13

Football drops final contest to Brown

FOOTBALL from back page

Brown, finishing with three touchdown passes and one interception on 16 of 23 passing for 225 yards.

Columbia caught a small break to start the second half, when a 10-yard illegal block penalty on the kickoff forced Brown to start at its own 11-yard line. But the Lions were once again unable to stop Brown’s offense. Donnelly found tight end

Andrew Marks from 22 yards out, and Marks made a spectacular diving catch, capping off a nice drive and putting Brown up 20-6. The two-point conversion gave the Bears a 22-6 lead.

Columbia had a few chances to get back in it in the fourth, but ultimately came up short.

Following an interception by senior linebacker Mike Waller, Columbia drove the ball all the way to the Brown 2. But following a 2-yard loss on a first-down

handoff, senior quarterback Sean Brackett’s apparent touchdown run on second down was called back after a hold. The Lions ultimately came away empty-handed.

Waller recovered a Brown fumble later in the fourth to give Columbia one more chance, but once again the Lions were again unable to put any points on the board, and Brown closed out the win.

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Lions get key defensive stops in first win

WOMEN’S BASKETBALL from back page

to come if our energy went through the roof,” Ott said.

The Lions set the pace from then on, dominating with steals, fast breaks, quick jumpers, and an overall transition game that left the Knights looking like joggers beside the Light Blue. The offense was only half the fight, though. Nixon said that strong defense was the real key to Sunday’s victory.

“To be able to come out and actually have them be up by eight, and come back and really sort of slow ’em down

offensively from that point on was really, really the critical factor, and I think we did a good job of limiting their second chance opportunities,” Nixon said. “We cut off a lot of their penetration that had been very effective for them earlier in the game.”

The numbers reflected the Lions’ good defense inside. They out-rebounded the Knights 45-42, forced 22 turnovers, and made three steals in the last four minutes, causing the crowd to erupt into cheers. Ott proved clutch, preventing Fairleigh Dickinson’s lead scorer, sophomore forward Erika

Livermore, from scoring while guarding her.

“I just knew, “Try not to let her shoot and try to keep her off her left hand,” Ott said. “It was definitely a challenge, but I did the best I could, and it was fun playing her.”

After the Lions’ first win, Ott described the energy surrounding the team.

“This is the best feeling. I think we all knew it was coming, and it’s the most rewarding feeling,” she said. “I think everyone is just so hyped up for the next game, and we all wish it was the next day.”

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BALLIN’ BAILEY | Freshman Bailey Ott led Columbia to victory with solid defense and 20 points.

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MUSLIM WOMEN, ACTIVISM & NEW MEDIA CULTURES
6:30 PM
Sulzberger Parlor, 3rd Floor Barnard Hall

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ELISABETH FROST & CATHY PARK HONG
7 PM
Sulzberger Parlor, 3rd Floor Barnard Hall

11/15–11/17

THE BARNARD PROJECT AT NEW YORK LIVE ARTS
2 PM (Saturday)
7:30 PM
219 West 19th Street

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ITALIAN AMERICANS AS (TRANSNATIONAL?) POLITICAL ACTORS
6 PM
Sulzberger Parlor, 3rd Floor Barnard Hall

12/01

CHARTING THE FUTURE & THE UNKNOWN IN THE MIDDLE AGES & RENAISSANCE
9:00 AM–6:15 PM
Locations across campus

12/06

SONIA PIERRE
The Struggle for Citizenship In the Dominican Republic
6:30 PM
James Room, 4th Floor Barnard Hall

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THE WINTER’S TALE
3 PM (Saturday) & **8 PM**
Minor Latham Playhouse, 118 Milbank Hall

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THE ANNUAL CANDLELIGHT CONCERT
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James Chapel, Union Theological Seminary

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Administrators need to fight for change

BY WILFRED CHAN

Dean Kevin Shollenberger deserves credit for his recent op-ed (“The education of overcoming,” Nov. 16), in which he acknowledges that the culture of stress on Columbia’s campus needs to change. Few administrators have spoken out about student wellness this frankly, and it’s encouraging that he is committed to having a real dialogue with students.

Nevertheless, any discussion about what Columbians can do to change campus culture should acknowledge the ways that we are each complicit in it. So while I am excited that the dean opened this dialogue, I am disappointed that he does not acknowledge administrators’ shared responsibility in improving student well-being. Instead, Shollenberger shifts the burden to students, suggesting some students just “lack the life experience necessary to handle setbacks,” and that we should “accept that we are not invincible,” as if the main thing that needs to change at Columbia is our attitudes. Of course, Shollenberger is not wrong when he says that Columbia students participate in a culture of stress and academic perfectionism. He is not wrong when he says that Columbia students view stress as a norm: A 2011 Health Services Study found the same thing. And neither is he wrong when he observes that Columbia students often find it hard to reach out and seek help in times of weakness.

But what he doesn’t really address is the way that administrators participate in the creation of this campus culture. At our undergraduate colleges, where students fight tooth and nail to get attention from academic advisers, where students’ basic needs are compartmentalized out to an endless labyrinth of faceless bureaucracies, where the number of free counseling sessions are being reduced and physical education classes are being slashed, it is upsetting to hear a dean say that the problem simply lies with us. We are already powerless. It is administrators who decide where money goes. It is administrators who ultimately make the decisions that allow campus life to thrive—or wither. And if administrators identify problems with student life but are not fighting to meaningfully improve it, then they are perpetuating the status quo.

I take issue with Shollenberger’s well-meaning suggestion that stress simply “builds character,” and heralds the beginning of an “exciting journey of discovery, learning, and growth.” If we are to make progress on this issue, we need to first realize that the rigors of college are not always benign. According to Dr. Anne Goldfield of Counseling and Psychological Services, two-thirds of Columbia students have felt “hopeless” at some point, a quarter report sleeping problems, and about one in every 16 have seriously considered suicide.

We should be asking: How does stress affect students’ mental health? Do complex administrative procedures reduce the ability of students to get help? Can we find a way to unify disparate campus bureaucracies into an experience that treats students as whole beings? These are tough questions, but they are crucial—and won’t be solved by dismissing stress as a harmless learning experience. We need a serious examination of how Columbia’s institutional structure affects the quality of student life—and we need real action to create improvements. To be fair, the dean has taken important steps. In his piece, he makes an important call for dialogue and compassion. I am also grateful to the dean for implementing a staff-wide mental health training session back in January. And I will always be thankful for the dean’s support of the Student Wellness Project.

However, the presence of student activism should never serve as a reason for administrative inaction. The SWP has a yearly budget of \$350. Our members have midterms and papers and finals, and we pass through this campus in the blink of an eye. Our only real power is to start conversations, like the open forum on wellness between students and administrators this Sunday afternoon. But dialogue only goes so far. The real challenge: Can we turn analysis into action; discourse into resources? The reality is that we will not make progress without strong action by administrators who care enough—and are moved enough by our voices—to fight for us. And I know that when that happens, we students will have their backs, every step of the way.

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STAFF EDITORIAL

Thankful thoughts

In light of the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday, the members of the Spectator editorial board would like to share a few things we are thankful for:

1. We are thankful for the fact that many Columbians—students, administrators, and professors—are on the same team when it comes to making the University a more comfortable and happy place. Whether we are talking about Dean Shollenberger’s solicitation of student input, the Student Wellness Project’s random acts of kindness, or the work many Columbia students did to help New York City recover from Hurricane Sandy, it seems Columbians really do care about the well-being of others.
2. We are thankful that the football team had a better season this year. Go Lions!
3. We are thankful that Columbia is a place where students can discover who they are. We can reinvent ourselves, academically and otherwise, from semester to semester. We can fail at Columbia and still succeed in life. This forgiving environment is, perhaps, the greatest gift a college education can give someone.
4. We are thankful for New York City and its smorgasbord of arts, culture, adventure, and, of course, 24-hour food delivery services.
5. We are thankful for all those who spend their time helping us navigate Columbia. Dean Terry Martinez, the students behind Columbia Compliments, understanding and flexible professors, and the friendly security guards who greet students with smiles are all examples of the remarkable people who surround us on a daily basis.
6. We are thankful that Amy, after months of absence, has returned to HamDel.
Happy Thanksgiving!

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Hiding away for the holiday

There are few things more awkward than the family visit. There’s the easy part: throwing out the cigarette packs and empty Smirnoff bottle “decorations.” You sweep away the evidence of what-your-family-expects-and-doesn’t-want-to-know-for-sure and present a clean face. What parents and siblings don’t know won’t hurt them; hopefully, we are still those same bright-eyed, eager 18-year-olds our parents dropped off at Carman, so innocent and so premed. Maybe you cover your Che Guevara poster and stash your Marx-Engels Reader in a drawer. The college you, the young-adult-freewheeling-liberated you, gets stashed away, too. Family doesn’t want bra-burning, Sartre-quoting you. Family wants the rule-abiding you that got you into Columbia in the first place. Thanksgiving is the season of family, and while most students are homeward bound, some (myself included) find ourselves here playing host.

Family visits should be something to look forward to. Everyone gets homesick once in a while and needs the gentle reminder that there is indeed a world outside Columbia craziness. But for LGBT students, family visits are met with a mixture of apprehension and wariness. The Columbia cocoon (or most college spaces for that matter) is a bubble of exploration—freedom of expression under the aegis of youthful self-exploration and “finding oneself.” It is here that many students feel comfortable enough to come out and show themselves to the world for the first time. Columbia provides an environment of accepting “deviance” that I had never felt before. Unfortunately, the culture of acceptance is not a universal one and is not one that extends to the homes of many students.

The “coming out” process is never easy. At home, surrounded by the familiar and the comforting, one’s emergent “queerness” is isolated. It is but a slight aberration in an otherwise ordered existence. It is perhaps best summed up by the quiet humiliation of: “We love you even though ...” Their space is still straight, still normal. They may look at you differently, but their world remains unchanged. Yet when our families come here, they leave that behind.



ANDREW GODINICH

Too Be Frank

They enter our space: They leave the ordered, the normal, the straight. They enter the life you created for yourself in your liberation and self-expression. And, my God, it is awkward.

Family is a sensitive topic in the LGBT community. We are constantly told that we are incapable of creating families or that we do not belong in them (some studies have shown that up to 42 percent of homeless youth are LGBT). However, when we are forced to reconcile our worlds with those of our families, our initial reaction, more often than not, is to apologize for our “queerness.” It is to make ourselves appear less effeminate (in the case of queer men) or masculine (for women)—to reject an integral part of ourselves, so that we may appear more acceptable to those we love. We choose to “cleanse” ourselves of any offending attributes, removing that which makes us the most “gay” so that we are acceptable to our families.

There are small changes: your tone of voice, your gestulations, the way you dress. And there are the more noticeable ones: the conversations avoided, the words left unsaid (“How is your friend in California?”). They are petty humiliations, but they are humiliations nonetheless. It takes a toll. Family visits can boil down to one thing: fear. Fear of being judged, misunderstood, rejected. What do we do when we are confronted with our pasts? What effect does it have to stash away a part of you, like so many other dorm room undesirables?

Any holiday that celebrates food and involves the institution of gravy is a holiday that I strongly support. Yes, it’s also about how the Native Americans taught the silly white people how to farm and make Turducken. But it’s come to be about that peculiar institution of family, and the sides of us that we choose to share with our family members. There is no prescription in this column. I have no advice to dispense. I have a brother and sister arriving today, when this column goes to press. At the last minute, we opted out of making Thanksgiving dinner together in favor of an overpriced prix fixe menu.

Dinner should be interesting...

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Transcending transphobia, big or small

BY GAVIN MCGOWN

Last fall, I had a chance encounter with a friend whom I did not know well at the time. We exchanged pleasantries and news, and then each of us continued on our way. By way of goodbye, my friend said, “See you later, man.” I turned and walked away across Ancel Plaza. After ten steps or so, I felt a tap on my shoulder. My friend had run after me. “I’m sorry,” he said. “I said ‘man’ but I don’t know how you identify.”

The encounter stands out in my mind as a moment when a friend and ally stepped back from an assumption about my gender identity. (He did so with good reason, by the way: I don’t in fact identify as male, and I do strongly dislike being referred to as “man.”) These moments are far too rare. Many of us know we should be conscious of the fact that identities are not always obvious or evident, and to check our speech to avoid assuming facts about others’ identities and experiences. But as it regards gender identity, I have seen this commitment more honored in the breach than the observance. In my own experience, people have often made incorrect assumptions about my gender identity, gender marker, and preferred pronouns, and just as often have failed to change their language and assumptions when I have informed them about my preferences and how I self identify.

My experiences are not exceptional. I cannot speak for others’ stories and lives, but I can say that conversations at GendeRevolution meetings often focus on the daily indignities that transgender and gender non-conforming students experience on this campus. Many trans* people use names and gender markers different from those that appear on official documents and course rosters, but professors regularly fail to ask students about their preferred names and markers. Public Safety officers “sir” or “ma’am” us. Friends and peers misuse our preferred pronouns. We get gawked at in the bathroom, the supermarket, or health services. Comments on Bwog and Spec have ridiculed our identities, as if our experiences with genders and bodies were more laughable than the commenters’ own ignorant, cowardly bullying. One example among dozens: “Anonymous” on a Bwog brownstone article (“Brownstone finalists are mostly frats,” Oct. 26) wrote, “What the hell is gender queer? That doesn’t exist,” followed this gem with a transphobic slur, and finally said, “nor have I ever seen [a trans* person] be socially abused”—as if the commenter’s not having ever seen transphobia in action made discrimination and hate less real for those who live through it. These slights and insults often occur in tandem with other indignities—like racist, ableist, homophobic,

or classist remarks—that attack us at the intersections of our identities, invalidating our lives in diverse ways.

These daily actions—or “microaggressions,” as activists often call them—are minor instantiations of the broad-scale social dynamic of transphobia, the violence and hate that transgender people experience throughout our lives. According to the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation, transphobic hate crimes claim the life of a trans* person every month in the United States. This year’s national Transgender Awareness Week will culminate today and tomorrow in vigils for Transgender Day of Remembrance to honor those lost to senseless violence. In light of this national moment, I hope that all Columbia affiliates will step up their own awareness of and sensitivity towards transgender identities.

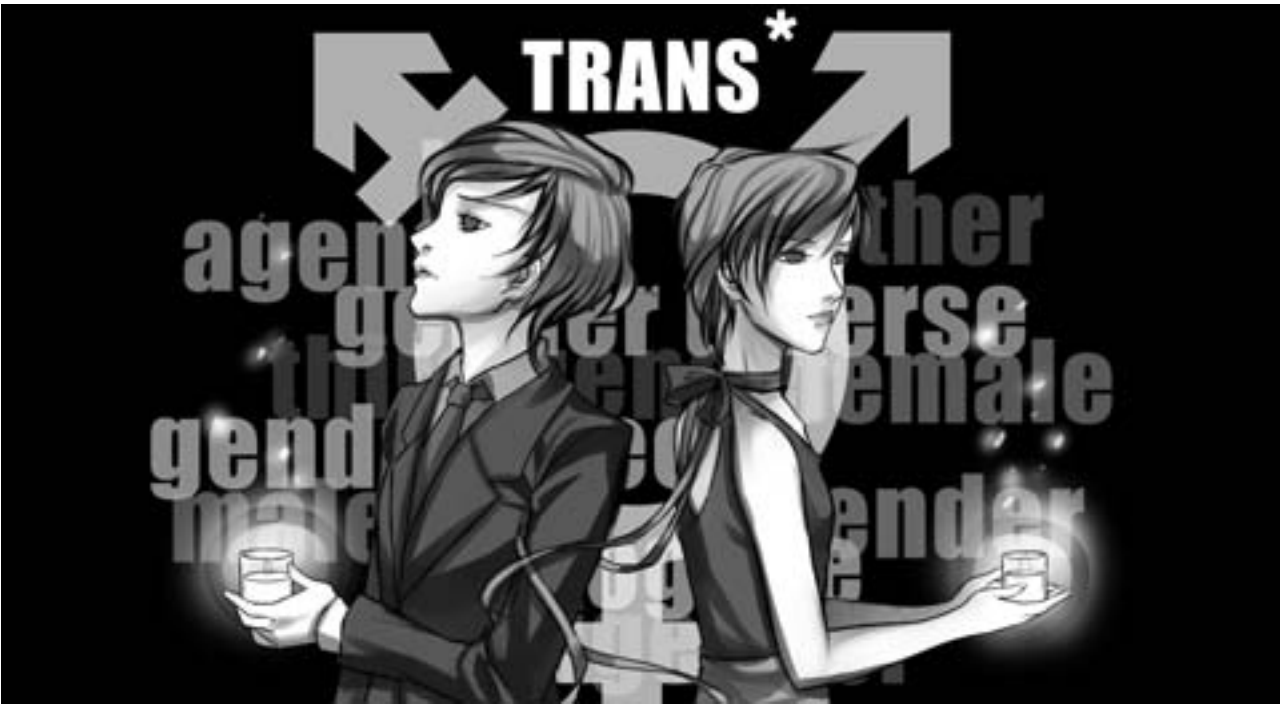
For professors, this means regularly asking all students to introduce their preferred names and gender pronouns. Even in a large lecture, you can easily invite students whose preferred names and gender markers do not match the information on your roster to flag this fact to you. Remember that coming out—again, and again, and again—can be a difficult process for students. The onus is on you to signal that you are open to and supportive of their identities.

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For administrators, this means examining how your office interacts with students, and in particular, how it intentionally or unintentionally subjects students to inappropriately gendered expectations—when, for instance, you offer different interview clothes and accessories to “gentlemen” and “ladies,” or ask students to state their gender on a form where the only options given are “M” or “F.”

For my fellow students, this means respecting your colleagues and friends when they come out to you as trans*, tell you facts about their gender identity that confuse you, or ask you to change the name and pronouns you use to refer to them. This means taking the time to educate yourself about trans* identities and how you can be a good ally to your friends and other trans* people. Between discomfort with our bodies, coming out to family, medical transitioning, and many of the other processes that trans* people regularly undergo, daily social indignity and disrespect are one further frustrating and all-too-common feature of our lives. Columbia, we can all do more to make it better.

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VANGIE SHUE

Correction

The Nov. 16 infographic, “No Place Like Home,” misrepresented the number of members of Q House and the Native American Council. Q House has eight, rather than 80, members. NAC has about 90 members, rather than 18, on its listserve, although only 18 students would be able to live in its proposed brownstone for indigenous students and their allies. Spectator regrets the errors.

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COURTESY OF TONY DESABATO

RUN, LIONS, RUN | Three Lions finished in the top 100, leading the team to a 17th-place finish at NCAAs.

Light Blue runners finish 17th at Nationals

BY MELISSA CHEUNG
Spectator Staff Writer

For the men’s cross country team, October magic carried into November for arguably the most critical meet of the season, Regionals. This past Saturday at the NCAA Championships, the magic was in full supply once more.

The Light Blue finished in 17th place at Nationals, topping off an impressive run to the end of what has been one of the most successful seasons of the program to date. The top-20 finish is both a program record and a 10-spot improvement from its 27th-place finish last year at Nationals.

“We took a huge step forward last year, and I think everyone came in very confident this year with the expectation that we are going to achieve big,” head coach Willy Wood said.

Looking back at the successes that the men have experienced in the past three months, “achieving big” is an understatement, and the top-20 finish at Nationals was a fitting way to bring the season to a close.

“We all just came together on the right days, and it was

really just a group of people who, one, dedicated themselves to the task, and, probably secondly, really believed honestly they could do this,” Wood said.

At each of the elite-level meets of the season, including Louisville, Wisconsin, and Regionals, the team was led by a dominant group of upperclassmen, and Nationals was no exception.

Senior Mark Feigen led the way for the Light Blue, taking 61st place in a field of nearly 250 athletes. Junior Jacob Sienko was not far behind, finishing in 74th place, and senior Mike Murphy rounded out the top 100.

“We had a lot of confidence coming into the season after how we performed last year during the cross country season and on the track,” Feigen said. “This allowed us to train at a really high level and set high goals for ourselves.”

With each of the select upperclassmen capable of leading the team on any given day, the Lions have been able to rely on each other to put together an outstanding season.

“I believe this has been the best season Columbia cross country has ever had,” Feigen

said. “We have been through a lot together as a team, but have never given up on our goals.”

Wood cited the accumulation of achievements and experience that this year’s seniors have had during their careers as one of the reasons why this season has been truly remarkable.

“It’s just been a progression of each year getting significantly better for them,” Wood said. “Beyond being talented, beyond being very committed to what they’re trying to accomplish, they’ve also just had a great deal of experience. They’ve taken each logical step along the way, and it’s led them to where they are now.”

Feigen emphasized self-perception as another critical key to the team’s success.

“In the past, we have always considered ourselves as underdogs, and by changing how we perceive ourselves, we have been able to elevate our performances as a team,” he said.

With this new mentality and the season’s successes under their belts, the men could be set for another strong performance in the upcoming indoor track season.

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Lions give up too many treys in loss to Marist

MEN’S BASKETBALL
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the three-point range, with success.

Senior guard and co-captain Brian Barbour identified a stretch about 17 minutes in as particularly important in this regard. Columbia led 29-17 with just three minutes left before halftime, but Marist guards Isaiah Morton and Devin Price nailed back-to-back threes to cut the Lions’ lead to two, and guard/forward Lewis Chavaughn nailed a jumper to tie the game on Marist’s next possession.

“I think that gave them a little life,” Barbour said. “And if you give a team like that a little life ... that’s when they start making more threes and building a little more confidence, like they did in the second half.”

“We just kind of got discombobulated,” Smith said.

Marist shot 8-20 from beyond the arc. Morton was 3-6 and Price was 4-9. Both took advantage of Columbia’s zone defense, which stresses eliminating opponents’ inside shots but tends to surrender open long-range shots.

“We had a sluggish, sluggish approach, I thought,” Barbour said. “That came back to bite us.”

Columbia still played well enough to be neck-and-neck with Marist late in the game, thanks in part to free throws—most notably from Barbour, who was 10-10 from the line. The Red Foxes, instead of using threes, used layups and free throws to pull ahead.

“I think we played a little tight late,” Smith said. “They put a little expectation on us: ‘We’re supposed to win. We’re supposed to win.’ It’s tough. We’ve got to get through that.”

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KIERA WOOD FOR SPECTATOR

SHAKY SHOOTING | CU’s front court struggled to convert.

Success possible for marquee sports

ALAM from back page

Wizards, or Nationals to understand my pain), I’m one of the sports section’s optimists.

I’m simply not all that disillusioned by Columbia athletics’ recent lack of success in the marquee sports (basketball, football, and soccer). I understand that we want titles while we’re still students, and that would require quick program turnarounds, which are difficult to execute. But it’s nonetheless possible. And we even have precedents.

Maybe you’ve heard of Tommy Amaker. He got quite a bit of press coverage last year as the coach of the Crimson men’s basketball team, since Harvard was the first Ivy in over a decade to be ranked nationally. The year before Amaker took over, Harvard went 12-16 (5-9 Ivy). In Amaker’s first year, the team actually got worse, going 8-22 (3-11 Ivy). In his second year, though, the team made it to .500, and in his third year, the Crimson became the Ivy basketball powerhouse it is now.

All it takes is one great coach or one great recruiting year to create a dominant team.

I’m sure you also know that Cornell went to the Sweet 16 in 2010. The Big Red was almost unstoppable in the Ivy League that season, going 13-1 even though Princeton and Harvard were both 20-win teams that year. The team had a great coach in Steve Donahue, who took over an Ivy bottom-feeder in 2000 and created a consistent top-half finisher by 2005.

And that was before his stud recruiting class in 2006. Guard Louis Dale and forward Ryan Wittman were both all-Ivy first-team selections in their sophomore, junior, and senior years, and they were good enough to go up against the best in the country. Dale led all players with 17 points in Cornell’s 2010 tournament loss to Kentucky, and both outscored the eventual first overall pick in the NBA draft, Kentucky guard John Wall.

I could give you plenty of examples from other sports. (Well, maybe not football. I’m the type of person who has read “Twilight” in lieu of watching an NFL game.) The fact of the matter is that, on average, you’re losing about a fourth of your team every year when you coach a college sport. Chances are, those guys or gals were important parts of your team, and one or two were captains. Sustained success comes from bringing in talent every year.

But what if you, fortuitously, had two or three young studs on your team at once? They would anchor your team for three or four years, and by the end of their college careers your team would be very, very good.

That’s what keeps me hopeful—the knowledge that all it takes is one great coach or one great recruiting year to create a dominant team. The catalysts may already be here: Kyle Smith of men’s basketball is a good coach, football’s Pete Mangurian has a solid track record, and the freshmen in men’s basketball and soccer who I’ve seen firsthand are pretty good.

Yes, it’s a tall order. But you also need to do it once. You only need one outlier for a great three or four seasons. And when almost everyone I interact with is an outlier in some sense, it doesn’t seem so implausible that some team can, in the near future, unearth an outlier of its own.

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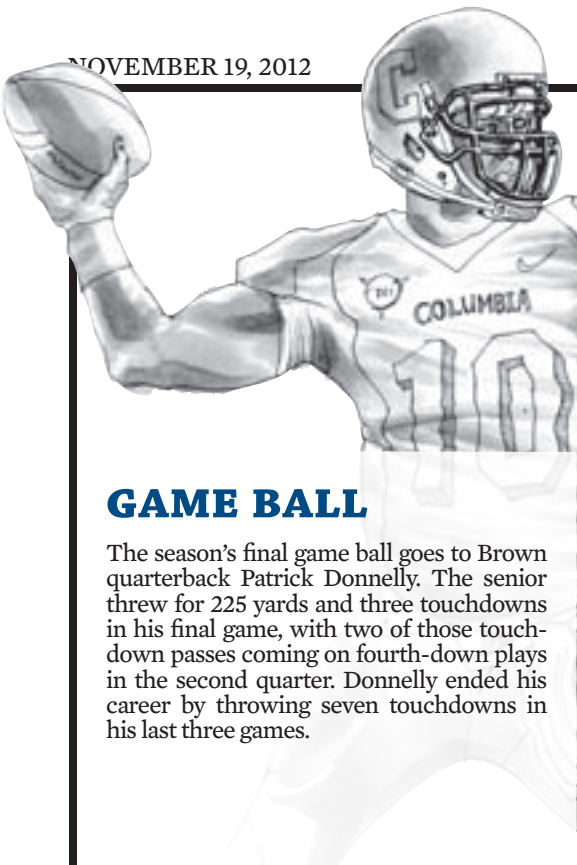
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MONDAY MORNING QUARTERBACK ^{week} #10

GAME BALL

The season's final game ball goes to Brown quarterback Patrick Donnelly. The senior threw for 225 yards and three touchdowns in his final game, with two of those touch-down passes coming on fourth-down plays in the second quarter. Donnelly ended his career by throwing seven touchdowns in his last three games.

BEST CALL

On fourth and 2 on the Columbia 29-yard line, the Bears elected to go for it rather than settle for the field goal. The decision proved to be a good one, as Donnelly hit receiver Jonah Fay deep for a 29-yard touchdown pass. The Lions' defense couldn't stop the deep ball, letting Fay come open just as he reached the end zone for the score.

TURNING POINT

After scoring six points in the first quarter, the Lions' offense struggled to get anything going. But at the end of the third quarter, Columbia started a drive at its own 35 that ended up with a first and goal at the Brown two-yard line. But that's where the offense stalled, with Marcorus Garrett losing 2 yards on a run, followed by a holding penalty, and then a sack. Down 22-6, the Lions elected to go for it on fourth down, but the Brackett pass fell incomplete.

RECORD



GAME ONE
VS. MARIST
W 10-9



GAME TWO
VS. FORDHAM
L 20-13



GAME THREE
VS. PRINCETON
L 33-6



GAME FOUR
@ LEHIGH
L 35-14



GAME FIVE
@ PENN
L 24-20



GAME SIX
VS. DARTMOUTH
L 21-16



GAME SEVEN
VS. YALE
W 26-22



GAME EIGHT
@ HARVARD
L 69-0



GAME NINE
VS. CORNELL
W 34-17



GAME TEN
VS. BROWN
L 22-6

| | Brown | Columbia |
|------------------------------------|---------|----------|
| Total offensive yards | 407 | 249 |
| Total offensive plays | 66 | 64 |
| Average gain per play | 6.2 | 3.9 |
| Total first downs | 20 | 13 |
| Rushing | 8 | 6 |
| Passing | 12 | 7 |
| Penalty | 0 | 0 |
| Net yards rushing | 149 | 74 |
| Rushing attempts | 37 | 30 |
| Average per rush | 4.0 | 2.5 |
| Yards gained rushing | 151 | 109 |
| Yards lost rushing | 2 | 35 |
| Net yards passing | 258 | 175 |
| Completions-attempts-interceptions | 18-29-1 | 19-34-1 |
| Average per completion | 4.3 | 9.2 |
| Passing touchdowns | 3 | 0 |
| Third-down conversions | 6/14 | 4/14 |
| Fourth-down conversions | 2/3 | 1/4 |
| Time of possession | 31:02 | 28:58 |
| Fumbles: Number-lost | 1-1 | 0-0 |
| Penalties: Number-yards | 6-61 | 2-15 |
| Interceptions: Number-yards-TD | 1-16-0 | 1-0-0 |
| Red zone: Scores-chances | 0-0 | 2-3 |

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|--------------|------------|-----|-------|-----|-----|
| Passing | Comp | Att | Int | Yds | TD |
| Brackett, S. | 19 | 34 | 1 | 125 | 0 |
| Rushing | Att | Yds | TD | LG | Avg |
| Garrett, M. | 14 | 56 | 0 | 21 | 4.0 |
| Receiving | Receptions | Yds | TD | LG | |
| Nelligan, C. | 6 | 54 | 0 | 17 | |
| Connors, C. | 5 | 67 | 0 | 32 | |
| Garner, H. | 3 | 24 | 0 | 13 | |
| Tackles | Solo | Ast | Total | | |
| Murphy, R. | 2 | 7 | 9 | | |
| Martin, J. | 30 | 40 | 50 | 330 | 20 |
| | 107 | 9 | 107 | 9 | |

| IVY LEAGUE FOOTBALL STANDINGS | | | | |
|-------------------------------|-----|---------|------------|----------------|
| | IVY | OVERALL | POINTS FOR | POINTS AGAINST |
| PENN | 6-1 | 6-4 | 235 | 241 |
| HARVARD | 5-2 | 8-2 | 394 | 174 |
| BROWN | 4-3 | 7-3 | 217 | 166 |
| DARTMOUTH | 4-3 | 6-4 | 251 | 210 |
| PRINCETON | 4-3 | 5-5 | 266 | 199 |
| CORNELL | 2-5 | 4-6 | 265 | 302 |
| COLUMBIA | 2-5 | 3-7 | 145 | 272 |
| YALE | 1-6 | 2-8 | 158 | 289 |

FINAL PIXBOX STANDINGS

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| 1 | Muneeb "Picked Apart" Alam | 32-27 |
| 2 | Peter "For Pete's Sake" Andrews | 31-28 |
| 2 | Sam "Booth Review" Tydings | 31-28 |
| 4 | Alex "Armchair Athletics" Jones | 25-34 |
| 5 | Katie "In the Zone" Quan | 22-37 |
| 6 | David "The Whole Fine Yards" Fine | 18-41 |



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GOING LONG | Jonah Fay, who had 101 receiving yards, turned the tide of the game with a critical touchdown reception for Brown.

Lions lacked strong pass rush to pressure Brown offense

PASS RUSH from back page

just no way to win like that.” A more effective pass rush on those two fourth-down plays might have prevented the Bears from seizing the momentum of the game heading into halftime. “They made plays when it counted—on fourth down,” senior linebacker Ryan Murphy said. “The receivers got open and their quarterback put it on

the money. We could’ve used some more pressure on the quarterback.” On the opening drive of the second half, the Bears went back to what worked so well in the first half—a deep passing touchdown over the top of the Lions’ secondary. The 22-yard connection from Donnelly to tight end Andrew Marks gave Brown a commanding 22-6 lead. “I think Patrick just read

coverages really, really well,” Estes said. “He stayed in the pocket and his eyes were down-field. They were giving us a lot of man coverage, and once they did that, we knew we had some guys who we could match up with them.” Donnelly finished the game with a completion rate of 70 percent, 225 yards passing, and three touchdowns. His favorite target of the afternoon,

Fay, finished his Brown career on a high note with six catches, 101 yards receiving, and a touchdown. Saturday’s contest exposed two problems the Lions will be facing heading into next season—finding a way to improve the consistency of its secondary, and maintaining a pass rush from a front seven that will be losing six starters to graduation.

SPORTS BRIEFLY

WOMEN'S SWIMMING

The Columbia women’s swimming and diving squad competed twice this weekend, dropping a dual meet with Harvard on Friday and managing a respectable fourth place at an invitational on Saturday and Sunday. Harvard, last year’s Ivy League champion, turned on the heat in its own pool, winning 187-113 and bringing the Lions’ dual meet record to 0-2. A mix of talented rookies and seasoned veterans helped the Crimson take both first and second in eight events, dealing a devastating blow to the competition. But Columbia divers Alyssa Menz, Kathleen Furr, and Kristin Hehir swept the one-meter category, and senior co-captain Katie Meili was a triple winner, winning the 100 breast, 100 free, and 200 IM with impressive times. Meili’s streak carried over the next two days into the Rutgers pool, where she again won the 100 breast, the 200 breast, and the 400 IM, all in NCAA B-cut times. Versatile junior teammate Laney Kluge was also a big point winner, taking first in the 200 back, second in the 400 IM, and fifth in the 200 breast. Throughout, Lions flooded the finals heats, comprising four of the top eight finishers in the 200 back and 100 fly. These successes helped the squad earn valuable points that would catapult it past teams that had an extra day of competition to score, and they ultimately claimed fourth place overall. Now, the Lions are out of action for a few weeks. Qualifying members will travel to Austin for the USA Winter Nationals, hosted by the University of Texas, in two weeks.

—Charlotte Murtishaw

MEN'S SWIMMING

The men’s swimming and diving team could not spoil Harvard’s home opener on Friday as the Crimson won 13 of 16 events for a 192-108 win, but bounced back against Army on Saturday. Columbia sophomore Omar Arafa remained undefeated in the 100-yard backstroke event, eking out a victory by .03 seconds, but Harvard dominated in most of the other events, including a diving sweep. The Lions evened their record at 2-2 the following day, beating the previously undefeated Army Black Knights by a score of 183-117. This time, the Lions won 12 of 16 events at West Point, with a solid performance by the entire team.

—Phil Godzin

WRESTLING

The Light Blue wrestling team had a tremendous showing at the New York State Wrestling Championships on Saturday and Sunday. The Lions placed second with 152.5 points, falling only behind the 183.5 put up by the host team, Cornell. Lions wrestlers placed in nine of the 10 weight classes, and the team leaders once again showed why they are so crucial to this season’s efforts. Seniors Steve Santos, 149 pounds; Jake O’Hara, 157 pounds; and Stephen West, 174 pounds, all placed first in their respective weight classes. The three each have back-to-back first-place finishes to start off the season. Columbia posted better results than it did last year, finishing one place ahead of Hofstra, which soundly beat the Light Blue last year.

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Light Blue sports on the rise

I've heard stories about "the drive" from last year. No, this isn't the game-winning drive in the football team's finale against Brown. If only.

This drive was the car ride back from Ithaca after, arguably, the nadir of Columbia athletics during my freshman year. A total heartbreaker of a soccer match in every sense of the word: Needing a win to clinch the Ivy championship, the Lions drew with Cornell. Imagine if Cinderella's slipper fit one of her sisters equally well as it fit her. Imagine if Cinderella sprained a toe and the slipper didn't fit perfectly. Imagine if the prince found a couple of other girls whose feet fit into the slippers better and chose one of them instead. And imagine if you interacted with Cinderella every day.

As reporters, we Spectator sportswriters are supposed to be impartial. But as Columbia students, it's hard not to be a little happy when a team is successful or a little disappointed when it isn't.

I'll be the first to joke that I've doomed myself to a sad undergraduate experience for that reason. And yet, somehow, despite coming from the suburbs of Washington (look up the Redskins, Capitols,



MUNEEB ALAM

Picked Apart

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Light Blue finishes football season winless on road



ALYSON GOULDEN / SENIOR STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

MAN DOWN | After pulling ahead early, the Lions offense, led by Sean Brackett, could not answer Brown's three passing touchdowns.

Bears take advantage of Lions' weak pass rush in victory

BY SPENCER GYORY
Spectator Senior Staff Writer

Big passing plays at critical junctures of the match allowed the Brown Bears to run away from the Lions in Columbia's final Ivy contest of the season.

Throughout the 2012 football campaign, Columbia's defense was led by its front seven. The consistent pass rush provided by the defensive line and linebackers allowed the Lions to force offenses off the field,

create turnovers, and help mask the relative inexperience of its secondary.

Unfortunately for Light Blue fans, the Lions' pass rush was unable to register a single sack on Saturday. While quarterback Patrick Donnelly came under pressure throughout the afternoon, Brown's offensive line gave him just enough time to find open wide receivers behind the Lions' defensive backs.

Down 6-0 early in the second quarter, Brown took a risk

by going for it on fourth and 2 in Lions territory. On the play, Donnelly found wide receiver Jonah Fay over the top in the end zone for the 29-yard touchdown that put the Bears up 7-6.

Later in the second quarter, the Lions forced the Bears into a fourth and 8. Once again, Brown head coach Phil Estes rolled the dice and left his offense on the field. The choice paid off. As he was being hit, Donnelly threw the ball to a wide-open Jordan Evans, who

beat freshman cornerback Travis Reim down the right sideline for another 29-yard touchdown.

The score put Brown up 14-6 with 3:32 remaining in the first half.

"They made big plays in the first half—fourth down, both of those were big plays," head coach Pete Mangurian said. "And you just can't win giving up 14 points on fourth down. There's

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Men's basketball unable to keep up with speedy Marist

BY MUNEEB ALAM
Spectator Staff Writer

Despite poor shooting nights from key players in its first two games, the men's basketball team (2-1) was still able to post convincing wins thanks to solid defense. But against a team stylistically suited to take advantage of its defensive setup, the Light Blue could not pull out the win, falling 67-62 to Marist (1-2).

Head coach Kyle Smith noted that this loss, following back-to-back wins, shows his team is still a work in progress.

"It's part of getting good—sustaining a little success," he said.

Marist had the size to match Light Blue senior

center Mark Cisco and sophomore center Cory Osetkowski inside. Because they played only one of their big men at a time, having four guards on the floor allowed the Red Foxes to push the pace of attack, especially early in the game. They led Columbia 9-2 in fast break points—not counting the times when the Red Foxes inbounded quickly after a Columbia basket, ran the ball up the court, and scored before the Light Blue had a chance to set up its defense.

And although the Lions got back in time to prevent those quick baskets later in the first half, Marist responded by becoming trigger-happy from

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Women's basketball earns first win of season

BY LAURA ALLEN
Spectator Staff Writer

It was no lazy Sunday afternoon for the women's basketball team (1-3), which notched its first victory of the season against Fairleigh Dickinson, 54-47. The Knights (0-4) were always close contenders on the scoreboard, but Columbia took control of the game in the second half, bringing the crowd to its feet and leaving the Lions chest-bumping at the end of the game.

The first half was full of energy, but the Lions' focus wasn't completely there. In the first 10 minutes, the Light Blue struggled to spread the floor and get good looks against a tight man-to-man and frequently had to rush on offense.

"We weren't necessarily trying to run down the shot clock. We were just going to make sure we'd work for the best possible shot," head coach Paul Nixon said. "In the first half, sometimes we were running

down and we weren't getting good shots. I mean, we ended up throwing up some really ugly shots, actually."

Columbia eked out a lead 21-19 after 20 minutes of rapid transitions and several turnovers from both squads, and it was unclear whether the Lions could maintain their nerve and convert it into a win. They did.

Leading the pack was freshman forward Bailey Ott, who posted 20 points and eight rebounds. The Knights pulled ahead 40-36 with seven minutes left in the game, but Ott knocked down a jumper to cut into their lead. Knights guard Amanda Andrades tried to reply with a three-pointer but missed, and seconds later Ott grabbed an offensive rebound and put up two points.

"I think when they got off to a run a little bit at the beginning, we all knew this had to stop and that was only going

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BY ELI SCHULTZ
Spectator Staff Writer

The football team closed its up-and-down season on Saturday by failing to capitalize on an early lead.

The Lions (3-7, 2-5 Ivy) struck first in Providence, but were unable to halt Brown's counterattack, falling 22-6 to finish the season winless on the road. Brown (7-3, 4-3 Ivy) played well on both sides of the ball after some struggles early on, while the Light Blue offense had trouble executing in the end zone and the defense struggled to prevent the Bears from making big plays.

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"Obviously, a disappointing outcome," Columbia head coach Pete Mangurian said. "We had our opportunities. We couldn't convert at the end of the game. We had our chances."

Columbia's first points of the game came on a field goal by junior kicker Luke Eddy, and the Light Blue opened up a 6-0 advantage after Eddy made a 30-yard try in the second. Eddy's second field goal proved to be Columbia's last score of the afternoon.

Down 6-0, Brown's offense came to life. Led by quarterback Patrick Donnelly, the Bears' offense put together a seven-play, 76-yard drive that culminated in a fourth-down touchdown pass from Donnelly to wide receiver Jonah Fay. That gave the home team a 7-6 lead following the extra point.

Later in the second quarter, the Lions' defense gave up another big play on fourth down, as Donnelly hit wide receiver Jordan Evans with a 29-yard touchdown strike on fourth and 8, putting Brown up 14-6.

"They made plays when it counted—on fourth down," Lions' senior linebacker Ryan Murphy said. "The receivers got open and the quarterback put it on the money. And that's what they were trying to do, and we were trying to stop them. And we just failed to do that."

Donnelly had a great day for

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| | Fairleigh Dickinson | 47 |
| | Columbia | 54 |

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| | Men: 17th place at Nationals | |

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| MEN'S SWIMMING | | |
| | Harvard | 108 |
| | Columbia | 192 |
| | Army | 117 |
| | Columbia | 183 |

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| WRESTLING | | |
| | Three Columbia wrestlers won their weight classes at the New York State Championships. | |

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| WOMEN'S SWIMMING | | |
| | Harvard | 187 |
| | Columbia | 113 |
| | At Rutgers Invitational, Columbia finished fourth out of 11 teams. | |

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