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**NEW PERSPECTIVES** | Larry English, the recently elected chair of Harlem's Community Board 9, stands on 125th Street by Tuck-It-Away storage, one of the final property owners yet to sell to Columbia's expansion. English says he supports Columbia's project.

## Students question Barnard core

BY AMANDA STIBEL  
*Columbia Daily Spectator*

While a recent Student Government Association meeting fielded renewed complaints about Barnard's science requirements, some students have the opposite concern—that the Nine Ways of Knowing curriculum slants unfairly towards humanities majors.

Humanities students have complained—both in council meetings and an SGA-sponsored town hall last year—that the required two semesters of lab science are time-consuming and difficult to fit into busy schedules, and that the requirement is structured in a way that means that students must stick with the same discipline, even if they end up uninterested in the subject.

But some students argue that the Nine Ways of Knowing, Barnard's core curriculum, is inherently unbalanced. Science majors point out that while seven of the Nine Ways of Knowing can satisfy requirements for humanities majors, only one is dedicated to science and the other to quantitative and deductive reasoning.

"For a science major, you have a lot of requirements like biology and chemistry—plus electives—so it's just a lot to get [the lab requirement] done," Danica Yang, BC '13 and a neuroscience major, said.

Angela Haddad, associate provost and chair of the Committee on Instruction, which oversees educational policy, said she thought that the curriculum is not biased toward humanities majors, since, for example, the Social Analysis requirement doesn't necessarily have to be a humanities course.

According to Haddad, the COI is aware of complaints about the Nine Ways of Knowing and is continuing to review the requirements.

"We are now considering whether or not we should review all the general education requirements and what the process will be for doing that," she said.

As of right now, the COI has talked about possible alterations to the science requirement that could allow two complementary sciences or interdisciplinary courses to count for credit.

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## FreshDirect trucks irk Upper West Side residents

BY GINA LEE  
*Columbia Daily Spectator*

Among the screeches, sirens, and horns of New York City, the constant hum of refrigeration has some Upper West Side residents protesting.

FreshDirect, a popular internet grocery delivery service, has been parking its refrigerated trucks on 98th Street and West End Avenue for hours at a time throughout the day, arriving as early as 6 a.m. and staying as late as 11 p.m., residents say. The trucks are being used as warehouses for door-to-door deliveries, some residents say, arguing that the sounds of refrigerators running and the bustle of workers has become a great nuisance.

"There's been little to no progress," Upper West Side resident Linda Ditrinco said at a recent Community Board 7 meeting.

"They might move one block over, but what does that do?" Ditrinco said, adding that the quality of life in the surrounding

buildings is also disrupted by noise pollution.

"Clearly, this is an issue that requires a longer term solution than moving around the district," Community Board 7 chair Mel Wymore said.

**"People want their service, but they don't want the trucks that come with it."**

— Andrew Albert, co-chair of CB7's transportation committee

But officials from FreshDirect said the company's trucks are designed to keep noise levels to a minimum and that the complaints of extended periods of noise are baseless.

"The sound created by FreshDirect's trucks is the refrigeration, which is necessary to keep all of our food fresh and at its best," the company said in a statement. "Our trucks are never left on for extended periods of time unattended—in fact, they are designed to automatically switch off after one minute of idling."

The FreshDirect trucks were previously parked at 92nd Street and Amsterdam Avenue, but after residents complained, the CB7's transportation committee contacted FreshDirect, and the company agreed to move its trucks to 84th Street and Amsterdam Avenue, where they remain.

Andrew Albert, co-chairperson of the transportation committee, said the location was identified as one where the trucks would be least likely to disrupt local businesses or residents.

The trucks at 98th Street are

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## CU alum's venture brings Morningside bargains to students' smartphones

BY FINN VIGELAND  
*Columbia Daily Spectator*

In a new startup run by Nhon Ma, CC '04, free or discounted deals with local merchants are just an iPhone tap away.

Founded by two former Google employees and now in beta testing, Tenka—which has formed partnerships in Morningside Heights—allows users to browse deals on their smartphones, show them to store employees, and immediately redeem discounts.

Tenka is built on the principle of no money down until a user is actually buying something, or, as Ma, the company's CEO and co-founder, called it, "Google's ideal of 'don't be evil.'"

To make use of a Tenka discount, Ma said, "You physically have to be in the store in order to redeem. When that happens, you honor the deal." In this way, Tenka differs from other similar daily deal sites such as Groupon or LivingSocial that profit from "flash sells" or "impulse buys," as Ma put it—where a user sees an attractive-looking deal, buys it, but never ends up redeeming it.

Ma has made a push recently to bring Tenka, which was founded in May, to Morningside merchants, and so far Angelina Pizza Bar at 105th Street and

Broadway, and the Korilla BBQ Truck stationed at Amsterdam and 116th Street, have both signed on.

"We hope for what we call in French 'de bouche à oreille,' or mouth to ear," said Max Rousselot, manager of Angelina, which opened a year and a half ago. "When you come here once for discounted pizza, you will like it and bring three more people, and then they'll start to bring more."

Tenka is an advertising method built for the 21st century, Ma said.

"Mom-and-pop shops typically advertise in newspapers, but newspapers aren't the most effective means of advertising anymore," he said. "You have no idea how many people come to your store as a result of the ad."

Now, merchants can directly track the increase of their in-store traffic, Ma said. "We capture what's called pay per performance—we drive a person into the store."

When users log on to the website for Tenka—a Japanese translation of the Chinese phrase "all under heaven"—they are met with a "news feed" of their Facebook friends who have recently found deals on the site.

Angelina and Tenka signed a contract last week, and within

the first few days, two people had already come in to redeem their offer of 50 percent off \$30 or more of food. Rousselot said he read this as a good sign and if all 40 coupons the restaurant had sold to Tenka were redeemed, Angelina Pizza Bar would continue to offer more.

Caroline Ammarell, CC '14, who used Tenka for a free taco from Korilla, said the process

## New community board chair backs CU

Larry English's support for project marks shift, draws scrutiny

BY KIM KIRSCHENBAUM  
*Spectator Senior Staff Writer*

Columbia is pushing forward with its Manhattanville campus expansion, and the newly elected chair of Harlem's community board says that he fully supports it—marking a clear shift in the board's stance on the project.

As the University breaks ground in demolition near 125th Street, newly elected Community Board 9 Chair Larry English has spent the first few months of his job rethinking the way the board interacts with its institutional neighbor.

"Our position is that Columbia has been given the authority to move forward with the project, and you need only walk past the construction site to understand that," English said in a recent interview while walking the streets of the Manhattanville neighborhood just north of 125th Street and east of 12th Avenue, where the University is making headway with its 17-acre expansion. "I'm in the mindset right now that it's going to be built."

Recently, though, English has faced some backlash from a handful of neighborhood residents in the local Coalition to Preserve Community group, who, in a letter sent earlier this month, questioned the new chair and his belief that a partnership with the University is the most pragmatic solution.

Among his most recent statements on the University—which have drawn scrutiny at several community board meetings—was that Columbia's presence in the neighborhood would be beneficial from a business perspective.

"In West Harlem right now and in Harlem in general, there is not a vibrant, entrepreneurial, economic class, and that is crucial to everyone living in West Harlem," English said in an interview in October.

English's approach marks a transition in the board's stance on the project. In May 2009,

CB9 voted unanimously for its delegates on the West Harlem Local Development Corporation to turn down Columbia's community benefits agreement for Manhattanville.

The benefits agreement is the product of years-long negotiations by neighborhood representatives on the LDC, an ad hoc group formed in 2005 to negotiate the contract that ultimately committed University funds to affordable housing, the building of a public school, and support for other local initiatives.

**"As a community board, we've ruled that we're turning the page. We don't want to do anything that's gonna inhibit the project."**

—Larry English, Community Board 9 chair

CB9's rejection—which did not stop the LDC and the University trustees from signing the agreement later that month—marked a direct clash between the board and a central component of Columbia's plan.

"Columbia is a world-class institution operating in one of the most diverse cities in the world, headquartered in one of the most diverse neighborhoods in the world," English, who replaced previous chair Pat Jones earlier this fall, said. "It's [the expansion] a natural extension of that."

In response to Columbia's 2004 rezoning proposal to the city, CB9 passed its own

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**FREE COOKIES** | Tenka, a Columbia alum's new startup, allows users to access bargains on their phones.

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#### Mealtime secret

Few people know of faculty meals part of student dining.

#### Making face time

Facebook may help people maintain friendships.



### SPORTS, BACK PAGE

#### Men's basketball picks up two straight wins

Last Tuesday, the Light Blue defeated Colgate at home, 76-63, before traveling to the nation's capital where it beat American, 64-62, for its first road win of the season.

### EVENTS

#### Nuclear Energy and Climate Change

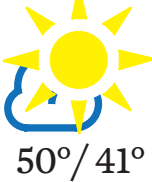
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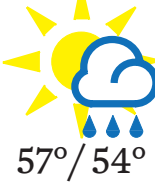
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NEW FACES | Larry English, new chair of Community Board 9, says he supports Columbia’s project.

## Larry English, new CB9 chair, marks shift in stance

### ENGLISH from front page

alternative plan, which included a ban on eminent domain—an other noteworthy disagreement between the University and the board.

English, though, said that productive collaboration between CB9 and Columbia, as the project’s construction moves forward, is key.

“Manhattan is an island and we have to live and work together—it’s not like you’re in the suburbs and you never see other,” English said, adding that it seems the University is aware that it “now has a moral duty to help ... West Harlem continue to grow.”

As a lawyer and fairly recent member of the board—he has sat for roughly two and a half years on CB9, which historically has had a low turnover rate—English said that he was in a good place to address the new challenges and opportunities facing West Harlem.

“For the next five years, the community is going to have to live with some disruption form the project, and so far

I’m confident that they [the University] will live by what they said,” he said, responding to recent complaints that have arisen at CB9 over the impacts of ongoing construction. He added that he was pleased with the University’s team’s presentation of different steps being taken to address construction concerns such as rat control.

Neighborhood residents have continued to raise concerns over construction disturbances, but to English, it’s a natural part of New York City life. “Manhattan is basically a large construction site, so all New Yorkers have to deal with that.”

But Tom DeMott, CC ’80 and a founder of the Coalition to Preserve Community, an activist group opposed to the expansion, said CB9’s political turnaround doesn’t reflect the views of its constituents.

“To me, that’s political failure,” DeMott said at a CPC meeting last week. “That’s failure to see when you should be a strong advocate for the community.”

He said that members of CPC have lost faith in CB9.

“We’re still in communication

with CB9, but we’re not spending all our time going to all those meetings,” he said. “It’s not likely CB9 will be as powerful as it once was.”

Despite these claims, English said he is confident that Columbia will follow through with its agreement—the University continues to pledge that it devotes 35 percent of its contract spending for Manhattanville to minority-, women-, or locally-owned firms.

“We’re developing a close working relationship. I think they have a contractual commitment as well as a moral commitment,” English said of the University’s employment opportunities.

Despite friction over the last several years, English said it’s time to move forward.

“Obviously, the last four years caused a lot of tension between the Columbia and the community, but as a community board, we’ve ruled that we’re turning the page. We don’t want to do anything that’s gonna inhibit the project.”

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## Students question role of science in BC core

### NINE WAYS from front page

Natasha Cline-Thomas, BC ’12 and a political science major, said that the flexibility of the Nine Ways allows students to craft relevant course loads.

“The number of courses that can fulfill the requirements are so varied by content and by department that you can really tailor your program to your major,” Cline-Thomas said.

The Quantitative and Deductive Reasoning requirement, for example, can be satisfied with courses from many departments, including mathematics, psychology, sociology, and economics.

But the Laboratory Science requirement can be completed with courses from only six

departments—astronomy, biology, chemistry, environmental science, physics, or psychology.

Hannah Zilka, BC ’13 and a psychology major who is pre-med, said that despite its flexibility, the curriculum is catered more to humanities.

“I think it is a bit too geared towards humanities, but otherwise I wouldn’t take humanities classes,” Zilka said.

Other students stressed that the Nine Ways of Knowing gave them a chance to take classes they would not otherwise take. Madeleine Lloyd-Davies, BC ’11 and an English major concentrating in theater, said that the Nine Ways gave her an opportunity to take astronomy, which she may not have signed up for.

“I’m all done with my Nine

Ways of Knowing, and they were mostly fulfilled outside of my major, but I do still see a bias, because even if you’re not fulfilling major requirements, they’re still different valued skill sets in humanities versus science,” she said.

Katie Glasner, assistant chair and senior associate of the dance department, said that because Barnard is a liberal arts institution, it cannot have a curriculum with solely science courses.

“These students chose a liberal arts college for a reason,” Glasner said. “If they wanted a science-based education they would have gone to Johns Hopkins.”

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## Upper West Side residents clash with FreshDirect

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a recent addition—one which has sparked new protest, since some complain that West End Avenue is more residential than commercial.

Albert said he is not sure if there is a solution that would fully satisfy residents and FreshDirect.

“Maybe we can find a place for them [FreshDirect] to rent space,” Wymore suggested. “I think that would be the optimal option for them—to find a distribution center rather than to find

space on the street.”

Renting space in the neighborhood would mean that FreshDirect would not have to park trucks by residential buildings for hours at a time, but would still use the vans to make deliveries.

Not all local residents, though, said they were bothered by the trucks.

“It’s bogus to blame one company when there’s a lot of other stuff going on in the area,” Carrie Pizarro, who lives in Westview Apartments between 97th and 98th streets, said.

With a fire station on 100th

Street and nearby construction, the noise of the trucks seems minor to some.

“I think the construction is more of a hassle than FreshDirect,” Pizarro said.

With no clear solution in sight, and continued support for the services of FreshDirect, Albert said that CB7 will soon contact the company again to chart a plan of action.

“People want their service, but they don’t want the trucks that come with it,” he said.

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS DECEMBER

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**7:30 PM**  
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**12/04**  
**THE BARNARD PROJECT AT DANCE THEATER WORKSHOP**  
**7:30 PM**  
219 West 19th Street

**12/09**  
**STUDENT READING**  
**7 PM**  
Sulzberger Parlor, 3rd Floor Barnard Hall

**SILENCE**  
**8 PM**  
Glicker-Milstein Black Box Theatre,  
LL200 Diana Center

**12/10**  
**SILENCE**  
**8 PM**  
Glicker-Milstein Black Box Theatre,  
LL200 Diana Center

**12/11**  
**THE ANNUAL CANDLELIGHT CONCERT**  
**8 PM**  
Union Theological Seminary  
Broadway at West  
120th Street

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**FRESHMAN PHENOM** | Freshman guard Van Green has come off the bench to provide a spark on both ends of the floor.

## Men’s basketball uses second-half surge to defeat Colgate at home

**MEN’S BASKETBALL**  
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rebounds, and two steals. Green finished with nine points on 3-5 shooting. In addition to their road win on Sunday, the Lions notched a victory over another Patriot League rival, Colgate, last Tuesday at home. Like in the game against American, Columbia needed a strong second-half finish to pull out the win. The Lions led by just one at the half, and had struggled earlier in the season with closing out games.

**“That was huge for us. Asenso bringing that energy and getting everyone back and going really changed the game tonight.”**

—Brian Barbour, sophomore point guard

“That’s been our weakness, and if we can continue to do that in the future, that’s going to help us win a lot of games,” Agho said after the Light Blue’s 76-63 win over the Red Raiders. So far this season, Columbia has let second-half leads slip away against La Salle and St. John’s, and it seemed as if it was going to happen again against Colgate. With over 13 minutes to play in regulation, the Red Raiders went ahead by two, but a series of plays by senior forward Asenso Ampim swung the momentum back towards the Lions. After Colgate took a 43-41 lead, Agho tied it with a jumper. On the Light Blue’s next possession, Ampim grabbed the ball after Cisco missed a short jumper and threw it in for a dunk.

“I was just trying to up the intensity of the game and that’s just what I was focusing on,” Ampim said after the game. “I was trying to grab every rebound—especially offensively—just to give us a second chance opportunity and to help us get on a run.” On the very next possession, Ampim dunked again, this time off of a fast-break opportunity, putting the Lions up 47-43. “That was huge for us,” Barbour said. “Asenso bringing that energy and getting everyone back and going really changed the game tonight. Those two possessions were so crucial to the way we finished out the game.” Ampim finished the game with 16 points, six rebounds, and two steals. “He can give us a defensive presence that makes us really unique and special,” head coach Kyle Smith said of Ampim. Though Columbia pulled out the win, it did turn the ball over 16 times in the process, while only notching five assists. “Something’s going to give,” Smith said. “We were going with ‘take care of the ball’ for the first four games and we were doing a better job of that. Our assits were up, our offense was better, but bottom line—the wins weren’t there.” Though the Lions had turned over the ball frequently in their first four games, they were hovering around a 1:1 assist-to-turnover ratio. “We were just focusing on defending, and we got to the foul line a lot, which took away a lot of assists,” Barbour said. “We were still sharing the ball well tonight—getting to the foul line is just as good as an assist sometimes.” Columbia did spend some time at the charity stripe, making 25 of 35 free-throw attempts. Agho led all scorers with 25 points on 10-for-18 shooting. Barbour contributed 16 points, an assist, and three steals in the winning effort. The Light Blue will face off against yet another Patriot League team when it travels to Lewisburg, Pa., to take on Bucknell on Wednesday.

## Victorious Victoria crowned queen of PixBox

**JONES from back page**

his way around tequila a little better than that. I’m pretty sure I’ve scared Jacob with weeks of threatening what I could write about him in this paragraph, but he’ll be glad to know that my worst ammunition isn’t fit for publication. Instead, I suppose I’ll have to rely on the typical “really old and Jewish with a low alcohol tolerance” joke. That or the fact that apparently, when he’s hung over, he looks really high—at least according to the head football coach. And then there’s Bart Lopez. I’m going to have to refrain from my normal weak, whipped, and spineless jokes for now, so, moving on... As much as Bart tries to be all cool and manly with his love of sports and beer, real men can hold their own at pong. I’m not saying all bros have to be perfect—I myself have off nights—but Bart takes the cake. Once upon a time, Bart missed every single cup for what was... what? Almost four straight games? Not only did he

suck, but he was carried by a 17-year-old high school student who made every single cup to win multiple games during Bart’s dry spell. That also wasn’t the only time Bart had to be carried through a competition—halfway through this semester, Bart was so far behind in Pixbox that he gave up and just had me make his picks for him each week. I guess it’s a Jones family tradition to pick up his slack... Last week, a little poem I wrote in support of the football team was cut from the end of my column despite how much effort I had clearly put in (believe me, it was a beauty). This week, I’d like to rededicate my poetic brilliance to Michele, our sports editor and one of my main competitors in Pixbox: *Roses are red  
Columbia is (light) blue  
I’m Pixbox queen  
How ’bout you?* *Victoria Jones is a Barnard College junior majoring in French. sports@columbiaspectator.com*

## Women’s basketball still searching for first win

**WOMEN’S BASKETBALL**  
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season. The Toreros finished the game making 36 of their 58 field goal attempts. San Diego got off to its torrid start due to the stellar play of senior guard Sam Child. The all-West Coast Conference honorable mention carried the San Diego squad, scoring 14 points in the first eight minutes of play against Columbia’s zone defense to give the Toreros a 22-16 lead. The Lions did a better job containing Child later in the game—switching back to a man-to-man defense. However, the

Toreros entered halftime ahead 51-41. In the second half, Columbia managed a spirited comeback attempt, at one point trimming the lead down to 89-87 with a minute left to play. Child missed a jumper with 32 seconds left. However, San Diego’s Dominique Conners, who finished with 14 points, grabbed the offensive board and drew a foul six seconds later. Conners made both her free throws to preserve the win. Child netted a game-high 26 points for San Diego. Several Columbia players had breakout performances. Shafer, building on

her solid game at Manhattan, exploded for a team-high 19 points on seven of 11 shooting. Sophomore Tyler Simpson, who has played well for the Lions this year, posted a career-best 17 points. Orlich, Dwyer, and Barry each also finished in double digits for scoring. “We’ve got to get better defensively. Obviously that wasn’t an area we were struggling in as much the first few games,” Nixon said. “But we’ve really got to improve as a team defensively.” Columbia will next play Wagner on Dec. 2 in Levien Gymnasium. Tip-off is set for 7 p.m.



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**WARD THEM OFF** | Freshman Taylor Ward scored nine points for the Lions with three 3-pointers against Manhattan.

### WRESTLING

#### Columbia struggles to keep up with teams from Virgina, Rutgers in Northeast Duals on Friday

The Columbia wrestling team traveled to Troy, N.Y., the day after Thanksgiving to participate in the Northeast Duals, an event that attracted 17 teams and several nationally ranked grapplers. The Lions faced off against Virginia, George Mason, and Rutgers on Saturday, finishing with a result of 2-1. Columbia’s first dual against No. 21 Virginia was a hard fought battle, with the Light Blue winning only one match, by junior co-captain Kyle Gilchrist at 133 pounds. Gilchrist went on to be the only Lion to go 3-0 that day. The final score of the match was 30-3, with Virginia continuing its dominance in the season with a record of 7-0. Columbia fared better against George Mason, winning all but one match, in which 197-pounder Mike Pushpak was pinned by sixth-ranked Cayle Byers. However, the Lions enjoyed some pins of their own by Nick Standish and Stephen West in the

165- and 174-pound weight classes, respectively. The Lions finished with a final score of 40-6 against George Mason, their lone team victory of the day. After a short break, the Lions returned to the mat to face off against No. 24 Rutgers. Columbia nabbed only two victories this time around, in the 133- and 149-pound weight classes. Gilchrist achieved his third victory of the day, but the highlight was 149-pounder Steve Santos’ pinning of the No. 11 Cavalier Mario Mason at the 6:55 mark. This is a landmark in Santos’ Columbia career and could earn him a spot in the NCAA tournament as the season progresses. The Lions only have a few days to prepare as they travel to Las Vegas this weekend to participate in the Las Vegas Invitational, a notoriously difficult tournament. The action kicks off on Friday at the Las Vegas Convention Center. —Meredith Mead





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# HIV/AIDS : A call to action

BY AMIRAH SEQUEIRA

The world has been fighting the AIDS epidemic since 1981. Columbia's campus has been actively involved in this fight for over 25 years, and the coming decade should be no exception to this tradition.

Over 25 million lives have been claimed by HIV/AIDS since 1981. The numbers are astounding, but they do little to capture the wide-reaching effects of a disease whose immense social implications have ensured unparalleled challenges in its prevention and treatment.

These social implications can be traced to the discovery of HIV, when the Centers for Disease Control reported cases of rare pneumonia, unusual skin cancer, and Kaposi's sarcoma in young gay men in 1981. The discovery marked the beginning of one of the most controversial public health crises in human history. Everything from the origin and transmission of the virus to the best mechanisms for its prevention and treatment has been hotly contested. Associations of the disease with the gay male community, the intravenous drug user community, and minority populations furthered stigma and prejudice and created hostile environments for those affected.

Here in New York, and particularly on Columbia's campus, a social movement took place that brought AIDS into the spotlight. Activists fought against stigma and discrimination, for research into treatment, and for governmental involvement in widespread prevention programs. They demanded equal employment opportunities, adequate housing, and sufficient medical care for patients.

At Columbia today, problems regarding HIV and AIDS no longer seem as pressing due largely to the work of these activists. Discrimination toward patients is no longer as apparent. Students fully understand prevention techniques from high school health class and have steady access to them on campus. Testing and counseling are readily available (for free!) through fantastic services such as the Gay Health Advocacy Project. Within the Columbia gates, it may seem that there isn't much more fighting left to do.

But HIV and AIDS have not gone away—there are 33 million people living with it today. While medical advancements and the proliferation of preventative programming have reduced rates of infection, new policies and funding cuts threaten to reverse our progress.

HIV is no longer a death sentence. Treatment that will save lives is available, but it has yet to be distributed to over 65 percent of the people who need it. Due to current cutbacks in AIDS funding, people throughout the world who had previously been guaranteed medication have been placed on waiting lists. Patients are waiting for others to die in order to receive treatment.

This is evidenced in countries such as Uganda, Nigeria, and Zambia, but it's also happening right here at home. In the past year, waiting lists for HIV treatment have prevented American patients from accessing care. The economic downturn has increased the number of individuals applying to the AIDS Drug Assistance Program, and emergency funding has not been provided to relieve the stress on the program. There are now waitlists in at least 10 states, and more than 1,000 people are being denied access to lifesaving medications.

Just as Columbia students once fought to have treatment, respect, and equality brought to HIV and AIDS patients on campus and in New York City, students must now work to have the same services provided to those in other states and other countries.

Wednesday, Dec. 1 is World AIDS Day. As we enter the fourth decade of this battle, Columbia students must continue to fight for universal access to treatment, for the human rights of all HIV and AIDS patients, and for the end of stigma and prejudice. Whether advocating for harm reduction, the need for affordable medication, or the removal of waitlists in Ohio, North Carolina, and eight other states, Columbia students have a significant role to play. Most importantly, students must fight for all those who have lost their lives to this disease in order to honor their sacrifices and struggles. World AIDS Day is about remembrance and renewal, and Columbia's students have a responsibility to continue both.

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STAFF EDITORIAL

## SGA: Vote 'yes'

Barnard has finally voted to recognize sororities. Well, that's not quite the case. On Nov. 22, the Barnard Student Government Association released the results of its poll on formal recognition of sororities. Recognition carried the day, with almost 60 percent of student voters in favor, but the poll was nonbinding.

This Monday, SGA will hold its own vote on the question of recognition.

The whole process has made little sense. What was the purpose of holding a nonbinding poll? We appreciate SGA's desire to give the student body a voice, but it should either have decided for itself as a democratically elected council or given students the power to decide themselves. If SGA wasn't prepared to abide by the student body's decision, it shouldn't have asked for it.

We strongly encourage SGA to vote in favor of sorority recognition. We've heard all the arguments against: that they damage Barnard's community, that they're exclusive, that they undermine the goal of a women's college. These aren't ridiculous arguments, but they are not good arguments against formal recognition.

Barnard students already account for half of the sorority population, and SGA already contributes money to sororities—it just calls the funds an informal "gift." Formal recognition would not be a radical shift in the character of Barnard. Those students who want to join sororities will continue to do so, and those who don't will not. The current policy simply creates an unnecessary (if largely symbolic) division between Barnard and Columbia.

Furthermore, it's foolish to use the issue of recognition as a proxy battle in a war about Barnard's mission. If you do not believe sororities should have a place at Barnard, call for a ban on participation. Don't claim your concern is with SGA policy if it's actually with the philosophy of Barnard as an institution.

So SGA, take heed of your constituents and vote "yes" on recognition. You'll just be acknowledging the facts on the ground.

## Friends, friends everywhere

My high school friend (let's call him John) posted a Facebook status last Wednesday that read, "I think most of our friends aren't so much 'friends' as they are just 'people who tend to occupy the same space.'" In a sort of wonderful act of modernity, he issued this thought to his 922 Facebook "friends" from a corner of my basement, the space he was occupying along with the 20 or so "friends" he was referencing in said status. For awhile, the lone comment on the post was from a "friend," who simply wrote, "bold," and probably agreed but didn't want to explicitly say so for fear of offending his "friends." There were also two "likes" from people whom John had almost certainly never thought of as "friends" and who apparently thought that the statement applied to a whole group of people he had never met. One could probably assume that they were free to "like" the status because their "friends" would never see it.

## And I suppose the question becomes: Is there anything inherently sad about the realization that your once-friends have become just "people who tend to occupy the same space"?

If you're confused, don't worry. So am I. But the point is that John's status brought up a whole bunch of questions—intended and unintended—on what meaning our generation finds in the word "friends." We all have those people who were once central figures in our lives but have since been relegated to the ranks of those we talk to once or twice a month and see once or twice a year. As we get deeper and deeper into college and become the individuals we will be for the rest of our lives, we often have less and less in common with these home friends. In fact, if it weren't for Facebook, we might have already severed ties with many of these



NEIL FITZPATRICK

### Excuses and Half-Truths

people. And I suppose the question becomes: Is there anything inherently sad about the realization that your once-friends have become just "people who tend to occupy the same space"? Would we even still be occupying the same space if it weren't for Facebook, and, if not, should we stop kidding ourselves and go our separate ways?

Part of me read John's status and never wanted to see some of the people in my basement again. This was the same part of me that, after seeing "The Social Network," had an overwhelming desire to delete my Facebook and never look back. It was the part of me that hates parties filled with strangers, that detests meeting new people alone, and that loathed most of NSOP week freshman year.

But there's another part of me—the part that invited all those people to my basement last Wednesday (my basement being that "space" that those people tend to occupy most nights), the part of me that never does work on a Thursday, Friday, or Saturday, and the part that spends more time on Facebook than Jesus intended. This is the part of me that I like more and the part that I'm inclined to listen to in this particular argument.

Malcolm Gladwell writes in his essay "Small Change: Why the Revolution Will Not Be Tweeted" that "Facebook is a tool for efficiently managing your acquaintances, for keeping up with the people you would not otherwise be able to stay in touch with" and that "our acquaintances—not our friends—are our greatest source of new ideas and information."

In a lot of ways, what Gladwell says is true of old friends-turned-acquaintances as well. As far as diverse perspectives go, I can learn a lot more from a friend studying computer engineering at Virginia Tech than I can from my hallmate in Wien. But on a more basic level, occupying the same space with those people last Wednesday was fun. I may not have much in common with most of them anymore, and I may not even like some of them, but I'm pretty sure laughing about Ms. Gosen-Fowler's junior year English class with a girl I haven't spoken to in six months is a hell of a lot better than sitting alone in my basement.

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## Food for thought: faculty meals

BY JOANNA KELLY

I spent a recent Thursday afternoon in John Jay Dining Hall engaged in discussion about family, friends, and classes over lunch. I wasn't with classmates, however—I was with my Arabic professor. The intimate, one-on-one setting achieved through the use of a faculty meal swipe allowed us to get to know one another, a feat that is unusual in college and even more so for a first-year.

Honestly, I was nervous to approach my professor after class to ask her to join me for lunch. I felt like I was asking her out on an awkward, unexpected date. Other students surely share my unnecessary trepidation. Asking a professor out is intimidating, especially without a designated "reason" for doing so. Despite my qualms, my professor found nothing odd about my request and enthusiastically agreed on a date and time. And she later told me that she enjoyed our time together at one of New York's hottest dining spots.

The aforementioned, if unfounded, apprehension contributes to the widespread neglect of the six faculty meals included in the mandatory first-year meal plans. However, the more prevalent reason that professors aren't spotted waiting in line for mac and cheese and garlic bread seems to be that most students are unaware that this element of the dining plan even exists.

Faculty meals are a component of the first-year dining plans and Meal Plan A. Initiated by Dean Michele Moody-Adams, this facet of the new dining plan is meant to encourage student-faculty interaction beyond the classroom. But many students have not taken any faculty member out to lunch or dinner—and certainly have not gained the full value of their meal plans by treating six professors to meals. While these meals can be used as guest meals, the goal behind creating the "faculty meal" distinction was to encourage students to take advantage of the opportunity that is available to them.

While challenging the current dining plan and discussing possible changes, the student councils have taken note of the general ignorance of the faculty meals component of the dining plan. As the first-year vice

president of the Columbia College Student Council, I participated in weeks of discussion and voting over the important dining resolution. This resolution included the suggestion that faculty meals be advertised more.

I believe that spreading the word about this aspect of the dining plan is essential. Once students realize that this option is available and encouraged, they may work up the courage to ask their professors or teaching assistants out to lunch or dinner.

## The new dining plan is meant to encourage student-faculty interaction beyond the classroom.

To reduce the intimidation factor, the Dean's Office is working on a university-wide announcement on faculty meals. This way, professors will have an idea as to why students are suddenly willing to buy them lunch. If professors openly mention their willingness to take advantage of the free meal in class, I'm positive that Columbia students would jump at the opportunity.

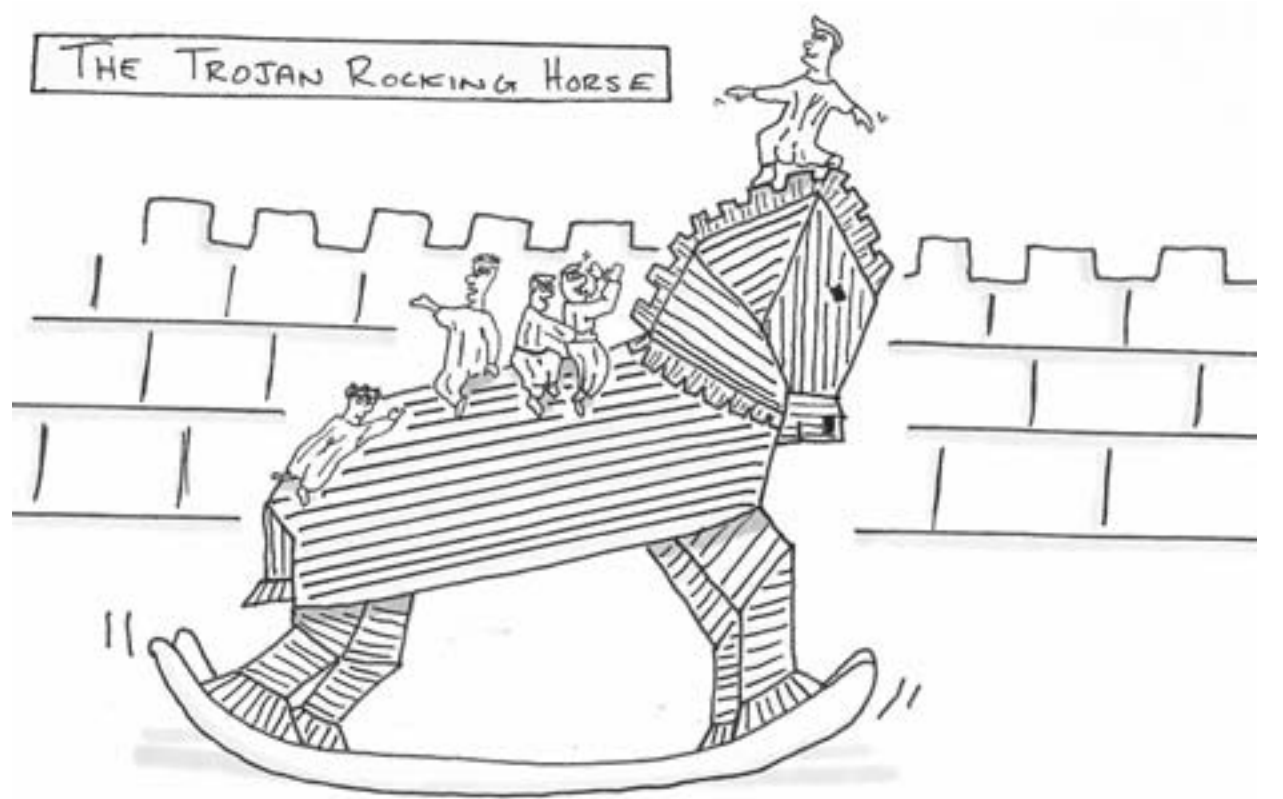
Another idea was mentioned at last week's dining committee meeting. Dean Kevin Shollenberger is considering creating "Take Your Professor to Lunch" days throughout the year. If properly promoted, I believe such events would further encourage use of faculty meals by reducing the "weirdness factor" of asking a faculty member to a meal.

Based on my experience, faculty meals are extremely valuable. My Arabic professor and I had a great conversation and really got to know each other. She raved about the fantastic quality of John Jay food and thanked me endlessly for inviting her. To be completely honest, it was refreshing to spend time with her outside of the confines of the classroom walls. I was able to glean information from her stories and her experiences that is only accessible in unique, personal settings. And the entire experience didn't cost me a nickel.

I urge my fellow first-years to utilize this aspect of the meal plan. You won't regret the bond you make or the conversation you share. You have nothing to lose, anyway—all it takes is an extra swipe.

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JODY ZELLMAN



# Raising the flag on ROTC

## My life as an army ROTC cadet and Barnard student

BY NATALIE LOPEZ-BARNARD

Members of the Columbia University/Barnard College community: My name is Natalie Lopez-Barnard. This piece details my experience as a Barnard student and a Fordham University Army Reserve Officers’ Training Corps cadet. Army ROTC allowed me to follow a career path toward a position of leadership in a domain supporting soldiers that is as physically challenging as it is mentally. Army ROTC has also provided me with job opportunities and connections. As a cadet, from Monday to Friday I wake up around 0500 to put on my Army Physical Training uniform and hit the subway to 59th Street, Columbus Circle. For an hour, I conduct physical training in Central Park with my cadet

peers. We practice formations, get accountability of personnel, and remind others of the various tasks we need done to complete our next event. Every month, a PT test will verify my progress with the physical training.

### This program has exposed me to my mental and physical strengths as well as my limitations.

After PT, I spend my time juggling Barnard and Columbia classes, phone calls, texts, and emails updating tasks from cadet peers as well as attempts to complete my readings, study, and go to my Columbia University Tae Kwon Do club classes. I sleep about five to six hours a night if I plan well. Every Friday, I wake up at 0400 to arrive prepared to a day of PT, classes, and labs that end at approximately 1600.

This week, we’re talking about the Reserve Officers’ Training Corps in light of the recent introduction of military activities to campus. Professor Allan Silver believes an ROTC program at Columbia would bring greater diversity to our nation’s military, and Allison Dilyard believes the program would attract currently underrepresented groups to our school. Natalie Lopez-Barnard talks about the merits of an ROTC program while Barry Weinberg discusses how much military involvement at Columbia is acceptable.

Several weekends of the semester, Fordham University’s Army ROTC conducts field training exercises that familiarize cadets with military life and officer responsibilities. From my cozy, academically stressed life at Barnard, I embark on a journey to military installations where I do not sleep because cadets led by instructors attack my position all night. My other cadet peers attempt to plan attacks and counterattacks, the elements challenge my resolve, any eating is on-the-go, and I constantly contend with the extremes of forced hydration or dehydration. I learn basic infantry tactics, how to construct and deliver an operations order from platoon level to squad level, and the rigors of leading exhausted peers towards a goal (all the while carrying a 50-pound rucksack and an M16 rifle). My peers size me up, challenging me to push-up contests or testing my tactical or technical knowledge. I endure this in the spirit of becoming an effective, adaptable, and tenacious leader. When asked by my peers about my weekend activities, for lack of a better term, I explain it as “playing war.” ROTC has been the vehicle for my leadership training, and it can easily consume more than 20

hours of my time a week. This program has shown me my mental and physical strengths as well as my limitations, and with this awareness, I am a more capable person. My training has instilled within me higher standards of self-discipline that motivate me to accomplish goals. At my class graduation (I walked this past spring), Meryl Streep spoke about the public’s appreciation for today’s aggressive female leaders. Barnard College is an educational institution that prides itself on developing female leaders. As the first student cadet from Barnard to complete the Army ROTC program, I will soon be the first officer of the U.S. Army from Barnard College. Americans recognize the importance of military service to protect the freedom of our country. The value of ROTC leadership training is resulting in unprecedented increases in program participation all across the country. I’m proud to have taken the first step at Barnard and believe others will surely follow.

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## A case for ROTC at Columbia

BY ALLAN SILVER

Americans celebrate citizen-soldiers as expressing the democratic spirit, but the meaning of the citizen-soldier has changed. In America’s three big wars—the Civil War, the two world wars of the 20th century—conscription created large militaries that reflected the nation. Limited conscription during the Cold War ended in the rancor of the Vietnam War. For 35 years, the nation has had an all-volunteer force that has conducted three large enterprises—the Gulf War of 1991, the invasion of Iraq, the campaign in Afghanistan—and is continuously in being. The all-volunteer force is imperfectly a citizen-military that reflects the nation—and not only because it is 1 percent of the population, compared to the 12 percent that served in World War II. That 1 percent is disproportionately drawn from a “military cluster”—Southern, Midwestern, nonurban, and from families with histories of military service. A great divide is opening between citizens who serve and those who do not.

### Students’ great distance from those in military service, or preparing for it, diminishes preparation for citizenship.




In blunt truth, upscale citizens are sending other citizens’ sons and daughters into military service and to war. If a democracy contemplates or goes to war, all groups should bear its prospective and real sacrifices. As a faculty member at Columbia, I watched student opposition to the Vietnam War dwindle as the odds of being drafted decreased. Today, I observe the distance with which most students view ongoing wars. Columbia’s students are no different from most of the nation’s educated, privileged, professional classes. They have little skin in the nation’s military service and its wars and little contact with those who do.

To advocate ROTC at Columbia is not to endorse policies or wars uncritically. Opposing the Vietnam War, I sought to be prosecuted for aiding students who refused the draft, and I considered the very idea of invading Iraq deceptive and disastrous. Columbia, institutionally neutral on public policy, faces other issues. It is a civic scandal that those with higher prospects in the society and economy are egregiously underrepresented in military service. This damages the republic because it weakens the ties that ought to bind citizens. Military service should be recognized as a distinctive form of public service. Students’ great distance from those in military service, or preparing for it, diminishes preparation for citizenship. It is desirable that officers be educated in settings where policies and wars are more likely to be challenged.

The military greatly contributes to the problem. After Columbia and peer institutions effectively barred ROTC programs 40 years ago, they were relocated in regions where the military felt comfortable. After the Cold War ended, many ROTC programs in the Northeast and large cities were closed and further regrouped elsewhere. Some in the military still nurse resentments from the 1960s, including Columbia’s crisis of 1968. Long after the divisions of that time, the military continues to segregate itself. President Lee Bollinger has several times suggested that ROTC is unlikely to return to Columbia because its urban programs are based at central institutions that draw from other campuses. So passive a position creates an impression of reluctance. Harvard’s president recently declared that, once homosexuals are legally enabled to serve, “an ROTC program ... ought to be fully and formally present on our campus.” Responding, the chair of the Joint Chiefs of Staff said that “it is incredibly important to have ROTC units at institutions like this ... and I certainly would do all in my power to make that happen.” There is every good reason for an ROTC presence in Morningside Heights. Harvard is a short distance from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology’s several ROTC programs just as Columbia students participate in programs at Fordham and Manhattan College. We should actively encourage ROTC’s return to the Northeast, large cities, and elite universities—all combined in our case. Helping to bind up the nation’s wounds of four decades ago, Columbia would strengthen civic bonds between citizens who choose not to bear arms and those who do.

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## ROTC Presence Across the Ivies

	 ARMY ROTC	 NAVY ROTC	 AIR FORCE ROTC
BROWN	<i>off-campus</i> @ Providence College	_____	_____
CORNELL	<i>on-campus</i>	<i>on-campus</i>	<i>on-campus</i>
COLUMBIA	<i>off-campus</i> @ Fordham	<i>off-campus</i> summer program @ Marine Corps Officer Training School	<i>off-campus</i> @ Manhattan College
DARTMOUTH	<i>on-campus</i> (part of Norwich University)	_____	_____
HARVARD	<i>off-campus</i> @ MIT	<i>off-campus</i> @ MIT	<i>off-campus</i> @ MIT
PENN	_____	<i>on-campus</i>	_____
PRINCETON	<i>on-campus</i>	_____	<i>off-campus</i> @ Rutgers
YALE	<i>off-campus</i> @ MIT	<i>off-campus</i> summer program @ Marine Corps Officer Training School	<i>off-campus</i> @ MIT

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## Pursuing freedom without letting go of equality

BY BARRY WEINBERG

As any casual peruser of Bwog comments understands, Columbia students can often have fundamental differences in understanding even the most basic facts behind issues on their own campus. This phenomenon tends to manifest itself most notably around campus issues of great controversy, such as gender-neutral housing, the hunger strike, and Mahmoud Ahmadinejad’s visit to campus. When students fail to understand the basic facts or statements related to the issue, as has been the case in the recent debate over the Reserve Officers’ Training Corps, such a lack of understanding greatly diminishes our ability to have a productive dialogue in which participants can better understand each other’s intentions and actions. As is oft-attributed to Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan, “Everyone is entitled to his own opinion, but not his own facts.” Unfortunately, students appear to feel entitled to their own facts when they debate Columbia’s relationship with the military, including the ROTC program. As professor Allan Silver pointed out, while the heady days of 1968 included students with many reasons for their protests, including anti-Vietnam War sentiment, the Mansfield Committee’s decision to phase out the Naval ROTC program was due to the “academically irregular” concessions made to the military in matters of hiring and curriculum during the emergency of World War II and did not relate to the “present mood on campus” in 1968. There has not been any other sort of “ban” on military activities at Columbia, aside from the military’s use of career placement services at the University, which was forcibly lifted by the passage of the 1994 Solomon Amendment. The recent Color Guard ceremonies, which have been seen as a sign of a shift in Columbia culture, were taken by the University Senate as merely participation of Columbia students in ceremonies honoring the flag. To my knowledge, the ceremonies have not been met with anything other than support or, at the most, indifference from other Columbians.

I am a member of the queer community on campus and an active participant in the campaigns against ROTC’s return under the “don’t ask, don’t tell” policy in 2008 and for gender-neutral housing. And I see the issue as a relatively uncomplicated one. The Armed Forces are currently prohibited by law from accepting openly LGBT service members regardless of the military’s view of the policy. Columbia policy prohibits University programs from discriminating based on, among other things, sexual orientation and gender identity. Military service has been an important facet of the idea of civic engagement for millennia, and it is inimical to national interests that the policy excludes students like me from this avenue of service to our country. I support the strengthening of a sense of community and civic engagement not just on Columbia’s campus, but also throughout our nation—especially at a point in our history when it feels we have never been more divided in our civic and political lives by class, religion, sexual orientation, ethnic background, and political outlook. The Color Guard ceremony does not require the University to violate its own policies on equality and fairness. I feel the flag-raising ceremony is one way for the Columbia community to reflect on the University’s place in a country with a history both admirable for its commitment to values like freedom, equality, and justice and tarnished by times when it has failed in its commitment to those values. The exclusion of, at times, racial minorities, women, and, currently, LGBT individuals from serving in the military does not merely deprive the military of valuable human capital in its goal of protecting our society, but it is antithetical to the values in our society that make it worth protecting. Individual students connected to the military can and should be encouraged to contribute to the life and conversations of the Columbia community without the military receiving direct endorsement from the University itself. Such contributions made in an environment of open, factual, and critical discourse can only strengthen us as a community and a country.

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## A farewell to homogeneity

BY ALLISON DILYARD

Columbia, like many elite colleges in the country, banned the Reserve Officers’ Training Corps on campus because of heavy opposition to the Vietnam War, and like at many elite institutions, it was never reinstated. But why hasn’t it been brought back despite the end of the Vietnam War era and the antiwar movement? University President Lee Bollinger cites the military’s “don’t ask, don’t tell” policy as the reason, saying it violates Columbia’s nondiscrimination policy. But is that really the whole reason? I think that the real objection to ROTC here is a fear of military presence on campus. It makes sense that students might be uncomfortable with an institution that sends our young men and women (but not the gay ones) off to die in unjust wars having a distinct place at our school. What doesn’t make sense, however, is that these same students get to decide for the people who actually want to serve their country and fight in these wars whether or not they belong at Columbia. Needless to say, those who join ROTC want to be officers in the U.S. military. These young men and women see the military as their calling, just as other Columbia students might see being investment bankers on Wall Street as their own. ROTC provides students with a free education in exchange for four years of service. By excluding this program, Columbia excludes many potential students who are willing to pay the price of military service instead of a \$200,000 four-year tuition. Why should a bunch of mostly left-wing college students with, let’s face it, very little world experience prevent these potential students from pursuing their goals? They shouldn’t. And they clearly haven’t prevented the handful of Barnard, School of Engineering and Applied Science, and Columbia College students who go to Fordham for ROTC from doing what they want to do. I applaud the efforts of these students who go well out of their way to follow their ambitions, but if ROTC was brought back to campus, they wouldn’t have to go out of their way at all. Not only would these students have much less of a hassle balancing school and officer training, but the change would also, in my opinion, be a breath of fresh air.

### Having an ROTC student in a class could add so much more to a discussion.

Why would ROTC be a relief? Because we need some diversity here. What we have now is a majority of naively liberal kids who all seem to be from California and the tri-state area. If we had ROTC on campus again, there would almost definitely be a stronger presence of students from the middle states, which would be such a relief from what sometimes seems to be an overwhelming single-mindedness of the super-liberal coasts. Maybe students would take issue with marching on campus and drills on the lawn, but that’s a small price to pay for something that could very much enliven the community. There would definitely be much greater diversity of perspective with these students on campus. Having an ROTC student in a class could add so much more to a discussion than does the usual assortment in our classes. That being said, some of the brightest and most driven students in many of my classes, in my experience, have been veterans of the armed forces. Not only will bringing ROTC back to campus allow for more opportunities for more students, but it will also add a diversity of opinion that we could really use. It could give many students the chance to get a superior education at no cost to them, and shouldn’t we as Columbia students be proud to put Columbia-educated officers into our military? Hopefully “don’t ask, don’t tell” will be repealed soon, and hopefully the conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan will end soon as well. Until then, however, I think that the best support we at Columbia can show is to welcome and accept the men and women who fight for our country. The best way to do that is to welcome the finest and brightest of them onto our campus as officers in training.

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By Jeff Chen  
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Glorious retirement of a Pixbox champion

My favorite moment of the semester has finally arrived: the Pixbox victory column. And seeing as this time around I get to write the column myself, this might just have to be my favorite semester ever.



VICTORIA JONES  
Batting a Thousand

Ever since I joined Spectator, I've hoped for a victory column of my own. Now that the moment is here, I can see that it really is as glorious as I imagined it would be. In a sense, this is the critical moment of my (admittedly short but obviously glorious) career as a columnist. Given the fact that Pixbox is literally the only reason I became a columnist and that it can't get any better than this, I might as well quit now.

In addition to announcing my retirement—which some might compare to that of stars like Michael Jordan or Lance Armstrong—I would like to take a moment to thank my guest picker. I couldn't have done it without my Yoda for all things drinking and football: the one, the only, Matt “The X-Factor” Velazquez.

And now, the moment where I, having proven myself better than everyone else at predicting football results, get to make fun of the rest of the columnists. Let the games begin.

Given the fact that Pixbox is literally the only reason I became a columnist, I might as well quit now.

Jim actually lucks out a bit because of the fact that we still don't have all that much dirt on him. Things we do know include the fact that Jim was stupid enough to transfer here. I know getting into Columbia means you're supposed to be smart, but seriously, what kind of sports geek leaves the University of Texas at Austin for this place? Also, the newbie's got a lot to learn—it must have been hard to blow Pixbox so fantastically at the end. Maybe basketball is more his sport...

Next up is Lauren Seaman. After days of reflection, I still can't come up with anything significant to make fun of her for other than a remarkably strange column name. I'll admit, we new columnists (myself included) came up with some weird titles, but I think “Shiver Me Timbers” takes the cake. I guess it relates to the whole pirate thing going on with her last name, but really? That was the best “seaman” reference to be made?

Up until the second half of the football season, I don't think I had ever met this next columnist: Lucas Shaw. He showed up to football games for WKCR, but to my knowledge he basically does nothing for Spectator except send in unnecessarily angry, ranting columns ever other week. That, and suck at Pixbox.

And then there's Mikey. I haven't had a million interactions with Shapiro 2.0, but I've had enough to know that he acts much like a three-year old when he's drunk and that he, too, sucks at Pixbox. Incidentally, as did the original Shapiro. Between the two Shapiros and Jacob Levenfeld, I'd say the suckiness was religiously motivated, but I'm clearly proof that that's not true, so there must be another common denominator. And as a final point, 52,692 people can't fit into 30,323-person stadium, genius. Not that it would have helped you much in the standings...

Next up, Zach Glubiak. Your performance in Pixbox is literally too pathetic for me to waste space on. I need the words for more important people.

Kunal, Kunal, Kunal. In exchange for not making fun of you, I'd like to claim those two nights of Thursday work you owe me in the Spectator office. Don't think I've forgotten about that. You can see Mikey about finally manning up and paying your debts. Also, I've judged you every single day since the Montezuma incident. A real member of the sports section knows

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EASY BASKET | Junior guard Nuruwa Agho led all scorers with 25 points in Columbia's win over Colgate last Tuesday.

Lions pick up first road win at American

BY MICHELE CLEARY  
Spectator Senior Staff Writer

Down by 14 at American with less than nine minutes to go, it looked like the men's basketball team would drop its fourth road game of the season. However, behind the stellar play of two freshmen, Columbia rebounded to win its first away game 64-62 and even its record at 3-3.

Freshmen guards Dyami Starks and Van Green led the Light Blue comeback effort with help from sophomores Brian Barbour and John Daniels. Starks had a game-high 20 points, 15 of which came in the second half. He got the rally going when he hit a 3-pointer with 7:42 left in regulation, cutting the Eagles' lead to just 10 points.

COLGATE	63
COLUMBIA	76
COLUMBIA	64
AMERICAN	62

Another trey, this time by Barbour, and a jumper by Green cut the lead to just seven with over six minutes left on the clock. Despite coming within one twice, the Lions weren't able to take the lead until there were just 42 seconds left on the clock. Junior guard Noruwa Agho passed the ball to Starks, who knocked in his fifth three of the night, putting Columbia up 62-60.

A foul by sophomore Mark Cisco on the other end of the floor sent American's Daniel Munoz to the line with 32 seconds left on the clock and a chance to tie the game. Munoz hit both free throws, giving the Lions the last possession of the game. Starks went for another three, but missed. Columbia lucked out though, as Green grabbed the offensive rebound and got fouled by Munoz. Green sunk both shots from the charity stripe to clinch the game for the Lions.

Besides Starks, Barbour was the only other player to finish in the double digits, posting 12 points, four assists, four

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Light Blue falls to Manhattan, San Diego in close games

BY MICHAEL ZHONG  
Spectator Staff Writer

Last week, the Columbia women's basketball team (0-5) competed against two teams on opposite coasts. Although they failed to defeat teams from either Manhattan College or from the University of San Diego, the Lions' offense is finally starting to click.

First, Columbia took a quick road trip north last Tuesday to play Manhattan (2-2). In prior games, the Light Blue habitually started the game off slow, getting outscored 100-68 in the first half of its first four games.

Against Manhattan, though, Columbia trailed by just 26-22—still within striking distance.

COLUMBIA	56
MANHATTAN	65
COLUMBIA	87
SAN DIEGO	91

with two minutes remaining.

However, Manhattan senior point guard Abby Wentworth, who netted 14 points, scored on a driving layup and two free throws, which was enough to secure the Jaspers a 65-56 victory.

Roeder finished with a game-high 15 points and made three of five shots from three-point range. Wentworth chipped in 14 points and four assists for the Jaspers, and junior reserve guard Alyssa Herrington added 11 points.

For the Lions, senior captains Lauren Dwyer and Kathleen Barry both recorded 14 points. Freshman point guard Taylor Ward had a great game, hitting three of five attempts at 3-pointers for nine total points.

On Saturday, Columbia faced off against San Diego (4-1). For the match-up, Nixon tweaked the starting line-up, electing to start Ward, freshman Brianna Orlich, and sophomore Diana Lee along with the usual cast of Dwyer and Barry.

Although the team still lost 91-87, Columbia had its first breakout game of the season. The 87 points that Columbia scored was its best offensive outing since Feb. 20, 2009 against Brown, when the team scored 88 points.

“We did the best job so far this year of moving and sharing the basketball,” Nixon said.

The problem was the Light Blue defense. The 91 points it allowed was the most any Columbia team has given up since January 2006 versus Sacred Heart. San Diego scored 51 points in the first half—more points than Columbia has scored in two of its games this

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TEAM HIGH | Junior guard Melissa Shafer scored a team-high 19 points against San Diego after a solid performance against Manhattan.