

No Labels' launch brings Bloomberg to Lerner

BY JACKIE CARRERO  
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A group of politicians are joining together to reject left and right labels—and they're launching their organization from Lerner Hall.

No Labels is a new nonpartisan alliance of Democrats, Republicans, and Independents—with the slogan "Not left. Not right. Forward."—that hopes to reach across party divisions and provide an alternative to political posturing which organizers say can hinder progress.

On Monday, Dec. 13, the group's leaders will meet at Columbia for the official launch, which will feature speeches from big name politicians such as Mayor Michael Bloomberg, Senators Evan Bayh (D-Ind.), Kirsten Gillibrand (D-N.Y.), Joe Lieberman (I-Conn.), and Debbie Stabenow (D-Mich.), former Congressman Tom Davis (R-Va.), and Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa.

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FILE PHOTO

MR. MAYOR | Mayor Michael Bloomberg will speak in Lerner next week for a political event.

After thirty years, CU-EMS in transition

BY CHELSEA LO  
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On their 30th anniversary as a university-wide, student-operated medical corps, members of the Columbia University

Emergency Medical Services said their recent bid for rooms 102 and 103 in Broadway is only one of many transitions the group has made since its earliest days.

Allison Levin, CC '13 and captain of CU-EMS, better known to students as CAVA, a group of volunteer emergency medical technicians who serve Columbia's Morningside Heights campus and the surrounding area, said the group has outgrown space after space since Dec. 1, 1980, as their membership core and call volume have increased.

This year CAVA fielded over 800 calls, a record number in the organization's 42 year history that began after a professor was injured during the 1968 student riots.

EXPANDING ITS REACH

Levin said that since Columbia gave CAVA official recognition and funding thirty years ago, they have come leaps and bounds ahead of other college EMT groups and even won a number of national awards, recognizing their service.

"There are many jump-pack systems in other collegiate EMS



This is the second story in a series on the changing dynamics of Columbia's EMT service.



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ON CALL | Alexander Harstrick, Nastajjia Kremetz, and Rachel Crosswell wait in a CAVA ambulance.

Students propose reformed drug policy

Emergency callers would be shielded from punishment

BY LEAH GREENBAUM  
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If a new student-driven proposal passes, Columbia students calling for help in emergencies related to drugs or alcohol will no longer have to fear punishment.

The Columbia chapter of the Students for Sensible Drug Policy—an international organization that pushes for reforms in drug policies—is currently circulating a proposal through the student councils that would allow students to ask Columbia University Emergency Medical Services—commonly known as CAVA—for support in drug-related situations without the threat of Dean's Discipline.

Columbia is the only Ivy League school that has not adopted a "Good Samaritan" policy, which advocates like Katharine Celentano, GS and a member of SSDP, say will curb the consequences of alcohol poisoning and drug overdose.

"It's very important that it's clearly stated that people aren't going to get in trouble," Celentano, an author of the proposal, said. "Making that life-saving call is all about the psy-

"We wanted to write this as a preventative measure before something tragic happens at Columbia."

—Andrew Nguyen, CC '12 and CCSC VP of policy

chology of the moment."

Currently, students discovered during a CAVA call to be in violation of the University's drug or alcohol policy by Public Safety or Residential Life can be issued a citation or face the Dean's Discipline process, Andrew Nguyen, CC '12 and VP of policy for the Columbia College Student Council, said. Student groups hosting the party may also face repercussions.

"Right now the policy is pretty vague," Celentano said.

CCSC recently voted unanimously in support of the proposal—which would grant clemency to students involved in emergency situations—and the Engineering Student Council followed suit on Monday.

Celentano said the proposal aims to protect four entities: the student in need of medical assistance, the students who made the call, anyone in the immediate vicinity, and the student organization that might be hosting the event where drugs or alcohol are being used.

"Each of those components are very important because any one of them could prevent someone from calling," she said.

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As University Senate vote nears, professors, students debate merits of smoking ban

BY LILLIAN JIN  
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As University Senate members prepare to cast their final vote on a resolution to bar smoking within 50 feet of

university buildings this Friday, campus smokers say they won't take a ban lightly.

"I am totally against it," said Rafael Dobado, a visiting professor in the School of International and Public

Affairs, while on a smoking break outside the International Affairs Building. "I think smoking outside, you don't disturb anybody."

The resolution, a product of two years of research, was met

with majority support in recent USenate and Columbia College Student Council hearings.

"The ban would be hard for smokers but probably would be good for everyone else," said Lorenzo Vigotti, a PhD student in the art history department.

Dobado said he didn't start smoking until he came to the United States from his native Spain. He blamed the habit on the high stress levels in New York City and questioned the justification for a ban on campus when there has been no attempt to prohibit smoking in parks and other public spaces.

Worries about secondhand smoke dominate arguments for a smoking ban, but Columbia professors and researchers disagreed on the legitimacy of those concerns.

"You can't really justify this [ban] on the basis that smokers are harming people with their smoke ... because the idea that someone could inhale enough secondhand smoke that would be detrimental to their health walking by is unrealistic," said James Colgrove, an associate professor of sociomedical science in the Mailman School of Public Health.

Colgrove said building isolated shelters for smokers would be impractical as well because of the expenses involved, adding, "I don't see that as the University's responsibility."

But Adam Bisaga, an associate professor of clinical psychiatry at the Columbia University Medical Center, said the University should be doing all that it can to protect

the public from secondhand smoke.

"We now know very clearly that this [secondhand smoke] is a reason people die ... so we have to make these public health decisions with this new knowledge," Bisaga said. "Most institutions want to protect the public, and ... this is a very straightforward way to do so."

Colgrove and Bisaga agreed that a ban would be effective in reducing smoking, citing the results of the many similar measures implemented across the country in recent decades.

"It sends a message that society doesn't think smoking is something appropriate to do," Colgrove said.

"I am totally against it. ... I think smoking outside, you don't disturb anybody."

—Rafael Dobado, SIPA visiting professor

But Dobado said he has a right to smoke.

"I agree with the idea of not disturbing anybody, that's for sure, but am I really disturbing anybody [by] smoking out here?" he said. "If I do, I will stop, but I need to know for certain, and I won't think I am until you can give me proof."

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SMOKE SCREEN | If a proposed ban goes through, it could make it harder to light up on campus.

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The Greek system promotes public good, not harm.



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Wrestler Santos pins No. 11 in nail-biter

At the last moment, sophomore wrestler Steve Santos clinched a win over his No. 11 Rutgers opponent. Santos pinned Mason with five seconds to spare to win 6-5.

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# After thirty years, student ambulance service looks back on series of moves

## CAVA from front page

agencies,” Levin said. “Members will carry a bag with medical equipment and run or bike to students. CU-EMS is relatively unique in that it has an ambulance of its own and can transport patients. This is especially rare in an urban collegiate EMS setting.”

Health Services, one of the offices that CU-EMS falls under, recently purchased a new ambulance with a six figure price tag, for the group—a far cry from CAVA’s first “ambulance.”

During the summer of 1972, a suspended student shot Henry S. Coleman, the dean of Columbia College at the time, and CAVA transported him to St. Luke’s in a borrowed station wagon that became the first ambulance of a corps of untrained faculty members from SEAS that later became CAVA.

Since then CAVA headquarters has moved from Mudd to the basement of Butler Library, to 47 Claremont, and finally to its current space in the basement of Carman, where it has been since 2000.

“The space that we used in Carman, I was very happy with because it was so much better than Claremont,” said Rafi Kaiserblueth, GS/JTS ’03, who was an EMT as an undergraduate and graduate student at Columbia.

Kaiserblueth said the University moved them into Carman, a larger space, closer to campus, after recognizing their importance.

Levin said that many don’t realize that CAVA does everything the Fire Department does, except for free.

“CAVA is on the same par as FDNY,” Levin said, noting that CAVA often has a lower response time than the Fire Department because members know the campus better.

CAVA’s role in the EMS response during the September 11 attacks, during which CAVA singlehandedly covered the entire Morningside Heights area as other ambulance services went downtown to assist victims, demonstrated the organization’s importance, Levin said.

Kaiserblueth said he was on duty the morning of the attacks.

“So many people were glued to the TV, not doing anything, wishing they could do something,” he said. “I’m proud that we were able to help not just the Columbia community but the Morningside Heights area. It was a small bright spot on an otherwise horrible day.”

### LOOKING AHEAD

Alexander Harstrick, CC ’12 and director-elect of CU-EMS, said that with limited space in their current Carman location, it is impossible to conduct training for an increasingly large membership.

Kaiserblueth said finding a space to train was still difficult ten years ago.

“We would use the student lounge in the basement, but it was student space so if people wanted to use it, we had to leave,” Kaiserblueth said of Carman. “Sometimes we did it outside, but in the winter it just wasn’t possible, it was too cold.”

Currently, CAVA trains in places like Hamilton. But while she said she appreciates the University’s attempts to provide training space, Levin said a

### A HISTORY OF CAVA

<b>1968</b> SEAS staff and faculty volunteer to give medical assistance during riots.	<b>LATE 1970’s</b> CAVA receives its first real ambulance.	<b>1980’s</b> CAVA moves from Mudd to the basement of Butler.	<b>2010</b> CAVA members petition to move to Broadway.
<b>1972</b> CAVA wins University-wide recognition.	<b>DECEMBER 1, 1980</b> CAVA officially becomes a student volunteer service group.		<b>2000</b> CAVA moves to the Carman basement.

GRAPHIC BY STEPHANIE MANNHEIM

central location would be ideal.

“We can’t even backboard someone in our current office,” Levin said of CAVA’s 390-square-foot space in Carman. “There’s no space to practice basic techniques. The other day we were running a mock CPR in Hamilton with its small elevators. I’m trying to train, and we have 10 other student groups around us, looking at us.”

Harstrick said their current space in Carman isn’t ideal for training either.

“We can have as many as 20 people [in training] and 390 square feet isn’t enough,” he said. “Not until our increased call volume did it really matter. Increased calls means increased membership.”

CAVA handled about 600 calls per year when Kaiserblueth was a member and he said he is pleased to see they are expanding.

“I think it’s a good thing,” Kaiserblueth said upon hearing about CAVA’s attempt to move into the larger Broadway space. “It shows the growth of the organization.”



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RESPONDERS | CAVA student volunteers walk toward the group’s ambulance near College Walk.



SHIVINA HARJANI / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

CLEMENCY | Katharine Celentano, GS, and Andrew Nguyen, CC ’12, hope for a reformed drug policy.

## Proposal would give amnesty to CAVA callers

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Nguyen said that the current practice is ambiguous—someone who has been transported by CAVA is required to meet with Health Services after the fact for a discussion.

Cristen Kromm, assistant dean for community development and residential programs, said that Public Safety and CAVA attend to a call together and after assessing the situation, the residential advisor on duty is required to file a report.

Nguyen said, “We hear

instances all the time where someone might be passed out and their friends aren’t sure how intoxicated they are but instead of calling for help, they usually just say let them sleep it off,” said Nguyen, also an author of the proposal.

Nguyen and Celentano said that even though they haven’t heard of any deaths from alcohol poisoning or drug overdoses at Columbia in recent memory, they hope this proposal will stop that from happening.

“We wanted to write this as a preventative measure before something tragic happens at

Columbia,” Nguyen said.

Celentano said SSDP’s next stop is Dean Kromm’s office, where they will explain the merits of the proposal to her and Jeri Henry, the senior assistant dean of judicial affairs and community standards, who will decide whether or not to adopt the policy change.

“It’s a very commonsense policy,” Celentano said. “We’re trying to give the University an opportunity to show they support student health.”

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### ‘SOMETHING SPECIAL’

CAVA’s promotion procedures are contingent upon the ability to hold weekly training as well as the certification course. Members follow a four-position hierarchy, advancing from being probationary members—“probies”—to attendants to drivers to crew chiefs. On-duty crews consist of one of each member, who direct less experienced members and help more experienced members. As part of the

medical board, crew chiefs decide when to promote members.

“Drivers are promoted to crew chiefs only when they have demonstrated their ability to administer flawless patient care, are knowledgeable about all of the locations we respond to, and when a majority of the existing crew chiefs have seen them on a large number and variety of medical emergencies,” Levin said.

Bree Akesson, CC ’01, worked her way up to executive

director during her four years with CAVA. She said she likes to look in on the ambulance when she visits campus.

“Whenever I visit New York City and I am on campus, I always check to see the ambulance parked on the west side of College Walk,” she said. “It reminds me that I was part of something special, and not many students are afforded that kind of an opportunity.”

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## Despite ban, Four Loko drink lingers

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Four Loko, an alcoholic energy drink, died on the steps of Low Plaza last week, but it still remains in stores and dorms throughout Morningside Heights.

A group of students from the Columbia Marching Band held a mock funeral for the fad drink, which was officially banned by Governor David Paterson on Nov. 19, but a number of stores continue to sell the drink to loyal mourners.

Abdul Aldhimi, the manager of 109 Deli, popularly known as CrackDel, said the sandwich shop stocked up on one of its best sellers, after getting wind of the ban.

“We have a lot left of the drink, we ordered a lot before the ban. A lot of people have come in and bought a lot of it.

They want to stock up now,” said Aldhimi, adding that there are a number of cases in the basement.

Next week Aldhimi said they will receive a shipment of the new Four Loko, with the same 12% alcoholic content but no caffeine.

Cora Katz-Samuels, a first year in the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, said that the ban of the drink was unfair.

“I love the drink. My boyfriend and I have been stocking up these past couple weeks. The 7-Eleven by us still has a ton left as of a couple days ago, so I bought a ton,” Katz-Samuels said.

Lawmakers and university administrators across the country moved to ban the drink last month, after the dangers of combining alcohol and caffeine were widely publicized. But Katz-Samuels said she didn’t think banning the drink would help solve the bigger problem of binge drinking.

“The people who are getting sick or put in the hospital as a result of the drink are the ones who are being stupid when they drink. The problem lies in people drinking too much alcohol, not in drinking too much of this certain drink. This is just putting a Band-Aid on a social epidemic in the United States,” Katz-Samuels said.

Tim Monagan, a bartender at 1020, said the popular bar on 110th and Amsterdam has never sold Four Loko on principle.

“We don’t sell it because it makes people go crazy, makes them bounce off the walls, and it is low brow. We don’t want to run an establishment that sells stuff that makes people get dangerously drunk,” Monaghan said.

“The ban is great. There is absolutely no use for the drink, it turns problem drinkers into alcoholics,” Monaghan added.

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Lions aim for winning record against Bucknell

BASKETBALL  
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guard/forward G.W. Boon led all scorers with 17 points. Boon, who often comes off the bench, could prove to be a challenging defensive matchup.

“They can go downsize at the four [with Boon], which is the same problem American gave us,” Smith said. “He’s smaller, quicker, shoots the three really well, so that’s a concern.”

But the Lions’ main concern when they take the court tonight will be 6-foot-11 sophomore forward Mike Muscala. He leads the Bison with 14.6 points and 5.9 rebounds per game. Though he only played 18 minutes against American, it is likely that senior center Max Craig will be put on Muscala for most of the night.

“I think Max can give him some problems because his strength and size won’t give him low-post position,” Smith said. “Hopefully we can keep Max out there long enough to do that—he’s a good post defender.”

If Craig can contain Muscala, the Lions could pick up their second straight road win and third straight victory over a Patriot League squad.

Tip-off is scheduled for 7 p.m. tonight at Bucknell’s Sojka Pavillion.



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**ON THE REBOUND** | Sophomore forward John Daniels had a solid game against American after suffering an early season injury.

Coach Wilson not the only one at fault for disappointing season

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early on and exhibited genuine improvement in many areas of play from years past. After winning three of its first four games, the squad lost five of its next six games to end the season. And while decisions like when to kick a field goal were made by Wilson, the countless examples of on-field mistakes by players are not his fault. Red zone turnovers, missed field goals and extra points, and untimely penalties and fumbles need to be accounted for by the players and, in particular, the defense and special teams.

Despite an overall impressive year offensively—due in large part to the leadership of sophomore quarterback Sean Brackett—too often the defense wavered at the wrong time and the wrong place. The Lions finished sixth in the Ivy League in red zone defense, seventh in opponent fourth down conversions, seventh in pass defense efficiency, sixth in rushing defense, and seventh in sacks. A prime example of the struggles from this season is the Penn game where the Quakers quite literally ran over the Lions. Penn ran the ball 57 times totaling 281 yards and, despite only completing two of five passing attempts successfully, routed the Light Blue 27-13. Furthermore, 181 of Penn’s rushing yardage came from just two players: running back Brandon Colavita and quarterback Billy Ragone. It was readily apparent that Penn had no intention of using its passing game, so one would think the defense would have no trouble lining up and predicting plays. The defeat was the start of a four-game losing streak for the Lions that would once again put the Ivy Title out of reach.

The Lions’ special teams, despite showing improvement from past years, also struggled on occasion this season. In Columbia’s 23-7 loss to Harvard, freshman placekicker Luke Eddy—who, until this game, was 3-for-3 in field goals and had

made all 23 of his extra point attempts—missed two critical field goals. With both teams scoreless, Eddy understandably missed wide on a 49-yard field goal attempt. However, Eddy also kicked wide on a 35-yard attempt with just minutes left in regulation.

You can change the name of the football coach, but not the name of our school. Coaches will come and go, but fans must realize that lasting change does not occur overnight.

Then there was Columbia’s exciting contest against Yale in which the Lions surged from a 31-7 deficit only to fall 31-28. The impressive comeback did not avail due to a confluence of avoidable mistakes including fumbled and mishandled punt returns, two holding calls in the red zone that led to turnovers, three interceptions, and an untimely fumble just seconds after surrendering a touchdown.

You can change the name of the football coach, but not the name of our school. Coaches will come and go, but fans must realize that lasting change does not occur overnight. Norries Wilson has given Columbia athletics five years of unrelenting dedication so let’s not turn him into a patsy when others should share the blame. When the ship sinks, the crew goes down with the captain. If we need to criticize Wilson, then the rest of the team deserves its due criticism as well.

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No Labels brings mayor to Columbia

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The event, which runs from 9 a.m.-3 p.m., will also give student participants the opportunity to break into small discussion sessions throughout Lerner to debate practical problem solving nonpartisan solutions.

“We’re challenging ourselves to formulate solutions about the real issues at hand and allowing ourselves to agree on practical issues moving forward,” said Cara Buchanan, CC’11, and one of the students helping to promote the event.

“I envision it as going beyond the dichotomy of politics to explore change regardless of ideological affiliation,” she said.

Although the event is being hosted on Columbia’s campus, it is not organized by any student groups. No Labels is funding the event and has booked the space directly through their organization.

Dan Amzallag, CC ’11, one of the main student coordinators for the event, and a former Spectator reporter, said that Columbia is lucky to be the site of the launch.

“We’re really fortunate that they’ve chosen our campus because we have access to one of the most exciting political events this year,” he said. “No Labels ... is encouraging politicians to address politics in a more dynamic way on common ground. We can use that as a means of getting our elected officials to start addressing problems in a pragmatic and sensible way.”

Some student groups such as the Columbia Political Union have been involved in outreach. “We’re harnessing the high political energy on this campus to facilitate outreach,” Amzallag said.

Buchanan said she believes the event comes at an appropriate time for many students. “I think all of us have been a little frustrated by midterm elections. Having the event at Columbia will harness everyone’s spirit and branch out of these party focused ideologies.” news@columbiaspectator.com

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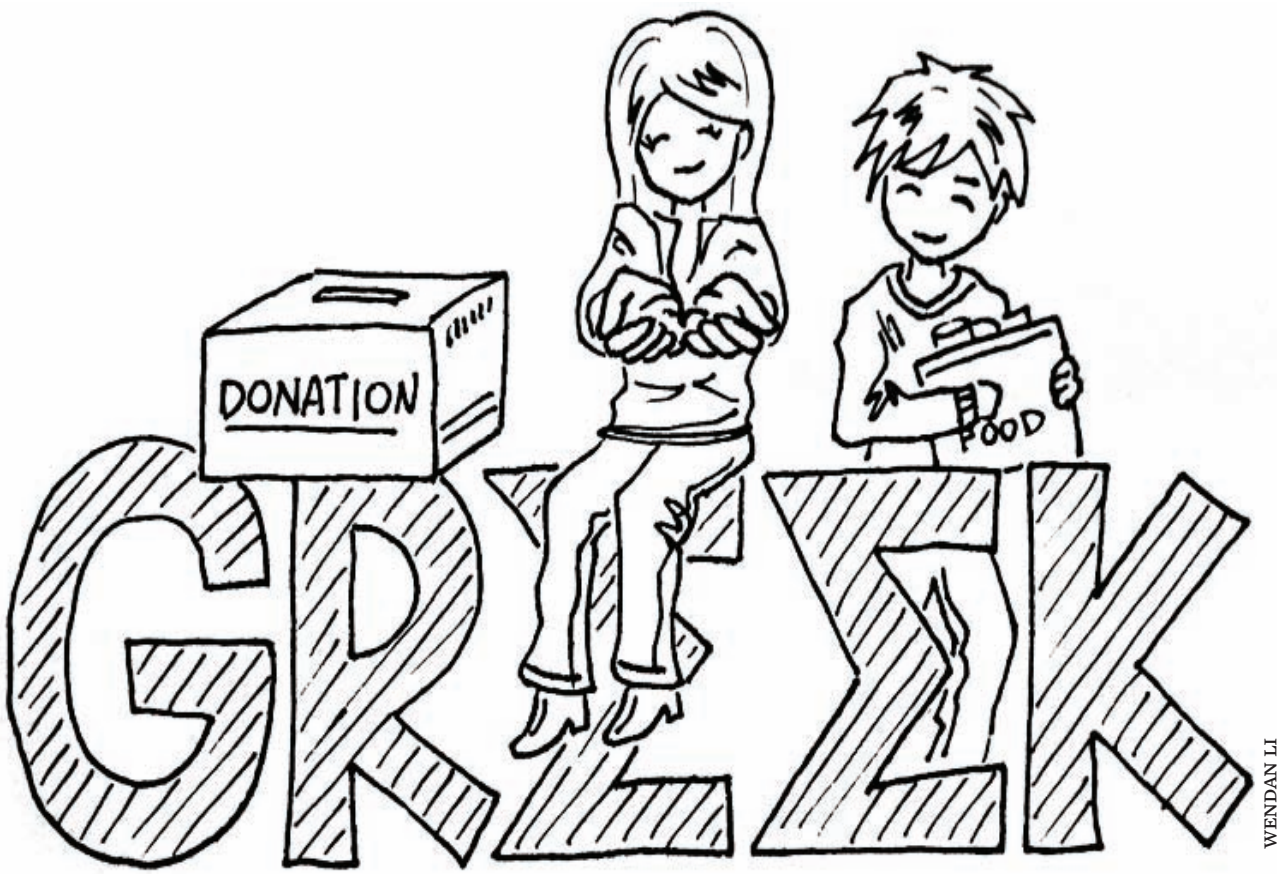
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# In defense of the Greek system

BY SIMON JEROME

Hazing. Discrimination. Pressure. Disorders. These, unfortunately, are but a few of the words that come to mind when some Columbians picture a fraternity. In reflecting on a sorority, there are many who cite eating disorders, unhealthy relationships, alcoholism, and other negative qualities. Especially with the wave of hazing-related deaths, accidents, and mistakes within the past decade, the argument about the abolition of Greek social life at universities and colleges across the country has reached an all-time high. Now the issue has arrived in Morningside Heights, as Barnard College's Student Government Association recently voted to recognize Greek letter organizations. This comes as a momentous decision for the school, as these groups have lacked recognition there for decades.

## Service in fraternities and sororities is alive and well.

Many opponents of the recognition, here at our school and at others across the nation, denounced Greek organizations as bodies that may have started with lofty ideals, but that have degenerated into 24/7, 365-days-a-year party spaces, à la Animal House. Contrary to these beliefs, however, service in fraternities and sororities is alive and well. Separate from philanthropy, which is defined as the donation of money to a particular organization, service entails dedicating hours of the brothers' and sisters' time to causes that are important to them.

The Beta Theta Pi chapter at Columbia University, for example, sent members of the current semester's pledge class to Nourishing NYC, a soup kitchen and aid center for the needy. The pledges spent an afternoon unpacking boxes of food, storing them in the center's pantry, and packing bags of food to be given out the following week by Nourishing NYC's new distribution van. They also helped

to film the new commercial for YouTube, showcasing notices about the center. As Ben Ramalanjaona, a member of the pledge class, said, "It's really great to get the feeling of giving back." This is hardly an isolated incident, as the national fraternity encourages all new members to help out through a service project of their choice. According to the national website, betathetapi.org, the purpose of the organization is "to develop men of principle for a principled life."

At first glance, it may seem that these opportunities are available from other bodies on campus, and this is true. Columbia is different by most college standards due to its high levels of community service, evidenced by groups like Community Impact, Habitat for Humanity, and the increasingly popular Columbia Urban Experience, which acquaints first-years with the myriad chances to volunteer in Harlem and the surrounding areas. What sets Greek letter societies apart, however, is the fact that service is just one element of participation and membership in the groups. Greeks go above and beyond volunteering a few hours per week, or per month. When they pledge themselves to the fraternities, they forge deeper friendships than are often found in more temporal commitments. They provide outlets for similar individuals to share experiences, create new ones, and to grow together.

These sorts of bonds are incredibly important in a city like the one in which we live. While there is an astounding amount of things to do here, and an even more astounding number of people milling about doing those things, it can be very alienating not to be part of a tight-knit group. For those who think that Greek life is for them (and it is certainly not for everyone), it is an invaluable addition to a great college experience.

These are but a few examples of the countless contributions that Greek organizations across the country make every year, contributions that are overlooked by those who would see some of the oldest collegiate traditions disappear. While certain chapters are in need of revitalization and some, even, of correction, it is important to take into consideration what they provide for so many undergraduates: brothers and sisters. Barnard SGA's decision is to be applauded, and it is time for many students here to look beyond their previous conceptions of Greek life.

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### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor:

Spectator's recent editorial on ROTC ("Red, white, and Columbia blue," Nov. 14) speaks of Columbia and other universities as having "banned" ROTC in the period of the Vietnam War. This creates a misleading impression. To ban is to unconditionally prohibit in all circumstances. A Columbia faculty-student report of 1969 did not recommend banning ROTC, nor did any selective, private institution do so at that time. Indeed, Stanford's and Harvard's faculty explicitly voted against a ban.

It is more accurate to say that these institutions effectively barred ROTC by requiring changes in its curriculum, credit arrangements, and commanding officers' faculty status. In the charged atmosphere of the time, the strict application of existing legislation made it impossible for the military services to accept these changes. As a passage in the

Columbia report of 1969 put it: "The role of the [Vietnam] War has been to weaken ... exceptions from normal academic practices. ... We regret that we did not [act] before the present mood ... but we cannot refuse to correct an academically-irregular situation merely because that mood exists."

Today, ROTC programs at MIT, Princeton and the University of Pennsylvania have resolved many or all of the curricular problems of four decades ago. After the repeal or effective reform of legal prohibitions against service by homosexuals, cooperative good will by Columbia and the military can resolve the remaining obstacles. Meanwhile, both should make clear their intentions and hope to do so.

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### STAFF EDITORIAL

# What's in a building's name?

The Northwest Corner Building has a ridiculous name. Actually, it's not so much a name as it is a painfully literal description. At least "Interdisciplinary Science Building" told us what was inside. This name tells the world, "This Space Left Blank for a Wealthy Donor." And we do hope that some very wealthy, generous person will donate money to Columbia and to this building. But it should not be named the Very Wealthy, Generous Person Building.

Very Wealthy, Generous Person—please give! Your donation will be sincerely appreciated. But do not make our science building into a monument to yourself. Giving the building your own name will be as transparent as calling it the Northwest Corner Building. Everyone will know that the name was tacked on, desperately, in exchange for your (very generous) donation. That's not only everyone on campus today, but everyone on campus years from now. Have we forgotten the egregious manner in which Livingston, named after the negotiator of the Louisiana Purchase, became Wallace (paper tycoon that he was)? No. No, we have not.

But we would also remember you, Very Wealthy, Generous Person, if you were generous in nominal spirit as well as in monetary deed. Name the building, but not

after yourself. Pick a Columbian who has done the sort of things that you want this building to represent. We recommend Enrico Fermi, the brilliant physicist and former Columbia researcher, but the choice is ultimately up to you.

Why, you may ask, would you give us your money and not your name? Besides the fact that your building would be following in the tradition of Hamilton Hall, and besides the fact that there are other ways to recognize you as the donor—a large plaque or display in the lobby, for example—you would be leaving a legacy far greater than a name above a door. Because the reality, Very Wealthy, Generous Person, is that your name won't mean anything to anybody, apart from the aforementioned eye-rolling and tacky obviousness. Your name—and this is in no way a reflection on your character or personal memorability—will not be particularly meaningful to students. They won't walk by the building, see your name, and think of you.

But they might walk by the Enrico Fermi Building dedicated to science and think of all that Fermi achieved. From time to time, they might quietly contemplate the way in which Fermi's work was the caliber of work toward which we hope our scientists will strive.

Or maybe they'll think of how lucky they are to go to a school where buildings are named after people like Enrico Fermi, and how much pride they take in Columbia's history, and how important it is to recognize excellence in academic pursuits—and how fortunate we are that a Very Wealthy, Generous Person thought those things were important, too.

# A fear of feminism

"I'm not a feminist but I believe women and men should be treated the same." "I'm not a feminist but I believe in equal opportunity." "I'm not a feminist but I believe in equal pay." Notice the pattern yet?

As Columbians, we come to the academic acropolis to learn about and be exposed to thoughts, theories, philosophies, and opinions. Our campus is incredibly active and aware, especially when it comes to issues of human rights and politics. But I have never seen college students so averse to aligning themselves with any movement than with the feminist movement.

I'm not going to deny that there are feminists on campus—in fact, I know quite a few of them. Yes, we do have the department of women and gender studies at Columbia and women's studies at Barnard. And yes, we do have great organizations like Take Back the Night and The Vagina Monologues. We even have access to the library archive at the Barnard Center for Research on Women, which is filled with historical evidence of the feminist movement. It's safe to say that feminism is still very much alive and kicking, especially at Columbia. But even with all of these resources at our fingertips, why are we still so afraid of associating ourselves with feminism? Why the caution?

A study conducted by the department of sociology and criminology at the University of West Georgia a few years ago found that only 21 percent of the male students surveyed identified themselves as feminists. Perhaps even more shocking is the fact that only 37 percent of the female students surveyed said that they would call themselves feminists. The study not only asked students if they identified as feminists but also, more importantly, asked the 271 students polled to define what, exactly, a feminist was. One female student stated that a feminist is someone who "thinks women do not have a fair chance in society." She did not identify as a feminist because she believed that "men and women are equal" and she didn't "believe in leaving men out." A male student who was interviewed said that he did not identify himself as feminist because a feminist, in his definition, is "someone who feels women are superior."

## Whether we like it or not, the reality is that being a feminist today has the negative connotation that you are a harsh, shrill, heartless, stone-cold bitch.

The pieces of the puzzle start to come together when we look at just how distorted the image of feminism and feminists has become in our society. An independent filmmaker polled random men at Times Square and asked them what they thought feminists were. The most common answer? Lesbians.

In the past quarter of a century, we've come a long way. There are more women CEOs than ever before. The pay gap is smaller than it has ever been. Since 1983, Columbia College has been accepting both male and female applicants. Today, the dean of Columbia College is a woman. But somewhere along the way, the definition of feminism got sucked into the black hole of ambiguity and misconception.

Whether we like it or not, the reality is that being a feminist today has the negative connotation that you are a harsh, shrill, heartless, stone-cold bitch. If you're a man and a feminist, it means that you are too feminine and have been emasculated.

People may define feminism in a multiplicity of ways. But there are some definitions that are completely untrue. Being a feminist doesn't mean you can't be feminine. Being a feminist doesn't mean you hate men. Being a feminist doesn't even mean you think women are better than men—just that they are equal.

Now, more than ever, it is crucial for our society to overcome the labels and limitations that are associated with feminism. We need feminism. We need people to know what feminism is. If you don't believe me, take a look at the starting salary for a man versus a woman in almost any profession. Or think about the fact that we haven't had a female president.

But until we can redefine feminism and encourage people to embrace it, we will not be able to create the kind of change we hope to see. As a society, we can refuse to subscribe to the preconceived notions of feminism. As individuals, we can correct someone who makes a snide comment or remark inaccurately generalizing feminists. You don't have to be a feminist to know what feminism is (or is not).

My personal favorite definition of a feminist comes from a debate I had three years ago with one of my best friends: If you've ever thought that someone suffered an injustice or was discriminated against simply because she was a woman, you are a feminist. Welcome to the club.

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VAIDEHI JOSHI

## Two Steps Forward, One Step Back

### CORRECTION

In Monday's graphic about ROTC at Ivy League universities, we wrote that Yale students are participating in ROTC through MIT. This is untrue—Yale students can take place in Army ROTC through the University of New Hampshire, and may participate in Air Force ROTC at the University of Connecticut. Spectator is committed to factual accuracy, particularly when providing context for editorializing, and regrets the error.

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1 Chews the fat

5 "Here's to ..." tribute

10 Lingerie size

14 Inuit word for "house"

15 Like bighorns

16 Obsessed

18 Fictional captain

17 Modeler's aid

18 More inclined to butt in

19 Comes together

20 Viral illness associated with a rash

23 Paint base

24 A major, e.g.

25 Healthful resort

28 911 responder, for short

29 Lanchester of "Witness for the Prosecution"

33 Like Fran Drescher's voice

35 List that comes from the top

38 Cuba or Mallorca

41 Thumper's friend

42 Agenda listing

43 Possible response to "Go ahead"

46 Like some waves

47 Have to have

48 Fond du Wisconsin

51 "School's out" response

52 "Eeeuuw!"

55 Bloodsucker

57 Pie with a fluffy topping

62 Tight

64 Sister's daughter

65 Humorist

66 "Going ... going ..."

67 On the wrong side (off)

68 Track competition

69 Sticky cookies

70 Full of juicy tidbits

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DOWN

1 Embarrassed reaction, maybe

2 Shining brightly

3 Exclaims suddenly, with "out"

4 "Do something about it I dare you!"

5 Betwixt and between

6 Egg, to Ovid

7 Right-hand man

8 Tightrope

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10 Place with bars

11 Where to find four knights

12 "Friendly skies" co.

13 "Masterpiece" aired

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22 "Coal Miner's Daughter" subject

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40 Gambler's favorite woman?

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45 1551, on monuments

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56 Fox hiding, in a way, in the puzzle's four longest answers

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## Norries Wilson is only part of the problem

Last week, our distinguished editorial board published an article entitled “Fire Coach Wilson,” in which—you guessed it—they advocate firing Columbia football head coach Norries Wilson. While giving Norries the boot is an easy solution to a complex problem—that is, our football team has not won an Ivy Title since 1961—the editorial staff should have taken a less myopic approach to the seemingly plagued football program.

Norries does have to go, don’t get me wrong. Since taking the reins of Columbia football in 2006, Coach Wilson has been unable to lead the Lions to anything better than a .500 season. With five seasons as Lions head coach under his belt, Wilson holds a worrisome 16-34 overall record (9-26 Ivy). If there is a single person to blame for the football team’s last five years it is Wilson, but surely he alone should not be held responsible. You can blame Wilson for the last half-decade, but what about the 44 years before he became head coach?

What bothers me the most about the editorial board’s article is that it exonerates the players. “We cannot blame the players for the Lions’ mediocre results. They were not perfect, but they played their hearts out this year, no doubt about it.” While I wholeheartedly appreciate our student-athletes and their hard work, it is unfair to blame the team’s faults solely on Wilson. The players, despite some very impressive games, are undoubtedly partially responsible for the Lions’ sixth place finish.

You can blame Wilson for the last half-decade, but what about the 44 years before he became head coach?

Down by just a touchdown and on their final drive against Fordham, the Lions turned over the ball on a fumbled snap on the four-yard line. Then there was the Harvard game, when Brackett’s pass was tipped and intercepted on the two-yard line while trailing 16-0. The story remained the same against Penn, as Brackett fumbled the ball when sacked, allowing the Quakers to run it back for a touchdown. In the season finale against Brown, the Lions’ hopes of coming back from 31-13 were thwarted as running back Nick Gerst missed a pitch from Brackett on the two-yard line that the Bears recovered. Not only were these mistakes avoidable, but they came in the middle of critical scoring opportunities and were major game changers. When it comes to errors like these, coaches can only be blamed to an extent. Sometimes the players just need to step up and get the job done.

What makes this season all the more heartbreaking is the fact that the Light Blue showed so much promise

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MICHAEL SHAPIRO

Turn Up The Mike



COURTESY OF BRENT HUGO

THE FINAL COUNTDOWN | Sophomore wrestler Steve Santos pinned No. 11 Mario Mason of Rutgers with just seconds to spare, winning the match 6-5.

## At Northeast Duals, Santos takes down No. 11 Mason

BY MEREDITH MEAD  
Spectator Staff Writer

Beating nationally ranked wrestlers is nothing new to sophomore Steve Santos.

In the first tournament of the season, the Bearcat Open, Santos defeated No. 13 Donnie Vinson in a tight match, edging out the Binghamton wrestler 4-3. While his match this past weekend at the Northeast Duals was also close, Santos ended up on top once again. Santos faced off against No. 11 Mario Mason, a 149-pound wrestler from Rutgers.

The two grappled back and forth in the first period with Santos giving up a takedown to Mason for two points, then escaping for a point to end the period 2-1. In the second period, the Scarlet Knight chose bottom and escaped to score another point, finishing the period with a score of 3-1, with Santos trailing two points behind. In the third period Santos chose bottom and escaped for a point, which wasn’t enough to catch up. Mason scored another takedown with about a minute left, making the score 5-2.

Though others may have given up at this point, Santos is used to coming back in the third period. “Being confident that I can win at any point in the match and wrestling hard for all seven minutes helps

me win a lot of matches that I trail almost the whole time,” Santos said.

With a minute remaining, Santos saw an opportunity for points and scored a late takedown, tying up the score 5-5. Ending the match with a tie, however, wouldn’t cut it for Santos. Fighting for final points, Santos rode Mason in the remaining moments of the match. With five seconds to go, Mason tried to escape when Santos lifted him and brought him straight to his back for back-points and held him there to get the pin before the clock ran out. The pin secured Santos the win, 6-5.

Coming from a family of wrestlers, the young athlete’s skill demonstrated in the Rutgers competition has been developing for years. His father, who wrestled for Seton Hall, coached Santos early in his career, which started in kindergarten on the rec team. Santos also has three uncles who wrestled, and his entire family travels to competitions no matter where they are.

“It’s nice being part of a family who all loves wrestling and enjoys the sport,” Santos said. “It’s great to have support like that at all my matches.”

Before deciding on Columbia, Santos looked at several other Ivy League schools. Ultimately, Santos picked Columbia for its coaching staff, the wrestling program itself, and the overall atmosphere of campus. Assistant coach Hudson Taylor is certainly happy to have Santos at Columbia.

“Every week Steve has been making the adjustments necessary to beat the best guys in the country,” Taylor said. “His match this weekend with Mario Mason was a perfect example of the progress he has made.”

“Santos is one of the top wrestlers in the country, so being able to work out with him on a daily basis is great,” partner and teammate Jake O’Hara said. “We have already learned so much from each other in the past year and a half and I’m sure that will continue.”

Santos continues to advance his wrestling skills and has already formed his long- and short-term goals in training. Santos aspires to become a national champion by the time he graduates, but by the end of this season, he at least wants to make it to the NCAA tournament and place to be become an All-American.

While Santos is one of the best wrestlers in the country, he still has some techniques and skills to develop. “The season is still very young,” Taylor said. “Steve has the ability to beat anyone in the country, but to do so he will need to continue correcting the little mistakes that have kept him from being an All-American. The coaching staff is confident that he is on pace to do just that.”

The wrestling team will travel to Las Vegas this weekend to participate in the Cliff Keen Las Vegas Collegiate Wrestling Invitational. The tournament is attracting 36 teams and is notorious for being extremely competitive. Many of the top wrestlers in the country will be there, giving Santos an opportunity to pin even more ranked guys. “We are expecting some big wins this weekend as the team is wrestling better than ever,” Taylor said. “In short, if they believe in their conditioning and technique and wrestle for a full seven minutes, then we will have a successful weekend and season.”

As he has shown, Santos is more than capable of wrestling for the full seven minutes.

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

## Men’s basketball travels to Bucknell in hopes of extending win streak to three games



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ON THE ROAD AGAIN | After notching their first road victory, Brian Barbour and the rest of the men’s basketball team will try for another win at Bucknell.

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First-year head coach Kyle Smith reached a big milestone this past weekend when his team defeated American 64-62 for its first road win of the season. The Lions (3-3) will look to make it two in a row when they take on Bucknell in Lewisburg, Pa., on Wednesday.

“As a coach, one of your goals is to try and get a road win early—and it’s difficult,” Smith said on Monday. “I was really pleased.”

The come-from-behind win over the Eagles was a big victory for the Lions since it showed that they could win outside the friendly confines of Levien Gymnasium. The Light Blue has had only two home games so far this season, and all three of its losses have come on the road.

“I looked at the schedule when I got the job and I saw five out of the first seven were on the road—I wasn’t too tickled about that,” Smith said. “But

to be 3-3, there’s some positives to be gleaned.”

One area where Columbia has really excelled is rebounding. The Lions lead the Ivy League with a +6.8 rebounding margin, and they have performed particularly well on the offensive glass, picking up 14.8 offensive boards per game—also good enough for first in the league.

Another positive the Light Blue can take away from this weekend’s win over American is that the team found a way to win without much help from star guard Noruwa Agho. Agho, who leads the team with 18.3 points per game, played only 18 minutes against the Eagles, scoring just five points.

“He got in foul trouble and struggled a little bit,” Smith said of Agho. “That was great for us—that we could play well when he was in foul trouble. That should, going forward, give us confidence.”

Instead, it was freshman guard Dyami Starks that led the Lions in scoring, putting up 20 points in the

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contest. Starks was a crucial part of Columbia’s comeback, as 15 of his points came in the second half.

It is important that the confidence gained from the win over the Eagles carries over to tonight’s contest. Smith emphasized that the team’s attitude is the most important factor in keeping its win streak alive.

“It’s not so much Xs and Os, I just want to keep us together as a team,” Smith said.

Bucknell (2-6) will be looking to snap a three-game losing streak against Columbia, having dropped games to James Madison, Wagner, and Ivy foe Princeton. On Nov. 23, the Bison fell 66-55 to the Tigers, who are predicted to win the Ancient Eight this season. In the loss, Bucknell senior

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