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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Everything's OK here. ... It's not like going to Harvard—you need a high school diploma and a \$65 money order."

—Mostab Alli, second-year student at Borough of Manhattan Community College

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Students seek change to Dean's Discipline process

BY ALISA LU
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Better watch who you're rude to—Columbia students may soon have more say in their colleagues' disciplinary hearings. Members of the Columbia College Student Council, Engineering Student Council, and advisory board to the Office of Judicial Affairs have formed a Student Judicial Process Ad Hoc

Committee to increase student involvement and raise awareness of the judicial process at Columbia.

Currently, low-level behavioral offenses—such as noise violations or drinking in residence halls—are typically referred to the Office of Residential Programs. Higher-level behavioral offenses and academic infractions go through Dean's Discipline, the process by which administrators deals with student

transgressions. Higher-level violations are those that could result in a misdemeanor or felony charge, and include drug dealing and acts of violence.

Council members said they have been unsatisfied with the little influence they have in the process, other than through the Judicial Affairs Advisory Board, which was established last year.

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CUNY community colleges restrict admissions

BY SARAH DARVILLE AND RAY KATZ
Columbia Daily Spectator

Community colleges are at full capacity.

Students in West Harlem and Morningside Heights who hope to attend one of the community colleges within the City University of New York system may face tougher restrictions on admission. Flooded with applications, five of the six CUNY community colleges were forced to move up their admissions deadlines last summer, and some anticipate similar changes for the spring 2010 semester.

"We do anticipate cutting it off at some point," said Thomas Bracken, assistant director of admissions at Bronx Community College. Barry Rosen, executive director of public affairs for Borough of Manhattan Community College, echoed Bracken, saying that although BMCC usually begins advertising in May for the following semester, advertising will begin in April this year to reflect the expected earlier deadline.

BMCC instituted a new policy for spring 2010 transfer students, automatically placing any applicants with a GPA less than 2.0 on a waiting list.

"It seems for us that we shouldn't be taking on students who have had, I would say, not very good records from other schools," Rosen said.

Increases in application volume are not new for community colleges. Enrollment at BMCC has been increasing steadily over the past few years, from 19,259 in the fall of 2007 to 22,109 this past spring. The percentage of first-years has also risen each fall, from 20 percent in the fall of 2007 to 22.6 percent in the fall of 2008.



ENROLLMENT TRENDS AT BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN COMMUNITY COLLEGE			
FALL 2007	SPRING 2008	FALL 2008	SPRING 2009
19,259	19,611	21,858	22,199
enrollment	enrollment	enrollment	enrollment
of which 20% are first-years	of which 9.8% are first-years	of which 22.6% are first-years	of which 10.6% are first-years

Photo illustration by Yipeng Huang, Photo by Jawad Bhatti / Staff photographer
MAXIMUM CAPACITY | Applications for community colleges have steadily increased, and many schools say that they cannot meet the growing demand.

But the influx of applications BMCC received for the 2009 fall semester was so great that it forced the school to close registration on June 22, the earliest of all the CUNY community colleges and well before the usual deadline of the day before classes.

"It depends upon the number of spaces, and so people could actually enroll up until the last day if there are more spaces," Rosen said. "But this year,

it came to a point where we had to shut down registration."

BCC faced a similar situation. "They've been increasing steadily, one to two percent each semester," Bracken said of the number of applications BCC receives. "This year, to show you the spike, pure freshman applications spiked about 25 percent.

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Courtesy of Shree Nayar

BIG SHOTS | Computer science professor Shree Nayar invented BigShot, an interactive camera that teaches elementary school students about engineering and photography.

Kid-friendly camera designed at Columbia makes worldwide debut

BY CATHERINE MAS
Spectator Staff Writer

It teaches science, engineering, photography, and Web sharing, and it fits in the palm of your hand.

It is the "BigShot," a small digital camera for elementary school students. Shree Nayar, T.C. Chang Professor of Computer Science and co-director of the Columbia Vision and Graphics Center, along with a team of graduate and undergraduate students, invented this inexpensive camera that comes in separate parts so users can assemble the device themselves.

According to Nayar, the project has three aims. He wants children to learn key engineering and science concepts by assembling the camera, to explore their

creativity and artistic expression by taking photos, and to upload and share their pictures with other students across the world on the BigShot Web site.

Nayar said that much of his previous work has dealt with high-end technology, and his motivation for building a simple camera was to create something accessible to a vast audience across continents and socioeconomic boundaries. The name BigShot comes from his goal to turn underprivileged children—who might otherwise be underexposed to science and engineering—into "big shots" by giving them the camera. The group of researchers who invented the device have also tested the camera in Bangalore, India

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Ryan Center health clinic expands on Upper West Side

BY MAGGIE ASTOR
Spectator Senior Staff Writer

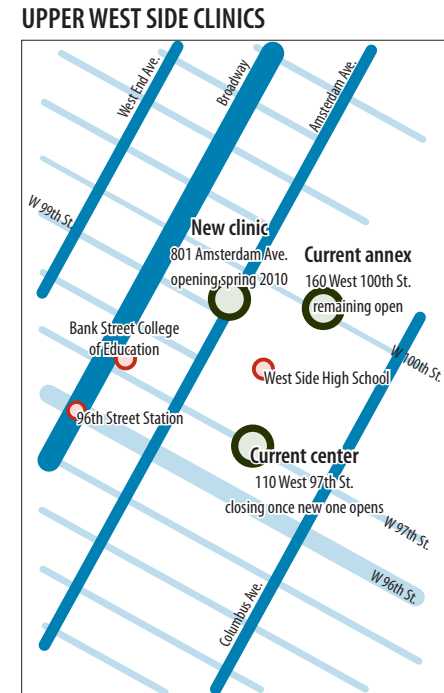
Uninsured residents of the Upper West Side will soon have a lot more options.

The William F. Ryan Community Health Center has been a neighborhood resource for decades, and is planning to increase its patient capacity by 50 percent next May, when it expands its services to a new location at Amsterdam Avenue and West 100th Street in the now-opening Columbus Square development.

According to Will Murphy, senior director for program services at the Center, the new space will house the women's, pediatric, and mental health facilities, along with a federal program called Women, Infants, and Children, which provides food stamps and nutrition education for low-income families. With a 50 percent increase in space, Murphy said they will be able to add to the number of specialty services offered at the original 97th Street location and serve 10,000 more people, after treating 20,000 patients last year.

Murphy couldn't specify the additional specialty services planned because negotiations with potential staff and partners are ongoing, but said, "It's part of our overall mission to provide all services under one roof."

The existing clinic on West 97th Street between Amsterdam and Columbus—which opened in 1988 as an extension of the original center established in 1967—offers general and specialized services, including



Graphic by Yipeng Huang

COLUMBUS SQUARE | Ryan Center will open a new clinic on 100th Street in May.

pediatrics, mental health, women's health, neurology, vision, and dental. It was founded on the principle, espoused by former Rep. William F. Ryan (D-N.Y.), that "healthcare is a right, not a privilege." In keeping with that philosophy, the Ryan Center serves primarily low-income individuals. Its three primary New York City locations accept Medicare, Medicaid, Child Health Plus, Family Health Plus, and over a dozen other insurance plans, and offer income-based sliding scales to uninsured patients.

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Development leaves no room for public school

PS 163 anticipates overcrowding due to Columbus Square

BY JEREMY BLEEKE AND JESSICA HILLS
Columbia Daily Spectator

At PS 163 on 97th Street, two trailers parked outside have become more like permanent wings of the building for the past 10 years.

These trailers provide additional classrooms as the school operates at 105 percent capacity, with at least two more classrooms full of students than it was built to hold, according to Helen Rosenthal, former chair of the Upper West Side Community Board 7. She predicted that the school is likely to see a huge influx in new students as the Columbus Square development—which includes five new apartment rental towers—nears completion on Columbus Avenue from 97th Street to 100th Street. Two of these residential buildings are already on the market.

Wendy Clapp-Schapiro, PS 163's liaison to its local Community School District 3, said that since the development is still under construction, the school has not yet seen a major influx of new students. In the meantime, she is concerned that the new high rises will soon intensify an already critical situation.

"We are very concerned that there are 700 apartments in those five new buildings, and over the coming years we are concerned about having a large influx of students," she said.

Clapp-Schapiro added that, although additional space for PS 163 in the Columbus Square development might have been beneficial, the school had no power to fight for it at the time. "Everything they did was within the zoning laws so there really was no leverage for people to say that they had to build school space. So there was nothing that the community board could hold them to," she said of the unrestricted development.

Space and size

In order to meet class size maximums and hold onto its cluster rooms—which

Investigative journalism center draws applicants despite gloomy media landscape

BY CLAIRE STERN
Spectator Staff Writer

Kristina Peterson bought prescription drugs online without a prescription.

A 2009 alumna of the Toni Stabile Center for Investigative Journalism at the Graduate School of Journalism, Peterson was investigating a Web site that illegally sells prescription drugs last May, when she decided to order the product herself.

“The day that it arrived, we shrieked and took all of these photos. It was great to see something candid that we’ve gotten,” she said.

It is this kind of thorough reporting that takes place in the three-year-old Stabile Center for Investigative Journalism.

According to Sheila Coronel, director of the Center, more than 100 students applied this year, marking the largest and most diverse pool of applicants since the program’s inception in 2006—despite the fact that investigative reporting in today’s media environment is threatened.

Stabile students are required to complete the investigative track on top of traditional M.S. concentrations in broadcast, newspaper, magazine, and digital media. And with new computer-assisted reporting methods, Stabile has evolved every year in response to the changing media landscape.

“You read a lot about how investigative reporting has to be done through the Web, using new techniques that the Web allows ... The Stabile Center is part of this trend,” Coronel said.

The program also focuses on how changes in technology create new opportunities to present content and influence the models for funding investigative reporting. Coronel said



Shelby Layne / Staff photographer

INVESTIGATIONS | Sheila Coronel, director of the Stabile Center for Investigative Journalism at the J-School, says that applications for the Stabile track have increased, despite the fact that changes in media are threatening investigative journalism. This year, the 3-year-old Center fielded over 100 graduate applicants.

that not many other graduate programs provide this focused opportunity. “Other universities have investigative reporting classes, but not a dedicated track,” she said.

“It’s definitely challenging,” said Amy Brittain, Journalism ’10 and a current Stabile

student. “It’s almost like having a second major.”

Students are also required to complete specialized reports for their master’s project. In the past, students have mapped the rise in methadone prescriptions, explored Internet pharmacies, and reported on global

trade in substandard drugs.

Some alumni have carried their work from the classroom into the professional world. Two years ago, Peterson wrote a story that ran on the front page of the New York Times, about athletes who lack adequate health care coverage.

“It was the most fantastic experience ever,” she said. “The purpose of being a journalist is that you find things that people involved don’t necessarily want to be news, and you bring that to the attention of your readers. That was why I, in concept, wanted to go to the Stabile Center.”

Brittain said that this kind of reporting reflects the growing importance of technology in journalism. “It’s part of the new media emergence, and it’s a justification for why journalism school still exists. We need people to do this for the history of our country,” she said.
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Columbia students seek change, voice in discipline process

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The advisory board is composed of student leaders, administrators, and representatives from Residential Programs, Judicial Affairs, the Center for Student Advising, CCSC, and ESC.

“The main issue we have with it is that there’s very little, or actually no student involvement or input,” Nuriel Moghavam, CC ’11 and CCSC vice president of funding, said. Moghavam is a member of both the ad hoc committee and the advisory board.

The Office of Judicial Affairs and Community Standards was established in 2006 to streamline the University judicial system. In the past, academic and behavioral cases were handled separately in the Center for Student Advising and the Office of Residential Programs, respectively, while the OJA now addresses both.

Students still complained of a lack of transparency in the Dean’s Discipline process, a system that was seen by some as inaccessible. Former Dean of Student Affairs Chris Colombo set up a committee of students and administrators, which began meeting in 2008, to make recommendations to OJA. Kevin Shollenberger, current dean of Student Affairs, took the recommendations into consideration and created the advisory board.

Currently, OJA fields complaints and decides whether Dean’s Discipline is warranted, according to the University Web site. Students are informed in writing if complaints will go through Dean’s Discipline and whether they may review their file before the hearing.

“At least two members of the staff of the Dean of Student Affairs Office will administer the hearing. A student may not be accompanied by another person

in the hearing, including a family member, a friend, or an attorney,” the Web site explains, adding, “If the student is found responsible, the degree of seriousness of the offense and the student’s previous disciplinary record, if any, will determine the severity of the sanction that will be issued. A student will be notified in writing of the outcome of the hearing.” Sanctions can range from a disciplinary warning to expulsion.

CCSC Vice President of Policy Sarah Weiss, CC ’10, sits on the ad hoc committee, which she says is looking to the honor systems at Barnard and Princeton as possible models for change at Columbia.

Barnard students who dispute charges brought against them by faculty, or students who admit guilt and choose not to use Dean’s Discipline, go before the Barnard College Honor Board.

The board, which typically includes eight students and three faculty members, meets once a month to promote the honor code by distributing newsletters and fliers and setting up tables to discuss the process with students directly. According to Yolanda Lannquist, BC ’10 and chair of the honor board, keeping students involved in the hearings is important. “Students understand how students think,” she explained.

At a hearing, the chair first reviews the charge and evidence. The board then hears from anyone testifying on behalf of the student, and then from the student herself. The honor board decides whether the student is guilty and what sanctions should be imposed. A majority is needed to make a decision.

According to Karen Blank, Barnard dean of studies and adviser to the honor board, most students who admit guilt do not choose to go before the board. From 2004 to 2009, 79

cases were referred to the Dean of Studies Office, but only four cases went before the honor board. The rest of the cases went before the same deans who originally handled them.

“Unless they [students in question] feel that we perhaps wouldn’t be fair ... I think they often decide that they would like to have this resolved as soon as possible,” Blank said.

Barnard has also formed a committee to explore handling behavioral cases through a system similar to the honor board. The committee has already created a community code similar to Barnard’s honor code, but has yet to establish concrete plans for changing its behavioral judicial process.

Because Columbia’s committee was established earlier this semester, no concrete proposals or plans currently exist. “We really want to think about if students can be involved and how can they be involved, but we’re still in a thinking-through process,” Weiss said.

But both she and Moghavam have praised OJA for their support and willingness to listen to students’ concerns. “The OJA is really committed to re-evaluating the process,” Weiss said.

Some changes have already been made—there are now advisers on tap to guide students before their hearings, which was suggested by the committee. The board, which includes both students and faculty, continues to advise OJA, while the committee seeks to make bigger changes.

This summer, OJA expanded training sessions for residential advisers to more clearly address the Dean’s Discipline process. The Student Affairs staff also went through additional training, and have updated their Web site.

“The Judicial Affairs Advisory Board continues to evaluate the

success of the changes and consider additional modifications as needed to ensure a fair and transparent process,” Shollenberger wrote in an e-mail.

Moghavam said the committee aims to create a proposal by December and then send it to the student councils for approval. He predicted that the project will be completed in two years, though Weiss said it may be closer to three. “The wheels will really be moving fast once the semester is over and the process of actually making these changes, especially the short term ones, will definitely be in place by the end of the year, if not already done,” Moghavam said.

While details of the proposal are being discussed, the ad hoc committee’s short-term goal is to teach students about the Dean’s Discipline process.

According to Moghavam, most students do not know about the judicial system. “I would dare to say maybe 98 out of 100 kids don’t know the judicial process or the Dean’s Discipline process,” he said.

Saketh Kalathur, CC ’13, echoed that sentiment, saying, “I didn’t even know we had an Office of Judicial Affairs.”

Weiss stressed the importance of students knowing “more about the judicial process before they get there by giving them proactive information, instead of them having a case and then learning about the judicial affairs process.”

Lannquist and Blank both advocated raising awareness as a deterrent to violations.

“There tends to be less academic dishonesty at colleges and universities that have honor codes,” Blank said. “I think we all need reminders in our lives of the values that are important to us.”

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CU-born camera travels the globe

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and Vung Tau, Vietnam as part of an effort to make BigShot a global enterprise.

The camera features three lenses: a regular lens, a panoramic lens, and a stereo lens that produces three-dimensional images that can be seen with 3-D glasses. The glasses are included in the camera kit, along with a dynamo—or a crank—that is wound to generate the energy needed to take pictures, so the device does not need batteries.

“The reason we did it is not so that you can take pictures when you run out of a battery, but it’s more the idea of putting the mechanics of that [the crank] in there so we can teach them that as well,” Nayar said, adding that the design teaches kids about the mechanics of a camera as well as the physiology of the eye.

Nayar has two small children of his own, and asked for input from his seven-year-old son, Akash, when considering the concept of the camera two years ago. “We had lots of conversations, to the extent that he started making his own sketches and suggesting his own design,” he said.

The research group also tested it out at the School at Columbia University, a private school affiliated with the University. Lisbeth Uribe, head science teacher at the School, said that the camera’s accompanying Web site “does a fantastic job of explaining how the camera works. And the Flash animation is marvelous, wonderful for teaching the kids.”

“It was interesting how hands-on the camera was, how you could really understand how it functioned,” said her son, eighth grader Oscar Uribe.

Lisbeth Uribe added, “This is a wonderful project also because of its ability to connect people from such diverse cultures and backgrounds, so there’s a wonderful social studies piece.”

The Web site allows students from across the world to share pictures, which student designers agreed is the linchpin of the project.

“We want kids of the same age to share their experiences, their lives, everything, with kids around the world,” said Guru Krishnan, a Ph.D. student who helped develop the Web site and software.

Nayar said that the global response has been overwhelming, adding that he hopes eventually it can be widely produced and accessible internationally.

“Every day I get about 10 e-mails from all around the world,” Krishnan said. In just one day he received messages from Israel, China, the Netherlands, India, and the United States from people who heard about the cameras and hoped to acquire them.

Brian Smith, SEAS ’09 and now a graduate student in computer science, worked on the design and field research, which he said was most rewarding.

“Kids are incredibly creative,” Smith said. “They took gorgeous pictures of their neighborhood. ... They really get a kick out of it, and so that’s the neatest part.”

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Already tight for space, local school expects an influx of Columbus Square kids

CLASS SIZE from front page

are rooms shared by the whole school as space for science, art, music, and computer labs—PS 163 has resorted to these trailers to house kindergarten classes.

Yet “trailers are not a permanent solution,” Rosenthal said, explaining that she and other CB7 members have begun to seek solutions to overcrowding in schools located in the north part of CB7’s neighborhood.

The school has formed a committee to address the lack of space. “We’re working on it, but we don’t have anything to present publicly yet,” Clapp-Shapiro said. PS 163 principal Virginia Pepe did not return multiple calls for comment.

Leonie Haimson, executive director of Class Size Matters, a non-profit working to reduce class sizes around the city, said that overcrowding is a citywide problem that has become particularly potent on the Upper West Side in the shadow of large new developments.

“This year on the Upper West Side it’s getting quite critical,” Haimson said. “Children’s education has been dramatically eroded because of the overcrowding.”

Although the Department of Education has added space in certain areas of the city, she said that this has been merely symbolic and not enough to accommodate the growing number of students. She noted that 500 public school students were put on

waiting lists for their schools’ kindergarten classes this fall and, according to Haimson’s estimates, the Upper West Side will need about 2500 new seats for the upcoming year.

“Despite the fact that we’ve been warning the Department of Education that the crisis is getting worse, we haven’t yet seen an adequate response,” she added.

Will Havemann, a spokesperson for the New York City Department of Education, countered by saying that overcrowding and class size do not necessarily correlate.

“Overcrowding is a function simply of how many students are in a building, and how many students that building was designed to accommodate,” Havemann said. “Class size is a function both of space and the number of teachers that a school can hire.”

DOE estimates show that there has only been one percent of growth between 2008 and 2009 in the eligible public school population for PS 163, according to Rosenthal.

But Sheldon Fine, a CB7 member and participant in the borough-wide Task Force on School Overcrowding, said that a systematic change was needed. “I think there needs to be a trigger when new developers come into an area that forces the DOE’s hands and the city administration’s hands to begin planning for the additional population,” he said, adding that there lacked a sense of local urgency.

Learning a lesson

Without pressure from the DOE, the Columbus Square developer Stellar Management has not planned any construction for local public schools.

Talia Mann, a spokesperson for Stellar Management, wrote in an e-mail that the company does not “have formal data on the increase in children to the development.”

In response to questions of overcrowding in public schools, Mann instead cited two private schools—The Mandell School and the Solomon Schechter School—which are both moving into space at Columbus Square.

Rosenthal said the city should hold the developer accountable for responding to the growth in student population due to its new residences. If PS 163 continues to struggle with overcrowding, she said, “we’re going to have demand for four additional classrooms in four or five years, and we’re trying to talk to the DOE about that.” The next four months will be pivotal to determining how the community and city will cope with the overcrowding, she added.

Fine agreed, saying, “There’s no solution available for parents raising children there, other than adding to the overcrowding.”

“People are just beginning to move in so there aren’t existing members of the community to organize—it’s just the schools who will have to deal with the situation,” he added.

Still time for the South

This frustration has led the community board to take action in a comparable overcrowding scenario at the southern end of the district. Riverside South, another large mixed commercial and residential development between West 59th and 61st streets along the Hudson River, has already brought an influx of students.

PS 199 on West 70th Street experienced an increase from five kindergarten classes with 20 students each in 2006 to nine kindergarten classes with 23 students each this past fall, Rosenthal said. This year, 120 of the new students come from the new Trump Towers development, and she added, “If the new buildings hadn’t been built we wouldn’t have had this problem.”

While the community board is currently focused on Riverside South, which is in the planning stage of researching school options, Rosenthal said that there are some key differences between the north and south developments.

In 1996, when the community board was negotiating with the city and the Riverside South developer—Extell—they reached an agreement that the developer would notify the city when it had built a number of new apartments that warranted a new school. At that point, the Extell would have to give the city the option of buying a plot of land to build a school.

Rosenthal said that two years ago—after four or five buildings had gone up—the developer reached the threshold number. Yet the Department of Education did not see the demand for a new school.

“We are very concerned about this,” Rosenthal said.

Havemann of the DOE said that the Bloomberg administration has made an unprecedented effort to reduce overcrowding in public schools throughout the city, though he could not comment on specific developments.

“We recognize that enrollment in some neighborhoods is going up, so we target our school construction to where that new space will be needed most,” he said. “This year we opened 23 new school buildings, and next year we’re on track to open a large number of buildings as well.”

Rosenthal said they are looking for a temporary location to incubate new classes that will ultimately be moved to the Riverside South neighborhood, once the DOE has built a new school on that site.

Meanwhile, Clapp-Shapiro said that PS 163 parents remain optimistic about their school to the north.

She said, “We feel like we’re on top of it, and we’re certainly following things closely, and we’re still interested in working with the neighbors on our block.”

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Community colleges at full capacity

COLLEGES from front page

... If we kept on accepting applications, we wouldn’t have had classes for them.”

This summer, Jean McTavish, principal of Edward A. Reynolds West Side High School on West 102nd Street, noticed that students who applied to BMCC over the summer were accepted not for the fall, but for the spring semester.

McTavish said that community college is generally the next step for Reynolds students seeking higher education, because Reynolds is an alternative high school students can transfer to if they otherwise would not graduate.

“It has helped our kids in the past to be able to apply in the summertime,” she said, adding that rolling admissions help Reynolds students, who have six opportunities during the year to earn credit. “This is new.”

First-year BMCC student Mariah Robinson saw the impact of the deadline changes firsthand last year.

“They’re pushing people away now—too many people are applying,” Robinson said. “I didn’t get my acceptance letter until August. I thought it would come in the summer.”

Bracken’s office made prospective applicants aware of the deadline change “at least a month in advance,” he said, by posting a sign outside the admissions office. BMCC, which closed registration the earliest, notified potential applicants

“about a week ahead of time,” said Rosen, through their Web site and through e-mail.

“Many of my friends wanted to come. They applied one week after I did and couldn’t get in,” Robinson said. “It was so stressful. Usually it’s no problem.”

Crowded classrooms and packed buildings have caught students’ attention.

“When there was a fire drill at the beginning of the semester, there were so many people I took a video,” said second-year BMCC student Karen Murillo. “It was packed. When I take the elevator in Murray Building, it can take a half an hour to get an elevator.”

Rosen of BMCC confirmed that the college has reached its capacity.

“It had been getting more crowded,” he said. “We want to provide as many amenities to students as possible. We are at that point now where we cannot do any more than we’ve done.”

Students who applied during the academic year did not seem as affected by the deadline changes. “I applied and got in—I don’t remember exactly when, but during last school year,” first-year BMCC student Chris Quinonez said. “It wasn’t a problem, and I knew I was coming as soon as I got the letter.”

Mostab Alli, in his second year at BMCC, has not noticed any changes.

“Everything’s OK here,” he said. “It’s not like going to

Harvard—you need a high school diploma and a \$65 money order.”

Local guidance counselors recommend applying as early as possible to avoid the consequences of shifting deadlines.

Wade Klein, counselor for college admissions at the High School for Math, Science and Engineering at City College of New York, does not have many students who go on to community colleges, since his is a specialized high school. Yet he encourages them to apply early to all schools.

“I mandate early due dates for all of my students, so it kind of prevents that last-minute rush,” Klein said.

He said higher application rates are due to increased competition for spots in four-year programs, and to applicants looking to switch careers or continue their education in light of the recession.

Bracken also cited the economy, as well as the rising costs of private education, as possible contributing factors to the spike in community college applications. Rosen pointed to economic factors as well, adding that funding for CUNY community colleges has increased and the reputation of community colleges in general has improved.

“Obama’s speech about the need for community colleges has given them more panache in the sense of the job situation,” Rosen said.

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Ryan Center to move into new space

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The catalyst for purchasing the new site was the impending loss of a space on West 100th Street between Amsterdam and Columbus, which the Center had occupied since 1967. The New York City Department of Health is closing that building for renovations.

“We were already on the lookout for space for a number of years,” Murphy said. Despite the fact that 801 Columbus was relatively expensive, he said they didn’t have another choice. “We were kind of in a bind, we needed to find space for those services. A confluence of circumstances occurred whereby that space was available, the developer was looking for an organization that could fall under the rubric of community use, and we fit well into that requirement, so we negotiated a long-term lease,” Murphy said.

But concerns about finances linger. “That’s one of the reasons our projection for services is ambitious,” Murphy said. “We really need to see quite a number of people in order to be able to afford that space and continue to expand.”

The Center received federal stimulus money earlier this year, and is hoping to get additional federal funding in the future. In the short term, the expansion is funded by grants from several foundations, which Murphy said he was not authorized to name.

“The economic downturn really has led to an increase in patients registering with

us at all of our sites,” Murphy added. “Unfortunately, a lot of those people have no insurance, so that hasn’t led to increased revenue for us necessarily. We’re hoping the federal government will see its way clear to make some more funding available for that reason, because whatever health care reform gets passed in Congress is not going to take effect immediately.”

High rates of uninsured individuals, he said, “will continue to be a fiscal drain on organizations like ours.”

The new clinic will be a part of Columbus Square, the large mixed-use development on Columbus Avenue from 97th Street to 100th Street, which has been opposed by some residents of the existing middle-income Park West Village units.

“This superblock development we’re moving into has been a little controversial,” Murphy said, but speaking of neighborhood residents, he added, “They have come to know us and trust us. But I think for a lot of the folks in the community, it was a really good thing that Ryan ended up being a tenant there.”

Maggi Peyton, president of the Park West Village Tenants’ Association, agreed, adding that her association has held meetings in the Ryan Center’s 97th Street space.

“I think they’re a first-class community medical facility, and they’ve been great neighbors,” Peyton said. “Change is coming and it’s hard, but I don’t think anyone in Park West Village has

any problems with the Ryan Center, no matter where they go,” Peyton, who is a senior adviser to Manhattan Borough President Scott Stringer, recalled that in the immediate aftermath of the Sept. 11th terrorist attacks, Ryan Center officials “were the first to call our office offering help.”

Murphy said that the demand for the Center’s pediatric services has increased recently, partly as a result of its outreach at five public schools—Edward A. Reynolds West Side High School on West 102nd Street, Booker T. Washington Middle School on West 107th Street, and three schools downtown. “Those parents often tend to switch over to us if the child is being seen in the school by one of our staff,” he said.

Murphy added, “We have seen an increase in the number of families who are eligible for WIC services, and WIC and nutrition services are going to be co-located with pediatrics. That should facilitate the enrollment of more families in that very valuable service.”

In addition to its 97th Street location, the Ryan Center operates hubs in Midtown and on the Lower East Side, and several off-site outreach centers. The latest expansion “was a project that was sort of born out of necessity, but there was some serendipity added in there,” Murphy said. “We weren’t looking for a space quite as large as what we got, but it turns out it fits into our plans for growth in the future.”

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Whither activism?

BY MICHAEL SPITZER-RUBENSTEIN

Plenty of these articles state a question and then answer it. This isn't such an article—I have no answer. Columbia has long been marked by activism. Back issues of this newspaper document a storied history of student political action. While one may disagree about the merits of many of the acts, there's no doubt they existed. Two years ago, students congregated and mounted both a hunger strike and a counter-protest, all because of the school curriculum. Just last year, masses gathered on Low Steps to watch moments of the election and then Barack Obama's inauguration. So where is that energy now?

Could things be so good that there's no need for students to react? Are Michele Moody-Adams and the rest of the Columbia administration so good that all the issues the hunger strikers fought for have been addressed to such satisfaction in these first few months of her tenure? Our new dean seems very nice from the couple times I've met her, but she has not revolutionized Columbia. And even if she has, so what? Furthermore, our most memorable activism, in 1968, was not simply a reaction to a hostile administration, but to national events and trends.

And to be fair, this isn't just about Columbia. Across the nation, there seems to

be a dearth of activism. After the eight years of George W. Bush, perhaps people just want a break. American politics have typically been cyclical. After the chaos of World War I, people wanted to turn inward and enjoy boring political "normalcy." Following Franklin Roosevelt's New Deal and World War II, people wanted the picket-fenced suburbia of '50s America. After Jimmy Carter's turbulent four years of oil and hostage crises, business re-exerted its cultural influence, and the Silicon Valley dot-com bubble did the same. Is that what this latency is—a turn from politics to less chaotic realms?

Possibly, but so much is still undone. American soldiers are still in Iraq and Afghanistan. Climate change legislation, which might slow our sprint into the abyss, has not moved much out of congressional committees. Health care reform still sits in Congress with an unclear fate. Despite New York's first Democratic-controlled State Senate in decades, gay marriage legislation is stalled, with questions about whether it will ever be voted on, let alone passed. Have we as a country decided that these issues are simply too tough, and it's better to just leave them to other people?

Part of the problem may be that there is such Democratic control of government at the local, state, and national level. If things don't happen, it's not because Republicans prevent them from moving forward. Certainly, Republicans oppose many of the issues for which campus groups advocate. Up until Jan. 20 of this year, the answer to so many of our challenges could be "George W. Bush," and

it would be true. Yet, thanks in part to the work of many students, Democrats control almost every branch of government from the lowest to the highest level, with the notable exception of New York City Mayor Mike Bloomberg, an independent and former Democrat. Democratic activists achieved more than many ever seriously hoped, but in an odd way, that's disempowering—nothing happened. We successfully worked to put people in office, and those problems still exist. For a variety of reasons, including politicians who don't share our views, the issues haven't been resolved. What's the point of working and being politically active if it doesn't accomplish anything?

The truth is, few of the things we face can only be addressed in Washington. Our attention may be riveted by health care reform debates in Congress, but that won't be a panacea even for health care—there are so many complicated facets that Congress is not even dealing with, never mind fixing. President Obama will not reduce our student loans or help the homeless dotting New York's streets to find housing and a means to live. We must take on the burden of solving these problems. So why aren't we? Why aren't we rallying to the cause of something greater than ourselves? If you feel bad that so many people must beg for a living, why aren't you doing anything? And if you are doing something, why aren't you enlisting other Columbia students in your cause?

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Staff Editorial



Crown: Thanksgiving break is in two days!

Dining Services to post ingredients in the actual dining hall.

Frown: Thanksgiving itself is also in two days. Figuring out how to get out of those Wednesday classes to be home in time for turkey is always a challenge...

Crown: Roar, Lion, Roar! Football team ends the season with a spectacular win.

Crown: Making Alma Mater proud, Raphael Graybill, CC '10, wins Rhodes and Marshall scholarships.

Crown: John Jay had its Thanksgiving feast last week. **Frown:** If only John Jay were that delicious all year round.

Crown: As of this Friday, it is socially acceptable to play your holiday playlist on repeat.

Crown: A sign in John Jay announces to students that food ingredients are posted online.

Frown: As of this Friday, it is socially acceptable to play your holiday playlist on repeat.

Frown: We're still waiting on

Sign up for service

BY JESSE HORWITZ

When I came to Columbia, I did not expect that service would play a large role in my collegiate experience. I had volunteered in high school for a peer tutoring program and worked with another group that provided services to the children of incarcerated women. But in all honesty, my participation in those organizations was one part good intentions, one part résumé-padding for college applications, and one part the simple fact that high school activities do not require huge amounts of time in one's schedule.

At the activities fair in my freshman year, I, like pretty much every other student at Columbia, signed up for about 40 organizations without any particular thought. During orientation week, as I'm sure you all remember, you don't have that many friends yet, and you're a bit taken with all the possible versions of you that could unfold over the four years to come. Among the myriad sheets to which I affixed my signature, I must have signed up for an uncharismatically named organization called Mentor High School Extension.

The only reason I know that I signed up for this group was that a week after the fair I got a call from Sonia Reese, the executive director of Community Impact. She informed me that the organization had no returning members

and that I was one of two people who had put their names on its sad recruitment sheet. In other words, if I didn't agree to coordinate the program, it would cease to exist.

I talked matters over with the other name on the list, Lauri Feldman, who was a sophomore at the time and a complete stranger to me. We decided to give coordinating the program a go. It was an opportunity to build an organization of our own, and if we failed, the program would only meet the fate for which it was otherwise destined. While somewhat skeptical about our outlook, Community Impact was incredibly supportive, providing the infrastructure and funding that we needed to reboot the program.

Playing expert on an organization we knew nothing about, an organization that did not even properly exist yet, Lauri and I assembled a motley group of 15 Columbians to mentor high school students from the Manhattan Center for Science and Mathematics. We did not know how things would go. And then we met the students. They were some of the nicest, hardest working kids that I've ever had the pleasure to meet—the type of people that I was friends with when I was in high school. Knowing them raised the stakes—we needed this program to succeed because we didn't want to let them down.

Over the next three years, we built ourselves up from a fragile organization with nothing more than the skeleton structure of a partnership between Community Impact, the New York City Department of Education, and the Manhattan Center into a robust group of 25 mentor-student pairs. We have developed

a strong calendar of academic and cultural events, ranging from sessions with Columbia alumni to college essay-writing workshops to trips to Columbia sports games and Broadway shows.

We've done this all with a generous, but certainly not gaudy, budget. One of the main takeaways I have from the experience is that you can accomplish a lot as a Columbia student group without enormous funding. In planning events, the Columbia name itself is very powerful. Mention that you are a Columbia organization, and you will get speakers, discounted books, discounted food, and free or discounted tickets. People believe in this university and are eager to help its students in their service endeavors.

Almost four years after rebooting the program, I am now preparing to leave it as I approach graduation. It's probably the part of my Columbia experience about which I feel the best—the one that I am most clearly leaving in better shape than I found it. When you commit so much time and work to an organization, making plans for its future is as important as any other involvement you've had with it. Last year, we started bringing on new coordinators so that they can take the foundations we've laid and hopefully expand them into something ever more exciting. At the very least, we're leaving them with a better name. I think Mentoring Youth in New York City (My NYC) would have gotten more than two names on its sign-up sheet. At least, I hope.

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A new activism

exponentially expanded the number and diversity of available forums. They have created a generation of "thought leaders" by granting velocity and visibility to ideas and thoughts that would otherwise have remained in the pages of academic papers or personal journals. Blogs, online discussion forums, online journals and magazines, Facebook, and Twitter all represent the new generation of platforms for activist expression.

The promise of being heard in turn stimulates the production of student ideas and encourages student creativity and dialogue when thinking up solutions to contemporary challenges. The mushrooming of undergraduate student journals on campuses across the country and the popularity of organizations such as the Roosevelt Institution, a student policy think tank based in Washington, D.C., reflect this. Students are in a unique position of influence because of their lack of official affiliation and institutional biases. They not only benefit from the relative objectivity of the academic perspective, but are also free from many of the administrative or bureaucratic constraints that professors and university or think tank scholars face. They do not have to worry yet about jeopardizing their prospects for tenure, or about fulfilling grant requirements, or about producing content that will attract financial support from grant foundations. They face a less bureaucratic, suffocating, and prolonged process for publication in peer-reviewed journals—where many professors wait over a year for their papers to be published in established academic journals, the turnaround time is a semester on average for undergraduate journals. Their ideas therefore have far more potential for velocity and volume, and their capacity to bring about real change becomes all the more amplified.

Activism takes other, even more subtle forms as well. Just through their daily consumer choices, students can engage

in silent but powerful activism. Nomi Network, a nonprofit organization based in New York City, sells bags made by women in Cambodia on the Lerner Hall ramps every Thursday. DeltaGDP hosts fair trade fairs to raise awareness of and money for fair trade products and companies. Starbucks and Blue Java sell organically grown fair trade coffee. For student wallets, these are consumption choices that come at a premium, since "organic" and "fair trade" are often trendy excuses for price inflation—even beyond "fair trade" levels. However, the consumer becomes activist when he or she makes these choices in an informed way. As I discussed at great length in my previous column, competition for "green business" ideas serves to stimulate the production and implementation of student solutions to pressing economic challenges. When massive corporations such as Walmart take on green business and fair trade initiatives, the impact is far greater than that of the loudest demonstrations or signed petitions.

Student activism is very much alive and kicking. You just have to look a little further than banners on Low Plaza or tents pitched on South Lawn. It is there in classrooms, in libraries, on the pages of campus publications, and in student dialogue. It need not take the form of pre-planned and organized activity—it can be embedded in one's daily life in subtle yet powerful ways. Anyone can be an activist—you do not need a loud voice, an overtly radical demeanor, or a bandana. All you need is a change in perspective—a redrawing of the lines of where activism lies.

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Correction

Yesterday's "Attitude of gratitude" spread included a misleading formatting error. The final three paragraphs of Rami Levi's "Sister dearest and giving thanks" were in fact a separate entry by Pierre Gergis titled "Giving thanks for Thanksgiving," but Gergis' piece was erroneously included as part of the body of Levi's piece and was not attributed to Gergis. The online version of the spread has been updated to reflect the correct formatting. We deeply regret the error.

Penn shuts out Cornell for sole custody of Ivy title

Quakers finish their season undefeated in the Ivy League

BY ZACH GLUBIAK
Spectator Staff Writer

After handing Harvard its first conference loss of the year last weekend, Penn needed one more win to clinch the Ivy League football championship. The Quakers rose to the occasion, recording an emphatic 34-0 victory for their defense's second shutout of the year. The lopsided win negated Harvard's valiant comeback against Yale to win the game 14-10. Had the Quakers lost, Crimson quarterback Collier Winters' 32-yard touchdown strike with 1:32 left would have meant not only a win for his team but also a share of its third straight Ivy League crown.



Penn was not interested in such heroics, however, as they capped off their rise to league supremacy in convincing fashion. Going into the weekend, Penn won seven straight games after a disappointing 0-2 start. Their opponent, the Cornell Big Red, had little chance—Penn was favored by over four touchdowns. Indeed, the Quakers beat the other Ivy heavyweight, Harvard, in their last game to claim their spot as sole leader of the league and establish themselves as the team to beat. The impressive win came with the defense halting a late Harvard comeback with a goal line stand.

The stand was representative of the stout play of Penn's defense that has become a trademark of this year's squad. Despite its strong effort against the Crimson, the Quaker defense may have saved its best for last. Playing on Senior Day at Franklin Field last Saturday and following the lead of senior co-captain Chris Wynn, Penn's defense allowed zero points, four first downs,



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BACK ON TOP | The Quakers won their first Ivy title since 2003 with a convincing 34-0 victory over the Big Red on Saturday.

and 110 total yards. Cornell amassed 61 of those yards on its last drive of the game, with Penn's starters on the sideline and ready to celebrate. In addition, Cornell was forced to punt eight times.

As has been the case this year for the Quakers, the Penn special teams and offensive units ensured the defense's dominance proved decisive. The special teams chipped in early, blocking a Cornell punt with 10:41 remaining in the opening quarter and setting up an easy score for the Red and Blue offense. From there, Quaker quarterbacks Kyle Olson and Keiffer Garton would combine to direct a methodical attack that logged four scoring drives of eight plays or more en route to amassing 26 first downs.

The steady offensive production relied heavily on a balanced running game. Nine Quakers got carries on the day, with

Garton's 76 yards on 11 carries highlighting the list. Overall, Penn tallied 251 yards on the ground on 49 carries. With the win, Penn finishes the year 8-2 overall and 7-0 in Ivy League competition. The conference crown was the program's record 11th outright championship and the 14th overall. The trophy represents Coach Al Bagnoli's seventh outright title, the most in Ivy League history.

In clinching the title, Penn ensured that Harvard and Yale's rivalry contest, dubbed "The Game", would have no championship implications. The turnout indicated the matchup still carried weight with both players and fans—52,692 spectators showed up to watch the Crimson topple the Bulldogs at the Yale Bowl behind two fourth-quarter scores.

The massive crowd was treated to a sluggish defensive struggle for the first

three quarters, with Yale holding a 10-0 lead going into the last 15 minutes of play. Crimson quarterback Winters had other plans, however, and the Bulldogs' designs on an upset went awry as Winters drove the field twice.

Harvard found itself in a second-half hole due to two failed fourth down tries in Yale territory in the first half. Despite the first half difficulties, Winters only needed 1:50 to find the end zone when handed the ball midway through the fourth. Following a crucial conversion on fourth-and-four from the Harvard 30-yard line, he connected with Matt Luft on a 41-yard touchdown bomb that cut the deficit to 10-7 with 6:46 to play.

Yale's next possession ended abruptly with 2:25 to play after the Yale coach called

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Rank	Final Standings	
1		PENN (8-2, 7-0 IVY) Points per game: 21.4 Points allowed: 9.5 Passing yards: 167.6 Rushing yards: 148.5
2		HARVARD (7-3, 6-1 IVY) Points per game: 25.2 Points allowed: 17.2 Passing yards: 186.3 Rushing yards: 178.7
3		BROWN (6-4, 4-3 IVY) Points per game: 24.1 Points allowed: 19.7 Passing yards: 270.9 Rushing yards: 125.7
4		COLUMBIA (4-6, 3-4 IVY) Points per game: 22.5 Points allowed: 22.0 Passing yards: 171.1 Rushing yards: 158.6
4		PRINCETON (4-6, 3-4 IVY) Points per game: 12.9 Points allowed: 26.5 Passing yards: 166.3 Rushing yards: 130.2
6		YALE (4-6, 2-5 IVY) Points per game: 17.3 Points allowed: 16.6 Passing yards: 219.9 Rushing yards: 93.8
6		DARTMOUTH (2-8, 2-5 IVY) Points per game: 16.1 Points allowed: 28.2 Passing yards: 184.9 Rushing yards: 107.8
8		CORNELL (2-8, 1-6 IVY) Points per game: 17.1 Points allowed: 26.8 Passing yards: 172.6 Rushing yards: 129.0

Defending coach Wilson: 2009 his best season yet



MATT VELAZQUEZ
THE X-FACTOR

On Sunday, Princeton head coach Roger Hughes was fired after being at the helm of Tigers football for a decade. This came as a surprise to me, especially considering how the Tigers rallied to win three of their final four games, to finish tied with Columbia for fourth place in the Ancient Eight. When first-team all-Ivy tailback and potential Player of the Year Jordan Culbreath was diagnosed with anemia, the Tigers' season could have gone down the tubes. Hughes and the Tigers were able to right the ship and finished the season with a respectable league record.

Was Hughes the best coach ever? Surely not. Could he have taken steps to make sure his team had more depth than it did? Probably. Did he deserve to be fired? I don't think so. I guess after 10 years, Princeton just wanted something new. We'll see how that goes.

Here in Morningside Heights, some people—more than a few of them Spec columnists—thought that Columbia head coach Norries Wilson's job was at stake going into the final two weeks of the season. While I'm sure that the Lions' wins over Cornell and Brown changed their minds, they only affirmed what I thought all along—the 2009 edition of the Lions is the best team that Wilson has had in his four years.

Sure, the Light Blue of 2006 had one more win than this year's squad, but it also had a cupcake out-of-conference schedule. Fordham had an off-year going 3-8, Georgetown was as poor a team as it usually is, and Columbia was the best team that Iona played all year. Those three wins, plus a victory over a Cornell team that couldn't win away from home, and a nail-biter on the road against a Brown team that also finished 2-5 in the league, gave the Lions their best season in a decade. All in all, the Light Blue didn't beat an opponent with a .500 record or above that season.

The past two years were a buildup to this season, and we all knew it coming in. This was the year where the Lions were deep with talent at just about every position, and the rest of the Ivy League—outside of Penn and Harvard—had a lot of question marks surrounding it entering the season. Suddenly, Columbia didn't just have a chance to stick around in every game—it had a legitimate chance to win. The team and its fans had a newfound excitement entering the '09 campaign, which has to be seen as a credit to the coaching staff. It's not an easy task to generate hope in people who have been surrounded by defeat for so long, but at

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Jasper Clyatt / Staff photographer

GOBBLE GOBBLE | Men's and women's basketball have a busy Thanksgiving break ahead, with a doubleheader Tuesday followed by a trip to Syracuse for the men and a flight to Nevada and two games for the women.



File photo

Manhattan comes to town as Columbia looks to maintain momentum

SARAH SOMMER
Spectator Senior Staff Writer

The Columbia women's basketball team will seek its second consecutive win when it hosts Manhattan on Tuesday night. The Lions (2-1) overtook Long Island by a 64-62 score on Nov. 18 after trailing the Blackbirds by five points at halftime. Junior center Lauren Dwyer finished with a game-high 19 points for Columbia, while junior forward Judie Lomax recorded her third double-double in as many games for the Lions.

Columbia shot a dismal 7-for-20 at the foul line against Long Island, but head coach Paul Nixon is not concerned about the Lions' free-throw shooting. He noted that the Blackbirds also struggled at the charity stripe and attributed both squads' troubles to the high tempo at which they played.

"The game this past Wednesday was somewhat of an anomaly, when you have both teams shooting below 40 percent [at the free-throw line]," Nixon said. "We have great confidence in our players' ability to knock those shots down."

Columbia will want to capitalize on every scoring opportunity it has against Manhattan (2-1), a squad that has won two games by at least 30 points this season. The Jaspers' only loss came

at the hands of 14th-ranked Virginia. Senior guard Michelle Pacheco leads Manhattan with 18.3 points per game, while sophomore forward Lindsey Loutsenhizer grabs a team-high six rebounds per contest.

On Nov. 27 and 28, the Lions will be in Reno, Nev. for the University of Nevada Nugget Classic. Columbia faces Nevada on Nov. 27 and either Iowa or West Virginia the next day. Nevada (3-1 as of press time) opened the year with a 94-52 thrashing of California State-East Bay. Junior guard Johnna Ward paces the Wolf Pack with 15.7 points per game and scored a game-high 21 points in Nevada's loss to Saint Mary's (Calif.).

Iowa (3-1) most recently beat Northern Iowa by a score of 81-70. Sophomore guard Kamille Wahlin led all scorers with a career-high 33 points for the Hawkeyes. Meanwhile, West Virginia (2-1) won its first two games of the season before dropping a 92-69 decision to Ohio State. Junior guard Liz Repella, who scored a game-high 23 points against Ohio State, averages a team-high 17.7 points per game for the Mountaineers.

"This weekend, frankly, we're going to see the highest level of competition that we anticipate seeing all year," Nixon said. "It'll be really good for our team. ... It's something that we're really looking forward to."

Bucknell, Syracuse loom for men's basketball

MICHELE CLEARY
Spectator Staff Writer

The Columbia men's basketball team will try to repeat its performance against Longwood when it takes on Bucknell Tuesday night. A win against the Bison would give the Lions (1-1) momentum heading into their colossal matchup with No. 9/10 Syracuse on Friday.

Bucknell (3-2) is riding a three-game win streak, with its most recent victory coming over Saint Francis (of Pennsylvania) on Saturday. The Bison held the Red Flash to just 20 first-half points en route to a 70-58 victory.

Senior forward Patrick Behan led Bucknell with 23 points and 12 rebounds. For the season, Behan is shooting 50 percent from the field and averaging 12.6 points and 7.6 rebounds per game.

Another senior forward that has been shooting the ball well for the Bison is Stephen Tyree. Tyree, who had five points and three assists against Saint Francis, is 8-for-13 from the field on the season.

"Their forwards really shoot the ball well," said Columbia head coach Joe Jones. "I would say that would be one of the things that we really have to watch out for. They'll be really good offensively and their forwards can really shoot."

Bucknell's offense has benefited from new head coach Dave Paulsen. Paulsen came to Bucknell from Williams College, where he won the Division III national championship in 2003.

"I think the guy they have now is going to do a great job," Jones said of Paulsen. "He's a very good coach, a very good offensive coach."

In order to slow down the Bison offense, the Light Blue will need to contain Behan and junior guard Darryl Shazier. Shazier currently leads Bucknell with 13.2 points and 3.8 assists.

Sophomore guard Bryan Cohen could cause problems for the Lions as well, as he looms larger than Columbia's starting guards at six-foot-five. While it is likely that Columbia senior Niko Scott or sophomore reigning Ivy League Player of the Week Noruwa Agho will match up against Cohen, the Light Blue will need a strong team defense if it wants to quell any of Bucknell's top scorers.

"We've always been a team that, if we're going to hold someone down, we do it by committee," Jones said. "We don't do it with just one guy."

Tip-off is set for 8 p.m. tonight at Levien Gymnasium.

After facing off against Bucknell, the Lions will take on arguably their most difficult opponent of the season when they travel to Syracuse to play the nationally ranked Orange.

Syracuse (4-0) is also on an impressive streak, winning all four of its games so far this season in convincing fashion. Highlighting this streak were double-digit wins over then-No. 12 California and then-No. 4 North Carolina. The Orange beat the

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File photo

GOING THE DISTANCE | Strong performances in the 500-yard freestyle keyed the closer-than-expected victory for the Light Blue.

Columbia proves Lions swim faster than Rams

VICTORIA JONES
Spectator Staff Writer

Last night the Columbia men's swimming and diving team once again proved that they are faster than Fordham. In doing so, the Light Blue achieved a winning record, 3-2, for the first time this season. The Lions beat the Rams, 155-145, with a little room to spare.

Initially, Fordham surprised the Light Blue by winning the 200 medley relay. Columbia's A-team, comprised of junior Adam Powell, senior Eric Tang, sophomore Bruno Esquen, and senior Darren Pagan, was able to snag second with a time of 1:35.93, just .26 seconds behind the Rams' first team.

Columbia stepped it up in the distance events following the relay, as sophomores Chester Dols and Alex Smith went No. 1-No. 2 in the 1000 freestyle, with times of 9:48.86 and 9:52.08, respectively.

Another first-and-second-place finish for the Light Blue came from the likes of freshmen Patrick Dougherty and Sean MacKenzie in the 200 freestyle. Dougherty touched the wall first in 1:46.98, with Mackenzie right behind him at 1:47.43. Dougherty also raced in the 100 backstroke, taking second in 52.96.

The Lions didn't fare as well in the shorter sprint events, as Fordham grabbed first place in the 50 backstroke,



50 breaststroke, and 100 butterfly. In the backstroke, Columbia was represented by Johnny Bailey, who took second in 24.83 seconds. In the breaststroke, Tang was less than two tenths of a second behind first with a time of 27.98, while in the butterfly Esquen grabbed the Lions another four points with his second-place finish. Teammate Dols swam the 100 butterfly as well, coming in fourth in 54.89.

The Light Blue regained command of the meet as Pagan won the 50 freestyle in just 21.82 seconds. In the 100 freestyle, Pagan's time of 47.58 was good enough for second place.

Seniors Ross Ramone and Tang had clutch finishes in the 100 breaststroke. The pair topped the charts as the only two swimmers to touch the wall in less than a minute—Ramone in 59.49, Tang in 59.60.

After the meet, coach Bolster cited the key performances of Mackenzie, Smith, and Dols in the 500 freestyle. Mackenzie won the event in 4:47.28, followed by Smith in 4:48.88, with Dols right behind in 4:49.42.

While the swimming events ended with a Fordham one-two-three sweep in the 200 freestyle relay, Columbia snuck in one last win as Pagan crushed the field in the 100 individual medley in 53.82 seconds, almost two full seconds ahead of the next swimmer.

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In the diving pool, Fordham's Benjamin Otto snagged first place in the three-meter dive with 286.88 points. Columbia's top performers were freshmen Jason Collazo and Michaelangelo Borghi, who scored 275.25 and 268.58 points, respectively. The Lions fared better in the one-meter dive competition—Collazo won with 266.93 points, while Borghi and junior David Levkoff wrapped up second and third with 260.40 and 257.18 points.

Going into the meet, coach Bolster's expectations were high, and history indicated that the Light Blue should prevail. In the end the Lions were able to beat Fordham, but the Rams put up a fight. Columbia started the meet with a slightly irregular lineup.

"We mixed up the lineup a little bit so we weren't swimming necessarily our A-lineup throughout the meet," coach Bolster explained. "But when we didn't win the first relay ... we made some adjustments as the meet went along to sort of ensure ... that we would win it before it went down to the last relay."

After three meets in only four days, the Lions have a bit of a respite before diving back into the pool again at the Bucknell Invitational from Dec. 4 to Dec. 6.

Wrestling to face stiff competition over break

BY JACOB LEVENFELD
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While most Columbia students will be thinking about turkey, family, and final papers over the coming weekend, the wrestling team will be preoccupied with three important dual meets.

After two straight weekends of tournament play, the Lions are finally prepared to begin their dual season. On Saturday, head coach Brendan Buckley's squad will face off against Bloomsburg, North Carolina, and Sacred Heart in a long day of competition at the Northeast Duals in Troy, N.Y.

"It'll be nice to have the team component this weekend," Buckley said. "We've got a really tight team, a cohesive group, and when you have that you tend to see good results in dual meets."

Columbia's most formidable challenge will come from North Carolina. The Tar Heels stand at 2-1 this year after big wins over Gardner-Webb and American. They also lost a squeaker to Bucknell at the ACC Challenge earlier this month, 19-14.

Bloomsburg and Sacred Heart are less dangerous teams. The Huskies are having a strong season so far, although their competition has been weak. On Nov. 7, they swept Boston University and Millersville at the Millersville Duals. By contrast, the Pioneers had a long day at the Body Bar Invitational on Saturday in Ithaca, N.Y. Columbia, which also participated in the 11-team tournament, finished eighth. Sacred Heart came in dead last.



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MIRROR IMAGE | The Lions will compete against another squad donning light blue over break in the Tar Heels.

The Lions have had strong individual performances this year from junior Eren Civan, freshman Steven Santos, freshman Stephen West, freshman Jacob O'Hara, and sophomore Jonathan Weibel. Most recently, at the Body Bar Invitational, Civan finished second in the 165-pound bracket and Santos came in fourth overall at 149 pounds.

Saturday will be the last time the Lions hit the mat until the following weekend, when they travel out west for the Las Vegas Invitational before a month-long break. The Northeast Duals should provide an important gauge for where the Light Blue stands in head-to-head competition.

Buckley points out that the Lions need to win the close bouts and overcome some of the inexperience manifested in the early tournaments. Still, the team is revved up and ready to go.

WEEKEND SCHEDULE

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL
vs. Manhattan

Levien Gym, 5:30 p.m., Nov. 24

MEN'S BASKETBALL
at Syracuse

Syracuse, N.Y., 7 p.m., Nov. 27

MEN'S BASKETBALL
vs. Bucknell

Levien Gym, 8 p.m., Nov. 24

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL
at Iowa/West Virginia

Reno, Nev., 5/7 p.m., Nov. 28

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL
at Nevada

Reno, Nev., 2 p.m., Nov. 27

WRESTLING
Northeast Duals

Troy, N.Y., 11 a.m., Nov. 28

Lions host Bison, then face No. 10 Orange

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Golden Bears 95-73 on Thursday before defeating the Tar Heels on Friday by a score of 87-71.

Leading Syracuse is junior forward Wesley Johnson, a transfer from Iowa State, with 17.3 points and 7.5 rebounds on the season. Against the Golden Bears, Johnson posted a double-double with 17 points and 11 rebounds. The next night he led his squad with 25 points and eight rebounds against the Tar Heels.

Johnson is not the only scorer Syracuse has, as the Orange have five players averaging 10 or more points this season.

One of those players is sophomore guard Scoop Jardine, who led the Orange with 22 points against Berkeley. Not only is Jardine averaging 11.5 points, but he is also leading his team with 5.8 assists.

Syracuse has won all four of its games this season by an average margin of 27.5 points, thanks to solid offense and a strong defense. The Orange has shot

54.6 percent from the field while holding its opponents to 35.7 percent.

Even though they will be the underdog, the Lions are going to play for the win.

"I think we've played some teams down to the wire a little bit at that level," Jones said. "And we hope that we can do it again, and hope this time we're able to come away with a win. We're going down there to play for a win, not to try and keep it close."

The game is scheduled to begin at 7 p.m. in Syracuse, N.Y.

Harvard defeats Yale in last game of the season but misses out on Ivy crown

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an inextricable fake punt reverse on fourth-and-22 from their own 25-yard line—despite the fact that the Bulldogs had the best punter in the league, Tom Mante, waiting on the sideline. The turnover on downs gave the Crimson a short field, and Winters only needed three plays to etch his name in the lore of The Game with his game-winning touchdown

toss with less than two minutes to play. The win left Harvard's final season record at 7-3 overall and 6-1 in Ivy play, while Yale finishes at 4-6, 2-5 Ivy.

In other Ancient Eight action, Dartmouth found itself in an 18-point second-half deficit it could not overcome against Princeton in Hanover, N.H. The Big Green (2-8, 2-5) fell 23-11 on the day as the Tigers (4-6, 3-4) finished their 2009 campaign on a high note.

Season-ending two-game win streak solidfies 2009 season as Wilson's best

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the beginning of the season there was definitely hope in Morningside.

Maybe that's why some people turned on Wilson in the middle of the season. His team had given them hope and they had been let down. I can't remember the last time Columbia football fans had been let down, but it certainly wasn't during my time here. What these people weren't seeing—possibly because they still weren't going to games—was a team that was drastically better and competing on a much higher level.

Of the Lions' six losses this year, there were only two in which the result shocked or upset me. After coming out strong and taking a 21-10 lead into the half against Lafayette—a team that beat both Penn and Harvard this season—it seemed as though the Light Blue stopped competing. Whether it was poor play calling, lack of effort, or some great adjustments by Lafayette, it was inexcusable. As I left the press box that night I couldn't help but think that there was no reason Columbia should have lost—it was the better team that night. In fact, Lafayette head coach Frank Tavani said the Lions were the best Ivy League team the Leopards faced, which is saying something.

The Lions' loss to Dartmouth was the other game that was a bit of a shocker for me. Buddy Teevens' squad was on a 17-game losing streak, and though they had played a strong schedule, I expected Columbia could get its second Ivy win of the season. Unfortunately for the Lions, the players also thought like me and really didn't take the Big Green seriously—Austin Knowlin said as much after the game. Part of the blame for that falls on the coaches for not getting the team ready to play, and on the players too for not taking an opponent seriously.

Columbia's losses to Central Connecticut State (a school in a solid conference that offers

scholarships), Penn, and Harvard showed that the Lions could keep up with the Joneses for half of the game, but weren't at their level yet. I wasn't very surprised by these three losses—wins would have been great upsets, but defeats weren't major setbacks.

The game against Yale is a whole different story. If I told you that, going in, the Light Blue would be without Ray Rangel and a freshman would be under center, absolutely no one would put money down on the Lions having a 22-10 lead in the fourth quarter—not even if I gave 1,000-to-one odds. That game, though it ended up being a loss in what one of the Yale players called the weirdest game he had ever played, showed the Lions' depth and ability to rally despite losing two of its biggest offensive threats.

Speaking of depth, the Lions are looking pretty solid for 2010 if I may be so bold as to look ahead. Their defense will lose just four starters—Lou Miller, Matt Bashaw, Andy Shalbrack, and Corey Cameron—and should get back Owen Fraser and Alex Gross, who went down due to injury. The offense will see a lot of changes, but there are some star players returning. Quarterback Sean Brackett has proven that he can win at this level, receiver Mike Stephens is above-average, tight-end Andrew Kennedy has established himself as a legitimate threat, and left tackle Jeff Adams was nothing short of stellar this season in his first campaign as a starter.

Though the Light Blue didn't achieve what it and its fans expected to this season, the program seems to be on its way up. Three Ivy wins—the Lions' most since 2003—is nothing to scoff at, especially considering that one of them came against one of the top three teams in the league. Anyone still calling for a regime change? Didn't think so.

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THANKSGIVING 2009

On Wednesday and Thursday, hordes of students will leave grimy bathrooms and clogged kitchen sinks for the comforts of clean tiles and the smell of Mom's home cooking. But the few unlucky internationals and West Coasters who must stay behind will attempt to scrounge together a makeshift feast. To aid their cooking endeavors, here are four Thanksgiving classics made dorm kitchen-friendly—no pans, whisks, or can openers necessary.

THE RIGHT STUFFING

Students with the misfortune of staying at Columbia for Thanksgiving can forget about stuffing a turkey into a dorm room oven, let alone stuffing that turkey with stuffing. Luckily, stuffing is one Thanksgiving essential that's easily made dorm-friendly.

First, take out all your anger at being left on campus over this holiday by ripping up one third of a loaf of day-old bread. Then mix it with one third of a can of cream of mushroom soup, one third of a can of vegetable broth, one fourth of a teaspoon of salt, one fourth of a teaspoon of sage, and one fourth of a teaspoon of poultry seasoning, for that turkey taste sans actual turkey. At this point, the dressing can be personalized any way. Two tablespoons of chopped onion or celery, three tablespoons of wild rice, one tablespoon of chopped pecans, two tablespoons of dried cranberries, two tablespoons of cubed apples—the possibilities are endless. For a non-vegetarian option, throw in some Italian sausage pieces.

Next, shape this sticky, individualized concoction into a loaf and wrap it in foil. Finally, bake it for an hour at 350 degrees, slice it, and serve it to your abandoned compatriots.

—Allison Malecha

AN EASY PIECE OF THE PIE

The traditional pumpkin pie likely originated in a form many students may find surprising—typically, the pumpkin's top was sawed off and the seeds were scraped out, and milk, spices, and honey were added to the inside of the gourd, which was baked in hot ashes.

In the absence of a whole pumpkin or even an oven, college students staying on campus for Thanksgiving may find themselves in a predicament when it comes to a delicious pumpkin dessert. But the finishing touch of a dorm-friendly Thanksgiving dinner doesn't have to be out of reach. For students who don't want or are unable to bake a whole pie, this individual microwaveable dessert provides the perfect solution.

Mix one tablespoon plus one teaspoon of sugar with a pinch of salt and a pinch of pumpkin pie spice. Add one tablespoon of egg or egg product and blend it with the sugar mixture. Add three tablespoons of pumpkin puree and two tablespoons plus one teaspoon of cream or condensed milk. Crush one graham cracker sheet and spread it over the bottom of a shallow bowl. Pour the pumpkin mixture over the crushed graham cracker crust. Microwave it on medium for three minutes, or until the custard is mostly firm. The custard will become firmer after chilling in the refrigerator, so be careful not to overcook it, as this will cause a rubbery texture.

—Paula Gergen

GET SAUCY IN THE KITCHEN

For most family dinners, can-shaped cranberry sauce dumped into a festive bowl is not only arguably the most delicious dish at Thanksgiving, but without a question the easiest to prepare. As many students have discovered at some point in their college cooking careers, can openers are few and far between in dorm room kitchens. But those that haven't made the \$15 investment to introduce a whole selection of canned cuisine into their routines should not fear. Instead, they should capitalize on the nearby Greenmarket currently offering seasonal berries and make the sauce from scratch. Only three essential ingredients and a saucepan are required.

Wash and pick over four cups of fresh cranberries. Boil one cup of water and one cup of sugar in a saucepan until the sugar dissolves. Add the cranberries and stir as the water returns to a boil. Reduce the heat, and let the mixture simmer until the cranberries burst (which should take about 10 minutes). Add any combination of optional ingredients, including orange peels, raisins, nuts, blueberries, or spices. Continue to stir until the mixture is well blended, then turn off the stove. Let the sauce cool completely, then refrigerate it. The cranberry sauce will thicken. Serve it in the aforementioned festive bowl, or whatever you can scrounge up—Tupperware is perfectly acceptable, your friends will forgive you.

—Devin Briski

DON'T GO COLD TURKEY

Unfortunately, the most iconic of Thanksgiving dishes—turkey—also presents the greatest challenges for the dorm chef. But sliced turkey isn't just for deli sandwiches anymore—with this simple recipe college cooks stand a chance at crafting an exquisite dish.

To begin, obtain the desired portion of sliced deli turkey breast. When preparing a whole turkey for roasting or frying, brining—or marinating the bird in a salt-water mixture—tends to increase its moisture and flavor. Season the meat with a blend of salt, black pepper, dried parsley, onion powder, and a bit of sugar.

Before heating the turkey, prepare the gravy. In a microwave, boil a cup of water. Stir in one chicken—or if available, turkey—bouillon cube to make a plain stock. Tear up a small amount of turkey meat and allow it to steep in the broth. Combine one tablespoon of cornstarch with one tablespoon of cold water and add to the gravy, stirring well. Bring the gravy to a very low boil in the microwave, mixing it to ensure that all cornstarch lumps dissipate. Melt one eighth of a cup of butter in the microwave and add it to the gravy, again stirring well. Season it with the same blend used for the turkey meat and reheat the

gravy, continuing to mix intermittently to thoroughly integrate all ingredients.

Cook the deli turkey in the microwave until it is steaming hot.

Then pour some of the gravy on top of the sliced breast meat. Serve this dish in the place of a more conventional—but no more palatable—whole bird.

—Jason Bell

TV

Columbia students to star in new CTV reality show 'GreenBorough House'

BY MARICELA GONZALEZ
Columbia Daily Spectator

CTV is going green—GreenBorough, that is.

In December, CTV will air its first ever reality show that will document the lives of the residents of GreenBorough House, Columbia's newest specialty house. According to its project proposal, the house works as "a laboratory for low-impact, sustainable living on campus."

Executive producer Sarah McNeill, CC '10, explained her vision for the show. "The goal is to give them [residents] the opportunity to share their beliefs and to bring awareness for sustainability's merit," she said.

The specialty house serves as the Sustainable Student Living Center, in which 12 residents live and work and where Columbia's environmental clubs meet. The show follows the students as they hold their housing meetings, organize school-wide environmental events and activities, and interact with each other.

"We turn on the camera and see whatever they do," McNeill said. "We

follow them as they do certain projects like 'Green Your Room,' where they performed a green makeover for one lucky student, or when they participated in the 350 event bringing environmental awareness on the International Day of Climate Action."

As a reality show, "GreenBorough House" has the potential to showcase all the obligatory drama of college life heightened by the presence of a camera lens.

Vlad Raskin, CC '13, said that the creators of the show "have to take into consideration how much actual reality they're going to put into the show," since many successful reality shows are notorious for blurring the line between what is real and what is staged. He said, "If you look at 'The Real World' and shows like that, it's less reality and more TV entertainment."

At first, McNeill admits, she wasn't sure what to expect.

"It's the house and the personalities that make the show," McNeill said. Nevertheless, she didn't find any "Real World"-like drama from GreenBorough.

"There were no fights, illicit backstabbing, or drama. They're very much friends. They enjoy living with each other and are committed to working together."

McNeill sees the show less as an intrusive reality show and more as a documentary on green living. "It raises questions about the individual's impact on the environment and how a green lifestyle shapes one's identity," she said. "Each person is committed to doing their part."

Mixing footage of their activities and interviews, McNeill hopes the show will contextualize why these students are so committed to green living. "By understanding each student's background, we see what attracted them to the green lifestyle. What has changed in their lives? Why GreenBorough? That's what I want to explore," McNeill said.

While the content of the show may be what keeps viewers watching, GreenBorough House, like all shows on CTV, will have to fight to capture students' initial interest. Claire DuVallet, SEAS '13, said, "It's an interesting premise, and if publicized well, then I'll check it out."



Lauren Weiss / Senior staff photographer

GET REAL | The residents of Columbia's GreenBorough House, Columbia's specialty house focused on green living, will star in CTV's newest reality show of the same name.