

## Barnard's sorority poll closes

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Barnard's Student Government Association poll on whether to recognize sororities closes tonight.

Students registering for classes were given the opportunity to vote in the non-binding poll, and 51 percent had participated as of last Monday, according to SGA Vice President of Finance Priyata Patel, BC '11.

Currently, SGA—which acts as a governing board as well as a council—does not officially recognize the InterGreek Council, the three-branched Greek Life governing board.

"I voted no because I feel that having sororities at Barnard would change the dynamic of the school," Tabia Santos, BC '13, said. "While sororities can be beneficial, they're also divisive and exclusive and a school as small as Barnard just doesn't need that. We are Barnard women, we don't have to be any other type of woman."

Symone Williams, BC '13, said that she voted for sorority recognition but did not realize what recognition meant.

"I chose yes because I know a lot of people in sororities but then when I realized they get money for being recognized on top of the money they already have from the people already in the sorority, I think that's a little unfair because that's a lot of money," Williams said.

According to its constitution, SGA cannot recognize groups that choose members on a "discriminatory basis." Last year, however, SGA donated \$1,000 to support students involved in Greek organizations through the Panhellenic Council, one of three councils that make up the IGC.

"I think that a lot of Barnard girls do take advantage of Greek Life at Columbia, so it seems fair that they should be recognized on campus," Emmy Rodriguez, BC '13, said.

SGA sponsored a town hall and several round tables to discuss the possibility of sorority recognition. The majority of attendees at a town hall last month supported recognition, though a smaller group spoke out against the idea. Last weekend, fliers urging students to vote in favor of recognition were posted around dorms at the Barnard Quad, though there was no indication of who was

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**BUILDING UP** | The Northwest Corner Building has sparked disagreements among Columbia officials.

## Students criticize CCE despite listings increase

BY RAKHI AGRAWAL AND SONALEE RAU  
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Despite the recent increase in job listings from the Center for Career Education, some students still complain that the center's resources are narrow.

LionSHARE, CCE's database, provides listings ranging from internships to full-time jobs and serves students and alumni from three of the University's undergraduate schools and four graduate schools.

"CCE is definitely more useful and fruitful with people

who are going into finance," Ope Omojola, CC '12 said, echoing a common concern, which administrators argue is invalid.

In the 2009-2010 year, there were 12,742 opportunities available in LionSHARE, Al Spuler, CCE's executive director for administration & planning, said recently. This was a dramatic increase from the 4,260 opportunities available the previous year. The total number of unique employers also jumped 135 percent.

Though some students say it seems that most opportunities are in finance, administrators say this is a misconception. Fifteen percent of the employers who post on LionSHARE

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## Faculty, admins clash on Northwest

### As building debuts, disagreements on vision emerge

BY SAMMY ROTH  
*Columbia Daily Spectator*

Administrators say they believe the Northwest Corner Building will attract renowned scientists to Columbia, but some faculty members say they are skeptical about the building's potential to stimulate interest in interdisciplinary work.

Eleven professors from different science departments of both the School of Engineering and Applied Science and Columbia College will start moving into the building—which boasts top-of-the-line lab space—later this month.

Rafael Yuste, a biology professor making the move, said he is concerned that the building will be "no more than the sum of its laboratories."

The building as it is now "would add very much needed space to existing research programs, and provide growth opportunities to different departments," Yuste said in an email. "But, at the same time, it would not have any added value, or particularly enhance the synergy between departments or schools."

### THE INSTITUTE NOT TAKEN

Yuste said he supports a proposal—which has been discussed among administrators and faculty—to create an interdisciplinary

institute or center based out of the building. This center would have "a focused scientific goal, a prominent leader, and an interdisciplinary mandate," Yuste said.

Executive Vice President for Arts and Sciences Nicholas Dirks said that the University decided against creating such an institute because it might take away from the work of the individual departments.

"In many respects, we were worried that a separate institute would not fulfill our mandate, which is to both strengthen the departments and strengthen interdisciplinary science," Dirks said.

But Yuste was not the only faculty member who said he saw the benefits of an interdisciplinary center.

"I was advocating for that [an interdisciplinary center]. Many of us were," said biology professor Brent Stockwell, who is moving into the building. "But the administration hasn't moved ahead with that, unfortunately."

Biology department chair Stuart Firestein said that creating such a center in the building would have been better than just "divvying it up" among different departments.

"I'd like to say that one could have found some important and well-known scientist,

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**STRING DUET** | Ellen Silver teaches a young student to play violin at her Silver Music program.

## Toddler music program opens in West Harlem

BY LILLIAN JIN  
*Columbia Daily Spectator*

In a basement room, on a recent Wednesday, tucked behind a concrete staircase near the 125th Street subway station, four toddlers waved miniature violin bows.

The children—all under the age of four—were practicing at Silver Music. The program opened in the spring in a living room-like space in the basement of 45 Tiemann Place in West Harlem.

Ellen Silver, a Suzuki method-trained music teacher and professional cellist, said it was a nice coincidence that she ended up in this neighborhood because of its concentration of musicians.

"I'll be teaching at night, and all these Broadway musicians will be walking down to the

subway carrying bassoons and saxophones," she said. "Tons of professional musicians live here."

**"It's not only sad, but it's dangerous to remove this [music] influence."**

—Annabelle Hoffman, parent, professional cellist

Families participating said that the school brings music to children who may have lost opportunities in their public schools due to recession cuts in arts funds.

"I know that almost all the

public schools in the area have cut music," said Annabelle Hoffman, a parent of one of the children in Silver's school who is also a professional cellist and a Morningside Heights resident. "It's not only sad, but I think it's dangerous to remove this influence."

And Silver said it was important to her that she offers discounted prices for struggling families. Despite the economy, Silver said she hopes to expand the program to provide a space for both professionals and amateurs to play.

Joe Tanen, a professional violin maker who works in West Harlem and makes instruments for Silver, said that he likes to offer discounts to students so they can continue their lessons.

"I'm sure there could always

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## PLAYING THROUGH THE PAIN



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**SAD ENDING** | A leg injury kept sophomore quarterback Sean Brackett from starting, but he was called in after Columbia fell behind Brown 28-0 in the second quarter. See back page.

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#### The feminist mistake

SGA should know that sisterhood is not necessarily inclusive.

#### Love what you do

Derek Turner argues that happiness comes from more than your paycheck.



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#### Football falls to Brown in 38-16 blowout

The Lions closed out their 2010 season on Saturday with a lopsided loss to Brown, where they trailed 28-0 at halftime. They end the year with a 4-6 overall record, 2-5 in the Ivy League.

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**I GOT RHYTHM** | A toddler learns violin at Silver Music, a new music program that opened by 125th Street in West Harlem.

## Music for tots opens its doors in West Harlem

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be more money towards the arts in our public schools,” he said.

Jennifer Grogan, head of the Riverside Church Weekday School, where Silver also works as a teacher, said that taking advantage of neighborhood resources is crucial.

“We are surrounded by beautiful music, and to have that as part of the children’s education experience is essential,” she said.

Grogan said that organizations like Silver Music should increase collaboration between neighborhood artists and the local music schools and arts venues, including the Manhattan School of Music and Columbia.

For some students involved, it’s simply a chance to make noise. Last Wednesday, students

## Barnard’s poll on sorority closes, SGA to vote on results

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behind the campaign. Patel previously said that the fliers were most likely posted by members of sororities.

Courtney Raterman, BC ’13 and a member of Kappa Alpha Theta, said that sororities helped her to adjust to college life.

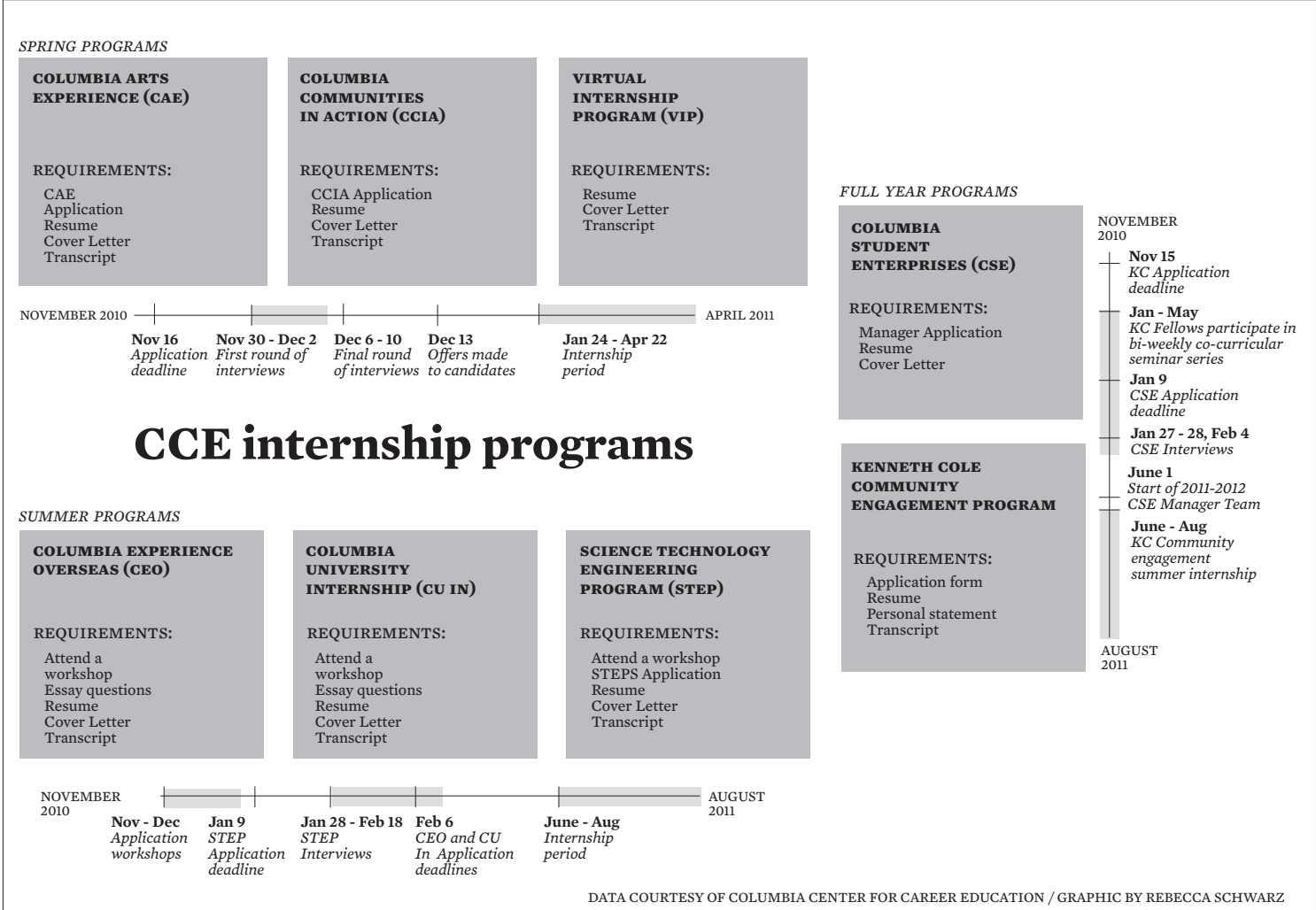
“Personally, I had a really hard transition to college,” Raterman said. “I was looking for a community of people that I couldn’t find at Barnard. Adjusting to school, I found it hard to get involved at Barnard so I decided to go through recruitment. I found a group of women so diverse, so inspiring to be around, and I was inspired.”

Raterman said that Barnard would be ignoring a significant portion of the student body by not recognizing sororities.

“On more of a realistic note, 10 percent of women at Barnard are in Greek Life,” she added. “By not recognizing the 10 percent of us that are invested in an organization that is important to us, it feels like Barnard is turning their back on its women...or not turning its back but I just wish that Barnard would support all of its women in the way that all of its women support it.”

The results of the poll will be announced following program filing and SGA’s Representative Council will vote to pass the results on Nov. 29.

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## Despite LionSHARE growth, students criticize focus

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are in the finance industry, Spuler said, which is the largest industry in the database. The second largest, the non-profit sector, makes up nine percent, and employers in the advertising, marketing, and public relations industries make up eight percent.

“I think it’s hard as a science major to find awesome opportunities,” Yinuo Wang, CC ’12 said, adding that her academic research positions have come directly from departments.

With hopes of going into the arts, Omojola said that CCE has done little to help her find relevant opportunities, especially since she

thinks that major corporations with resources to recruit on campus do not provide the kinds of creative jobs she wants.

But Niamh O’Brien, CCE’s director of undergraduate career development, said that students do not seem to realize the variety of jobs available.

“Often students are swayed by the most visible employers, the ones that have big HR departments and are hiring on campus,” O’Brien said in a recent interview. “They think that is all there is.”

CCE Dean Kavita Sharma also added, “There is a much more equal distribution [in LionShare] than students think.”

For Heben Nigatu, CC ’13,

“CCE is definitely more useful and fruitful with people who are going into finance.”

—Ope Omojola, CC ’12

CCE was helpful her first year in offering resume and cover letter consultations. But now it seems that opportunities offered by CCE often only cater to specific interests. “The things that are on CCE’s calendar are banking, banking, banking.”

Though she ultimately

found an internship, it was through Craigslist, not a University resource.

Chris Canales, CC’14, said that, while he is not aware of the resources the center offers, it’s not CCE’s fault. “I plan on seeking a job... in the next semester. I think they [CCE] do a pretty good job of getting themselves out there.”

Evan Platt, GS, agreed that the burden should fall to students to actually make use of CCE’s resources.

“I haven’t paid any attention,” he said, adding that students need to be proactive. “I focus a lot on what I want to do after graduation, but I have never been to the CCE.”

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## With Northwest opening near, faculty, admins clash on vision

**NORTHWEST from front page**

either only on this campus or from outside, who was senior enough to have a kind of big overview of science, and was of an interdisciplinary mindset, and so could have had more to do with making it truly interdisciplinary,” Firestein said.

Executive Vice President for Research David Hirsh cited cost as another reason that an institute was not created.

“Having an institute would be great,” Hirsh said. “The problem is, I think to have an institute without independent funding is not a strong case. And it takes, in my view, funding we simply don’t have to support an institute structure.”

But Yuste said that an institute could have paid for itself by generating fundraising and grant-writing.

Although the University will not move forward with the proposed center, Hirsh said that he feels the building will still foster the interdisciplinary interactions for which it was intended.

“I think that a lot of the strength of some of the buildings at the medical center is because people are mixed up together,” Hirsh said. “So you bump into them going upstairs, downstairs, elevators.”

**LACK OF TRANSPARENCY?**

Some faculty members have also questioned the way in which the building’s occupants were selected. Firestein said that the selection process was unclear to him, which he thinks was the case because the building “has lacked a clear leader from the beginning.”

“I think that’s resulted in some back and forth in how to get people in there, how to choose who goes in there,” Firestein said.

Chemical engineering department chair Sanat Kumar said he believed the process of selecting professors for the building was “incredibly political.” He noted that it is not clear to him what criteria were used to select the building’s

occupants or who chose them.

“One, there’s no consistency, and two, it’s completely arbitrary, from what I can tell,” Kumar said. “If somebody’s making a decision, they haven’t told us about it.”

Kumar added that Jingyue Ju, the one chemical engineering professor making the move to the building, “was in for some time, he was out for some time, [then] he was back in.”

“I think he deserves to be in there, he should be in there,” Kumar said. “Having said that, I think there are other people on my faculty, and also other faculty within the college, who deserve to be in that building.”

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—Sanat Kumar, chemical engineering department chair

Hirsh said the process of choosing faculty for the Northwest Corner Building was long and deliberate.

“I think maybe we’ve done a poor job of advertising to the community at large our process, or making sure that everyone knew about it,” Hirsh said.

According to Hirsh, the process began in 2003, when a committee made up of administrators and professors—Hirsh among them—began soliciting proposals from faculty on what scientific themes should be examined in the building. In 2005, Hirsh wrote a report detailing those themes and also mentioning which professors might suit them.

Then, in 2006, a new committee, of which Hirsh was also a part, started discussing possible occupants for the building. In 2007, Hirsh met three times with the chairs of

Columbia College and SEAS science departments to discuss occupancy.

In 2008, a third and final committee, comprising faculty from both SEAS and Columbia College, made recommendations for eight professors to move into the building, Hirsh said. Those eight professors will soon make the move, along with one other professor who has since been chosen, and two outside hires.

**INTERDISCIPLINARY ENOUGH?**

Some of the 11 professors were chosen because they have already done interdisciplinary work, Hirsh said. For instance, Stockwell, who has a joint appointment with the biology and chemistry departments, will share a floor in the building with chemistry professor Virginia Cornish, with whom he’s worked in the past.

But Firestein said it does not make sense to create an interdisciplinary building and then put faculty in it who are already doing interdisciplinary work.

“Why not take people who don’t think about that [interdisciplinary work] and put them together, and see what happens to them?” Firestein said. “But again, that takes a certain kind of leadership thinking, I guess, that we didn’t get for this building.”

However, Stockwell said that he will benefit from sharing a floor with Cornish.

“We work together to some extent, but we haven’t had a great deal of interaction relative to perhaps what we could do,” Stockwell said. “So, in the new building, we designed our floor to be completely integrated.”

**LEANING TOWARD CC**

Kumar also noted that the building seems to have “a very strong leaning” toward Columbia College over SEAS. There are currently seven professors from CC science departments and four engineering professors from SEAS slated to occupy the new lab



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**TOWER** | The Northwest Corner Building, opening this month, has created disagreements among faculty and administrators.

space.

Hirsh said he doesn’t believe there was any bias. He said that the determination was made early on that the building would have seven faculty members from SEAS and 14 from outside engineering, and that these numbers were acceptable to all parties involved.

“Engineering was at the table for every one of these discussions,” Hirsh said.

If seven spots are supposed

to be filled by engineers, that leaves three spots open. Administrators say that the remaining spots in the building are supposed to be filled by new hires, but Kumar said he does not know when that will happen.

“I have no understanding of that. I don’t know who to ask; I don’t know if there’s space available,” Kumar said. “Like I’ve said, it’s completely nontransparent.”

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# Women’s squash defeats GWU in upset

**BY MICHAEL ZHONG**  
*Spectator Staff Writer*

They’ve only played three games, but the members of the women’s squash program have already made a big statement, convincingly defeating a favored No. 16 George Washington squad 6-3 this weekend.

“Our early win over GWU is promising, and it sets the bar high for the rest of the season,” head coach Kelsey Engman said. “I predicted that we could jump nine or 10 spots in the ranking from last year, and we’ve already done that.”

Although No. 20 Columbia (2-1) won 6-3, the match was closer than the final results indicated, as four contests went to either four or five sets. Columbia won three of those individual matches.

“The win was largely due to the added depth to your team this year,” junior co-captain Liz Chu said. “It really makes a difference to have a filled-out ladder.”

This was reflected in the match results. Although Columbia’s No. 1 and No. 2 both lost to George Washington’s star freshman tandem, Columbia swept the No. 3 through No. 8 games.

Following the win, women’s squash tuned in another strong performance, sweeping No. 27 Georgetown 9-0 the same day. Last season, Georgetown was the only club team ranked higher than Columbia. However, Georgetown remains a club team, while Columbia now is a varsity program.

“It’s nice to see huge differences can be made when we

step up to varsity level,” Chu said. “Georgetown still has good players but we just were too strong for them this time.”

The doubleheader sweep in Washington, D.C. marked a strong recovery from the team’s 9-0 loss to No. 4 Princeton on Friday. In that match, Princeton won every individual series 3-0.

“It was a tough loss,” Chu said. “I think the team learned that it’s going to take more than one season to work up to that level.”

The No. 33 men’s team also competed at the weekend matches in D.C.

Columbia lost 7-2 to No. 19 George Washington but bounced back the next match with a 5-4 victory over No. 29 Georgetown.

George Washington brought in an outstanding recruiting class this year, highlighted by No. 1 Islam El Fiky. Despite the 7-2 result, the overall match was close—five individual matches lasted four sets or more.

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—Kelsey Engman, women’s squash coach

Columbia finished the weekend strong, though, earning its first ever win as a varsity program with a 5-4 victory over Georgetown. The Lions swept the No. 1 through No. 4 spots—all in three sets—but dropped four of the five individual matches at the No. 5 to No. 9 positions.

Men’s head Coach Jacques Swanepoel praised freshman Theo Buchsbaum’s performance against Georgetown.

“Theo played an amazing match with some impressive retrievals and creative attacking shots,” he said.

Buchsbaum, playing at the No. 4 spot, was the only men’s squash player to win both weekend matches.

“Theo Buchsbaum was the player of the day,” Swanepoel added. “This is the start to a very promising college squash career for Theo.”



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**TACKLING MACHINE** | In his last ever college football game, linebacker Alex Gross had 14 tackles.

## Lions end with losing record after failed comeback

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Running back Mark Kachmer capped the 69-yard drive with a one-yard touchdown run to put his team up 7-0 after just 3:23.

Bell threw his first pick on Columbia’s second play from scrimmage, but the Bears turned it over on downs deep in Light Blue territory. A three-and-out for Columbia gave Brown another chance to build on its lead, and a reverse to wide receiver Jimmy Saros from eight yards out put Columbia in an early 14-0 hole.

“It was just missing tackles,” senior linebacker and captain Alex Gross said. “They had some guys that would wiggle a little bit in space. Kind of the same thing we struggled with all year, it was just settling down, and we’re always so anxious to start fast and get on the field and for that first defensive series and sometimes you’re a little too anxious and you play a little bit outside of yourself.”

Two more three-and-outs for Bell and the Lions brought a humiliating first quarter to a close, but the agony continued with the quarterback’s second interception, coming off a third-down blitz early in the second. A seven-yard touchdown pass to wide receiver Tellef Lundevall put the Bears up 21-0, and the rout was on.

The Lions kept their next drive alive with a successful fake punt, but a third-down sack brought up fourth and 19. Sophomore kicker Greg Guttas punted it deep, but Gross was

called for catching interference on the return, spotting the Bears 15 free yards. The Lions hit a low point when Springer stepped back to pass on first down from the Columbia 48 and found tight end Alex Prestley deep down the right side. Senior defensive backs Calvin Otis and Adam Mehrer were both in the neighborhood, but they collided with one another in their attempts to take down Prestley, who emerged unscathed and free to dash into the end zone and put his team up by 28.

Another third-down sack brought up fourth and long for Columbia on its ensuing possession, but the Bears fumbled the return and the Lions had favorable field position and a chance to eat into their deficit with time winding down in the half. Brackett had entered the game on the drive, but freshman kicker Luke Eddy’s 40-yard line-drive field goal attempt sailed wide left, and the Lions had a goose egg heading into the locker room.

Columbia finally broke through on the opening possession of the third quarter, driving 65 yards and scoring on a two-yard touchdown run by senior running back Leon Ivery. Brown responded with a field goal, but Brackett put together another touchdown drive, finishing it with a seven-yard pass to senior tight end and captain Andrew Kennedy. The Lions survived a fourth-and-eight en route to the end zone with a completion to junior wide receiver Kurt Williams. The Light Blue could not convert

on the extra point and trailed 31-13 late in the third.


A well-executed, on-side kick briefly made things interesting, but Columbia’s drive ended when sophomore running back Nick Gerst could not handle a pitch from Brackett at the Brown three-yard line, fumbling it and denying the Lions a chance to gain any further ground. Though Eddy would hit a 21-yard field goal with 9:27 to go, the Bears would also score another touchdown before the final whistle.

Brackett finished 13-22 on the day with a touchdown. Senior wide receiver Nico Gutierrez had a strong day for the offense, compiling 66 yards on four receptions. Gross led the defense with 14 tackles.

For Brown, Springer was 15-27 at quarterback with 197 yards and two touchdowns. Running back Del Thomas led the Bears on the ground with 89 yards and a touchdown on 14 carries.

“Our goal this week was to be 1-0 this week,” Brackett said. “We didn’t come out, we didn’t play enough, and obviously we have a lot of work to do in the offseason. So I think if we take any positives now, we have a little bit more motivation for the offseason to work harder.”

The Lions now head into the long break on a particularly sour note. After a promising 3-1 start, they dropped five of their last six down the stretch. Their overall record remained the same from a year ago, but their 2-5 finish in the Ivy League is a step back from last year’s 3-4 mark.



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# Vote ‘no’ on sorority recognition

BY HANNAH GOLDSTEIN

“So many famous women are graduates of women’s colleges. What’s your magic formula?” reads one question on the FAQ page of thesistercolleges.org, the official website of the five remaining Seven Sisters women’s schools.

“Being in an extraordinary community of women who are smart, interesting, and engaged; who come from different experiences and challenge each other while consistently expecting that each person has something to contribute—this contributes to the legacy of leadership,” respond the colleges’ five respective deans of admission, including Barnard’s own Jennifer Fondiller. With a decade of impressive admissions milestones, Fondiller knows a thing or two about successful female

leaders. When asked in 2001 about the increase in Barnard applications, Fondiller credited the cross-college support of a women’s community. “Barnard values itself as being a close-knit and supportive community,” she explained in a statement.

Fondiller herself hand-picks the students who will form the basis of the community each year. She has a stake in, but little control over, the form her applicant pool takes once it is out of her hands. So I was not surprised to see her observing the recent SGA Town Hall on Greek life recognition, where I voiced my opposition to the pending constitutional amendment. “The principle on which Barnard hasn’t supported Greek life in years still hasn’t changed. The Panhellenic Council—and its individual sororities—are exclusive, and not everyone gets in,” I said.

It was Popper’s famous philosophy on tolerance: A community that stands for social tolerance, like Barnard, must (paradoxically) exclude socially intolerant subgroups in order to sustain itself.

“You don’t know the facts,” rebutted sorority spokespeople, counting off statistics on the comparatively low number of girls excluded

each year from the Panhellenic Council. They were missing my point. And they were also proving it. I had said these things to do my own part to contribute to the supposed tradition of “smart, interesting, and engaged women . . . who challenge each other,” but also because I believed that this very tradition was at stake in the amendment. Already, I could see that Greek affiliations were precluding people from engaging with this fundamentally reasonable point.

The reason I know so much about Dean Jennifer Fondiller is that I am a Barnard student admissions representative. Among other tasks, I lead tours. When prospective students ask about sororities, I tell them what I’m expected to say—that a fairly substantial number of Barnard students do join them and that joining sororities is one conceivable way to build on the Columbia-Barnard social experience. These are responses that I’ve practiced with the admissions counselors under Dean Fondiller, responses that are fair and unbiased and uncontroversial. But when people ask about being at a women’s college, I tell them what I think is relevant about women’s colleges in our world—I

explain that Barnard is a place that “values itself as being a close-knit and supportive community.” I don’t add that close-knit and supportive communities don’t recognize (let alone support) exclusive subgroups.

I don’t know where Dean Fondiller stands on the issue of sorority recognition at Barnard and don’t pretend to speak for her here. But I have learned one valuable thing from Fondiller and the Sister College deans: the power of even five women uniting as equals so that the world will see them—us—all as equals. Exclusion engenders inequality, so they transcend it. Perhaps this is the “magic formula.”

Barnard itself has a stake in, but little control over, the form its students take once they are out of its hands. Our only responsibility is to live up to the faith that Fondiller has invested in us to preserve our theoretically tolerant and activist community. We can do that by voting “no” to sorority recognition, on behalf of Barnard and on behalf of the Sister College institution of the 21st century.

*The author is a Barnard College sophomore. She is a Barnard student admissions representative.*

## Buying in or selling out?

For the juniors on campus, the past two weeks have represented what I can only call a perverse holiday season—a pre-game to the one that we’re approaching this week. The festivities haven’t been the sort that warm the heart or fill the stomach, but rather they are of the variety that elicit neurosis and provoke anxiety. I speak, of course, of the barrage of I-banking and consulting summer internship info sessions that have had the staff at Faculty House extraordinarily busy.

Despite having had only three months to recover from last summer’s extracurricular experience, we find ourselves already sitting in on unending streams of PowerPoint presentations. Accompanying these are alumni testimonials about the myriad possibilities at our fingertips for a break that stands a good six months ahead. As one of my friends put it, it can be “inspiring” to listen to the fast-paced possibilities that could become ours. Others, though, aren’t as energized by the prospect of competing against the other 75 suit-clad peers who sit on the edges of their seats, dreaming of the glamorous future that awaits them.

Where I hesitate is not at the prospect of spending countless hours interviewing or even writing as many cover letters as my sanity allows. I start to question the whole race when my peers discuss their own rationale for pursuing careers in investment banking and the like. As far as I can tell, there are two schools of thought for why one should become an I-banker or a consultant.

The first is the “grab-the-money-and-go” school. This school acknowledges the nearly unbearable hours and burn-out mentality, but finds that the sizeable paycheck at the end of the day justifies it. Those two years, the adherents say, may not be the most enjoyable, but they just want to get some financial security (which it supposedly ensures and which justifies the sacrifice). After that, it’s off to a more sensible occupation.

The second is the “cultivating-the-mind” school. This school sees professional prospects dependent on their career choice as meritorious in their own right. Consulting, this school would argue, should not be sought for its high pay. Rather, the pursuit should be a response to work that genuinely sparks the mind’s imaginative qualities. The attraction comes from the qualities of the work, not the size of the paycheck.

Call me a Kantian, but I think there is a meaningful difference between these two motivations—and one comes out the more laudable. It will benefit each of us,



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I believe, to take a moment to identify which school has been guiding our career search. In the process, we may find that success does not have to be tied up with acceptance into the “white shoe” firm of our dreams.

Some of the criticism of the former, pay-centric philosophy is purely functional. I suspect that someone who is motivated only by money might not bring the productive passion that arises naturally in people who gain satisfaction from simply doing their jobs. For employers, this would ultimately mean a financial loss. Additionally, the person working the already stressful job has little to no barrier against demoralization at work. The result is a detrimental experience for both parties.

## Strong focus on the money misses the point of valuable work itself. Money is not an absolute assessment of what is valuable.

On a more abstract note, strong focus on the money misses the point of valuable work itself. We have to realize that money is not an absolute assessment of what is valuable. Instead, this focus reflects the assumption that these jobs are so challenging that they need to attract the best minds around. The money is a means to an end—the end being a connection between intellectually challenging work and eager creative minds.

There is value in these careers based on their own merit, and to settle for the cash is to disregard that fact and embrace the artificial. Not only that, but the change of perspective from money to the challenge of a job can empower us to look elsewhere for work that genuinely fulfills us as individuals. While Teach for America and similar programs do a good job at encouraging students to pursue charitable routes, there is also a middle ground. What about small businesses or artistic pursuits? These occupations offer incredible challenges and opportunities for individuals on the lookout for rewarding work. It’s time that we start to critically assess the work itself and leave cash considerations as secondary concerns.

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STAFF EDITORIAL

## Fire Coach Wilson

This past weekend, the Columbia football team wound down its season with a 38-16 loss at Brown. The Lions finished their schedule 4-6 overall and 2-5 in Ivy play.

After early success in nonconference play, the Light Blue looked to be a force in the Ivy League. This team had a lot of talent. After a devastating knee injury last season, star senior linebacker Alex Gross returned to the gridiron for Columbia. There were high hopes for this year’s team.

But the season ended in disappointment.

We cannot blame the players for the Lions’ mediocre results. They were not perfect, but they played their hearts out this year, no doubt about it. Rather, we must lay the majority of the blame for the football team’s performance at the feet of head coach Norries Wilson.

Coach Wilson has brought much to Columbia’s football program. The Lions were in the cellar of the Ivy League when he arrived, and we are no longer. Wilson is a strong recruiter and has assembled a respectable squad in his five years here. He is well liked and respected by his players.

But this season showed the limits of his abilities as a coach. Time and time again, Wilson’s play calls have left Lions fans confused. On fourth and two at Harvard, when the Lions are trailing by 16, why kick a field goal? Columbia looked like it was unprepared for many games—we frequently fell behind early and were forced to play catch-up. A coach’s job is to prepare his players, and Wilson clearly does not do that.

We appreciate all that Wilson has done to improve the program here. But it is time for him to go. We do not accept mediocrity anywhere else at this university, and we cannot accept it any longer in our football program.

We need a football coach who can recruit and bond with the team but also manage a game clock and send his players out of the tunnel ready to play.

We are a long way from the team that dropped 44 straight in the ’80s. And thank the lord we’re not Princeton (the Tigers didn’t win a single game this year).

But Norries Wilson is not going to take us to the next level.

Columbia deserves better.

## Perspectives on checkpoints

### Columbia/ Barnard Hillel

BY JONAH LIBEN

Last Thursday’s mock checkpoint set up on Low Plaza pointed to a wider problem on campus. It seems that Columbia Students for Justice in Palestine and others have decided as either written policy or de facto practice never to co-sponsor events with any of the four Israel groups under Hillel’s umbrella. The argument boils down to this: As long as you occupiers have the upper hand, we will never program together. Hillel’s support for the existence of Israel does not make us advocates for or representatives of another country’s government policies. For example, in a recent CSJP press statement, Yasmeen Ar-Rayani writes that “security concerns are not an excuse for human rights violations. If checkpoints are erected solely for the sake of security, why do they not lie solely on the border with Israel?” I wholeheartedly agree that Israeli checkpoints within Palestinian territory are hugely problematic. At best, they inconvenience the lives of innocent Palestinians and at worst, they make life awful. Hillel would have welcomed the opportunity to spread campus awareness about this issue by co-developing an event that dealt with such topics. However, by refusing to program events together, CSJP and others seek to invent a false dichotomy on campus so they can evade discussing difficult subjects. As students and future leaders, it is our duty to leave our comfort zones and hear different perspectives on issues in an instructive format. Calling North

American students Israeli colonizers and occupiers is not only brazenly false and offensive—it is counterproductive to the educational values of our university.

Statements and policies like CSJP’s remind me that Israel has not had an “upper hand” in this conversation for a long time. Furthermore, they alienate the moderates, centrists, and left-wingers in Israel and on campus. These groups are loudly pro-Israel and pro-Palestinian, and seek to work with Palestinians to ensure that they receive statehood and, in the meantime, equal rights. If Palestinians do not have these liberties, then these groups push all governments involved to change and implement policies that will grant such rights. Israel is not perfect—discrimination certainly exists. Neither any Hillel representative nor I would ever try to proclaim its perfection. However, what country is perfect? To single out Israel and no one else, and to refuse to run events with specific groups on campus unless they only fit the extremely narrow agendas of others, is intolerant and discriminatory.

CSJP’s and others’ refusals to co-sponsor events where both groups share common ground not only stifle debate, but forbid it—something harmful for our campus. I, a pro-Palestinian Zionist supporter of universal human rights, often find myself without someone’s hand to shake on campus and, really, without any hand at all.

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## Students for Justice in Palestine

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On Nov. 18, Columbia University Students for Justice in Palestine constructed a mock Israeli checkpoint at the Low Library steps. The action was intended to highlight the indignity Palestinian students endure at checkpoints. For instance, 9,000 students at An-Najah University have to pass through checkpoints daily, and 64 percent report having been physically abused at checkpoints, according to the Right to Education Campaign.

CSJP’s action was intended to show that the term “checkpoint” euphemizes the living conditions of occupation. Checkpoints are sites of violence. And although blindfolding is not an everyday occurrence, our point was to draw our community’s attention and to alert our peers to the humiliation that Palestinian students constantly endure.

Zionist groups protesting Thursday’s action claim that checkpoints are a “necessary evil.” Their “factsheet” claimed that armed terrorists attempt to cross checkpoints daily, but when asked, they could not provide any source indicating this to be the case. Moreover, as of 2006, it was estimated that 34,000 undocumented Palestinians crossed into Israel from the Green Line without passing through a checkpoint. Couldn’t one of these thousands have brought a bomb into Israel?

Terrorist attacks are a desperate response to the inequality between Palestinians and Israelis. Heightened security will not resolve Israel’s “security threat,” but an end to apartheid will.

Indeed, the checkpoints are an integral

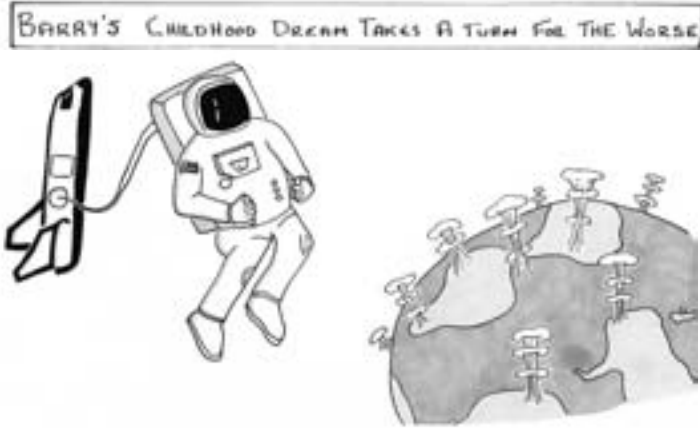
part of Israeli apartheid. They are not merely “border control” mechanisms. Checkpoints separate Palestinian villages from one another in the name of “protecting” the illegal settlements in the West Bank.

Although CSJP’s action focused on checkpoints, the Right to Education Campaign is geared toward shedding light on all Israeli policies that inhibit Palestinians’ access to education. These measures include detention, forced closures of schools, restrictions on foreign staff, and damage to property. For instance, Israel does not allow construction material into Gaza, even for use by the U.N.. The United Nations Relief and Works Agency was forced to turn away 40,000 children this past fall. In fact, the only reason UNRWA required building materials in order to accommodate these 40,000 children is that, in 2008, Israel’s assault on Gaza damaged 36 U.N. schools which are no longer fit for use.

According to Article 26 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, “Everyone has the right to education ... education shall be made generally available and higher education shall be equally accessible to all on the basis of merit.” Israel’s policies in the Occupied Territories prevent Palestinians from enjoying this right. It is natural that, as students of every religious, political, and national affiliation, we act in solidarity with those in Palestine who are cut off from the educational experiences we benefit from daily.

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25 Reader's \_\_\_\_ magazine  
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31 French city where Joan of Arc died  
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33 Milk units: Abbr.  
36 Old Italian money  
37 Parcel of land  
39 New Age-y emanation  
40 Single  
41 Wine vintage  
42 Thread holder  
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60 \_\_\_\_ even keel  
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**FRESH TALENT** | Freshman guard Steve Frankoski scored 14 points against Longwood during Saturday’s 95-76 loss.

## After close first half, men’s basketball blown out by Longwood

### MEN’S BASKETBALL from back page

the half put Columbia up by three. That would be the team’s biggest lead of the night.

Action remained tight for the first seven minutes of the second half, but Longwood put together two 10-0 runs four minutes apart to blow the game open and take a 75-56 lead with 5:30 remaining on the clock. Junior forward Jan van der Kooij had two back-breaking three pointers during

Longwood’s surge, while sharp-shooting junior guard Martiz Washington also hit a three, and senior guard Aaron Mitchell recorded a three-point play. With four-and-a-half minutes remaining, Columbia was down by 19 and would not threaten again.

Junior guard Jeremiah Bowman led the way for Longwood, scoring 22 points on 7-11 shooting to go along with seven rebounds and five assists. He also played a game-high 35 minutes. Mitchell had a

big game for the Lancers as well, notching 16 points and dishing seven helpers. Of Longwood’s bench players, only Washington played for a significant time. He went 6-8 from downtown for the Lancers, and finished with 21 points.

Agho went 7-17 from the field for the Lions, finishing with 19 points. Freshman guard Steve Frankoski put up 14 points, and sophomore point guard Brian Barbour had 11 to go along with five assists.

With the defeat, Columbia falls to 0-3 outside the confines of Levien Gymnasium. The Lions recorded a blowout victory in their only home game to date.

The Light Blue resumes its early season schedule on Tuesday at 7 p.m. when it hosts Colgate just before an abbreviated Thanksgiving break. The Lions will be back in action on Sunday, Nov. 28, when they travel to Washington, D.C. to take on American.

### WRESTLING

## Columbia wrestlers split matches in the Sunshine State

The Columbia wrestling team traveled to Orlando, Fla. this weekend to face Indiana University and the Citadel.

Starting off the day slowly at the ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex in Walt Disney World, the Lions grappled with the Hoosiers, winning their fair share of matches but falling flat with a final score of 22-15. 184-pounder Nick Mills kicked off action with an upset over Eric Cameron, the No. 20 nationally ranked wrestler in that weight class. After this strong start, the Lions had to forfeit the 197-pound weight class, which cost them six points. Heavyweight co-captain Kevin Lester fell to Indiana’s Ricky Alcala in the next round, but the Lions rallied with victories from Penn Gottfried and Kyle Gilchrist in the 125- and 133-pound weight classes, respectively. After a slew of losses in the 141-, 149-, and 157-pound weight classes in bouts with nationally ranked Hoosiers, the Lions finished the dual

strong with victories for 165-pounder Eren Civan and 174-pounder Stephen West. But Indiana still pulled out the win.

After a short break, Columbia returned to the mat and faced off against the Citadel. Mills once again earned valuable points for the Lions with a decision over Justin Sparrow. Other notable performers included Gottfried and Josh Houldsworth, who stepped up with victories over the Bulldogs in their first day of collegiate duals. 133-pounder Kyle Gilchrist made his second decision of the day over the Citadel’s Richard Alarcon. The Lions finished the dual with losses in the 157- and 165-pound weight classes until West closed out the day with a victory over J.C. Oddo, resulting in an overall victory for Columbia, 19-15.

The Lions return to the mat just days after Thanksgiving at the Northeast Duals. The action starts at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 27 in Troy, N.Y.

—Meredith Mead

### MEN’S SWIMMING

## Lions fall to Harvard, defeat Army in weekend competitions

The men’s swimming and diving team split its dual league meets this weekend, leaving it with a 3-1 overall record.

Friday night was disappointing for the Lions, as they fell 196-102 to Harvard. Despite the final result, they had several impressive first-place finishes. Senior Adam Powell found the wall first in both the 50- and 100-yard free. Junior Bruno Esquen finished first in the 100-yard fly, and a team of Powell, sophomore Patrick Dougherty, and freshmen Eric Traub and Daniel Tan won the closing race of the night, the 200-yard free relay, in 1:24.78. Unfortunately for Columbia, the Light Blue was unable to overcome the Crimson’s first-place finishes in seven straight events that came early in the night, due to a group of talented Harvard underclassmen.

However, in their second

away meet of the weekend, the Lions beat Army 174-126 on Saturday afternoon.

Sophomores Jason Collazo, Michaelangelo Borghi, and senior David Levkoff went two-three-four in the one-meter diving event. Sophomore Sean Mackenzie, Esquen, and Powell were all double winners. Mackenzie finished first in the 1000-yard freestyle, touching the wall seven seconds before the rest of the competition. Mackenzie also won the 500-yard freestyle. Powell won both the 50- and 100-yard free, and Esquen placed first in the 100- and 200-yard butterfly. In similar fashion to previous meets, the Light Blue finished first in both the opening and closing races.

After a short break, Columbia returns to action on Dec. 3 at the Princeton Invitational in Princeton, N.J.

—Rebeka Cohan

## Poor shooting hurts women’s basketball against Red Storm

### WOMEN’S BASKETBALL from back page

Brianna Orlich made two free throws. With 17:40 left in the first half, sophomore guard Taylor Ball hit a jumper that gave Columbia a 4-3 advantage. But St. John’s tied the game at 4-4 with a foul shot one minute later, starting an 8-0 run for the Red Storm.

Columbia went over five minutes without a field goal. Sophomore guard Diana Lee ended the Lions’ drought with 12:25 remaining, making the score 11-6 in the Red Storm’s favor.

But St. John’s (3-1) then scored 10 unanswered points. Columbia hit its next field goal with eight minutes left in the half when senior guard Kathleen Barry sank a jumper. At halftime, the Lions trailed 33-18.

The Red Storm hit both a layup and a free throw early in the second period to take a 36-18 lead. But Columbia would not go down easily. Orlich hit a trey with 17:17 left, Barry hit one just 16 seconds later, and sophomore forward Tyler Simpson made a jumper with 16:28 remaining. Just like that, the Lions turned an 18-point deficit into a 10-point deficit.

“I thought that was a direct result of our really getting the ball out and pushing it up in transition,” Nixon said. “We were able to get the ball down the floor quickly and create a couple of open shots.”

St. John’s responded with a

9-0 rally, though, and Columbia had few answers after that. The Red Storm grabbed a total of 21 offensive boards and scored 19 second-chance points.

“I thought the real key to the whole game was their ability to get offensive rebounds when they needed them,” Nixon said.

No one scored in double figures for the Lions—Lee’s eight points were the greatest output from any individual. Senior center Lauren Dwyer made just two of 11 shots.

Orlich—who scored 13 points against Long Island and 11 against Fairleigh Dickinson—went 1-for-12 from the field, and missed seven of eight three-pointers.

Junior guard Melissa Shafer hit two of three field goals after going 0-for-15 in Columbia’s first two games. She missed her one three-point attempt, however, meaning she still has not made a trey this year.

While Shafer started Columbia’s first two games, Orlich started in her place on Friday. According to Nixon, the decision was based less on what Shafer has not done this year and more on what she did last year.

“I looked at how successful Melissa Shafer was last season, being able to come off the bench and really spark us with her play,” Nixon said. “I really wanted to get her back into a role where she’s obviously been very productive for us.”

Nixon made one other change to his first string against



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**LEE LEAD** | Againt St. John’s, no Lion scored in double digits. Sophomore guard Diana Lee led the the team with eight points.

St. John’s—starting freshman forward Courtney Bradford in Simpson’s place. Nixon had wanted to “match up, size-wise, with them [St. John’s] at the beginning of the game,” which

gave the 6-foot-1 Bradford an edge over the 5-foot-9 Simpson.

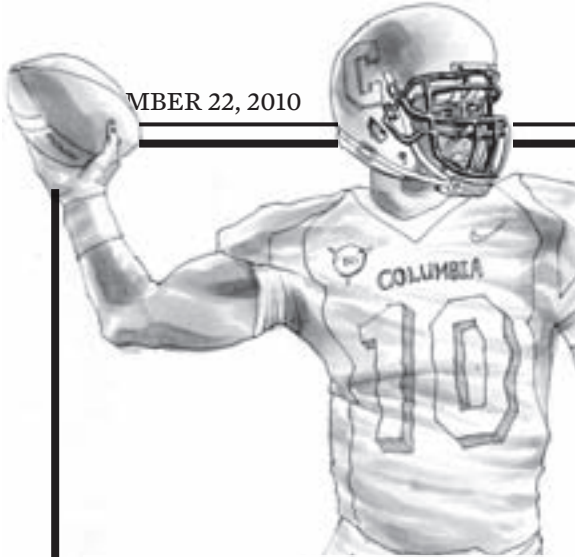
For the Red Storm, senior forward Cenithya Hart scored a game-high 16 points and grabbed a game-high 12 rebounds. She

hit six of 11 field goals and four of six free throws. Junior forward Da’Shena Stevens had 12 points, 11 rebounds, and a game-high six steals for St. John’s.

With Friday’s loss, Columbia

is 0-3 for the first time since the 2007-08 season.

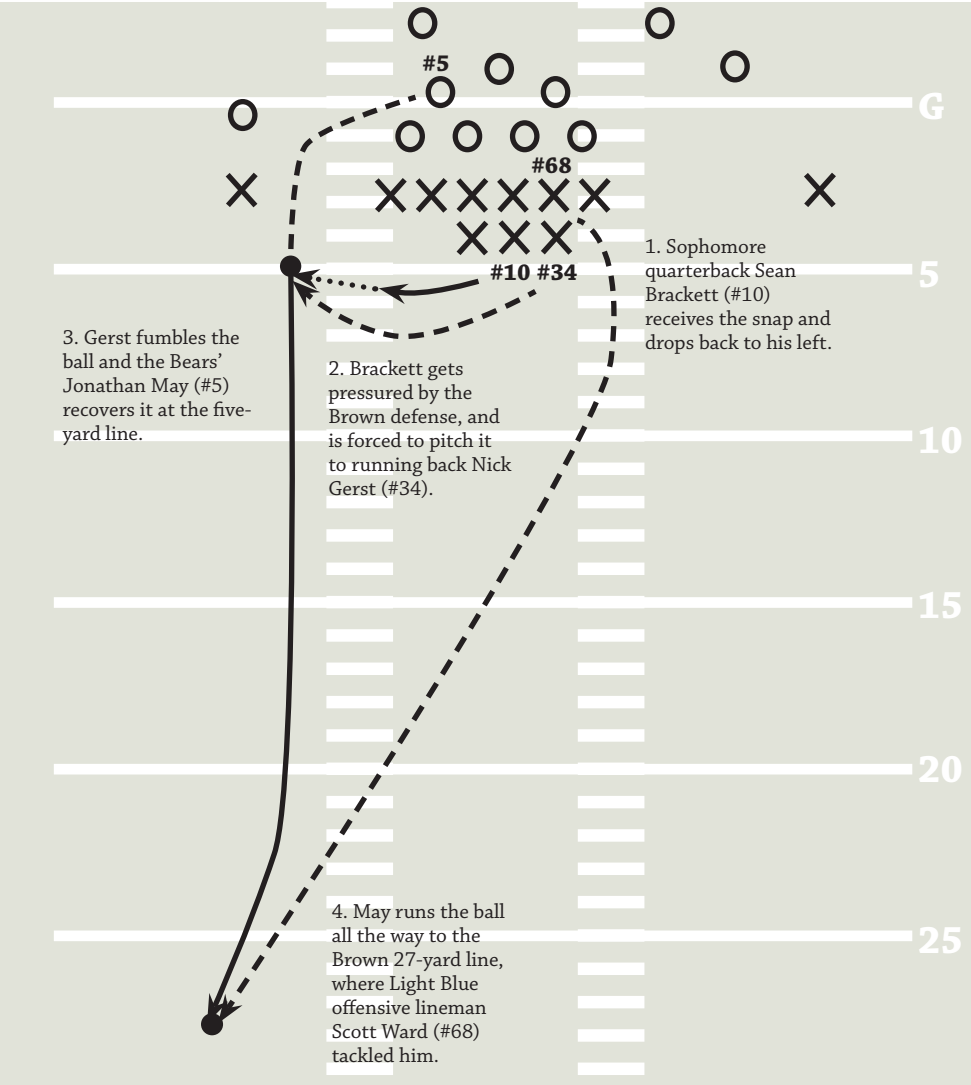
“It’s definitely not what any of us planned for or wanted,” Nixon said. “But it’s far from the end of anything.”



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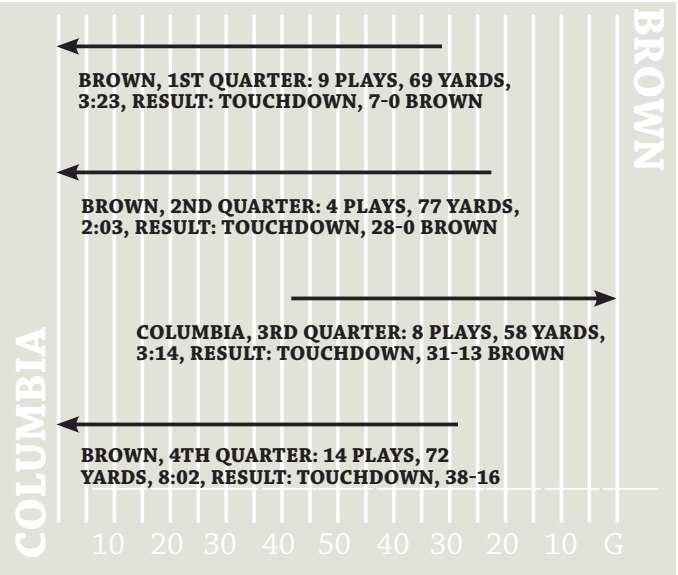
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## PLAY OF THE GAME



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## KEY DRIVES



IVY LEAGUE FOOTBALL STANDINGS				
	OVERALL	IVY	POINTS FOR	POINTS AGAINST
PENN	9-1	7-0	290	145
HARVARD	7-3	5-2	273	187
YALE	7-3	5-2	224	211
BROWN	6-4	5-2	247	210
DARTMOUTH	6-4	3-4	264	212
COLUMBIA	4-6	2-5	222	228
CORNELL	2-8	1-6	124	274
PRINCETON	1-9	0-7	165	334

## PIXBOX STANDINGS: WEEK 10

1	Victoria "Batting a Thousand" Jones	50-38
2	Michele "I Can See Cleary Now" Cleary	48-40
2	Jim "On the Couch" Pagels	48-40
4	Kunal "Moving the Chains" Gupta	46-42
5	Bart "The Tailgating Tales" Lopez	43-45
5	Lucas "In the Refrigerator" Shaw	43-45
7	Lauren "Shiver Me Timbers" Seaman	40-48
8	Michael "Turn Up the Mike" Shapiro	39-49
9	Jacob "Eye on the Ball" Levenfeld	37-51
10	Zach "Boom Goes the Dynamite" Glubiak	31-57

## GAME BALL

In his final game in light blue, senior linebacker and captain Alex Gross led the Columbia defense with 14 tackles, bringing his season total to 124—the best in the Ivy League. Brown's leading tackler had only seven, half of Gross' total.

## BEST CALL

Columbia had a fourth and four at its own 46-yard line when head coach Norries Wilson called for a fake punt. Kicker Greg Guttas was able to get the ball to Daniel Myers for a nine-yard pass and a fresh set of downs.

## WORST CALL

Though sophomore quarterback Sean Brackett did not practice a single snap all week because of a leg injury, he was still much more effective than his backup, Jerry Bell. Brackett finished with 179 passing yards, while Bell had only 11.

## TURNING POINT

At the beginning of the fourth quarter, the Lions had the chance to cut their deficit to just 11 points with the ball at Brown's three-yard line. Instead, running back Nick Gerst fumbled a pitch from Brackett on second and goal, turning the ball over.

## RECORD

GAME ONE VS. FORDHAM L 16-9	GAME TWO VS. TOWSON W 24-10	GAME THREE VS. PRINCETON W 42-14	GAME FOUR VS. LAFAYETTE W 42-28	GAME FIVE @ PENN L 27-13	GAME SIX VS. DARTMOUTH L 24-21	GAME SEVEN @ YALE L 31-28	GAME EIGHT @ HARVARD L 23-7	GAME NINE VS. CORNELL W 20-17	GAME TEN @ BROWN L 38-16

## WOMEN'S SWIMMING

### Light Blue falls to Harvard, places eighth at Rutgers Invitational

The women's swimming and diving team had a full three days of competition this past weekend, taking on Harvard for their Ivy home opener on Friday, then traveling to Rutgers to compete in the Rutgers Invitational. Sophomore Katie Meili had an especially strong weekend, setting a pool record in the 50 free with a time of 23.51 on Friday, and then winning the individual title for the 100 and 200 breast at Rutgers. Columbia placed eighth overall at the invitational with 626 points, while Pittsburgh won the championship-style meet with a total of 1,576.5 points.

The Lions lost to the top-ranked Crimson on Friday but swam well overall, eventually falling 189-111 at Uris Pool. Winning events for the Light Blue were Meili, who dominated the 400 IM in 4:18.62, and senior Annie Perizzolo, who finished first in the 100

breast just before teammate Mariele Dunn, who took second. When Meili placed first in the 50 free, she set the Uris Pool record of 23.55, which had been standing since 2003. She also won the 100 free shortly after in 51.49. Perizzolo also took first in the 200 breast, breezing by the competition by nearly five seconds.

On Saturday, the first day of competition at Rutgers, the Lions had an impressive performance. The 200 medley relay team of Alena Kluge, Perizzolo, Caroline Lukins, and Meili placed 6th of 25 teams with a time of 1:47.59. In the 400 IM, freshman Grace Senko and sophomore Molly Dengler placed 14th and 16th overall, while Lukins and Caitlin Rogers placed third and seventh overall in the 100 butterfly. Perizzolo and Meili both qualified for the 100 breast finals and placed

third and 12th, respectively.

On the second day of the Rutgers meet, sophomore Molly Dengler scored points for the Lions by finishing seventh overall in the 1650 free event with a time of 17:31.12. In the 200 back, Senko placed fourth in the A final, while Meili took the fourth spot in the A final of the 100 free. Meili also took first place in the A final of the 200 breast with a time of 2:15.44, while teammate Dunn took eighth. Lukins made an impact by finishing second in the A final of the 200 butterfly, followed by Dunn who once again took eighth.

The diving team will compete next in the Big Al Invitational in Princeton, N.J., Friday, Dec. 3 through Sunday, Dec. 5, while the swim team will have a meet against Wagner on the fourth at home.

—Julia Garrison

## CU needs to find better second-string quarterback

### BRACKETT from back page

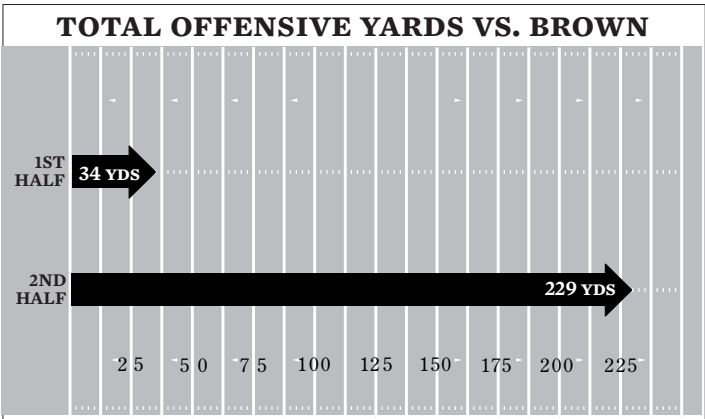
ball and run when he doesn't see any options, on Saturday he was forced to take extra time in the pocket and wait for his receivers to run their routes and get open.

"I couldn't run; kinda hard to throw," Brackett said. "But once the adrenaline started kicking in, it hurt less and less. It gave me a better opportunity to make some plays."

So Brackett started airing it out and looking deep. He completed several long passes, including bombs to Nico Gutierrez and Mark Muston for 26 and 43 yards, respectively.

Brackett's mobility may have been limited, but the numbers speak for themselves. In the last 30 minutes of the game, the Lions posted 16 points and 229 total offensive yards, 158 of which came off Brackett's arm. Compared to the first half, where the Lions had just 34 total offensive yards, the turnaround seems remarkable.

Although Brackett did play, it was not part of the game plan



GRAPHIC BY YUMA SHINOHARA

for the Lions.

"Nothing justified putting Sean back in," head coach Norries Wilson said. "Sean played, and I honestly feel I did a disservice to him by playing."

Though teams never expect their star quarterback to get injured, it happens. Any team should be prepared to go to the depth chart, pull up the second or third guy on the list, and keep playing according to the original game plan.

"I expected Jerry to play better," Wilson said. "Just wasn't on.

He had some pressures, got a few balls dropped, didn't get any help in the running game to get some of the pressure off of him. I told Jerry all week that he couldn't win the game all by himself."

In retrospect, a healthy Brackett probably still would not have guided the Lions to victory on Saturday. But coaches and players must have confidence in the second string, and Bell's slow start robbed Columbia of any chance it may have had heading into the showdown at Brown.

## Columbia desperately needs to bulk up on the defensive line before it can contend next fall

### GUPTA from back page

this program around. Brackett proved this season that not only is he the best player on this team, but he may also be one of the best in the Ivy League. Consider this: Brackett finished first in the conference in passing efficiency by a wide margin, second in average passing yards per game, eighth overall in rushing (including running backs), and first in total offense per game with an average of 259 yards. The second and third players averaged 235 and 170 yards, respectively. Consider that number for a second. Brackett alone accounted for almost 260 yards of offense in every game. He single-handedly saved this team from an embarrassing loss to Cornell, and we watched him run for 16 yards on third-and-10 in the fourth quarter after apparently straining his hamstring in perhaps the gutsiest play I've seen in four years here. You've got a player here who is going to

challenge for Ivy League Player of the Year next season, and another year of experience is only going to make him better. Coach, design an offense that plays to his strengths. Get him on the move outside the pocket, draw up some bootlegs, and please—for my sake—cut down on the designed quarterback draws. You saw what the offense looked like without him on Saturday, and I can guarantee you that no coach is going to keep his job if Brackett goes down, and the team plays like that for an extended period of time. Columbia football, in spite of your follies and mishaps over the years, it looks like you've got a playmaker on the offensive side. Now make him a star.

### 2. FIND A RUNNING BACK

Notice that "running back" is singular. As in one. This fall, I counted 12 players who carried the ball. Among those were five running backs—Nick Gerst, Leon Ivery, Zack Kourouma,

Marcorus Garrett, and David Chao all got touches. I'm not sure the team ever figured out which running back was their

This season, the Lions were able to cover up some of the deficiencies in their defensive line with outstanding linebacker play. But Alex Gross and Matt Moretto will both be gone next fall, and I'm not sure that the group will be nearly as good next year.

number one option. Gerst looked great some games, Ivery in others, and even Kourouma had his spots. In the fall, before the season started, Coach Wilson told Spec beat writers that David Chao was actually the most complete running back on the team. If that's the case, why did Chao only get one carry this entire season? You've got Sean Brackett

under center, now figure out one player who he can hand off to. He doesn't have to get 80 percent of the touches, but find one

guy who can start 10 games, stay healthy, and provide some spark from the backfield.

### 3. GET SOME SIZE ON THE DEFENSIVE LINE

This is the most interesting of the shortcomings I perceive on this team. For the four years that I've watched them, the defensive line has been getting

pushed around year in and year out. I wondered whether Columbia's defensive line really was undersized, or was there some other factor at play? So I did some research, and looked at the size of the opponent's starting offensive line and Columbia's starting defensive line for each of the ten games they played this season. I found that, on average, Columbia's starting defensive line weighed 32.675 pounds less than its opponents' starting offensive line. That number is way too high. It explains why Penn could complete two passes (on five attempts) and beat Columbia 27-13 (Columbia's defensive line gave up 34 pounds in that matchup). This season, the Lions were able to cover up some of the deficiencies in their defensive line with outstanding linebacker play. But Alex Gross and Matt Moretto will both be gone next fall, and I'm not sure that the group will be nearly as good next year. If I were recruiting for Columbia, I

would be looking for some serious size on the defensive line. Let's get some big guys in here who can take up some space and slow down the run. I'm willing to bet the whole defense will play a lot better.

I'm an optimist. Every season when the Philadelphia Eagles schedule is released, I see them going 16-0. And every fall, I fool myself into thinking that this Columbia team can be the one that turns it around. I'm not sure who is going to be coaching this team in the fall, but whoever does is going to have some raw talent on it. With a couple small changes and improvements, I'm sure next year's team can make some noise in Ivy play.

After all, we can't be bad forever... can we?

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## If I were head football coach

I spent a lot of time thinking about which topic to broach with this column. Volleyball just finished a historic season, and both basketball teams are now underway with seasons that look totally different from the ones we saw last winter. But ultimately, the fall is about just one sport: football.

At the end of yet another bitterly disappointing season for Columbia football, there is one question which comes to mind: will head coach Norries Wilson be roaming the sidelines when the Lions take the field next fall? Obviously, I don't know the answer to that question, but despite his 16-34 record (9-26 Ivy) since becoming head coach in December 2005, the players seem to like playing for him and he has been able to attract some serious talent to Morningside Heights.

## You've got Sean Brackett under center, now figure out one player who he can hand off to.

On Spectrum, after every football game, we've been writing a piece on the three main things that we took away from that game. In keeping with that tradition, I'd like to offer Coach Wilson, or whoever ends up coaching this team next fall, three pieces of advice going forward.

**1. BUILD AROUND SEAN BRACKETT**

All season, I've made my admiration for this guy quite clear. I think our sophomore quarterback is a winner, a gamer, a guy who can be the piece to the puzzle that starts to turn

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## Lions still without a road win

BY JACOB LEVENFELD  
Spectator Senior Staff Writer

In a game featuring 16 lead changes and seven ties, the Columbia men's basketball team battled neck-and-neck with Longwood for one half of play at Willett Hall in Farmville, Va. on Saturday, but the Lancers pulled away down the stretch for a 95-76 victory. The Lions trailed by just one at halftime but were out-scored 61-43 in the final 20 minutes, dropping their record to 1-3 overall.

COLUMBIA	76
LONGWOOD	95

Poor shooting accuracy was largely responsible for Columbia's downfall. The Light Blue shot just 13-22 from the charity stripe, and 5-18 from behind the arc. Overall, the Lancers shot 57.6 percent from the field after halftime while the Lions shot 40.5 percent.

Longwood (2-2) opened up a 22-14 lead after 11 minutes of play, but the Lions responded with a 7-0 run keyed by a three-pointer by freshman guard Dyami Starks. Junior guard Noruwa Agho's jumper with 1:59 remaining in

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## Brown routs Columbia in 38-16 defeat on Saturday



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HALFTIME WOES | Quarterback Sean Brackett played with a leg injury to put the Lions on the board after a 28-0 first-half deficit.

## Brackett's absence costs Light Blue in season finale

BY VICTORIA JONES  
Spectator Staff Writer

When the Columbia Lions took the field on Saturday, they did so without star quarterback Sean Brackett. Brackett had not practiced all week after sustaining a leg injury near the end of last Saturday's game against Cornell. Instead, the Light Blue entrusted the ball to junior Jerry Bell, who struggled throughout his time on the gridiron.

Despite his injury, Brackett was called upon to bail the offense out late in the second quarter. He fared much better than Bell had, and the entire episode demonstrated Columbia's need for a stronger depth chart at the position.

Right from the start, Bell had trouble in the pocket. His first pass of the game was incomplete, and his second was intercepted, giving Brown possession of the ball just 20 yards from the end zone.

But the bleeding didn't stop there.

The Light Blue went three-and-out on three of the six drives that Bell played to start the game. In those first 24 minutes, the junior signal-caller was 5-16, passing for just 11 yards.

"All week I knew Sean was gonna be limited, and I had an opportunity to send the seniors out the right way, and I didn't step up," Bell said. "It wasn't anything I wasn't prepared for. I just wasn't giving our team a chance to win."

Bell may have been

overexcited as a starter. Most of his passes sailed over the heads of their intended receivers.

The offensive line also did not do its job protecting the new quarterback. Bell was sacked three times in the first 24 minutes of the game.

"Between Sean and Jerry, it shouldn't matter," junior offensive lineman Jeff Adams said. "We didn't play well enough as a group. It's our responsibility to open holes for the running backs, give Jerry time to throw the ball, and we weren't able to do that for Jerry."

There wasn't much for Brackett to do in the last six minutes of the first half, but all aspects of the game improved after halftime, coinciding with fairly strong play from the usual starting quarterback.

"I think when I came out, everyone kind of stepped up their game a bit," Brackett said. "The running backs started to see some holes from the line. The line really played a lot better, just giving me protection, giving holes for our backs, and obviously ended up with some good results for the offense."

Though Brackett was in for the majority of the game, Columbia's offensive scheme was limited by his leg injury. Normally a dual threat to run and pass, Brackett had to stand idly by and watch several holes in Brown's defense close up while he searched for a passing option instead.

However, the loss of Brackett's rushing game did seem to have a positive effect on his arm. While Brackett is known for his ability to pull down the

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RING MY BELL | Junior quarterback Jerry Bell struggled as a starter on Saturday against Brown while Sean Brackett was sidelined with an injury, going 5-of-19 for 11 yards and two interceptions.

BY JACOB LEVENFELD  
Spectator Senior Staff Writer

PROVIDENCE—The Lions won the coin toss on Saturday, but that was about the last thing that went right for Columbia on the field in its 38-16 blowout defeat at Brown Stadium. The offense, defense, and special teams units all looked overmatched for most of the game by a dominating Bears team that led 28-0 at halftime. With the loss, the Lions wrapped up their 2010 football season with a 4-6 overall record. They were 2-5 in the Ivy League.

COLUMBIA	16
BROWN	38

Sophomore quarterback Sean Brackett—who started the game as a sideline spectator due to a leg injury sustained against Cornell last week—made a discernible impact after entering late in the second quarter. Jerry Bell, a junior who got the start, never seemed comfortable in the pocket. He finished 5-16 on the day with 11 passing yards and two costly interceptions early in the game. Although Brackett was limping upon his entrance, he grew more comfortable with each passing offensive set.

"Sean did a lot of good things given the limited physical nature that he was today," head coach Norries Wilson said in the post-game press conference. "He got us down inside the goal line a couple times and got a touchdown and got a field goal. We had a turnover down there so he did some good things and they made some plays, but we didn't make enough plays and Brown made enough plays to win the football game."

First-half action was lopsided in every sense of the word. The Bears outgained the Lions 279 yards to 34 in the first 30 minutes. The Lions missed a field goal, their quarterbacks were a combined 7-21, penalty flags flew at just the wrong moments, and the defense was missing tackles all over the field.

The onslaught began with Brown's opening drive, which featured a 26-yard pass by quarterback Joe Springer to wide receiver Alexander Tounkara, a 16-yard gain on a reverse to Tounkara, and a 14-yard rush byrunning back Zachary Tronti.

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## Women's basketball still winless

BY SARAH SOMMER  
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The Columbia women's basketball team continues to pay the price for poor shooting. On Friday night, the Lions suffered a 65-41 loss at St. John's, hitting just 14 of 55 field goals.

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The Lions started the year by going 19-for-58 against Long Island and 16-for-69 against Fairleigh Dickinson. Both contests ended in defeat for Columbia.

"We obviously were hoping to improve on our execution from our first two games, where we really struggled," head coach Paul Nixon said. "But they [St. John's] made it very difficult for us to really do that."

Nixon credited the Red Storm's defensive efforts.

"They just changed defenses a lot," he said. "I mean, they were in the full-court press and they were out of the full-court press, and then they were back in it again."

The Lions (0-3) took a 2-0 lead after freshman guard

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