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**HOLIDAY CHEER** | Resident advisers show off the supplies their floors have collected at a recent RA meeting in John Jay lounge.

## John Jay gathers supplies for underfunded school

BY CASEY TOLAN  
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Resident Advisers at John Jay Hall are hoping their school supplies drive will make a big difference at a local school.

Due to citywide budget cuts, Public School 125, located on 123rd Street between Amsterdam and Morningside avenues, has no funding for arts programs or arts teachers—a gap that student group Artists Reaching Out has worked to fill with weekly arts classes. But many classrooms still lack basic school supplies, an issue that inspired several John Jay RAs to launch the drive this month in conjunction with ARO.

## Do-gooder John Jay RAs look to bring holiday cheer to those near

“We noticed that a lot of the classrooms just don’t have the school supplies that are at the other institution we teach at,” Rebecca Clark, CC ’13, an ARO co-coordinator and John Jay RA, said, referring to Future Leaders Institute, a charter school at 122nd Street and Adam Clayton Powell Boulevard. Some PS 125 classrooms don’t even have a good set of markers, she said.

Clark now has four bags in her dorm room full of supplies, including crayons, markers, paper, pens, glue, tape, Post-it notes, binders, and a stapler.

“I didn’t think people were going to bring that many supplies, but we got a good amount,” Kendall Tucker, CC ’14 and a John Jay RA, said. “People got creative with the stuff they brought.”

Clark said she will deliver what she has now to PS 125 during ARO’s visit this Friday, and the rest will be brought over next Friday.

In addition to leaving out boxes for students to drop off supplies, RAs on six John Jay floors held events that required

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## Bias incident calls attention to OMA response

BY TERESA SHEN  
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A smattering of bias incidents this semester has caught the attention of student leaders and the Office of Multicultural Affairs.

Last week, Deans Melinda Aquino and Terry Martinez from the Office of Multicultural Affairs and Community Development stopped by a Columbia College Student Council meeting to address reports that the OMA has received an increase in the number of reported bias incidents. Aquino told Spectator that this increase should not be cause for alarm.

“Most of the incidents that have been brought to the attention of the Bias Response Team recently are situations that probably would not have been officially reported in previous years,” she explained. “In the past two years, I have found more students taking ownership of their campus community and wanting to address actions and behaviors that they feel are hurtful, offensive, and inappropriate.”

Aquino and Martinez recently met with student leaders and students from the Native American Council to discuss an incident at the Homecoming football game, in which a group of Native American students approached an individual

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## Halfway through AIDS pandemic? Hopefully

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Amirah Sequeira, CC ’12, is probably one of the few students on campus who can talk a mile a minute about “the rockstars of AIDS advocacy” and antiretroviral drugs. She, and other members of the Student Global AIDS Campaign, have put their expertise and enthusiasm to good use this week for World AIDS Week, which commemorates the 30-year anniversary of the global pandemic.

Sequeira said that this year is a pivotal one for AIDS advocacy: New research indicates that with enough funding for prevention, the pandemic will be wiped out in the next 30 years.

“This year is a really beautiful moment. If people really act on this new research, this will be the halfway point,” she said.

For the 30th anniversary of the pandemic, the group has been making cold calls to politicians and collecting donations for prevention funding that experts hope will put HIV/AIDS to rest within 30 years.

From a tent on Low Plaza,

members of the Student Global AIDS Campaign have been running a public art project. For \$1, students can buy three tiles that represent the base pairs of a codon. Those tiles are added to a board, representing a HIV genome that these students are creating, with 9713 base pairs in all.

The week’s keynote event on Thursday includes “rockstar” advocates like Jeffrey Sachs from the Earth Institute, Dr. David Hoos from the Mailman School of Public Health, and Laura Pinsky, who founded the Columbia Gay Health Advocacy Project, which provides free HIV/AIDS testing to all Columbia students.

“We’ve really tried to put together an event that will provide the Columbia community with different perspectives,” Sequeira said. “It will give a really rounded update on where we are and where we are going.”

GlobeMed, another student advocacy group that has worked to plan World AIDS week, will receive one-third of the fundraising profits from the week.

Isabelle Fisher, CC ’14 and a

member of GlobeMed, said it will in turn donate the money to an organization that works to lower the rate of mother-to-child transmission of HIV in northern Uganda.

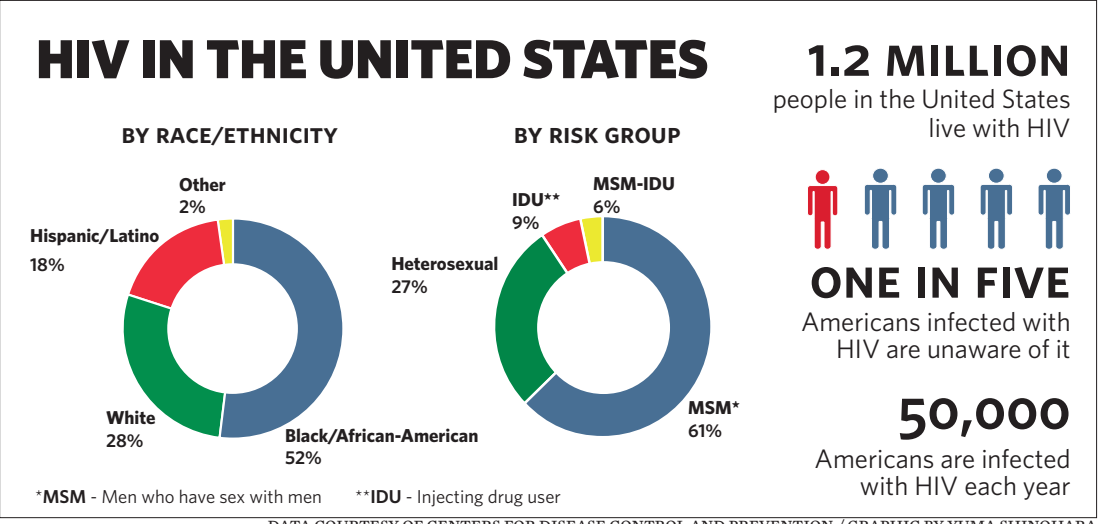
Sequiera said that the 30-year mark has energized students this year.

“We’re also doing call-ins to the White House to demand Obama to fund 6,000,000 people on treatment by 2013,” she said. “If he commits to this, because of his example we should have 15,000,000 [people covered by treatment] by 2015. We’re on our way to ending the pandemic.”

Sonal Mallya, CC ’12 and a member of CUSGAC since her first year at Columbia, cited statistics from the National Institute of Health that state that people on treatment are 96 percent less likely to transmit HIV to their partners.

“If we give adequate funding to treatment for HIV/AIDS we can get the pandemic under control in the next 30 years,” she said. “But the next five years are crucial as the virus spreads very quickly.”

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**‘IF YOU WILL IT’** | David Lerner, director of Venture Lab at Columbia TechVentures, above, gives a speech encouraging students to turn the ideas in their heads into start-ups, at Columbia Engineering’s second annual TEDx conference.

## ‘Mash-up of possibilities’ for students at SEAS’ TEDTalk

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and information, said.

Tasked with putting together a lineup of speakers in only a few months, the organizers aimed to find professionals whose talks would relate to students and grab their attention.

“That was actually a big point of TED,” co-organizer Dmitriy Timerman, SEAS ’12, said. “It’s

not necessarily having a really big-name person come and talk—it’s that really interesting, local people have cool ideas to present. When you have someone the audience can relate to, they can follow in their footsteps.”

Steve McGill, a second-year Ph.D. student at the University of Pennsylvania, gave a speech about his research on the intersection of robotic technology and

the medical field and discussed how students can unearth similar overlaps.

“It’s important to make sure that people consider the mash-up of possibilities,” McGill said. “Take something innovative from one area of science and engineering and apply it to something else.”

Iyengar said she believes TED talks “get people to think about different things in a new way.”

She said the ideas exchanged during these talks will stick with students.

“At worst, they’ll have something to talk about when they go out for drinks,” she said. “At best, a couple of those ideas will suddenly shake something for one of them when they create something new.”

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## Active Minds pops up amid other student initiatives

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illnesses often present themselves during young adulthood, but the cliché that college is supposed to be the “best time of one’s life” doesn’t help either.

“It doesn’t feel like that,” she said, “so you think you’re the only one.”

Malmon’s brother went to Counseling and Psychological Services for the first time in the fall semester of his senior year after struggling with schizoaffective disorder, which Alison described as a combination of schizophrenia and depression, for much of his adult life. He received his diagnosis after CPS sent him home for the weekend after his appointment. Part of the goal of Active Minds is to encourage struggling students and their friends to get help before it is too late. Scientific evidence shows, she said, that “the earlier you seek treatment for your mental health, the greater the possibility for recovery.”

Both CPS and its Barnard counterpart, the Furman Center, have outreach divisions, and Dr. Mary Commerford, director of



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**ALL SMILES** | Samantha Keller, CC ’13, talks to Spectator about the branch of Active Minds she is bringing to Columbia. Active Minds will meet for the first time this Thursday.

Furman, said they are always looking for ways to connect with students.

“When a student is interested in developing something, these are usually the most successful events on campus,” Commerford said. “I’m always excited when students come forward with ideas.”

A number of other students have been organizing under the

banner of the Student Wellness Project to troubleshoot issues that leave students unhappy or stressed out at Columbia.

Keller said that while she hopes to pursue advocacy and awareness around clinical mental illnesses, she is enthusiastic about forming partnerships with students and groups across campus.

“This is something I’ve always come back to. Academic

interest, personal interest,” Keller said. “It’s sad that it sometimes takes a tragedy to open up this dialogue. I think we owe it to the school and each other and to Tina to not let this opportunity go to waste. Now that we have opened this dialogue, it’s definitely an opportunity we can use to make a change for the better.”

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## Student advocates say CU must do more to reduce culture of bias

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wearing a headdress, which they found offensive. Instead of taking the headdress off, as the students asked him to, the individual’s friend greeted the Native American students with a “tomahawk chop,” according to a statement from NAC.

“It mocks Native Americans and their cultures and traditions,” the statement to Spectator said. “It historicizes Native Americans and turns them into a joke.”

At a CCSC meeting last week, Aquiano said students rarely hear about reported bias incidents because of confidentiality concerns. She said that publicizing such incidents can be a way to “unintentionally revictimize” the targets of those incidents.

But students from the Native American Council, who declined to give individual interviews, said it was important to make the incident at Homecoming known to the student body.

“This incident is among many that Columbia’s multicultural community has endured,” NAC said in the statement. “We would like to bring this issue to the attention of the larger community in order to raise awareness about the importance of respecting the various cultures that exist on this campus.”

The CCSC, Barnard’s Student Governing Association, NAC, and various other cultural groups, Greek organizations, and residential advisors attended the meeting with Martinez and Aquiano to discuss this incident and how to address cases of discrimination in general.

“We discussed how we as a community must step up and make sure this doesn’t happen again. We are working on building a coalition of student leaders to be visible talking about solidarity and anti-discrimination,” said Virat Kumar Gupta, CC ’12 and CCSC representative.

Virat said he feels CCSC is taking the initiative against bias incidents on campus. “The CCSC should be the first to stand up against discrimination ... we sent out an email to the student body mentioning the rise of bias incidents and urged people to be more careful of their words and actions.”

The message, from CCSC President Aki Terasaki’s weekly AlmaMatters email, stated, “CCSC would like to remind all of you to be respectful of the many ethnicities, cultures, and identities that make up our diverse community. We encourage you to be mindful of your words and actions and careful in your conduct.”

Aquino said the meeting “reinforced our commitment to greater education of the

campus community on Native experiences and on bystander training, and launched a poster campaign directly related to our campaigns.”

That poster campaign, launched just before Halloween, urged students not to dress up in costumes that ridicule or belittle minorities.

Bias incidents and hate crimes that violate University policy or state laws are dealt with by the OMA, Public Safety, and sometimes outside authorities. In 2005, a pair of Columbia College students were arrested after spray-painting a Ruggles common room with anti-semitic, racist, and homophobic slurs. The New York Police Department was called in, and both students were charged with one count of fourth-degree criminal mischief as a hate crime, a class E felony.

The OMA maintains a Bias Response Team, composed of deans from across the Office of Student Affairs, to respond to reports of discrimination or harassment.

“First, in addition to formal documentation, we provide any immediate and ongoing support to individuals and communities who may be impacted. Modeling after restorative justice practices, we then work closely with these individuals and communities to determine appropriate notification, community support, educational programs, and follow up with students who may be responsible,” Aquino said.

Much of the University’s bias response protocol is geared toward education, support, and outreach, Aquiano said.

But some students said they feel the University doesn’t always take bias incidents seriously enough.

“I definitely support the OMA, but this is a problem that is bigger than the OMA alone can address,” said Cindy Gao, CC ’12 and political chair of the Asian American Alliance. “It’s not like we can just say, ‘Oh, let’s have diversity training’. The problem is much broader.”

She cited the lack of classes that educate students on cultural differences, limited funding for the Center for the Study of Ethnicity and Race and the Institute for Research in African-American Studies, and a deficiency of wider administrative awareness on bias incidents.

“Administrators need to be knowledgeable about things that are going on,” said Gao. “Because outside the OMA, we talked with administrators, and they themselves don’t have a handle on what’s going on, what are the resources, and that it’s even a problem.”

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## Floor poker tournaments for charity, instead of Oreos

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a donation of supplies for admission—including a Thanksgiving dinner, a Mario Kart tournament, and, on Clark’s floor, a dance party.

“We had a lot of fun,” Clark said. About a quarter of floor 14 showed up—including the resident ballroom dancer, who taught everyone how to waltz.

Tucker and floor six held a poker tournament for which school supplies were the buy-in, and almost half the floor residents came.

“It may have to do more with how they like poker than giving, but I think it was a great event,” Tucker said.

Mihir Bhaskar, CC ’15 and the tournament winner, agreed.

“I think it’s a great idea helping public schools,” Bhaskar said. “I’ve had experience with some pretty bad public schools—I went to a California public school and we were underfunded, too.”

Bhaskar said his poker triumph was “pretty satisfying.”

“A lot of people didn’t know how to play, and it would have been embarrassing to have lost,” he said.

Clark said that one of the project’s strengths was that “each RA could tailor it to each floor’s needs for programming

and at the same time donate to the cause.” RAs are required to do a community service event each semester and, after Clark suggested the project, several RAs at John Jay decided to work together to support PS 125.

“It’s going to make a much bigger impact than if one floor did this, another floor something else,” Tucker said.

Tucker said she liked that the community service project helped kids in the neighborhood.

“It’s nice to remind people at Columbia that there’s need outside the Columbia bubble and that we can give back to Morningside Heights and the wider community,” she said. “We have a lot of privileges here, and I think it’s easy to forget that people elsewhere don’t.”

Clark said that ARO’s lessons at PS 125 have been going well in the little more than a month since they’ve started. The Friday before Thanksgiving, students made turkeys, and, in an additional after-school program, ARO members helped students prepare for their winter pageant.

In the long term, Clark said the supply drive would help the school overcome the budget cuts.

“It’s going to make a huge difference at PS 125,” Clark said.

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the summer, would the quality of these events be diminished if we took \$1.3 billion off the top of these funds and used it to compensate athletes? He didn't think it would, and I don't either.

I don't know how it would work. Personally, I would favor a system that pays some sort of a living stipend to all women's basketball, men's basketball, and football student-athletes. In the interests of fairness, it would have to be the same amount paid to everyone, regardless of sport or school. (SI suggested \$1,000 per month, although this seems a little high if we're talking about a stipend and not a salary, particularly when a full scholarship already covers room and board.) One important point here is that non-revenue sports, including soccer, would not receive the stipend. Who knows how this would affect the relationship between revenue and non-revenue sports. Other questions remain: How would Columbia, which is eligible for March Madness in basketball but does not compete in the Football Bowl Subdivision—and the lucrative BCS bowls which decide that division's champion—compensate its student-athletes? I don't know the answer to these questions, but I do think they're worth considering.

Here's the point: If TV deals are paying out billions, it doesn't seem right that the student-athletes who are at the center of the product that major networks are paying for don't see a dime of that money. This is not a revolutionary conclusion, either. Three hundred men's basketball and football players from Kentucky, Purdue, UCLA, Georgia Tech, and Arizona signed a petition asking the NCAA for a slice of this TV money just over a month ago.

And while I doubt that the NCAA will turn around and offer them a cut, they have a point. While it is true that schools do not have the funding to simply tack on a stipend for student-athletes, the money is out there. The question people should be debating is how to distribute it.

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# Pandemic of the present

BY MARGARET MEDER AND AMIRAH SEQUEIRA

The first AIDS cases in the United States were reported the year that President Obama transferred to Columbia College: 1981, exactly 30 years ago. Without any treatment options, AIDS was an inescapable death sentence. Today, effective treatment options are available, so why are people still dying from AIDS? The answer is in part due to President Obama's failure to lead the fight against AIDS. The importance of American leadership for HIV/AIDS policies is monumental. The U.S. is the largest donor to HIV treatment internationally and our contributions greatly influence commitment from other nations. Last year, when the U.S. reduced its pledge to the Global Fund, other nations followed suit and some stopped donating entirely. As a result, the Global Fund cancelled its most recent round of grants last week. Tomorrow on World AIDS Day, 30 years into the AIDS pandemic, President Obama must decide whether to accept leadership and raise funding to the level needed—six million on treatment by 2013—or to let down his alma mater and deny treatment to millions of people around the world.

Two years after Obama's graduation, the Gay Health Advocacy Project (GHAP) was founded by current director Laura Pinsky, beginning a strong commitment on this campus to fight AIDS. The group greatly expanded student access to HIV prevention information and testing. Today, over 1,000 students are tested there yearly free of charge—a vital service considering that over 20 percent of HIV-positive Americans do not know their status and 42 percent of new HIV infections occur in people ages 15 to 24. On top of excellent health care, a dedicated core of faculty working on HIV treatment, vaccine trials, and epidemiology, plus an ongoing student commitment to advocating for global health justice, has placed Columbia at the forefront of the fight against AIDS. Columbia took the lead when there was little hope in this fight, and today we continue that legacy knowing that the end of AIDS is possible.

Research published this past year has turned optimism into pragmatism, proving that we can now truly end the pandemic. A National Institute of Health clinical study (HPTN 052—published in May 2011) demonstrated that people living with HIV who received treatment were 96 percent less likely to transmit the virus to their partner in comparison to those not receiving treatment. We can accomplish two goals at once: HIV treatment and prevention now effectively come in one dose.

## The upfront treatment costs required now would pay for themselves in the future.

Unless President Obama takes leadership, these remarkable breakthroughs will not actualize their full life-saving potential. The economic barrier to ending the pandemic will be reduced if Obama takes action now. In June, The Economist considered the results of the NIH study and reported that scaling up HIV treatment to a maximum of \$22 billion by 2015 would prevent 12.4 million people from becoming HIV-positive and save the lives of 7.4 million people with AIDS. The up front treatment costs required now would pay for themselves in savings by preventing millions of infections in the future. Scaling up treatment now could end AIDS by 2041. Today we stand 30 years into the AIDS pandemic, and if funding allows, 30 years from now AIDS will be history. The President sits at a crucial moment in history—we could truly be at the turning point of the pandemic. If he decides to take leadership and fund treatment to the level needed—6 million on treatment by 2013—we will stand strongly behind him. Should he choose not to do so, he must live with the knowledge of exactly how long, by his inaction, he has extended this pandemic.

For our part, we hope he makes the former decision on World AIDS Day tomorrow. Because when hindsight is 30:30, you sure as hell better like what you see.

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STAFF EDITORIAL

# USenate dissapoints

This Sunday is the last University Senate meeting of the year. We can't help but ask—what has our most important legislative body accomplished this semester?

The University Senate was established in 1969 to create a joint legislative body representing the interests of students, faculty, and administrators.

Though 2011 has not been as contentious as '68 with the protests that shook Columbia, this year was not without controversy. Uncertainty over the future of the College, administrative upheaval, and concerns over our fiscal standing were all issues that went to the heart of Columbia as a university.

Columbia's institutional well-being is too large and complex a problem for the Senate to solve on its own, but the body could have served as a forum for informed discussion and expert opinion. While other campus leaders were sounding the alarm, however, our senators seemed mostly concerned with pet projects.

Since the USenate is the one legislative body instilled with real power, we have turned to them to discuss and enact legislation on the important issues of the day. We have good reason for this faith—when debates over ROTC divided Columbia, the USenate deliberated and responded in a timely and effective manner.

But for whatever reason, this semester the USenate has lacked the decisiveness that we have come to expect. While the USenate has addressed important issues—open course evaluations, fringe benefits, and new language on sexual assault—the body has not passed a single significant piece of legislation this semester. Since the USenate was created as a legislative-making body, it is not fulfilling its self-defined mission.

Furthermore, the months spent discussing the smoking ban, which has yet to be decided on, are another indicator of the USenate's inaction. In comparison to other issues that affect the University, the extension of the smoking ban pales in comparison to many more important topics of discussion. The USenate should finally issue a resolution and move on to more consequential issues.

We hope that the USenate will pass legislation at the final meeting of the semester. Members of the USenate should make individual efforts to discuss and act on issues important to the University, and in so doing live up to Columbia's expectations.

# Registration rage

BY CESAR RODRIGUEZ

Would you get up at 6:01 a.m. to register for classes? Knowing everybody else would register at the same time? The answer is probably yes, but the chance of everybody—in your grade—getting up at 6:01 a.m.? That's not so likely. If class registration opened for all at the same time, students who woke up early would benefit. However, we are stuck with randomly assigned times ranging from 9:30 a.m. to mid-afternoon that can completely make or break a student's schedule. This lottery system is supposed to make things fairer, but does it really?

## Balancing Core and major requirements is such an intricate dance that the possibility of not getting into a class I need is frightening.

The biggest issue that I've run into with the current registration system is filled classes. Being stuck with my 12:30 p.m. registration time was maddening, for it impacted not only my daily schedule, but also dictated the availability of classes for my academic track. Balancing Core Curriculum and major requirements is such an intricate dance that the possibility of not getting into a class I need is frightening. This fear has no place in a Columbia's schedule-making process, and is one of the biggest reasons the current system is flawed. It is a system that breeds anxiety, and wastes the efforts of students who plan out schedules by promoting proposed fairness.

I've seen many Facebook status updates of Columbia first-years commenting on planned out schedules—sophisticated,



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# Haunted by our web histories

There is no denying that our society is in the middle of an onslaught of technological innovation, much of which is focused on allowing individuals to be connected to online networks as often as possible. In the past month smartphones, like the iPhone 4S and the Galaxy S2, and tablets from Samsung and Sony have been released, with the iPad 3 on the horizon. These devices rely on their abilities to connect to the internet at any time from any place to entice customers. Our growing addiction to this supposed luxury poses scary thoughts about the future, as a comprehensive online history of most individuals will be accessible to the diligent forager. If the present shows politicians, businessmen, professors, et al. under extreme scrutiny for limited unearthed information from their past, one can only imagine the magnifying glass under which many of us will be in 10 or 20 years. The idea implies an interesting dynamic: those who have the control to avoid the internet, who don't need constant connection, will have a sudden upper hand.

The most obvious problems that might arise from our generation's addiction to the internet are those related to social networks, most prominently Facebook. There exists a fundamental dilemma for the standard social network user, which is weighing the superficial social benefits of a robust online profile in the present with the potential career detriments that it might cause in the future. We all crave social internet currency—photos, comments, Facebook “likes,” retweets, links, posts, etc.—because we assume they translate into reality and prove popularity on some level. That is, we like to show that yes, we were there, and yes, we talked to that cute girl, and yes, we sipped on unknown but guessable beverages out of red cups in a dark room. Yet in the future, we cannot know how much the wealth of documentation—a picture of someone smoking a joint, a politically incorrect wall post—will haunt us in a job interview, in a background check, in an election. For those who avoid the likes of Facebook, Twitter, and other social networks, or restrict their consumption of them, this threat does not exist.

One might argue there isn't a threat to begin with: President Obama seems to have weathered the residual doubts due to his exposed indiscretions? If he can admit to doing cocaine, what harm can, say, a little beer do? Perhaps none. But that is not where the real danger lies anyway, as the treachery of social networks is just the tip of the proverbial iceberg. The frightening reality is that essentially every move you make on the internet is being recorded somewhere where it can be excavated at a later date. We like to think of online profiles as colorful pages with several

intricate, and meticulous—that had been shattered by their late registration time. Many end up with a schedule not even close to resembling their original one, and oftentimes without their required classes; this is a problem that can lead to a student falling behind in major, Core, or pre-professional requirements. Whether this sounds fair is up to you, but the fact that a registration time dictates a student's schedule is alarming. Alarming because it suggests a deeper unfairness—that of one student's schedule in relation to another's. While this may sound like an over-exaggeration, the idea is important nonetheless. Is a student's schedule constructed at 9:30 a.m., compared to one constructed, say at 12:30 p.m., equal? No. The schedule constructed at 9:30 am more accurately reflects the planned schedule of the student than the 12:30 p.m. schedule does. The arbitrary distribution of registration times—a so-called “roll of the dice”—should bear no impact on a student's semester schedule.

The impact, however, does not stop here—having a bad registration time can have repercussions on a much wider scale. For me, not getting into a general chemistry lab in the spring semester does not just mean taking it the next fall—it means I might have to restructure my already rigid pre-professional curriculum, which will inevitably lead to a heavier workload. As students expected to excel at an institution as prestigious as this one, the suggestion that that path to excellence may be marred by a class registration system is preposterous. We not only put our schedules at risk, but also our paths towards gaining knowledge in a specific field.

Whether the solution is to have everyone register at the same time or by their amount of projected credits (much like The University of Massachusetts at Dartmouth), change is necessary. We owe it to ourselves as Columbia students to not sit by and allow this system to continue—our educational endeavors are far too important to be hindered by ridiculous registration times. Because of the way I see it right now, I would prefer to wake up at 3:37 a.m. on a registration day than to not get into a class required for my educational track because of a 12:30 p.m. registration time.

*The author is a Columbia College first-year.*

pictures and some vacuous chat boxes, but your real digital personality is a thorough summary of every website you visit, every email you send, and every file you download. As long as there is the motivation to uncover this information at some point, which there will be if you grow up to be a person of interest, there will be the means to do so. That means that your actions, from the innocuous ones like buying a backpack on Amazon to the disreputable ones like visiting a pornography website, are at your detractors' disposal.

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The final result of this dynamic might be negligible for two reasons. Firstly, history has shown that often we are forgiven for previous lapses in judgment or behavior. Besides the aforementioned Obama situation, the previous president George W. Bush survived his admitted battle with alcoholism and substance abuse. Secondly, we might create a level playing field where everyone's exposed online past is mutually neutralizing. In these cases, the internet doesn't seem to be so dangerous after all. But the unnerving converse is also quite possible. Recall Senator John Kerry's campaign in 2004: If a single photograph of him windsurfing could undermine his likability, what might dozens of pictures, hundreds of emails, and thousands of visited websites do to you?

In the end, this consequence is ultimately not such a tragedy, as we will be left to support those who were not only able to avoid the temptation of social networks, but didn't really consider the worldwide web that interesting of a space. Essentially, men and women who didn't idolize the internet through the growing list of computers, tablets, smartphones would suddenly appear as the purest of all. Those people might very well be the ones we'd like in charge anyway: maybe the kid who opted to go for a walk or read a book deserves more of a chance than his peers who spent hours idly tapping away at keyboards and rapidly surfing online.

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## Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

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**ACROSS**

1 Trespass

4 With 36- and 62-Across, kids' ball game, and something this puzzle's four longest answers have in common

10 Collar or jacket

14 TNT element?

15 Ring of color

16 Powerful TV princess

17 One of the Gershwins

18 Early Mary Tyler Moore role

20 Puts in a fresh pot

22 Habeas corpus et al.

23 Name of three presidents

24 Nozzle product?

26 Glacial ridge

27 Horticulturist's hangout

31 Happy co-worker?

33 Some TV screens

34 Go for, as a prize

35 Hogwarts messengers

36 See 4-Across

38 Tower city

39 Bolo, for one

40 Nudge

41 "I'm outta here!"

42 Meeting of Congress

44 "Les Girls" actress Elg

46 Latin word on a cornerstone

47 Getaway

49 Ionian Sea island

52 Place for a bergin?

54 She played Carla Tortelli on "Cheers"

57 Genetic carrier

58 Arena level

59 2009 Ruben Studdard album

60 Held by us

61 Numbers for one

62 See 4-Across

63 Little thing to pick

**DOWN**

1 Recipe direction

2 Discount rack abbr.

3 She played Nicole Chapman on "Fame"

4 Trivia game that involves bluffing

5 Autumn color

6 Neither masculine nor feminine

7 Fashion designer Michael

8 She, in São Paulo

9 Jabber

10 Cast-of-thousands actors

11 Address Hatcher

12 "Don't count \_\_\_!"

13 Rob Roy refusal

19 Washstand

21 Gossells consolation prize

24 Creep

25 Snappy dresser

28 1996 Madonna role

29 Increase

30 Wine bottle datum

31 Colon's pair

32 Abrasion, to a lot

33 Inc. abroad

36 Goller's selection

37 Thing to avoid

38 2011 TV show with multiple pilots

40 Calendar girl

41 Traffic cop's request

43 Jungle journey

44 Working (with)

45 Lash out at

48 World-weariness

49 PC monitors

50 River formed at Pittsburgh

51 Lively dance

52 L.A.'s Sunset, e.g.

53 Bakery offering

55 Statily tree

56 Louis XIV, par exemple

**ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:**

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By David Poole  
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A slice of the pie for for those who bake it

Earlier this fall, I wrote a column about a proposed change to NCAA rules that would add a \$2,000 “living expenses” grant to all full athletic scholarships in Division I. (The proposal has since been approved.) This rule change will have no direct effect on the Ivy League, which does not allow athletic scholarships of any kind, although you could make a case that it further widens the competitive balance between Ivies and the conferences that do give out athletic-based aid.

My interest, however, is in the issues this rule change raises about dividing up what has become a very large pie in the world of college athletics. How do student-athletes figure into the business model of a multibillion-dollar industry, and how—if at all—should they be compensated?

A brief update on what has become a very lively and controversial debate revolving around college athletics: As revenue sports—mainly football and basketball—rake in more and more money through ticket sales, merchandise sales, licensing fees for video games, and lucrative television deals, it has become harder and harder to justify denying student-athletes any sort of compensation when they are the driving force behind this entire industry. Others have countered that the free education student-athletes receive more than compensates them for their troubles. To this, many have complained that full scholarships do not truly cover the cost of attending college, a gap the additional \$2,000 is intended to close.

Yet there is a fundamental question absent from much of this debate: Where would the money come from?

It has become harder and harder to justify denying student-athletes any sort of compensation when they are the driving force behind this entire industry.

When I wrote my column about the additional money to be included in athletic scholarships, a reader warned in an online comment that raising the cost of scholarships could have a harmful effect on non-revenue sports like soccer. This was noteworthy for two reasons—first, because someone actually commented on a column of mine, and second, because it was a really good point. Several weeks ago, Sports Illustrated ran a feature on this very subject and proposed a business model whereby nearly all men’s non-revenue sports would become club sports, freeing up money to pay all other athletes. (Due to the legal restrictions imposed by Title IX, women’s varsity teams were largely exempt from the cuts.) I played varsity soccer here for four years, and I cannot tell you how bad of an idea I think this is.

The fact remains, though, that most schools’ athletic programs are either in the red or barely breaking even, and even a marginal increase in cost per student athlete could jeopardize most schools’ athletic budgets. Why, then, is there even a discussion about increasing compensation for student-athletes? Even the rule change cited earlier must be approved by conferences individually, meaning big-time schools in leagues like the ACC and Big Ten are likely to agree to foot the bill while smaller conferences could balk at the price tag. For the solution to this quandary, look no further than the deal the NCAA recently cut with CBS and Turner Sports to televise the annual men’s basketball tournament, otherwise known as March Madness. This deal will pay the NCAA \$10.8 billion simply for the right to put the games on television. It is a monstrous amount of money—a deal so huge that it has its own Wikipedia page. Combine that with the \$500 million ESPN pays to televise the BCS bowl games every year, and you have upwards of \$11 billion changing hands just to put three weeks of college basketball and five college football games on TV. As Michael Wilbon asked over



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SHARP SHOOTER | Senior guard Melissa Shafer took over the second spot on Columbia’s all-time three-pointer list on Friday and is now 35 triples behind the leader.

Co-captain leads Light Blue with long-range touch

BY HAHN CHANG Spectator Staff Writer

Melissa Shafer went up for the shot with 3:38 remaining in the first half against Long Beach State and Columbia trailing 29-20. The ball rolled off the senior’s hand on a trajectory that dropped it right through the basket. It was her second three-point field goal of the day—bringing Columbia within six—but also the 121st three-pointer of her collegiate career, putting her second all-time in Lions’ basketball history.

Even though she had achieved a career milestone, she reacted the same way as with any of her previous 120 three-point makes: with a fist pump. “There’s really never a dull moment when you’re around Money-Mel,” senior co-captain Jazmin Fuller said. “My favorite is, whenever she hits one of her many clutch three-point shots, she does this side-skip into a fist pump as she’s running down the court. That’s when you know she’s in her zone, and as a

point guard, I love to see that energy. We all feed off of it.”

Shafer finished the game against Long Beach State with a game-high 17 points and five three-pointers. After sinking two more triples against Army on Sunday, Shafer totals 126 three-point shots throughout her Columbia career, trailing the all-time leader, Emily Roller CC ’99, by 35. Shafer has also led the Lions in scoring this season with 10.7 points per game. In the absence of guard Brianna Orlich, who retired earlier this year due to injuries, Shafer has been a critical part to the team as a dynamic playmaker.

However, Shafer’s skills aren’t limited to just beyond the arc. Though she was recruited from Cardinal Gibbons High School in Raleigh, N.C. for her sharpshooting abilities, her defense has been a key to her success. In Columbia’s first win of the season against the Army Black Knights on Sunday, Shafer held Army’s Jen Hazlett, who came into the game as the Patriot League’s leading scorer, to just five points.

“She has really improved a lot and has worked on her defense,” head coach Paul Nixon said.

Shafer, who serves as a co-captain, is also known by her teammates and her coaches as a tireless competitor and leader who puts her team above herself.

“[Melissa] has really dedicated herself to this program,” Nixon said. “She plays hard, she plays aggressively, and she’ll do whatever it takes to win. I’ll remember a very, very competitive player who really wants to win.”

“She bleeds Columbia Blue, and what she is worried about is all of Columbia’s teams winning.”

—Paul Nixon, head women’s basketball coach

“Melissa’s a great co-captain because she does a wonderful job of bringing the team together. We have a lot of girls on our team but there’s great cohesion and

team unity and Melissa is a big part of why we are able to have that,” Fuller said. “She also sets a great example for all of the younger girls of what it takes to be such a hardworking, talented, and successful athlete at this level. She’s definitely someone to emulate yet she makes it so look so easy.”















While Shafer’s pride is one of the driving forces of Columbia’s basketball team, her passion for Columbia extends beyond just her own team.

“She got a bunch of her teammates to support the volleyball team during their Dig Pink night, painting their stomachs pink and dressing in pink outfits,” Nixon said. “She bleeds Columbia Blue, and what she is worried about is all of Columbia’s teams winning.”

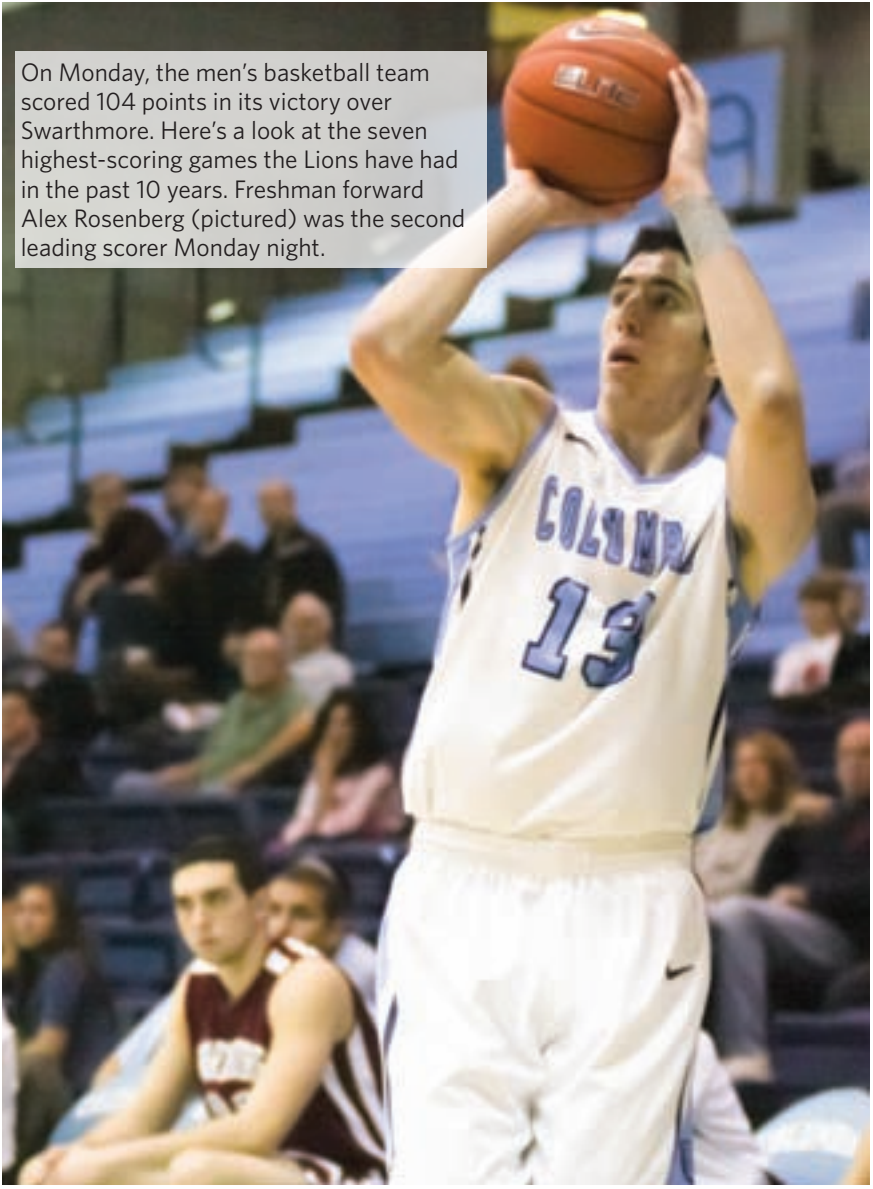
As the season continues and Ivy League season starts up in January, the team will look to Shafer for her work ethic, pride, and playmaking abilities—not only to mount a successful campaign but to help build the program for many years to come.

“She knows it is her responsibility as a senior to pass on the pride and legacy to this very young team,” Nixon said.



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