

Barnard considers full-campus smoking ban

BY AMANDA EVANS  
Spectator Staff Writer

A full-campus smoking ban may be coming to Barnard.

Barnard's Student Government Association distributed a survey Monday to gauge student opinion on a possible full smoking ban on campus. Columbia has been contemplating a similar smoking ban since last year.

Currently, Barnard has a partial ban on smoking—it's banned everywhere except for the area north of the Barnard Quad and the plaza on the northern side of Altschul. A full ban would prohibit smoking in these areas as well.

In the SGA survey, students were asked whether they would support a full smoking ban, would not support it, or are unsure as to whether or not they would support a ban. According to Diana Rastegayeva, BC '11 and vice president for communications, Barnard has found it difficult to enforce a ban on only certain parts of the campus.

"Part of the trouble with having a partial ban is that it's hard to enforce for everyone. Students are unaware of the policy," Rastegayeva said.

But non-smokers at Barnard seemed indifferent to the possibility of a full smoking ban on campus.

"I'm not a smoker, and so the presence of a ban or lack of a ban does not affect my life whatsoever," Amarynth Sichel, BC '11, said.

Some students said they were concerned about the location on the Quad set aside for smokers, noting that the smoke could possibly infiltrate nearby dorms.

"I think it's ... strange that it's allowed in the area outside the Quad, because that area is a bit enclosed, which I would think would cause the smoke to filter into other people's rooms or even towards people walking by," Cattie Rolfe, BC '12, said.

Other students expressed full support for a total campus ban.

"I'll vote to support the ban," Erin Eckstein, BC '14, said. "I feel like it's good to have as much of a smoke-free campus as possible, smoking is gross. Also, the ban might discourage current

SGA approves stage-one recognition for sororities



JACK ZIETMAN / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

SECRET BALLOT | SGA President Lara Avsar, BC '11, counts her council's votes on Monday night.

smokers to continue smoking, which would be helpful for not only them, but for everyone else at Barnard. It would be a win-win situation."

For smokers, however, the ban is less than ideal.

"I am going to vote no for the ban," Margaret Kaminski, BC '12, said. "I think the full ban would of course in some ways send the right message, but smoking is already allowed in such a small percentage of the campus and no one is complaining for that area to be expanded, so I can't imagine there

a ton of complaints for the area to be made even smaller than it already is."

She added that the ban would not prevent her from smoking in other places.

"We aren't bad people, I know I try to be conscientious when I smoke and stick to the designated areas," she added. "Still, if the ban is put in place, it won't be the biggest deal. We are in New York City, I can smoke elsewhere."

Rolfe said that, ultimately, she would support the ban to promote student health.

"I haven't felt a preponderance of smoke on campus," Rolfe said. "It hasn't been an issue. But I'll probably vote to support the ban because I think it'll only be beneficial. We have such a small campus that if you really want to smoke you can easily step out."

SGA will review the results of the survey next Monday. The council will then decide whether to pass a resolution in support of or against the smoking ban, though they may ultimately postpone the decision.

news@columbiaspectator.com

BC council grants additional privileges, but not yet full funding

BY MADINA TOURE  
Spectator Senior Staff Writer

Though the Barnard Student Government Association's Representative Council voted in favor of stage-one sorority recognition on Monday, whether sororities will receive full recognition remains to be seen.

After Barnard students voted 768-577 in favor of sorority recognition in a nonbinding poll last week, members of the SGA Representative Council were required to submit a private ballot either in favor of or against stage-one recognition for the entire InterGreek Council, the three-pronged governing board that oversees campus Greek life at Columbia.

Rep Council members based their decisions on the outcome of the poll, as well as the results of town hall forums and round-table discussions that SGA has been holding throughout the semester.

In a final vote, 14 members voted in favor of recognition and five against. Under the vote, SGA has granted stage-one recognition to all sororities within the IGC, which is made up of the Multicultural Greek Council, the Interfraternity Council, and the Panhellenic Council. Stage-one recognition means that sororities will have some privileges, including space to put up fliers on Barnard's campus and the option to a hire a group adviser and reserve space. Stage-two recognition would allow IGC to receive official funding from SGA.

Priyata Patel, BC '11 and vice president of finance, said that how much money SGA does out to sororities—and whether sororities are granted stage-two recognition, which comes with more substantial funding—will be determined at next semester's Funding at Columbia University, also known as F@CU, where incoming and outgoing members of the four undergraduate councils distribute funding to governing boards.

Before the vote, SGA members spoke out on the issue: some insisted that SGA stand by the results of the nonbinding student poll, while others pointed out that a significant number of students voted against recognition.

"As a senior graduating, I don't

feel it's my decision to make, but the student body really stood up," Reni Calister, BC '11 and senior class president, said. "In terms of Barnard voter turnout, it was really amazing, so I think it's our responsibility to do what we said we would do and follow the poll."

Mitzi Steiner, BC '12 and junior class president, responded, "We intentionally chose to not have this poll be binding."

Sorority members on the council stressed that recognition would allow Barnard to shape the role of Greek life on campus.

"We should remember in the course of this vote that the only way that SGA and Barnard's leadership will be able to have a say in the way that Greek life looks and acts is if there's recognition," said Nora Feinstein, BC '11 and student services representative, who is president of the Panhellenic Council. "If there's no recognition, Barnard has no legitimacy to, in a way, influence that."

Only 10.4 percent of Barnard students are in sororities, but Barnard students account for half of the University's sorority population.

In April, IGC sought official recognition from SGA, which would enable IGC to receive additional privileges, including financial support and access to more spaces for events. SGA voted to leave IGC unrecognized. This semester, SGA created an internal committee of Rep Council members who developed the student poll. While many council members said it was important to follow the results of the poll, others spoke out on behalf of those who opposed sorority recognition.

"I don't think we can discount the 577 students who voted against Greek life recognition," Megan Shannon, BC '11 and vice president of student life, said.

Verna Patti, BC '11 and senior representative to the Board of Trustees, agreed.

"I hope that they take into consideration the criticisms that are raised against them [supporters of sorority recognition] by the women that voted no," Patti said. "I just hope that it just doesn't change the character of the women that come to Barnard."

SEE SGA, page 3

NEWS BRIEF

Bronx man indicted for stealing \$5 million from Columbia

A Bronx man was indicted Monday after allegedly stealing nearly \$5 million from the University over the last two months.

Defendant George Castro appeared in court today and has been charged with a felony count of grand larceny following an investigation by Manhattan District Attorney Cyrus Vance's Cybercrime and Identity Theft Bureau.

Columbia realized that nearly \$5 million had been sent between Oct. 4 and Nov. 24 to an unauthorized account that had been added to the University's electronic payment system, according to the criminal complaint.

Last Wednesday, investigators apprehended Castro—the signator on the unauthorized account—at his home with \$200,000 cash in a bag. A car purchased with the stolen money, an \$80,000 Audi, was parked outside, according

to the DA's office.

The complaint states that Castro told investigators the money had just appeared in his account, and he "got greedy" and spent it.

David Fisher, Castro's lawyer, said Monday that the defendant has no relationship to Columbia, and that the indictment was expected given the amount of the alleged theft.

"If there's a trial, we expect him to be vindicated, or perhaps it won't need to come to that," Fisher said, declining to comment further.

University spokesperson Douglas Levy said that since identifying the theft, Columbia has been working with authorities and can't comment further on the ongoing investigation or Castro's relationship to the University.

Castro's next court date has been set for Dec. 15. He is being held on \$2 million bail.

—Sarah Darville

Student cadets push for accommodations

BY AMBER TUNNELL  
Spectator Senior Staff Writer

This fall, LeTicia Brown, SEAS '14, wanted to move into her dorm room in the Living and Learning Center a week before Columbia's New Students Orientation Program to take part in Fordham University's Reserve Officers' Training Corps orientation.

But, according to Brown, when Fordham's ROTC program contacted Columbia to make arrangements, Columbia informed them the room wasn't ready and that Brown couldn't move in. She stayed at Fordham for the duration of their orientation week.

"It was a huge inconvenience," Brown said, adding that it was particularly frustrating because she already knew people who had moved in early to participate in other pre-orientation programs, such as COÖP.

Brown, who comes from an army family, is one of seven Columbia students currently participating in the army ROTC program at Fordham this year. The program pays for her school, and in return she has agreed to serve in the army for four years after graduation.

Jose Robledo, GS and an ROTC cadet who oversees training for all 52 cadets in Manhattan, said this is just one instance of the University failing to provide proper support to students participating in ROTC.

"When this is something that she wants to make a life-long decision on and she can't move in early, it's discouraging," Robledo said. "There should be no reason why being an ROTC cadet on campus should be a reason for feeling marginalized, stigmatized, or feeling shame because the University doesn't support you."

Scott Wright, executive vice president of student and administrative services, said that he was not aware of any ROTC student being refused early housing. Generally when a student needs to move into housing earlier than 48 hours in advance of the normal move-in date, "their request is typically reviewed by Housing and Residential Programs and accommodations are offered," Wright said.

But Robledo's main concern is that the University doesn't recognize ROTC as a student group, which he partly chalks up to the small number of cadets at Columbia. Without the same



JACK ZIETMAN / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

RESERVE | LeTicia Brown, SEAS '14, says that Columbia did not allow her to move in early to participate in Fordham's ROTC program.

recognition granted to other student groups, ROTC members do not have the ability to reserve space on campus.

Robledo added that the recent discussion on whether or not to bring ROTC back on campus is irrelevant because the program is already here.

"ROTC has never actually left ... There are cadets at Columbia who are in ROTC," he said. "We want support from the University."

If the program could reserve space at Columbia, it would make it easier for students to participate in ROTC, Robledo said. ROTC

does do some remedial physical training on Tuesdays and Thursdays in Dodge, though it cannot officially claim meeting places.

On average, he estimated that for every hour of training, each cadet has to allot two hours for travel time to where the program is based downtown. Because of this, Robledo said that an average cadet needs to put aside about 14 additional hours a week for ROTC. Brown said she spends about \$15 a week on travel expenses for her ROTC program alone.

SEE CADETS, page 3

A&E, PAGE 3

Warm up to treats from around the world

Desserts and drinks from Italy, Mexico, and Germany offer students a nontraditional alternative to the gingerbread and eggnog that are associated with the holiday season.



OPINION, PAGE 4

Minding the gap

Aarti Iyer shows that some of our closest companions are total strangers.

Familiar faces

Teach for America helps bridge the educational divide.

SPORTS, BACK PAGE

Early setbacks hinder basketball victories

Though the women's basketball team has proven it has the offensive strength to come back from behind, this season's early deficits have been too great for the Light Blue to overcome.

EVENTS

Varsity Show Auditions

Show off your singing, dancing, and comedy skills for a chance to be a part of one of Columbia's oldest traditions.

302 Hamilton, 8 p.m.

WEATHER

Today




56°/52°

Tomorrow



58°/34°



COLUMBIA LAW SCHOOL

THE ROGER HERTOG PROGRAM  
ON LAW AND NATIONAL SECURITY

November 30, 2010 | 4:30 p.m. | Jerome Greene Hall, Room 103

## The Role of the Intelligence Community in Addressing Homegrown Violent Extremism

with **Robert S. Litt**, General Counsel,  
Office of the Director of National Intelligence

Robert S. Litt serves as only the second general counsel of the Office of the Director of National Intelligence (ODNI), a position he has held since June 2009. In this capacity, he provides legal advice to the director of national intelligence and his staff, and assists the director in ensuring that the U.S. intelligence community carries out its responsibilities in compliance with the Constitution and laws of the United States. Before joining the ODNI, Mr. Litt was a partner with Arnold & Porter LLP. From 1993 to 1999, he worked at the U.S. Department of Justice, where he served as a deputy assistant attorney general in the Criminal Division and then as the principal associate deputy attorney general.

*All events are open to Columbia University faculty, alumni, students, and staff only. Bring your CUID. Recording devices are not permitted.*

PAST SPEAKERS

**Gregory Craig**, Former White House Counsel; Partner, Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP

**David S. Kris**, Assistant Attorney General, National Security Division, U.S. Department of Justice

**Harold Hongju Koh**, Legal Adviser, U.S. Department of State

**Brigadier General Mark S. Martins**, U.S. Army, Commander, Rule of Law Field Force–Afghanistan

**Honorable Jeh Charles Johnson '82**, General Counsel, U.S. Department of Defense

WWW.LAW.COLUMBIA.EDU/HERTOG-NATIONAL-SECURITY



## Prepare for a future in Public Policy in New York City

At Fordham University's Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, you can choose from many master's degree programs, including:

- Elections and Campaign Management
- Ethics and Society
- History
- International Political Economy and Development (IPED)
- Political Science
- Sociology
- Urban Studies

Our master's degree programs offer students a strong alumni network of successful professionals and influential global thinkers who provide personal attention and career guidance. Students take advantage of New York City's extensive resources for invaluable internships and training opportunities.

For more information, visit [www.fordham.edu/gsas/programs](http://www.fordham.edu/gsas/programs) or e-mail [fuga@fordham.edu](mailto:fuga@fordham.edu).


Fordham is proud to be a Yellow Ribbon University.

FORDHAM  
THE JESUIT UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK

GRADUATE SCHOOL  
OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

eeu/aa

# OLIVER WYMAN



## Shape the course of the world's most dynamic industry

Oliver Wyman is an international management consulting firm. Our Financial Services track helps the world's largest financial institutions address their most significant challenges to shape the future of the industry.

To learn more about our company and our summer internship opportunities, join us on-campus at the following event:

**Summer Intern Information Session**  
Thursday, **December 2nd**, 7:00pm  
Faculty House, Garden Room 2

**Application Deadline**  
Tuesday, **January 18th**, 2011

Oliver Wyman is an international management consulting firm.  
An equal opportunity employer M/F/D/V.  
Visit us at [oliverwyman.com](http://oliverwyman.com).



# Holiday sweets and drinks with international flair help students spice up the holidays

*Sugar cookies? Too simple. Hot chocolate? Amateurish. Instead, try out a recipe that puts an eclectic spin on the usual holiday treats. These recipes inspired by the cuisine of three different countries—Italy, Mexico, and Germany—pair a holiday cookie with a traditional beverage.*

**FOOD & DRINK**

—BY HARRY FLAGER



### Italy

Biscotti, which means “twice-baked” in Italian, are dry and crunchy holiday treats that are excellent for dipping in tea or spiked coffee.

**Holiday Biscotti**

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees.
2. In a bowl, mix ¾ cup sugar, one stick softened butter, one teaspoon lemon zest, and a pinch of salt. Add two eggs and beat to combine.
3. Add two cups flour and 1 ½ teaspoons baking powder. Stir in ¾ cup chopped pistachios, ½ cup chopped almonds, ½ cup dried cranberries, and ½ cup dried cherries.
4. Form the dough into a log on a sheet tray lined with parchment paper.
5. Bake for 40 minutes and let cool. Cut into half-inch slices on a diagonal.
6. Spread slices on baking sheet and bake for 15 minutes until golden brown.
7. Place 12 ounces white chocolate in a bowl and microwave for 15-second intervals until melted. Dip the bottom half of each biscotti in the chocolate and place back on baking sheet. Refrigerate until chocolate is set, about 30 minutes.

**Spiked Coffee**

No magic here—just add a swig of liquor to a cup of coffee. To stay with the Italian theme, use amaretto (almond-flavored), frangelico (hazelnut-flavored), or anisette (anise-flavored) liqueur.

### Germany

Pfeffernüsse translates to “pepper nuts.” True to their name, these cookies are quite hard right out of the oven, but after a day or so they soften up and go well with a glass of Glühwein, German mulled wine.

**Pfeffernüsse**

1. Preheat the oven to 350 degrees.
2. In a bowl, mix together one stick softened butter, ¾ cups brown sugar, and ¼ cup molasses until fluffy.
3. Add one egg and one teaspoon vanilla and mix.
4. Then add 2 ¼ cups flour, ¼ teaspoon black pepper, ¼ teaspoon nutmeg, ¼ teaspoon cloves, ¼ cup finely chopped almonds, ¾ teaspoon cinnamon, ½ teaspoon allspice, and ¼ teaspoon baking soda.
5. Roll dough into golfball-sized balls and place on a baking sheet lined with parchment paper two inches apart.
6. Bake for 15 minutes.
7. Put one cup powdered sugar in a paper bag, add cookies, and shake to coat the cookies.

**Glühwein**

1. Pour one bottle red wine into a pot.
2. Add ½ cup sugar, two tablespoons honey, 1 sliced lemon, 1 sliced orange, 1 tablespoon cardamom pods, 2 tablespoons whole cloves, 2 bay leaves, and 2 cinnamon sticks.
3. Leave simmering over low heat for about an hour.
4. Use a spoon to remove the spices, bay leaves, and fruit.
5. Serve in mugs with a shot of brandy.

### Mexico

Galletas de Navidad, or Mexican Christmas cookies, can be made with any type of fruit preserves. They are especially delicious served with a glass of Rompope, or Mexican eggnog.

**Galletas de Navidad**

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees.
2. Mix together 1 ½ cups softened butter, 1/3 cup sugar, and three cups flour.
3. Add 2 teaspoons vanilla and four eggs.
4. Knead dough on a floured surface for five minutes, wrap in plastic, and refrigerate for 30 minutes.
5. Roll out the dough into a large rectangle and transfer to a baking sheet lined with parchment paper.
6. Combine ½ cup Grand Marnier with 2 ½ cups fruit preserves and spread over the dough. Sprinkle ¾ cups chopped walnuts on top.
7. Bake for 50 minutes. Cool, then cut into squares.

**Rompope**

1. In a large saucepan, bring one quart milk, ¼ teaspoon baking soda, one cinnamon stick, and one tablespoon whole cloves to a boil.
2. Remove from heat and allow to cool.
3. Stir in one cup sugar, one teaspoon vanilla, and six egg yolks.
4. Return mixture to low heat, simmer, and stir constantly until the mixture thickens and coats the back of the spoon.
5. Remove from heat and cool.
6. Stir in one cup rum. Refrigerate.



JASPER L. CLYATT / SENIOR STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

**WINTER WONDERLAND** | Lights and garlands are easy to find—and even easier to hang—and add a festive touch to any dorm room. Drugstores down the street from campus offer a host of options.

## Simple decorations can bring a sparkle of holiday cheer to dreary dorm rooms

BY MELISSA HANEY  
*Columbia Daily Spectator*

There is no place like home for the holidays, especially when the first half of December is spent cramped in a tiny dorm room, prepping for imminent final exams. Yet, with a bit of craft and creativity, any lifeless dorm space can be transformed into a sparkling winter wonderland.

The trick to great decorating is efficiency—constructing a festive environment without creating a huge mess is key, because everything that is put up must come down.

Icicle lights are a classic and easy option but are, admittedly, somewhat conventional. So, instead of going for the traditional string of white lights, get a pack of multi-colored twinkle bulbs or a line of shimmering stars to hang in the window. To deck the halls without marring dorm room walls, just replace tacks with damage-free hooks backed with adhesive, and hang the lights somewhere close to an empty surge protector.

When it comes to resourceful holiday decorating, it often holds true that the tackier the aesthetic, the better. Shimmering garlands in bright green and ruby red, when tied around a bed post or hung around a door frame, provide a quick and clean way to add holiday cheer—they take just seconds to put up or to take down.

One thing to avoid while decorating is glitter. Regardless of how appealing that large, shiny

snowflake ornament looks, leave it hanging in the home improvement store window. Glitter, as comedian Demetri Martin so eloquently said in one of his routines, is “the herpes of craft supplies”—it’s nearly impossible to get rid of at the end of the holiday season. Come April, those sparkles will still be around, no longer acting as a source of joy, but rather as a constant annoyance.

No matter what decorations students choose, decking out dorm rooms is a great opportunity for some quality roommate bonding. There are plenty of places to shop together located within a convenient five-block radius from campus.

Some appealingly gaudy and affordable adornments are available down the street at Duane Reade (2866 Broadway, between 111th and 112th streets) and Rite Aid (2833 Broadway, between 109th and 110th streets). From mini Christmas trees to removable Santa Claus window stickers, these drug stores have it all—even the biggest Scrooge might find some joy in strolling through aisles of fiber-optic snowmen and candy canes. These convenient, ready-to-use decorations are well suited to students’ hectic lives—after all, ornamenting a dorm room should relieve the stress of finals, not add to it.

Other options for easy decorating include personalized stockings or a tiny tree festooned with homemade paper ornaments and candy canes, both of which add a bit of unique, yet readily removable, holiday cheer. The smallest decorations take mere seconds to arrange, but the boost in spirits they provide will last a whole lot longer.

## For students aiming to take acting classes, auditions create course registration stage fright

BY EMMA STEIN  
*Columbia Daily Spectator*

While most students have just finished sweating over online registration, waiting for the moment when someone finally dropped that 10-person seminar, theater students have something else to stress about—auditions.

### THEATER

Auditions for Barnard and Columbia theater classes, which take place at the beginning of each semester, are a way for professors and department members to sort actors into levels. Despite the daunting descriptions on the Columbia course catalog, the required audition for most acting classes is generally not meant to exclude inexperienced students from participating, although the courses remain exclusive to some degree.

“We have auditions at the beginning of the semester to place all our classes and productions for that semester, and to receive course credit for being in productions,” Jessica Brater, administrator of the Barnard theater department, said. “We try to place as many students as we possibly can. In the past couple of years, we’ve increased the number of acting classes we offer.”

While there are many classes, not everyone can join one of them due to the large number of interested students. It is recommended that students begin taking theater classes as early as possible to gain experience and contacts. The department even takes special measures to provide classes for first-years.

“In the first semester we offer it [Acting Workshop] for first-year students only because we have so many interested students. We offer two sections for first-year students in the fall,” Brater said.

Marjorie Shrimpton, BC ’14, is currently taking Acting Workshop, which required an audition. “Auditioning for classes was a little nerve-wracking,



JIN CHOI

because you perform your monologue in front of the entire audition pool,” she said in an email.

Although getting into acting classes can sometimes be a challenge, it’s often easier than auditioning for shows. It can be surprisingly difficult for beginners to get cast in departmental and student-run theater groups’ productions.

“I think the productions are somewhat competitive,” Brater said, “although we do try to keep an eye on having large cast sizes for at least some shows during the semester, so that we can cast as many students as possible. There are more places in acting classes than there are in the show.”

Elizabeth Mangigian, BC ’11 and a theater major, has experienced the processes of auditioning for both acting courses and productions. “I’ve only once not gotten into the class I wanted, and I’ve taken several courses,” she said. “I’d say it’s different with shows, though. You don’t see a ton of new faces in the department shows. I’ve been turned down for a couple roles, and I’m a major, but you just can’t take it personally or stop auditioning. Most people who keep showing up eventually get something.”

Despite the occasional difficulties involved in auditioning, Brater offered this piece of advice for students: “Just come and audition, because each director is looking for something different.”

## SGA votes for stage-one sorority recognition

### SGA from front page

“We should strongly consider doing some sort of follow-up with the student body,” Julia Kennedy, BC ’13 and sophomore class vice president, said. “I talked to students who really knew absolutely nothing [about the issue and the poll].”

Barnard students were not the only people who had opinions on the issue. Aki Terasaki, CC ’12 and junior class president on the Columbia College

Student Council, said that the issue should not be so intrinsically bound into Barnard’s identity, and “should be separated from where Barnard is going or Barnard’s mission or who Barnard is as an institution.”

Before the Rep Council voted on whether to recognize sororities, everyone present at the meeting passed a motion to de-recognize the Panhellenic Council, which currently has stage-one recognition. As a rule, they cannot recognize an

individual council and then later recognize the overarching council—in this case the InterGreek board.

Ultimately, Patel said, IGC will be able to get funding from Barnard once it receives stage-two recognition.

“After and if they are promoted to stage two, then they’ll be eligible for funding from SGA,” Patel said. “This is a process that all of our clubs go through.”

madina.toure  
@columbiaspectator.com

## Cadets search for space on campus

### CADETS from front page

Columbia cadets say that the University could make some accommodations to ease these additional burdens. For Robledo, it would help if Columbia allowed ROTC cadets to count their training toward the physical education graduation requirement.

Brown agreed. “Even though it isn’t much, I think it would still help a lot,” she said, adding that “it’s [Columbia’s P.E. requirement] just one more thing to try to fit into my schedule.”

But Columbia College Dean of Academic Affairs Kathryn Yatrakis said such a policy is already on the books.

She noted that last year, the Committee on Instruction and the head of physical education decided to allow cadets to satisfy their requirements through ROTC training. Still, she added that unless a cadet self-identifies to Columbia as a ROTC cadet, the University does not know they are participating in the program and they are not exempt from the requirement.

Ultimately, Robledo said that

he hoped the University would separate the military’s “don’t ask, don’t tell” policy—what he described as one of the “bad military decisions that were made by politicians and not military leaders”—from the spirit of the service. The school needs to realize that cadets need the same access to campus space as other student groups, he said.

Though the number of ROTC students at Columbia may “never swell,” Robledo said, “they could grow.”

amber.tunnell  
@columbiaspectator.com

# NUSSBAUM & WU

## QUALITY HOLIDAY CATERING

Affordable Prices

### BREAKFAST • LUNCH

Cakes • Pies • Cookies • Bagels • Sandwiches • Platters

Email [nussbaumwu@verizon.net](mailto:nussbaumwu@verizon.net) for more information

2897 BROADWAY (113th Street) • 212.280.5344





The 134th year of publication  
Independent since 1962

CORPORATE BOARD

BEN COTTON  
Editor in Chief

THOMAS RHIEL  
Managing Editor

AKHIL MEHTA  
Publisher

MANAGING BOARD

ALIX PIANIN  
Campus News Editor

SAM LEVIN  
City News Editor

EMILY TAMKIN  
Editorial Page Editor

RAPHAEL  
POPE-SUSSMAN  
Editorial Page Editor

CHRISTINE JORDAN  
Arts & Entertainment Editor

MICHELE CLEARY  
Sports Editor

MAGGIE ASTOR  
Head Copy Editor

EMBRÏ OWEN  
Photo Editor

HANNAH D'APICE  
Design Editor

YIPENG HUANG  
Staff Director

ADITYA MUKERJEE  
Finance Director

ANDREW HITTI  
Sales Director

COLIN SULLIVAN  
Alumni Director

NILKANTH PATEL  
Online Content Editor

DEPUTY BOARD

**News Editors**  
Sarah Darville, Leah Greenbaum,  
Kim Kirschenbaum, Madina Toure,  
Amber Tunnell  
**La Página Editor**  
Carolina Martes  
**Editorial Page Editor**  
Caitlin Brown  
**Arts & Entertainment Editors**  
Joe Daly, Maddy Kloss  
**Copy Editor**  
Raquel Villagra  
**Photo Editors**  
Jasper Clyatt, Rose Donlon, Shelby  
Layne, Jack Zietman  
**Sports Editors**  
Kinal Gupta, Jacob Levenfeld  
**Infrastructure Editors**  
Daniel LARRY, Yufei Liu  
**Multimedia Editor**  
Kristina Budelis  
**Sales**  
Mabel McLean  
**Finance**  
Sam Rhee  
**Alumni**  
Boyoon Choi, Anika Mehta, Andrea  
Collazo  
**Staff Training Editors**  
Julia Halperin, Mira John, Scott  
Levi, Betsy Morais

ASSOCIATE BOARD

**Editorial Page Editors**  
Sarah Ahmed, Jennifer Fearon,  
Paula Gergen, Vickie Kassapidis,  
Rebekah Mays, Gabriela Porrino  
**Editorial Board Members**  
Josefina Aguila, Shira Borzak,  
Phil Crone, Andrea Garcia-Vargas,  
Samuel Roth, Vignesh Subramanyan  
**Arts & Entertainment Editors**  
Rachel Allen, Ashton Cooper, Claire  
Fu, Allison Malecha, Melissa von  
Mayrhauser  
**Copy Editors**  
Maggie Alden, Marissa Barbaro,  
Alex Collazo, Zuzanna Puchs,  
Emily Handman, Aarti Iyer, Sierra  
Kucova, Katrin Nussli, Laura  
Oseland, Samantha Saly, Lucy  
Wang, Maddie Wolberg  
**Page Design Editors**  
Peggy Bernel, Jeremy Bleeker, Ann  
Chou, Matt Getz, Khalil Romain,  
Katherine Taketomo  
**Graphic Design Editors**  
Cindy Pan, Emily Sharttrand  
**Photo Editors**  
Zara Castany, Yun Seo Cho,  
Anthony Clay, Shivina Harjani,  
Phoebe Lytle  
**Sports Editors**  
Zach Glubak, Victoria Jones, Nina  
Lukina, Lauren Seaman, Michael  
Zhong  
**Sales**  
Kate Huether  
**Finance**  
Brendan Barry, Oliver Chan, Tida  
Choomchaiyo, Gabriela Hempling,  
Michelle Lacks  
**Staff Illustrator**  
Matteo Malinverno  
**Multimedia Training Editor**  
Aaron Kohn

MONDAY NIGHT STAFF

**Copy**  
Eva Kalir, Ren McKnight, Emily  
Sorensen, Tarini Shrikhande  
**Design**  
Joe Girton, Emma Stein

**ADDRESS & EMAIL**  
Columbia Spectator  
2875 Broadway, 3rd Floor  
New York, NY 10025  
info@columbiaspectator.com

**PHONE & FAX**  
**Daily Spectator** (212) 854-9552  
**Editorial Fax** (212) 854-9611  
**Business** (212) 854-9552  
**Business Fax** (212) 854-9553

EDITORIAL POLICY

For more information about the  
Columbia Daily Spectator and  
editorial policies, visit  
http://www.columbiaspecta-  
tor.com/about.

CORRECTIONS

The Spectator is committed to  
fair and accurate report-  
ing. If you know of an error,  
please inform us at copy@  
columbiaspectator.com.

COMMENTS & QUESTIONS

For general comments or  
questions about the  
newspaper, please write to  
the editor in chief and  
managing editor at editor@  
columbiaspectator.com.

# Changing life trajectories, ending educational inequality

BY LINDA BAFFO

Walking down Amsterdam and Broadway Avenues as a Columbia student, I observed two different worlds. On one avenue, there was a world of affluence—nice restaurants, fresh produce in markets, university students walking to class. The other avenue held a different world—fast food restaurants at every corner, bodegas with no fresh food, families struggling to make ends meet. It shocked me that these two worlds could exist in such close proximity. In 2004, my senior year, I anxiously wondered about what

## Teaching is one of the most difficult jobs I have had thus far, but it was incredibly fulfilling to know that my students had grown academically.

would happen next in my life. I was a premed student, so I was considering going straight to medical school after graduation. Another option was to work for a year or two before medical school. Ultimately, I chose to become a fifth grade math, science, and social studies teacher via Teach For America, so that I could work direct-ly with communities to eliminate educational disparities. The educational achievement gap between students in low-income communi-ties and their more affluent peers is one of our nation's most pressing problems, and Columbia graduates have the opportunity to play an important role in the movement to solve it.

Teach For America is quickly becoming one of our country's top employers of college graduates. Last year, Teach For America had a record applicant class of 46,000 people, includ-ing 10 percent of our very own Columbia Class of 2010. Teach For America's national corps attracts the best and brightest from public and private universities nationwide, from 20-somethings to career changers. Because of this and my experience as an educator, I am proud to be affiliated with Teach For America.

For too long in America, demographics and zip codes have defined destiny—just as in the two worlds I described above. As a teacher, I spent my days in the classroom engaging a new generation of bright young minds. Thanks to Teach For America's summer training, ongoing professional development, and on-the-job experience in the classroom, I have grown in my skills and confidence as an educator. Teach For America has instilled in me the fundamentals of excellent teaching, and now I am utilizing these principles in the work I do. Although I am no longer a classroom teacher (I currently work in the field of public health), my ex-perience as an educator has only enhanced my capacity

to reach and educate communities.

As a classroom teacher, I worked in one of the most under-served areas of Houston, Texas. I learned very quickly that, when students know that their teacher truly values their education and genuinely wants to learn about students' interests, students will grow in their desire to learn. Teaching is one of the most difficult jobs I have had thus far, but it was incredibly fulfilling to know that, at the end of the year, my students had grown academically. In my three years in the classroom, my students had some of the highest statewide math exam scores in the school district. It's gratifying to know that your hard work translates to students' success on state tests, but it's even more rewarding to know that you have instilled in your students the desire to learn and succeed academically. That desire lasts well beyond the school year you spend with your students. That desire is eternal.

While Teach For America's corps is a two-year commit-ment, it is an experience with a lasting impact. My fellow corps members and I have become part of our schools' communities, bringing together parents, administrators, and community members in the pursuit of excellence for our students. Two-thirds of Teach For America alumni are still involved with education. Some of this country's biggest innovators in education started with Teach For America. Others, like me, have gone on to other important fields like public health, law, and government. Alums in any field will agree that this experience forever impacts how you look at the world.

Columbia seniors have the opportunity to change the academic and life trajectory of students by working as classroom teachers, a role in which they will work to solve the civil rights issue of our time—educational inequity. Teach For America's next application deadline is Dec. 17. One simple choice in a sea of options can make a world of difference. For me, choosing to join Teach For America was the best decision I could have made.



Linda Baffo is a member of the Columbia College Class of 2004 and a member of the Teach For America Houston Corps of 2004.

# ‘Stranger Danger’ not so dangerous

The video “3 Year Old Crying Over Justin Bieber” is exactly what it sounds like—four minutes of a cute little girl sobbing and lamenting her love for Justin Bieber. Like all things Bieber, it was viewed millions of times. It popped up on newsfeeds and in conversations, always as something hi-larious. Indeed, a little girl crying over Justin Bieber—a celebrity, a stranger—because she doesn't “get to see him all day,” longing for him to “be one of my family,” is absolutely hilarious.

But in a way, it's also rather poignant, because that three-year-old girl is on to something big. We've come to find love and happiness in strangers—valuing their time, opinions, and talents as if they were old friends or members of the family. Our pop culture is built on adoration for strangers, and those strangers are increas-ingly not high-powered celebrities—like Justin Bieber, as in the three-year-old's case—but our own peers. We watch reality shows about real people and identify with their real conflicts. We laugh at viral videos starring real people. We carry on dialogues with real people online—on message boards and comment threads—for enter-tainment's sake, for an emotional connection.

These anonymous interactions have even come to replace familiar ones. Why join a common interest club on campus and attend weekly meetings if there's an even larger online community active all the time? After a bad day, we're more likely to cheer ourselves up with videos of laughing babies or people dancing poorly than by knocking on a neighbor's door. When we need advice, our first instinct isn't to call our best friend, but to search Yahoo! Answers. We've outsourced real social impulses—diversion, emotional catharsis—previously fulfilled by friends and family to strangers.

It makes sense, then, that a little girl might confuse a stranger such as Justin Bieber with a family mem-ber she sees every day, and the reality of this situation is devastating. The truth is that our real-life interac-tions don't allow for strangers to occupy the same space friends and family do. There's still a stigma against friending people you don't know intimately on Facebook, or talking to people on the subway or in elevators—“stalker” or “creep” being some of the words that get thrown around toward those who do. The tension is inevitable—we're emotionally drawn in by strangers online and in pop culture, but socially forbid-den from acting on those desires in real life.

Perhaps the problem is that the definition of “strang-er” is so inextricably linked to definitions of “fam-ily” and “friend” that we've outgrown. Our inherited Core tradition defines family according to lineage, and friendship as an exclusive contract between two per-fectly matched souls. A stranger, someone outside of this structure, is inherently dangerous and threatening.



AARTI  
IYER

Culture  
Culture

As college students, however, we have not only the family we left at home but also the family we created in college—roommates who help us with the dishes and take care of us when we're sick. Likewise, we aren't expected to have a single Patroclus to our Achilles, one person whose every virtue matches our own. Instead, we have a wide variety of friends that match the wide variety of our interests and passions perfectly.

And so, without tribes or clans, there's no reason to view strangers, as the Core texts do, as barbarians with strange habits and customs, to be feared or conquered but never befriended. As our relationships grow more fluid, no one is an outsider and anyone can be a friend.

## We're more likely to cheer ourselves up with videos of laughing babies or people dancing poorly than by knocking on a neighbor's door. When we need advice, our first instinct isn't to call our best friend, but to search Yahoo! Answers.

Much has been made of the Social Experiment's supposed failure—true, no new, lifelong friendships were borne out of questions with one-word answers like “jacket.” But maybe the possibility of a lifelong friendship isn't the only reason to talk to strangers. Maybe it's about removing that definition of a stranger as someone different, to be ostracized—to weaken that instinct to tune into an iPod or pretend to text at the sight of someone new.

We have a lot of excuses to hide behind when we call someone a stranger—that being a New Yorker means ignoring people, that it's cool to be aloof, that it's fake to begin conversations with people you don't know. But what we're really doing is creating divisions between people that don't really exist, limiting ourselves by geography and status and the random luck of the draw that declared that one person would be in your CC section and another would not. And ultimately, we're preventing ourselves from being fully sincere, both with the friends we've made in real life, and the strangers we encounter on the way.

Aarti Iyer is a Columbia College senior majoring in creative writing. She is the editor-in-chief of The Fed. Culture Vulture runs alternate Tuesdays.

# Promote smoking areas, not bans

I'm from Dallas. I love Dallas. We've got the State Fair of Texas, the Trinity River, Reunion Tower, and, best of all, the Texas Rangers. We also have one of the strictest smoking bans in the nation.

Alas, the problem with Dallas's ban is the same one facing virtually every other major American city—it's just not enforced. Dallas has more restaurants per capita than any other city in the United States, and the task of policing some 3,000 bars and pool halls is sim-ply too daunting to be realistic. Citations are rare. And, even if ticketed, restaurant owners are unlikely to begin enforcing the ban because they know that the chances of a repeat citation are low.

The lessons I've learned from the Dallas smoking ban make Columbia College Student Council's recent recom-mendation to ban smoking within 20 feet of all campus buildings look all the more laughable.

It's not as if Columbians will stop smoking if a ban is enacted and enforced. Many are addicted. They'll just move. So, instead of seeing groups of smokers lingering in front of Butler's doors, you might see them lingering by the Butler book drops. Big deal! Wherever smokers go, they'll take their clouds with them, and those clouds are likely to be just as bothersome 20 feet away from a building as they would be if they were five feet away.

## Smokers would likely begin to self-enforce the boundaries. If you need a light, you go to the area.

Even if a smoking ban were adopted, it remains unclear who would be responsible for enforcing it. Although the “Tobacco Work Group” has already sub-mitted its final report to University Vice President of Student and Administrative Services Scott Wright, CCSC itself acknowledges that there remains some ambigu-ity about which division of the administration has the authority to implement such a ban. Moreover, tasking Public Safety officers with enforcing a smoking ban would distract them from real priorities—patrolling the campus, preventing crime, and responding quickly to students in need of help.

There is another way forward. Columbia should create designated smoking areas outside all campus buildings. The University's hard-line management of “40s on 40” clearly indicates that Public Safety is adept at keeping students within clearly delineated boxes, so they're well versed in enforcing the bound-aries. This idea makes sense for everyone at Columbia, because it fosters common ground, bringing benefits for both smokers and nonsmokers.

The creation of “smoking zones” would compart-mentalize smokers, separating them from nonsmokers. Those who are bothered by cigarettes could learn where the zones are and avoid them. As long as the areas are carefully placed, fumes would disperse before bothering anyone at all. Problem solved.

However counterintuitive it may seem, nonsmok-ers might also welcome the zones. To be sure, a major draw of smoking in a big city is its social dimension—many smokers have met great friends through small conversations that started over a cigarette. Thus, if the zones were strictly enforced for a few weeks after the policy is formalized, smokers would likely begin to self-enforce the boundaries. If you need a light, you go to the area. If you need to bum a cigarette, you do the same. Want to commiserate with a friend about that CC final? She's in the smoking area.

The common wrap on the smoking ban in Dallas is that it's a bridge too far. Folks don't mind breaking it be-cause it's “tyrannical,” emblematic of the government's increasing control over our personal lives. Between drags, these people will point to their “Don't Tread on Me” T-shirts and lecture you about rugged individu-alism. That's not how I see it. In my opinion, govern-ment and private institutions have a legitimate right to promote and protect public health. But they have to be smart about how they do it, and CCSC's proposed 20-foot ban is anything but clever.

The best way to create some common ground is to tap into the already-existing institution of the smokers' code. If done correctly, the creation of “smoking zones” on the Columbia campus will lead to a self-enforcing system that keeps both sides happy.

James Dawson is a Columbia College senior majoring in political science. He is a Columbia University tour guide. Low Politics runs alternate Tuesdays.

## THE ANGRY PEN



IGOR SIMIC



# V&T

## PIZZERIA & RESTAURANT

### Italian Food at Its Best

FULL MENU • PRIVATE PARTY ROOM

**WE DELIVER • OPEN 7 DAYS**

**SIDEWALK DINING**

Order online at: **VTPIZZERIARESTAURANT.COM**

**TUESDAY NIGHT • 15% OFF W/ CUID**

(DINE-IN ONLY)

**1024 Amsterdam** (betw. 110-111 Sts.)

**663-1708 • 666-8051**

## Union Theological Seminary's

# LANDMARK

# GUEST ROOMS

3041 Broadway  
at 121<sup>st</sup> Street  
New York, NY 10027

**UNION** Comfortable guest rooms within the Seminary's walls blend the best of old and new. Our peaceful garden is an ideal spot for strolling, reading, and meditation.

Union is just a short bus or cab ride away from all the excitement that New York City has to offer.

Tel: (212) 280-1313 • Fax:(212) 280-1488

Visit us at: [www.utsnyc.edu](http://www.utsnyc.edu)

## www.columbiaspectator.com

## EDEN

### SALON & SPA

Full Service Salon for Men & Women

**10% OFF**

FOR STUDENTS & STAFF  
w/CUID... SENIORS TOO

New Offering: **FACIAL THREADING**  
OPEN SEVEN DAYS

**212.864.3720**

**1233 Amsterdam Avenue**  
(between 120th & 121st Streets)  
BENEATH PLIMPTON HALL

Solutions to Previous Issue's Puzzle

8	9	1	2	3	7	5	6	4
2	6	3	5	4	1	8	7	9
7	5	4	6	9	8	2	3	1
3	2	9	4	1	6	7	8	5
4	8	5	7	2	3	1	9	6
6	1	7	8	5	9	3	4	2
9	3	2	1	7	4	6	5	8
5	7	6	9	8	2	4	1	3
1	4	8	3	6	5	9	2	7

## su | do | ku

© Puzzles by Pappocom

Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 grid contains the digits 1 through 9. That means that no number is repeated in any row, column or box.

5		8	9					
2			7					
		6		2	8			7
		5	8	4		2		
		9				5		
		2		9	7	8		
	6		2	3		9		
					5			3
					9	4		6

CLASSIFIEDS

### CLASSIFIED AD RATES:

\$8/00 per first 20 words.  
25¢ each additional word.  
Ad in all boldface \$4.00 extra.  
All ads must be pre-paid.  
2 business day deadline.  
Call 854-9550 for information;  
or fax ad to 854-9553.

### ADOPTION

TOGETHER SINCE HIGH SCHOOL with loving families nearby. Warm professional couple will love and cherish your baby. Allowable expenses paid. Please call Kim 1 (877) 318-3250.

### APARTMENTS

APARTMENT FOR RENT  
Spectacular, huge 2 BR, 2 bath, high floor in elegant pre-war bldg. \$7300. Available furnished. (201) 927-5950.

### FOR SALE

RIVERDALE. Jr 4 co-op. Only \$189K. Easy commute to 116 St! Large living room w/terrace, sunny and bright, over looking tree lined quiet street. Parquet floors, lots of closets, door-man, live in super, laundry room, private storage units, short wait list gated outdoor parking \$75/mo. NY Public Library at corner. Minutes to 1 B'way line subway at 231 St. Contact Fred Levy (718) 878-1704.

### EDITING & TYPING

PROFESSIONAL EDITING by Columbia Ph.D. Dissertation and academic style expert (APA, Turabian, MLA, etc.). Typing services available. (877) 922-9422.

### PROOFREADING, ESL, EDITING

Do you need proofreading/editing for your papers, dissertations or assignments? I specialize in services for non-natives and individuals with dyslexia. Highly qualified with years of experience. Very reasonable rates. For further information: [www.advancedproofreading.net](http://www.advancedproofreading.net)

### EGG DONOR

HEALTHY WOMEN 19-29:  
NYC egg donors needed. Help someone create a family and be well compensated! Confidential. Apply at [www.MyDonor.net](http://www.MyDonor.net)

### EGG DONORS NEEDED

Healthy women ages 20-30 needed for egg donation to help intended parent(s) build their family dreams. Info will remain confidential. To learn more visit [www.thesurrogacyexperience.com](http://www.thesurrogacyexperience.com). Contact info@thesurrogacyexperience.com or call 1 (866) 264-7211.

### HELP WANTED

LOOKING FOR THIRD YEAR law student or grad P/T for legal research. Contact Rosemarie at 1 (718) 265-1872 or 1 (347) 598-7798 9 am-5 pm, 7 days.

### PSYCHOTHERAPY

CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGIST  
Impeccable credentials. Warm but direct. UWS location. Columbia Student Health Insurance accepted. See [www.juliemarcuse.com](http://www.juliemarcuse.com); (212) 873-1414.

### PHYLLIS LOWINGER, LCSW

Experienced, sensitive, empathetic clinical social worker for help with relationships, school, career - w/specialties in infertility, adoption, 3rd party reproduction and parenting issues. Flexible fee. Located on the UWS. Call (212) 666-3400; email [Phyllow@gmail.com](mailto:Phyllow@gmail.com)

### SKI RENTAL

BERKSHIRE SEASONAL RENTAL  
3 BRs, family room, kitch, large dining room, living room with brick fireplace. In Egremont, 5 miles from Great Barrington; near Catamount and Butternut Ski Resorts. Avail from Dec-May. Contact Phyllis (212) 666-3400. E-mail: [phyllow@gmail.com](mailto:phyllow@gmail.com)

### SPERM DONOR

\$\$\$SPERM DONORS WANTED\$\$\$  
Earn up to \$1200/mo and give the gift of family through California Cryobank's donor program. Convenient Midtown location. Apply online at: [SPERMBANK.com](http://SPERMBANK.com)

### MISCELLANEOUS

PAPER SHREDDING SERVICES  
Will shred documents, papers, credit cards, CDs/DVDs. Door-to-door, on-site. Superior Cut. Serving apts, offices, stores. Inexpensive. Call (646) 241-1633.

### MAKE WORLD HEADLINES

Professors, music students—try playing “Nuclear Warrior”, world’s top musical masterpiece. Call Scott (718) 328-2248 or email [caljamscott@yahoo.com](mailto:caljamscott@yahoo.com)

"...a great success story in this neighborhood...consistently good..."  
—Time Out New York

# 107 WEST

RESTAURANT  
BAR + LOUNGE

**Mondays...**  
Half price on wine by the glass

**Tuesdays (9:00 pm-midnight)...**  
Half price nachos, burritos, quesadillas and \$5 shots of Patron

**Wednesdays...**  
\$5 appetizers and cocktails

**Thursdays...**  
Half price on our bottled wine

**Saturdays...**  
LIVE JAZZ at 10:00 pm, Drink Specials

LATE NIGHT MENU UNTIL 1:00 AM

**WEEKEND BRUNCH: 99¢ Bloody Mary & Mimosa w/Brunch Entrée**

**10% discount with CUID (dine in only; not on special offers)**

**2787 Broadway @ 107<sup>th</sup> Street**  
**212.864.1555 | [www.107west.com](http://www.107west.com)**

CLASSIFIEDS • 854-9550

### Contact Information

The Columbia Daily Spectator, the nation's second-oldest college daily, is an independent, student-run newspaper published by the Spectator Publishing Company, Inc. for the Columbia University community.

The Managing Board of the Columbia Daily Spectator has sole authority for the content of the newspaper. All inquiries or complaints concerning true content should be directed to the Managing Board at the address below.

The Columbia Daily Spectator welcomes opinion submissions and letters to the editor from readers. Submissions and letters must include the author's name, telephone number, and Columbia affiliation; if any Readers may submit submissions and letters electronically, by e-mailing [specopinion@columbia.edu](mailto:specopinion@columbia.edu), or by sending hard copies to 2875 Broadway New York, NY 10025.

Opinion submissions may not be less than 600 words and may not exceed 800 words; letters may not exceed 300 words and may not be signed by more than four persons. All submissions and letters may be edited for length and content.

Opinion submissions do not reflect the views of the Editorial Board.

The Columbia Daily Spectator is published Monday through Friday during the academic year, except during examination and vacation periods.

Acceptance of an advertisement does not imply approval of policies of the advertiser. All rights reserved.

Spectator is free on campus. Limit one copy per reader please.

**Office & Mailing Address:**  
2875 Broadway, Third Floor  
New York, NY 10025

**Advertising Director:**  
Dan Smullyan (212) 854-9552

**Office Manager/Classified Advertising:**  
Ellen Lannon (212) 854-9550

**Controller:**  
April Wong (212) 854-9550

**Publisher:** (212) 854-9549  
**News:** (212) 854-9549  
**Editor-in-Chief:** (212) 854-9549  
**Editorial/A&E:** (212) 854-9549  
**Sports:** (212) 854-9549  
**Fax:** (212) 854-9553  
**E-mail:** [info@columbiaspectator.com](mailto:info@columbiaspectator.com)

©2010 Spectator Publishing Company, Inc. Spectator is published by the Spectator Publishing Company, Inc.

**Ashli Mahita, President**  
**Ben Cotton, Vice President**  
**Thomas Rhinel, Treasurer**

### Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

#### ACROSS

1 Roe source  
5 Scrape, cat-style  
9 100 kopels  
14 Geographical extremity  
15 Little suckers  
16 Matriculate  
17 Turow memoir subtitled "The Turbulent True Story of a First Year at Harvard Law School"  
18 The "Habanera" from "Carmen," e.g.  
19 Blunt, as reality  
20 One debating the unpopular side  
23 Washing aid for pupils  
24 Blood bank fluid  
25 "Hold on \_\_\_\_"  
27 Stew  
31 Healer using magic  
36 "Man oh man!"  
37 Out of kilter  
38 Dove murmur  
39 About 1,609 meters  
40 Game system played with gestures  
41 Uncredited author  
45 Long-haired cat  
47 Part of a family business title  
48 Pitching miscues  
51 Where AMZN stock is traded  
55 Wee-hours work period for 20-, 31- and 41-Across?  
58 Japanese cartoon genre  
59 Oklahoma tribe  
60 Naysayer  
61 Deadly  
62 Zip (along)  
63 Chick's sound  
64 Head lock  
65 At \_\_\_\_ arguing  
66 Messes up

#### DOWN

1 Fine porcelain  
2 Sweetheart  
3 Naproxen, commercially  
4 Epicurean delight  
5 Held firmly  
6 Turkish bread?  
7 Fatty \_\_\_\_  
8 Make, as baskets  
9 Firearm, sometimes  
10 Wild  
11 Sassy kid  
12 Folk tales and such  
13 "Benevolent" fraternal member  
21 Having abundant vegetation  
22 Thereabouts  
26 Chanel of fashion  
28 Nincompoop  
29 Burrow  
30 Pretty pitcher  
31 Guitar effect  
32 Triumphant cry

33 Math course of Japan  
35 Little ones  
39 Form incorrectly  
41 Covers, as a driveway  
42 Robust  
43 Worldly seven  
44 Messenger molecules  
46 White House family

49 Onetime capital  
50 Filled up  
52 Restaurant patron  
53 Following  
54 Wax removers  
55 Growl  
56 Ceremony  
57 Country way  
58 Toward the rudder

#### ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

W	A	R	T	U	R	G	E	S	P	A	W
A	V	I	A	S	A	U	C	E	S	R	N
R	O	C	K	A	N	D	R	O	L	L	I
S	N	E	E	R	U	C	L	A	M	I	T
I	O	T	A	A	T	P	E	A	C	E	
R	O	U	N	D	A	R	O	U	N	D	
O	W	N	U	N	A	P	O	O	L	S	
C	E	D	E	R	A	N	D	R	S	N	O
S	N	E	R	T	Z	E	E	N	R	A	
R	O	U	G	H	A	N	D	R	E	A	D
B	A	L	O	N	E	Y	T	O	E	S	
R	B	I	E	L	E	C	T	I	C	E	U
I	O	N	R	A	N	T	A	N	D	R	A
E	R	G	S	T	A	R	R	Y	O	V	E
F	T	S	O	S	S	I	E	W	E	A	K

[xwordeditor@aol.com](mailto:xwordeditor@aol.com) 11/30/10

By Mark Feldman  
©2010 Tribune Media Services, Inc. 11/30/10



Thanksgiving road trip gives young player new role models

“Are we there yet?” my youngest brother, Danny, whined as I sped up I-81 North. It was the day after Thanksgiving 2009, and I had forced all three of my brothers into the car to make the trip to Columbia’s game at Syracuse.

It was my first season covering the men’s basketball team and I wanted to make it to as many games as possible, plus I like driving, so four-and-a-half hours didn’t seem like a huge deal. Besides, who would pass up a chance to sit on press row at the Carrier Dome?

I was originally planning on making the trip alone, but my mom thought it would be a good idea for my brothers to go—family bonding, and whatnot. All three of my brothers are huge basketball fans, so they went along with it.

Danny was actually the most excited—he lives for basketball. At any given point during the year, he’s playing on at least two, usually three, different teams. On top of that, he practices hours each day on the rusty hoop out by our barn. His dedication to the sport is a little frightening for a 13-year-old, but he has big aspirations—he wants to play in the NBA.

Unfortunately for Danny, genetics are not on his side. Though he’s grown since our trip up to Syracuse last year, he’s one of the smallest kids in his age group, and given that my dad is 5-foot-8, it’s unlikely he’ll have any major growth spurts. But he doesn’t care. He knows it’s a long shot, but in his words, he’s “going to keep playing until someone tells him to stop.”

That’s why he was so pumped about going to the Carrier Dome—he hopes to play there himself one day. Though the drive, which turned out to be five-and-a-half hours long, dampened his spirits a bit, he was excited when we finally got out of the car. He wanted to know all about Columbia’s point guard—then-senior Pat Foley—because that’s his position. We were running late though, so I just told him to watch Foley and Noruwa Agho, and then I sent him and my other two brothers up to their seats.

The Lions kept up with the Orange pretty well for most of the first half, but eventually lost 85-60. Syracuse’s Wes Johnson, who now plays for the Minnesota Timberwolves, knocked down three three-pointers in the second half to put the game away for his team, and finished with 26 points.

But when we got in the car, Danny didn’t want to talk about Johnson. He grabbed my stat packet from me and started asking about Foley. “What grade is he in? How has his



MICHELE CLEARY

I Can See Cleary Now

career progressed? I play a lot like him, right? Don’t you think he actually played better than his stat line indicates?” Foley, who finished with eight points and two assists, did, in fact, play a lot better than what the boxscore said, and Danny does play a lot like him.

After he got all the information he could about Pat, he started asking me about Agho, who led Columbia with 22 points. “Is he really only a sophomore? Do you think he could make the NBA?” I could see the wheels turning. Danny had a new goal.

The next day he told my parents that he wanted to play basketball for an Ivy League school. That way, he explained, he could get a good education if the whole NBA thing didn’t work out.

So, even though we spent nine plus hours in the car that day and got lost in South Orange on the way home, the trip was more than worth it. Danny, who had only ever idolized LeBron James, had a new set of role models.

Instead of looking up to NBA players who never finished college, he could try to emulate players like Foley, Agho, and Cornell’s Louis Dale (another one of his favorites) who work incredibly hard on and off the court just to keep playing. During the Big Red’s Sweet 16 run, Danny became even more consumed with the idea of playing at an Ivy League school. When he read about how Dale had to mail highlight videos of himself to schools to get noticed, he said, “And look where he is now. I want to be like him.”

Very, very few Ivy basketball players will ever go pro. Even so, they work hard every single day because they love the game and no one has told them to stop playing yet.

And who better to look up to than Ivy basketball players? Very, very few of these players will ever go pro—the Jeremy Lins of the world are few and far between. Even so, they work hard every single day because they love the game and no one has told them to stop playing yet.

Coach Smith, keep an eye out for a scrappy point guard from New Jersey when you start recruiting for the class of 2019.

Michele Cleary is a Columbia College junior majoring in history. sports@columbiaspectator.com



JASPER L. CLYATT / SENIOR STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

SWISH | Kathleen Barry sank a pair of free throws against San Diego, but it wasn’t enough to secure the win last weekend.

Late-game rallies not enough for Lions

BY SARAH SOMMER  
Spectator Senior Staff Writer

The Columbia women’s basketball team has shown an ability to cut deficits this season, even double-digit ones. But the Lions (0-5) have displayed that ability because they have often trailed their opponents during games. Columbia’s inconsistent scoring has proven costly, allowing teams to build leads that the Lions have never overcome completely.

In Columbia’s season opener against Long Island, the Lions went 19-for-58 from the field and 17-for-24 from the foul line. Four Columbia players scored in double figures, led by senior center Lauren Dwyer (17 points), but the Lions struggled to score consistently, and Long Island took advantage.

The Lions scored after 15 seconds of play, but they did not score again until 14:21 remained in the first half. During the elapsed time, Long Island racked up 10 points.

With 1:41 left in the first, the Blackbirds held a 30-23 lead. Columbia ended the half with a 6-0 run to trail 30-29 at the intermission, but the Lions could not maintain enough momentum in the second period, and ultimately suffered a 73-60 loss.

Against Fairleigh Dickinson, Columbia was 16-for-69 from the floor. The Lions went 7-for-36 from the field in the first



half, meaning that they made just 19.4 percent of their shots. Fairleigh Dickinson held a 37-21 advantage at the intermission.

The Lions outscored the Knights by five points, 29-24, in the second half, but could not recover completely from their poor first-half showing.

After trailing St. John’s 33-18 at halftime, Columbia went on an 8-0 run in the second half, turning a 36-18 deficit into a 36-26 deficit. Again, however, a rally by the Lions neither gave them a lead nor extended one, and St. John’s ultimately achieved a 65-41 victory.

The story remained the same against Manhattan, as Columbia scored with 17:46 left in the first half but did not score again until 14:45 remained in the period. Later in the half, the Lions went through a seven-minute stretch without sinking a single field goal.

Columbia trailed the Jaspers by only four points at halftime but fell behind 56-40 with 6:05 left in the second half. The Lions responded with a 13-3 run, making the score 59-53 with 1:59 remaining, but could not close the gap entirely, and inevitably suffered a 65-56 defeat.

The loss to Manhattan was Columbia’s first by single digits this year, and the Lions built on that small success at San Diego. Columbia scored 87 points against the Toreros, shooting 48.2 percent from the field and 75 percent from the foul line. The Lions hit 27 of 56 field goals and sank 24 of 32 foul shots, helping five Columbia players on the path to double figures.

On most nights, 87 points would be enough for Columbia to win, but San Diego scored 91 points of its own, making 62.1 percent of its field goals and 56 percent of its free throws.

The Lions trailed by 16 points in the first half and faced a 51-41 deficit at halftime, but with 1:03 left in the second half, Kathleen Barry hit two free throws that got the Lions within two points of the Toreros.

Columbia fouled with 26 seconds left, and junior guard Dominique Conners made two foul shots to give San Diego a four-point lead. The Lions failed to score on their ensuing possession, as sophomore forward Tyler Simpson missed a jumper with 10 seconds left. By the time freshman guard Taylor Ward took—and missed—a trey at the buzzer, the outcome had been decided. San Diego achieved a 91-87 victory.

While Columbia did not complete its comeback against San Diego, the game represented a step in the right direction. The Lions showed just how powerful their offense can be, and they had their best chance at a win this year.

Columbia may not score 87 points in a single game again this season, and five Columbia players may not all score in double figures in the same contest, but if the team’s scoring remains consistent and balanced, the Lions could be in line for their first win as early as Thursday against Wagner.



FILE PHOTO

DOUBLE TROUBLE | Clive Weeden (#42) put up a double-double in the Big Green’s recent win against Colgate.

Ancient Eight puts up big numbers in home games

BY VICTORIA JONES  
Spectator Staff Writer

The Ancient Eight fared well at home this past weekend as the four teams that played host to their rivals walked off the court victorious. Yale, Dartmouth, Harvard, and Princeton all kept it local over the holiday weekend and won on their own turf while Brown, Cornell, and Penn hit the road and fell a little short on the scoreboard.



YALE 87, ARMY 79

The Bulldogs (2-3) opened their home season against the Black Knights (4-2) on Saturday night and now have a perfect 1-0 home record. After dropping three of their first four games, the Elis rebounded hard against Army as all five starters put up double figures in the matchup. Junior forward Greg Mangano led the pack with a career-high 27 points and 15 rebounds, while the team combined to shoot 25-for-46 in field goals en route to the victory.

NEW HAMPSHIRE 70, BROWN 66

The Bears (3-2) lost a last second heart-breaker as they fell to New Hampshire (4-1) by just four points. After rallying from a deficit of 10 at halftime, Brown was able to tie the game at 60 with just over two minutes remaining, and then even it up again at 66 with just 8.1 seconds left on the clock.

The game-changer came in the form of a lay-up by Wildcats senior Dane DiLiegro, which broke the tie with less than three seconds left on the clock and put New Hampshire on top for good. Senior forward Peter Sullivan led the Bears throughout the game, finishing with a team-high 20 points and nine free throws.

DARTMOUTH 80, COLGATE 63

The Big Green (2-4) recorded its second win of the season after trouncing the Colgate Raiders (0-5) in front of a home crowd. Dartmouth finished the first half ahead by just five points, but pulled away after a brief stint in the locker room. Dartmouth—led by senior Clive Weeden, who recorded a double-double—dominated overall, finishing 21-for-24 on free throws and draining 44.8 percent of its field goals throughout the game.

BOSTON UNIVERSITY 66, CORNELL 61

Darryl Partin dominated the court for the Terriers in a matchup against Cornell this past weekend—scoring 30 points and 17 straight in the second half. Though the final score didn’t fall in its favor, the Big Red kept the game close until the final minutes of Saturday’s game. With just 1:06 left on the clock, Cornell was within one point, with a score 58-57, but the team was not able to take advantage of the opportunity, letting the Terriers score eight more points before the end of regulation for the win.

PITTSBURGH 82, PENN 58

The Quakers (2-3) had a rough outing against No. 5 Pittsburgh (7-0) over the holiday weekend, falling on the road by a 24-point margin. The Panthers may have pulled away at the end of the first half, but that didn’t stop Red and Blue freshman Miles Cartwright from sinking a team high 22-points in the matchup—enough to earn him Ivy Rookie of the Week honors. Penn went 19-for-43 in the field and 7-for-19 from beyond the arc in the loss.

HARVARD 82, COLORADO 66

The Crimson advanced to 4-1 on the season and beat its first Big 12 foe ever as it dismantled Colorado (2-3) this past weekend. Harvard took the lead early, drawing first blood and never looking back. En route to the 82-66 win, Christian Webster and Keith Wright led the Crimson, scoring 20 and 19 points respectively and combining to score eight of the team’s 22 successful free throws.

PRINCETON 86, SIENA 77

The Tigers (3-3) moved up to .500 on the season after an exciting overtime win against Siena (2-4) on Saturday. Princeton earned the extra five minutes of play after senior guard Dan Mavrides sunk a three-pointer with just 10 seconds left in regulation to tie the game at 69. The Saints were able to put up eight in OT, but it wasn’t enough to match the Tigers’ 17 for the win.

RANK	TEAM
1 4-1	<b>HARVARD CRIMSON</b> Picked second in the preseason poll, Harvard has gotten off to a great start, beating Colorado for its first-ever win over a Big 12 team.
2 3-3	<b>PRINCETON TIGERS</b> Princeton is still working out some kinks, but an overtime victory over Siena shows that it's moving in the right direction.
3 3-3	<b>COLUMBIA LIONS</b> The Lions struggled on the road early on, but a come-from-behind triumph over American showed that they can pull out tough wins.
4 2-3	<b>YALE BULLDOGS</b> Despite losing senior captain Michael Sands, Yale is turning heads this young season, upsetting BC and defeating Army.
5 2-3	<b>PENN QUAKERS</b> After opening its season with a win, Penn has slowed down a bit. While a loss to No. 5 Pitt was expected, the loss to Drexel wasn't.
5 2-4	<b>CORNELL BIG RED</b> This Big Red team is completely different from last year's edition that made it to the Sweet 16, as it has only managed two wins.
7 3-2	<b>BROWN BEARS</b> Since its season-opening win at Fordham, Brown has struggled against relatively easy opponents like New Hampshire.
8 2-4	<b>DARTMOUTH BIG GREEN</b> Dartmouth is in for a rough year. Though it recently beat Colgate, the Big Green has little chance of finishing better than last.