

## Brownstone recipients announced

BY YASMIN GAGNE  
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Alpha Chi Omega, Lambda Phi Epsilon, and Q House have won three 114th Street brownstones, Dean of Student Affairs Kevin Shollenberger announced on Friday.

Alpha Chi Omega was the only Panhellenic Council sorority without a brownstone, although it has an East Campus townhouse. Lambda Phi Epsilon, the Asian-American interest fraternity, currently has an East Campus townhouse, and Q House is based out of a suite in Ruggles Hall. The groups will move into the brownstones in fall 2013.

There were six finalists competing for the three brownstones, four of them Greek organizations: Alpha Chi Omega, Alpha Epsilon Pi, Lambda Phi Epsilon, Manhattan House by the Native American Council, Pi Kappa Alpha, and Q House.

Brian Wu, SEAS '15 and co-chair of Lambda's brownstone application committee, said he was "still shaking" out of surprise and excitement that his fraternity would be getting the brownstone at 542 W. 114th Street. He noted that Lambda is the first member of the Multicultural Greek Council, which consists of six fraternities and six sororities, to get housing on Fraternity Row.

"There is all this diversity on campus, and the fact that we have a multicultural group at the forefront of Columbia is a great image," Wu said.

After members of AXO

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**BIG QUESTIONS** | Sudhir Venkatesh, at a meeting in March, is under audit by the University, the New York Times reported.

## Urban planner helping to analyze student space needs

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An accomplished urban planner has been hired to advise the Morningside Student Space Initiative, the student group working to make more rooms available, simplify the room-booking process for student groups, and increase students' interest in space needs.

Kristina Ford, a professor of professional practice at the School of International and

Public Affairs, will help the group analyze the results of a student survey on space from last spring as well as consider partnerships with neighborhood institutions for space on the Manhattanville campus, University President Lee Bollinger said Friday.

Ford, who served as director of city planning in New Orleans from 1992 to 2000, works half-time in the administration to help students become more involved and has been eager to

help, Bollinger said.

MSSI, which is a subcommittee of the University Senate's Student Affairs Committee, had its first meeting with Ford in early September and met with her again last week. Ford said in an email that, because she and the group are still working out what exactly her role will entail, she did not want to answer questions.

"It's been perfectly reasonable that it would take an entire semester to get up to speed on everything that's happened,"

University Senator and SAC co-chair Eduardo Santana, CC '13, said.

MSSI members hope to use Ford's extensive background in urban planning to inform their recommendations to the administration. Santana added that the group is considering establishing a standing committee within the administration to manage all space concerns.

MSSI has spent the semester

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## Student movement to divest in fossil fuels comes to campus

BY ABIGAIL GOLDEN  
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A group of students has joined a growing movement at colleges across the country and has launched a campaign calling on Columbia and Barnard to drop their investments in fossil fuels.

Barnard Columbia Divest, which was started in November, will ask the University to stop investing in energy companies. Joe Shortleeve, GS '14 and one of the group's co-founders, said he was motivated to form the club after reading an article by environmentalist Bill McKibben, which predicted that the amount of fuel in energy companies' current reserves would skyrocket the world's carbon emissions well above stable levels.

It is unclear how much, if any, the University invests in fossil fuels. A University spokesperson did not return requests for comment.

Kristina Johansson, a visiting student from Middlebury College and a co-founder of the group, acknowledged that any dollar amount that Columbia and Barnard could pull from fossil fuel companies would not significantly damage them.

"On its own, divestment doesn't do very much," she said. "But as part of a national strategy—that is, 200 schools flooding Exxon—that's a political statement, and the government has to pay attention. The point of it is to publicize this crisis and disrupt the cycle."

Similar campaigns now exist at more than 100 colleges, including some State University

of New York schools, Vassar College, Cornell University, and Harvard University.

About 30 people gathered for the first general interest meeting last week.

"I'm here because I'm scared for my children," Gerald Posner, a School of Continuing Education student, said. Collectively, he believes, we "have to make sacrifices if we will continue to survive" as a species.

Lilieth Finegan-Young, SCE, who is studying sustainable development, agreed. "I'm scared for my grandchildren, my great-grandchildren," she said.

University President Lee Bollinger told Spectator on Friday that he is not directly involved with the student-faculty-administration committee that shapes the University's investment policy, and is unaware of whether the University's endowment currently invests in fossil fuel companies.

"The general approach is that we will not put restrictions on investments unless there is a strong and overwhelming case that we're assisting highly immoral and unethical activities," Bollinger said.

"The bar has to be very high, and the reason is there are lots of things that people don't like about the world, and so if you start saying, 'Well, we're not going to invest in this because we don't like pollution, and car companies make pollution or this industry makes pollution, and therefore we're not going to invest,' then pretty soon you don't have anything to invest in," he added.

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## Spar discusses career, family balance for women

BY ASHLEY KIM  
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Barnard President Debora Spar discussed one of her favorite topics at a fireside chat Thursday—the difficulty of juggling the joys of a high-powered career and raising children.

Spar began by mentioning her September Daily Beast article, "Why Women Should Stop Trying to Be Perfect," which sparked a conversation about career paths women face after college.

"How many of you see yourselves now striving for really high-powered, exciting jobs—or do you see yourself trying to find a part-time job and sitting back a little bit?" Spar asked.

Vivian Tsai, BC '15, shared a story about her mother, who decided at the age of 50 that she was unsatisfied with her job as

the co-founder of a successful technology firm. Tsai said she was inspired when her mother quit to realize her 30-year-old dream of becoming a writer.

"Something in life has to give," Spar said, pointing out that juggling a career that requires many hours and raising children can make women crazy. "You have to think about what you are not going to do."

American women believe in a perfection trap, Spar said, leading them to value independence too highly.

She pointed to women in India, who rely on extensive networks of other women who baby-sit and perform small errands. "I don't think American women do that freely," Spar said.

A double standard makes certain professions more restrictive on women. A female investment banker, Spar said, could not bring a client home for work.

"Where I see the women struggling the most is the professions that are billed by the hour—on a statistical and demographical level," Spar said.

Nikita Ash, BC '15, said that the question fell to "finding a bridge, places where you can match your home life to work life." She asked Spar whether it was feasible to expect to make less of a sacrifice in some spheres of life than in others.

"The job has to take a hit, and you have to take a hit," Spar told Ash. "I think buying flexibility is crucial, and one decision to think about is to determine what careers will allow you more flexibility."

The 18 students, who gathered in the Judith Shapiro Faculty Room, discussed the prospects of involving more men in conversations about women

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**PERFECTION TRAP** | Barnard President Debora Spar joined 18 students at her fireside chat Thursday.

## CU prof's ethics under scrutiny

### Complaint of 'exploitative' sex research lodged in 2011

BY JEREMY BUDD  
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Sociology professor Sudhir Venkatesh has come under fire for improperly documenting his research expenses, the New York Times reported Saturday. But his accounting discrepancies are not the first concerns raised about his ethics, which had been questioned in a legal complaint filed by a sex workers advocacy group last year.

The Sex Workers Outreach Project of New York City lodged the complaint with the University's Institutional Review Board in October 2011, claiming that Venkatesh's research about sex workers in New York City was exploitative.

Spectator verified that the complaint was lodged last week. The SWOP declined to comment except to confirm that it had filed the complaint.

In a statement to Spectator, Venkatesh said, "I strongly disagree that I exploit the subjects of my research."

"I am motivated by providing accurate, objective knowledge about the world I study," he said. "But I study economically

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## Levine enters uptown City Council race

BY CASEY TOLAN  
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Democratic District Leader Mark Levine is running for City Council member Robert Jackson's seat, he announced Sunday.

The seat contains parts of Washington Heights, Hamilton Heights, and all of Morningside Heights—including both Columbia's Morningside Heights and Medical Center campuses—under the latest redistricting maps, which may still change.

Levine, who represents Washington Heights, already has the support of a number of local and citywide politicians, including Public Advocate Bill de Blasio, Manhattan Borough President Scott Stringer, and uptown City Council member Ydanis Rodriguez.

"A great coalition of leaders has come to support me for this seat," Levine said in an interview Sunday night. "I think we're off to a great start."

Levine announced his candidacy at a meeting of his Barack Obama Democratic Club of Upper Manhattan Sunday. Jackson, who is term-limited and running for Manhattan borough president, also attended the meeting, but said he was waiting for the rest of the field to develop before endorsing, according to Levine.

Also running for the seat are Community Board 12 member Cheryl Pahaham, public school teacher Mark Otto, real estate broker Thomas Lopez-Pierre,

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#### European to the Core

Andrew Godinich criticizes an omission made by the Core.

#### Motherhood at CU

Students who choose to give birth should have better resources.



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#### Light Blue slides to 4-4 with third consecutive loss

Despite three Lions scoring in the double figures, men's basketball let a 17-point first half lead slip away against Bucknell and lost 65-57.

### EVENTS

#### Distinguished Lectures in Computer Science

Frans Kaashoek will lecture on the multicore evolution and operating systems. *Davis Auditorium, 412 Schapiro, 11 a.m.*

#### "Shooting War"

A panel of veterans and journalists will explore the nature of war photography. *417 International Affairs Building, 6:30 p.m.*

### WEATHER

#### Today



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#### Tomorrow



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### 3 winners celebrate new brownstones on 114th

**BROWNSTONE**  
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gathered for a photo on the steps of their new home at 536 W. 114th St., chapter president Katie Huryk, BC '13, said in a statement, "Alpha Chi Omega is absolutely thrilled for the opportunity to reside in a university Brownstone beginning next fall. We have so much respect for the other organizations who applied, and we are excited to show the Columbia community what we can do with this space."

A committee of four administrators and six students—four of whom are members of Greek organizations—reviewed the finalists and made recommendations to Student Affairs administrators, who made the final decision.

"The review and selection process for these brownstones was a difficult task, but it has allowed us to think more about how we can meet the needs of our residential community through a variety of housing options," Shollenberger said in an email announcing the selections.

Greek life has been expanding over the last few years, with more students joining fraternities and sororities and new organizations coming to campus. Two new sororities, Alpha Omicron Pi and Gamma Phi Beta, will form chapters at Columbia over the next few years, and



COURTESY OF GENIA BERCOVITZ

**HOME SWEET HOME** | Alpha Chi Omega poses in front of the brownstone its members will live in starting next year.

a new fraternity, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, is planning to colonize at Columbia this year.

The three brownstones—at 536, 542, and 546 W. 114th Street—had belonged to Pi Kappa Alpha, Psi Upsilon, and Alpha Epsilon Pi, respectively, until March 2011, when the University kicked them out of the buildings following the arrest of several members for selling drugs.

All three fraternities reapplied for brownstones, but none were selected. Psi Upsilon was the only one not named a finalist.

Thirteen organizations originally applied for brownstones,

and the organizations that didn't get one might turn their attention to the former convent brownstones being converted into undergraduate housing on West 113th Street. Administrators are planning to give the three interconnected brownstones, which will become undergraduate housing in fall 2013, to three special interest communities.

Shollenberger said that administrators would finalize an application process for the convent housing by early December and that the process would begin early next semester.

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### Venkatesh defends research, accounting

**VENKATESH**  
from front page

disadvantaged and socially marginal groups, so I am also motivated by providing information that enriches public understanding of their plight."

In January 2011, Wired Magazine published an article that Venkatesh wrote, "How Tech Tools Transformed New York's Sex Trade." The article explored how the Internet and mobile phones have changed how sex workers and their clients interact.

Venkatesh wrote that he followed 290 women for his research. "I spent at least 12 months earning their trust, trying not to ask a lot of prying questions. Once they realized I wasn't a cop or social worker, they usually told me their stories," he said in the article.

The recent allegations against Venkatesh question how honest his financial reporting was. The New York Times reported on Saturday that University auditors had been investigating \$241,364.83 of Venkatesh's expenditures, \$221,960 of which was considered insufficiently documented.

"Part of this work resulted in my reimbursement of approximately \$13,000 of funds where I agreed that inadequate documentation was provided," Venkatesh said in the statement.

Venkatesh served as the director of the Institute for Social and Economic Research and Policy from 2009 until this year. For those three years, he said, he "worked actively with the University administration to bring transparency and stability to the management of social science research and grants."

"The irony is that from 2010 onward... I worked actively with the Arts & Sciences to restructure ISERP's management of grants and research," he said. "I repeatedly pointed out lax procedures that had long been the rule there and I called for a thorough review of all procedures on several occasions, in part because I was worried about the risks the University faced."

Venkatesh stepped down from leading ISERP to pursue a job he was already holding at the Federal Bureau of Investigation. In October, then-Executive Vice President for Arts & Sciences Nicholas Dirks told Spectator that administrative turnover was

part of a broader review of the organization.

"We are reassessing the nature of the institute, what its goals are, what its stakeholders are," he said. "We really needed to involve some new people and see how they felt about the future of the institute."

The Academic Review Committee, which periodically reviews Columbia's centers and institutes, decided to look at ISERP and "re-evaluate what and how it relates to different departments," Dirks said.

University spokesperson Robert Hornsby declined to comment.

Venkatesh is currently a member of Columbia's Committee on Global Thought and plans to teach next semester after spending this semester on parental leave.

"At the top of my list is the need to ensure the trust of my fellow students, faculty, and staff at Columbia and Barnard, and related institutions," he said. "My door is always open to this community and I will do my best to ensure that this trust is maintained."

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### Group to engage students in campus expansion

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working on formulating a database of all available spaces on campus and hopes to finalize it by the end of the semester. "The goal is to reallocate the space to better meet everyone's needs," Santana said.

The group has also been working with the University Senate's executive committee's task force on Manhattanville and the Campus Planning and Physical

Development Committee—both all-faculty or administrator bodies—to help further engage students in the planning of the Manhattanville campus.

"The large scope of MSSSI calls for much more help from across campus, so we have gladly accepted help from non-senators who have expressed interest in working on the initiative," Santana said.

Because the availability of space and the ease of reserving it is one of the most pressing

student issues, MSSSI members hope to establish a meaningful way for students to communicate with administrators about space.

"It's important to us that everyone knows that we're doing this for students to get them engaged and excited by the Manhattanville project and to know that this is an important topic," Santana said. "We have no intention of making decisions behind closed doors."

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### Bollinger says bar is high for investment restrictions

**DIVESTMENT**  
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He said that the case could be made against investing in fossil fuels, but that he has not yet heard a convincing argument.

Of the undergraduates who voted in Harvard's Undergraduate Council presidential election last month, 72 percent, or about 2,600 undergrads, supported the Harvard divestment campaign, making it a part of the official policy of the Undergraduate Council.

A week later, a Harvard spokesperson told the Crimson that the university's investment company would not consider divesting its \$30 billion endowment from fossil fuels.

Johansson said that, while club members were skeptical

that they would hear much more, the Harvard divestment club is still active. "It's not over," she said. "It's not a two-month campaign."

K.C. Alvey, a field organizer with Do the Math—McKibben's organization—and who is advising with New York-area colleges' divestment clubs, said that even if Columbia doesn't agree to divest, the group will still have served a purpose.

"Even if we don't succeed in doing that, we may still succeed if we get this message across to a large amount of people that there's a campus full of people here at Columbia who think that it's not acceptable to be putting money into an industry that has as its business plan the destruction of all our natural resources," she said.

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### Spar's fireside chat addresses women, careers

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in the workplace.

"Certain words make men nervous. Very few men in corporate positions like talking about maternity leaves," Spar said. "It makes men uncomfortable to talk about it and just by bringing them into the public conversation makes it not a confrontational thing."

Those conversations have to begin early, students said, at places like Barnard.

"I find that it's very important for women like us who go to a women-only institution to do that," Ash said. "If we can normalize it, it's going to be much easier for general society to normalize it."

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#### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## NOV. & DEC.

#### NOVEMBER

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## 11/14

(DIS)HONESTY

**How We Lie To Everyone—Including Ourselves**  
**6:30 PM**

Event Oval, The Diana Center

**MUSLIM WOMEN, ACTIVISM & NEW MEDIA CULTURES**

**6:30 PM**

Sulzberger Parlor, 3rd Floor Barnard Hall

## 11/15

**ELISABETH FROST & CATHY PARK HONG**  
**7 PM**

Sulzberger Parlor, 3rd Floor Barnard Hall

## 11/15–11/17

**THE BARNARD PROJECT AT NEW YORK LIVE ARTS**

**2 PM** (Saturday)

**7:30 PM**

219 West 19th Street

## 11/20

**ITALIAN AMERICANS AS (TRANSNATIONAL?) POLITICAL ACTORS**

**6 PM**

Sulzberger Parlor, 3rd Floor Barnard Hall

## 12/01

**CHARTING THE FUTURE & THE UNKNOWN IN THE MIDDLE AGES & RENAISSANCE**

**9:00 AM–6:15 PM**

Locations across campus

## 12/06

**SONIA PIERRE**

**The Struggle for Citizenship In the Dominican Republic**

**6:30 PM**

James Room, 4th Floor Barnard Hall

## 12/06–12/08

**THE WINTER'S TALE**

**3 PM** (Saturday) & **8 PM**

Minor Latham Playhouse, 118 Milbank Hall

## 12/15

**THE ANNUAL CANDLELIGHT CONCERT**  
**8 PM**

James Chapel, Union Theological Seminary

## BARNARD

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# Lions dominate opening dual meet at home

BY SPENCER GYORY  
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Men’s and women’s fencing teams started their official collegiate season off right as they dominated their way to victory in their opening dual meet of the 2012-2013 campaign.

This meet was the first and only time the Light Blue will take the strip at home this season.

“Friday’s meet was a great start to the season,” head coach Michael Aufrichtig said. “It showed our strength of our freshmen and improvement of our upperclassmen. Overall, it was a good match to learn from and prepare us for much stronger teams in January.”

In front of a large crowd at the University (Blue) gym, the men’s squad started off with a commanding 22-5 victory over Stevens, and followed that up with a 18-9 win over New Jersey Institute of Technology.

The men commanded the meet even without three of their top sabre fencers—sophomore Will Spear, sophomore Michael Josephs, and freshman Geoffrey Loss—who all competed at a Junior World Cup event in Dormagen, Germany, on Saturday.

The women outdid the men as they easily defeated Tufts by a score of 23-4. They improved their margin of victory in their final match, defeating NJIT by a score of 25-2.

Under the dual meet format consisting of 27 bouts—nine in each weapon (sabre, epee and foil)—the first team to win 14 bouts wins the match.

Using the meet as an opportunity to gain valuable experience

very early in the season, the Lions allowed a number of fencers, especially its younger fencers, to compete in each weapon.

“I noticed our younger fencers a little nervous before and during the meet and that was exactly what I wanted to accomplish,”



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**ON POINT** | Both men’s and women’s fencing teams won their dual meets at home by large margins, against NJIT, Tufts, and Stevens.

Aufrichtig said. “It was better to get this over with now rather than later in the season.”

The Lions will next take the strip when they travel to State College, Pa., to compete at the Penn State Invitational on Jan. 12.

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## SPORTS BRIEFLY

### WOMEN’S SQUASH

Women’s squash was swept by Cornell in its first match of the season on Sunday, losing all nine matches in four games or fewer. Junior Katie Quan (a sports columnist for *Spectator*) and freshman Catherine Jenkins were the only Columbia players able to force a fourth game in their matches. Although Quan won her first game, she lost to Cornell’s Rachel Au (9-11, 11-8, 11-5, 11-5). Jenkins played in the No. 1 spot and won her second game, but fell to Cornell’s Danielle Letourneau (11-9, 10-12, 11-2, 11-6). The Lions will look for their first win of the season after the break on Jan. 12, when they host Brown.

—Mollie Galchus

### MEN’S SQUASH

Columbia men’s squash kicked off the season with an impressive start at home, sweeping No. 30 Georgetown 9-0 before narrowly losing to No. 4 Cornell 5-4. In Friday’s matchup against the Hoyas, all nine Lions swept their opponents 3-0. The Big Red proved to be a much tougher opponent, though, as Cornell won the No. 2, 4, 5, 6, and 8 matches to clinch the victory. No. 1 sophomore Ramit Tandon won both his matches this weekend, beating Georgetown’s Nick Kourides 11-5, 11-3, 11-3, and had a two-set lead over Cornell’s Nick Sachvie before Sachvie retired. The Lions will return to competition in January with a matchup at home against Brown.

—Eric Wong

### MEN’S SWIMMING & DIVING

The men’s swimming and diving team finished the calendar year with a fifth-place finish at the grueling three-day Brown Invitational. Though the Lions were in fourth place after day one of the Invitational, they could not stay ahead of Brown during either of the next two days in the seven-team competition. The Light Blue finished with 450 total points, just 16 shy of the Bears’ total. Princeton ran away with the win with 1008 total points, more than 200 points ahead of second-place Dartmouth. Sophomore Dominik Koll led the way for Columbia with a team-high 39 points, finishing fourth in the 200-yard and 1650-yard freestyle finals.

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## PIXBOX STANDINGS: WEEK 11

1	Muneeb “Picked Apart” Alam	36-29
2	Peter “For Pete’s Sake” Andrews	35-30
3	Sam “Booth Review” Tydings	33-32
4	Alex “Armchair Athletics” Jones	27-38
5	Katie “In the Zone” Quan	24-41
6	David “The Whole Fine Yards” Fine	19-45

# Foul trouble leads to Lions’ third straight loss

**BASKETBALL**  
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Muscala brought the Bison back within 10 with a free throw, and made a layup shortly thereafter to chip another two points off Columbia’s lead. After a Rosenberg miss at the other end, the 6-foot-11 center drilled a huge three to bring Bucknell within five.

“When Muscala hit a transition three, that was a big hoop for them,” Smith said. “He obviously played really, really, really well.”

For the next six minutes, the two teams traded buckets as Columbia’s lead slowly dwindled. Muscala, who finished with 29 points and 10 rebounds, finally gave his team its first lead since the game’s opening minutes with 6:56 to play.

The fact that the Lions’ big men were all in foul trouble made it difficult for the Light Blue to guard Muscala. Cisco was held scoreless with reduced minutes in the second half—ultimately fouling out—and Rosenberg, sophomore center Cory Osetkowski, and freshman forward Zach En’Wezoh finished with four fouls apiece.

“Being in foul trouble made it a lot harder, because I couldn’t body him as hard as I would like to,” Cisco said. “So, he got some easy looks.”

Though Columbia was able to regain a couple tentative leads, Bucknell slowly pulled away in the game’s final minutes. After Cisco committed his fifth personal, Muscala hit a pair of free throws to give Bucknell a five-point lead with 1:38 to play.

The Lions couldn’t work any last-minute magic. The Bison secured the come-from-behind win and handed Columbia its fourth loss of the season.

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**PARTY ON** | Democratic District Leader Mark Levine, shown here at an uptown watch party for the Democratic convention in September, announced his candidacy for City Council on Sunday.

## Levine is third to declare for uptown Council race

**LEVINE from front page**

and Corey Ortega, an aide to Assembly member Keith Wright. Other potential candidates include District Leaders Maria Luna and Marisol Alcantara, former District Leader April Tyler, and Socrates Solano, an aide to Rep. Charles Rangel.

“It’s a crowded field, but that’s democracy,” Levine said. “Open seats in New York City politics don’t come along too often, and when an opportunity comes up, a lot of people want to run, and that’s fine.”

Levine said his experience has prepared him well for the job and sets him apart from the pack.

“I’ve spent 20 years in this district working in economic development and education, I’ve built a nonprofit here, I’ve built a Democratic club here, I’ve run for office here, and I’ve put together an incredibly diverse coalition,” he said.

Levine founded the Neighborhood Trust Federal Credit Union, a credit union that helps its members learn financial literacy, he said. He also taught math and science at a public high school in the Bronx.

In addition, Levine called his bilingualism a “critical asset” in the diverse district.

“I’m as comfortable campaigning in Spanish as in English,” he said.

Levine’s announcement comes just days after racially charged comments about him received widespread attention. Last week, Lopez-Pierre, who is known for his controversial statements, sent an email to his followers about “the potential damage to the political empowerment of the Black and Hispanic community if Mark Levine, a White/Jewish candidate was elected to the 7th Council District in 2013,” Politicker reported.

**“A great coalition of leaders has come to support me for this seat.”**

—Mark Levine,  
Democratic District Leader,  
City Council candidate

Politicians were trying to “rally support behind one Black candidate and one Hispanic candidate in order to provide Black and Hispanic voters with a less confusing selection of candidates to consider,” Lopez-Pierre said in the email, adding that without such a deal, Levine “would sneak into office (like a thief in the night).” Lopez-Pierre declined to comment for this story.

In response, Levine organized a petition against racially charged rhetoric called “Say No To Hate,” which has received support from de Blasio, Jackson, City Council Speaker Christine Quinn, and a number of other politicians. Levine called the campaign “an outpouring of positive energy from people who want nothing to do with that language.”

“One thing that Thomas Lopez-Pierre highlighted is just how critical it is in this diverse district that we develop an inclusive brand of politics,” he said. “That’s what my entire adult life has been about.”

Levine lost the state senate race to Adriano Espaillat in 2010, but the two are now close political allies.

The lines of the council districts—and the candidates who are eligible to run for them—may still undergo changes. While Levine and other uptown leaders had called earlier maps bad for minority communities, he called the latest revision acceptable.

“If you look at the map, it’s as close to an even rectangle as you seem to get in politics,” he said. “It’s a district with great diversity. You get neighbors of almost every different income, ethnic group, and housing type, from expensive brownstones, public housing, co-ops, and everything in between.”

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# Motherhood at Columbia

## A student-mother's burdens

BY ASHLEY SIMONE

Most undergraduates find writing a thesis daunting, but few have to write one while pregnant. I gave birth to my son in the spring of 2011, one day before my senior thesis defense. When I texted a picture of my fuzzy-headed wonder to my advisor, she replied with an ecstatic congratulations and assured me that she would take care of rescheduling my defense. I was free to focus on my son without having to choose between bonding with him and preparing my thesis. With that support, I gave birth to a healthy little boy and graduated that summer with honors. But I did my undergraduate degree at a Baylor, a Baptist university in Texas. I can only imagine what it would have been like to be a pregnant senior at Columbia. Would I have had the support I needed to carry my son to term and complete my degree?

## I am disappointed with Columbia's support system for inadequately meeting many parent-students' needs.

I took one year off from school before coming to Columbia this fall to pursue a Ph.D. in classics, and I couldn't be happier with my decision. My department is excellent, and my peers and professors have warmly welcomed my family and me into their community. But like the rest of Manhattan, Columbia is a challenging place to parent. Childcare expenses reflect the high cost of city living—five-day-a-week nurseries can cost up to \$30,000. Fortunately, the GSAS has some great support systems for pregnant/parenting students. First, Ph.D. students who have given birth are granted eight weeks of suspended responsibilities. Second, the Bright Horizons back-up care system provides 100 hours of subsidized childcare. This back-up care is to be used when regular childcare falls through—the nanny is ill, the nursery is closed, etc. Finally, the GSAS offers a \$1,000 grant to defray nursery school expenses. But as far as I know, none of these policies applies to undergraduates or unfunded graduate students.

I commend Columbia for its steps to support pregnant/parenting students, and over the coming years, I hope to see more resources develop and benefit this demographic of the student body, which is not limited to funded graduate students. While I have received much encouragement as a student-mother, I confess that I am disappointed

with Columbia's support system for just meeting many student-parents' needs. Even with the back-up care and subsidy, my childcare expenses consume 70 percent of my stipend. Although the grant helps, it covers less than two weeks of childcare. Some schools provide more substantial childcare subsidies—for example, Princeton's Family Focus Initiative offers \$5,000 per child—and extend these services to undergraduates as well. While many universities have on-campus childcare programs for university affiliates, Columbia only provides a list of approved nurseries in the surrounding area.

These sorts of birthing and parenting trials are even greater for undergraduate students who do not benefit from the pregnant/parenting policies of the GSAS. I cannot personally attest to the difficulty of being a pregnant/parenting Columbia undergraduate student, but I can sympathize. When I was a pregnant senior with a full class load and a thesis, I squeezed in OB-GYN visits, birthing classes, and midwife appointments. Furthermore, I felt shame surrounding my pregnancy, which was unplanned. I wore sweaters to deflect stares when walking across campus. Even if you are married at a Texan Baptist college, being a pregnant undergraduate carries a social stigma. Although many people at my college supported and respected my pregnancy (like my advisor), others admonished me for getting pregnant so young, asking if I knew what birth control was and how to use it. I'd be surprised if most pregnant students at Columbia don't face similar challenges and microaggressions.

Thankfully, with the Support for Pregnant Students initiative that Columbia Right to Life has recently advocated, there will be support from students to advocate policies that benefit pregnant students and raise awareness about the challenges associated with pregnancy and parenting. Pregnant/parenting students will now have a voice.

Studying at Columbia as a mom has been my greatest achievement, and I would venture to say that it should be a great source of pride for every woman at Columbia who chooses motherhood and education. Over the 29 years that Columbia has admitted both sexes, the University has repeatedly made great strides to support female students. I hope that the University will continue to look for ways to empower women, especially pregnant students and mothers, to thrive both academically and personally. A woman should never have to choose between her education and her child. With a little support, she won't have to.

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*Health Services' decision to end abortion coverage for many undergraduates earlier this semester sent shockwaves through the student body, leading to policy change. But other students speak on behalf of another minority: women carrying their pregnancies to term.*

## Support the right to be a parent

BY JULIA SALAZAR

When I first mentioned Columbia Right to Life's Support for Pregnant Students Initiative to friends and administrators, they asked, "But are there any pregnant women on campus? I rarely ever see pregnant students." Is there a certain quota a particular group in the student population must reach in order for a few to have their rights represented? We would not apply some arbitrary standard to other marginalized demographics on campus who, like pregnant students, have unique needs. Even if, hypothetically, there is only one student who has distinct needs due to his or her gender, religious, or any other identity, I believe we would still advocate on the student's behalf.

The Columbia community has historically claimed to be a place of extraordinary diversity and endless possibilities. We even have what some observers consider to be a "radical" acceptance of individual rights. The progressive spirit of Columbia inspires most of us to proudly advocate for social justice, and we are naturally provoked to action when we witness injustice.

But the parenting students and pregnant students who decide to stay pregnant on our campus have previously lacked a collective voice here to advocate for their own rights. As a result, their needs are neglected at best—if not forgotten entirely. Accommodations, such as special interest housing and safe spaces, are granted to other groups in our community. But I personally knew a Columbia sophomore this semester who chose to take a leave of absence to sustain her pregnancy and she has told me she fears that, when she returns to campus in January, she will be neglected by the administration and not provided the necessary resources for her childcare. She also fears that her peers may possibly reject her because of her decision to sustain a child.

To see the lack of support that "pro-life" students receive, we need look no further than this past semester. Just a month ago, the CU College Democrats urged Columbia to ensure full coverage of students' abortions. The petition made the case for students who wanted to have confidential abortion coverage, stating, "When faced with a difficult medical situation, we should be able to rely on our community here for support." Health Services quickly responded by implementing a fund for confidential services that would include abortions. As it is, undergraduate students who decide to sustain their pregnancies do not receive similar support and attention from the University.

There is a crucial discrepancy here. The discrepancy sadly implies that we don't need to recognize the individual's rights until we deem them worthy of recognition.

## The Americans are absent

Last month, I found myself in a 100-person lecture that the professor had (somewhat foolishly) decided to turn into a "discussion." It quickly devolved from the original proposed topic—how is dominant culture perpetuated?—into Columbia's favorite pastime, kvetching about the Core. The usual arguments were raised (too many white men! WHERE ARE THE WOMEN?!). I occupied myself, as I usually do in these discussions, by playing Plants vs. Zombies and crafting passive-aggressive tweets. However, I was snapped out of my reverie by one junior classmate's particularly harebrained comment: "Why do we have to read so many American authors?"

I almost fell out of my chair. How many American authors did you read in Lit Hum and CC? The answer, of course, is one: W.E.B. Du Bois (no, Virginia Woolf is not American). I don't think this uncritical verbal excrement is isolated to one student. I have found Columbia students in general



ANDREW GODINICH

### Too Be Frank

make this assumption. The fact that nearly all of the authors in the Core look the same as our Founding Fathers do is possibly to blame. Certainly, Franklin and Jefferson continued a pattern of Western male thinking in the same line as the philosophies of Rousseau, Machiavelli, and Locke. But for obvious reasons, they are not equivalent. We left them, after all.

The age-old critique is valid, with a caveat: There are a lot of dead, white, European men. This is not to discount their sizable contribution to philosophy and literature. But a curriculum that actually included people from this hemisphere would go a long way to establishing its modern relevance. The argument over race and gender representation misses a larger picture: that there is only one author that actually contextualizes the country in which Columbia exists. Forget the "dead, white men" argument. It's time we asked ourselves: Where are the American intellectuals on the syllabus?

I would argue that John Steinbeck and Langston Hughes offer us a way to rationalize our modern world just as well as the other authors on our syllabus. If not, then how about Francis Fukuyama, William J. Wilson, Gloria Anzaldúa, Zitkala-Sa, Frederick Douglass, Susan Sontag, Lionel Trilling, or Edward Said? Consider this column a critique of the critique: The White Man rallying cry is true but incomplete. It neglects a fundamental inequality in

the Core readings—the lack of American authors. I understand why the Core cannot be expanded ad nauseum. Someone's perspective will always be excluded when you are only given a year to cover "Western civilization." One could fill four years of a student's schedule with the literature and philosophy of groups represented at Columbia that would help him or her to "cultivate a critical and creative intellectual capacity that students employ long after college, in the pursuit and the fulfillment of meaningful lives." But if we are going to argue that each voice of the Core cannot speak to us because of the speaker's color or gender, how is it any more valid that they can speak to us because of their non-Americanness?

## A curriculum that actually included people from this Hemisphere would go a long way to establishing its modern relevance.

It is the American inferiority complex. If it is European, it is better. The exclusion of American writing sends a clear message that American culture is not worthy of the

same veneration. Or is it that American culture is simply lacking? The American project of multiracial democracy and freedom from oppression is larger than the United States. It is "America" in the continental sense. Can it be that there is no Mexican, Ecuadoran, Jamaican, or Brazilian writer worthy? For those whose op-eds pepper this paper with angry words about Power and Neocolonialism: I salute and support you. But I wonder if the larger picture, the silencing of the American voice, is not lost in the process.

As much as I dislike the stock "Core needs improving!" piece, I chose to talk about it in my very last column because of its importance to Columbia and to me. I love the Core. I have defended its relevance many times in my column. Sure, it needs improvements. But I believe that the controversy surrounding its content misses a key point: that its inability to speak to the queer, female, or non-white experience is just as outrageous as is its inability to speak to the American experience. It is our experience—one which has writers and intellectuals that are just as diverse as we are. Maybe then we could move on to teaching our students how to count.

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## Routinely review 114th

Last Friday, Dean Kevin Shollenberger announced that the three brownstones previously occupied by Psi Upsilon, Pi Kappa Alpha, and Alpha Epsilon Pi would be given to Q House, Alpha Chi Omega, and Lambda Phi Epsilon. The announcement ends a long and very public selection process, a process that provoked a dialogue on the brownstones' importance to campus groups and the potential ways for them to contribute to this community. Regardless of one's opinions on the decision, this process has also provoked

further questions about the true responsibilities of brownstone occupants and the degree to which these responsibilities should be regulated by the University.

In the past, most groups with brownstones have retained them for years and only lost them because of major rule violations. Dean Shollenberger's email on Friday appears to indicate that this won't be the case for these three groups—according to the email, the housing contracts are offered "for the upcoming year." We are in favor of this decision, as it prevents any group from having a perpetual claim on the brownstones. But we're also in favor of extending the principle: All brownstone groups should be subject to review on a regular basis. Conducting a review would be a fair way to ensure that

such spaces are used in ways that benefit students.

Having full access to a brownstone, especially at a school so short on space for student activities, shouldn't be a right that is "won" once and re-evaluated only in moments of serious policy violations. While putting together a winning proposal was certainly no small feat, the real work for AXO, Lambda, and Q House lies in their future planning and not in their past accomplishments. The three will rightly be subject to close scrutiny over the next few semesters, and we hope they will live up to their promises to support both their own communities and the general student body. Routine reviews of these three organizations ought to become a model, increasing the accountability of all groups residing in

current and future brownstones in order to ensure they are living up to the community's expectations.

Routine reviews also, no doubt, mean that ownership of brownstones may become much more fluid, with groups cycling in and out based on whether or not they can live up to the community's expectations. Such a process would allow the community to come together to hammer out clear guidelines for groups living in brownstones (something that has been noticeably absent from this committee's public record). A regularly scheduled, structured review with an evaluation of the group's past actions would encourage other groups to join in and ensure that all Columbians have the opportunity to benefit from the communities on 114th Street.



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52 Group of eight  
54 Not taking sides  
55 Pointed abode  
56 Gets hitched  
57 Venezuelan natural wonder  
59 \_\_\_ above the rest  
60 Just right  
61 Flower-loving buzzers  
62 Peeps from pups  
63 Pub game  
64 Miss in Mex.

**DOWN**

1 Most current news, with "the"  
2 Crops up  
3 Nissan compact  
4 Assaults  
5 Blessed with skills  
6 \_\_\_ behind the ears  
7 Yummy smell  
8 Needing, with "of"  
9 Sawbuck, to a Brit  
10 HMS Bounty's il-  
l-fated captain  
11 '80s-'90s wisecracking TV mom  
12 Creak-and-dagger doings  
13 Former Prism maker  
18 And others, in bibliographies  
22 Unhittable serve  
24 Crocheted oldster  
25 Stick up  
28 Drinks in the a.m.  
31 "I need a sweeter"  
32 Baseball writer  
33 Yearbook gp.  
34 Five-time Olympic gold winner Nadia  
35 Called to account

36 "Jeopardy!" host Trebek  
37 Common dinner hour  
38 Make really mad  
39 Civil War soldier  
42 Write quickly  
43 Frightened  
44 Central African country about the size of Massachusetts  
46 Less fresh  
47 "To be, or not to be" speaker  
48 Ukrainian port  
50 Thirsts (for)  
51 Alleged Soviet spy Hess  
53 "Deadliest Catch" boatful  
55 \_\_\_ fair in love ..."  
56 Technique  
58 "Dig in!"

**ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:**

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## Big leads, blown leads, and basketball

At halftime on Saturday, the men's basketball team was leading Bucknell 32-25. Some fellow Speccies were in the crowd, and one of them asked us whether we (Eli Schultz, Steven Lau, and I) thought Columbia would hang on for the win. I cannot remember if any of us replied "yes" or "no," but I do recall saying that I did not want to jinx the result for anyone.

I guess all you have to do to jinx a game is to think about it.

As you can see on the right, the second half was not too pretty for the Lions. They had a lot of trouble containing Bucknell center Mike Muscala, who posted 19 points and 10 rebounds in the second half alone. The Bison outscored Columbia by 15 after halftime. After the final whistle, at least one person brought up last year's infamous home loss to Yale, which involved blowing a 20-point lead in the final 10 minutes.

Now that the Lions have lost three games in a row, it seems like a good time to remind everyone to take a step back and look at the bigger picture.

While 23 percent shooting from Columbia in the second half may indicate some struggles offensively—partly due to foul trouble in the front-court—the team usually converts at a higher rate than that. Consider that Columbia shot worse than 23 percent in a half only once last season—a win over Holy Cross—and 43 percent for the season.

As long as the Lions get decent looks at the basket (and they did, at least enough to hold onto the lead, in my eye) they should be alright. Sometimes, teams will blow leads, and other times, teams will extend leads. There is a lot of randomness involved in putting a 9.5-inch ball into an 18-inch hoop.

Not all blown leads are created equally. Intuitively, I think it is very hard to prevent a good opponent from making any quick run at all for 40 minutes. Bucknell posted a Villanova-esque win over Purdue earlier this season and was 6-1 coming into the game, so I do not think the game was supposed to be a blowout. The Bison were bound to go on a run at some point, and it just so happened that it came at a time when the Lions were unprepared to keep up. Still, building up the lead in the first place is a good sign, and more often than not, when you build a big lead, you hang on for the win.

Third, good teams blow leads. (Yes, it may be counterintuitive.) Why? Good teams are the ones with those leads in the first place. Bad teams rarely run up big leads, so they cannot really "collapse" in that way. Earlier this year in football, Harvard led Princeton 34-10 early in the fourth quarter, but the Tigers stormed back for four unanswered touchdowns, including two in the final three minutes, to steal the win. Did that historic collapse make 8-2 Harvard a bad team? No. The Crimson just played another good team and was unable to keep its opponent handcuffed for the entire 60 minutes.

If an otherwise good team blows leads all the time, it's a problem. But in terms of how many leads they blow (as opposed to a ratio of leads blown to total leads held), one every now and then is not necessarily worrisome.

I guess the bottom line is that I am not convinced one way or another of the ultimate impact of the men's basketball team's shortcomings. The Light Blue is almost a third of the way through its season. Issues do get fixed, and new issues do spring up over the course of the season—look at the team last year, winning seven in a row before finals, losing, then winning four more by the end of the break. At this point last year, Princeton and Penn did not look so hot, but, of course, they both legitimately challenged Harvard for the Ivy crown, finishing third and second, respectively.

If the Lions are still putting together these uneven stretches of play in mid-January, I will be less optimistic about their Ivy title chances. But for now, it is still too early to tell.

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### Picked Apart

## Light Blue slips up in second half in loss to Bucknell



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FROM THE LINE | Senior Brian Barbour made all seven of his free throws and led the team with 19 points against Bucknell.

## Light Blue competes in 3 meets across nation

BY CHARLOTTE MURTISHAW  
*Spectator Senior Staff Writer*

This weekend, women's swimming and diving headed to three separate meets across the country, traveling everywhere from Texas to Rhode Island with strong performances all over.

Eleven swimmers spent the weekend in Austin, Texas, to compete in the AT&T Winter National Championships. Top swimmers, including a handful of Olympians, gathered for the marquee event, where the Lions had plenty of times just off school records. Senior Kristina Parsons broke the 100 fly record with a 54.63, which was good for third in the C final. In the 200 fly, senior Caroline Lukins took fourth in the C final in 2:00.67, two-tenths of a second off of the Columbia record that has stood since 2001.

Light Blue standout senior Katie Meili led the team in points scored, placing fifth overall in the 100 breaststroke and second in the B final of the 200 IM, clocking in just above her own school records in each. She also contributed to a medley relay finish that was less than a second over the school record, with sophomore Lexi Riggs, freshman Christina Ray, and sophomore Mikaila Gaffey.

Meanwhile, other swimmers went north to the Nassau County Aquatic Center in East Meadow, N.Y., for the Eastern College Athletic Conference Warm-Up Championships. The Lions swept the 1650 thanks to

freshman Daniela Rueda, junior Corinna Bertelsen, and sophomore Sidney Drill. While freshman Lily Morris won silver in the 100 fly and the 100 back, Columbia took four of the top 10 spots with Morris, sophomore Lisa Zhang, senior Lacey Harris-Coble, and freshman Jackie Olwell. The partial squad ultimately placed seventh overall in the team rankings.

Women's diving was in Providence,

R.I., participating in the Brown Invitational. There, junior Katie Furr made it to the finals of the 3-meter dive, placing seventh. Sophomore Alyssa Menz won the finals of the 1-meter event with a score of 272.50, and senior teammate Kristin Hehir took fifth.

The team will compete in a dual meet against Penn on Friday, the final competition before winter break.

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TRIPLE THREAT | Light Blue swimmers finished well at their respective meets as they were split into three groups to compete across the nation.

## Lions get outrebounded by Bryant in 68-54 loss

BY LAURA ALLEN  
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The women's basketball team broke down defensively against Bryant on Saturday and lost 68-54 on the road. The Lions entered the second half tied at 22, but the Bulldogs went on a 23-9 run to clinch the victory.

The Light Blue jumped ahead in the second half with co-captain senior guard Tyler Simpson making a layup and assisting freshman forward Bailey Ott's shot in the first three minutes. But Bryant star forward Naana Ankoma-Mensa replied with three consecutive layups before Columbia called a timeout down 30-28.

Lions head coach Paul Nixon said Columbia's failure to build a strong lead in the first half was a significant

factor in the loss, as Bryant's second-half run should not have affected the scoreboard outcome. He added that Columbia's inability to stop the Black and Gold's biggest offensive weapons didn't help. Ankoma-Mensa had 17 points and 17 rebounds in her third double-double this season, and guard Courtney Schissler scored 16 and nabbed seven rebounds.

Bryant dominated on the boards, out-rebounding the Light Blue 47-26, including 32 on defense. Additionally, Nixon said those numbers don't reflect the high number of deadball rebounds the Light Blue didn't grab.

The Lions stayed tough until Bryant began to break away with 8:33 left. The Bulldogs' starting center, Maureen Leahy, pulled down an offensive rebound for a second-chance

basket to put the Bulldogs up 47-45. The Bulldogs took the game from that point onward with a 17-9 run.

Despite the lack of defensive stops, the Light Blue saw productive minutes from its bench. Junior center Nicole Santucci posted four points and two rebounds in just seven minutes, including a layup that tied the score at 45 with nine minutes left in the game. She later narrowed the margin to four baskets after scoring with an assist from junior guard Taylor Ward.

Ward also scored nine points and made four steals while junior forward Courtney Bradford pulled down eight rebounds, including six on defense. Sophomore guard Caitlyn Unsworth posted a career high of 16 points that included four from beyond the arc.

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BY ELI SCHULTZ  
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The men's basketball team couldn't halt a two-game skid on Saturday night and fell to Bucknell, 65-57.

Though Columbia (4-4) dominated at times and held a 32-25 lead at halftime, the Bison (7-1) refused to go away. After a poor first half, Bucknell caught fire late in the game, shooting 51.7 percent from the field after the break.

BUCKNELL	65
COLUMBIA	57

"I think it was a tale of two halves, a little bit," Columbia head coach Kyle Smith said. "It was a hard-fought game. I think Bucknell, in the end, played better down the stretch than us."

The visitors grabbed an early 6-2 lead, but the Light Blue responded with a 21-0 run to take control of the game and go up 23-6.

But Bucknell regrouped and reeled off a 19-7 run of its own to cut the Columbia lead to five before a pair of free throws by senior point guard Brian Barbour increased the Lions' lead to seven going into the break.

Despite a generally strong first-half performance, fouls continued to plague the Lions, a trend that has dogged them for the last few games. Senior center Mark Cisco, who led the Light Blue with 10 points in the opening 20 minutes, was responsible for three of the Lions' nine first-half fouls.

Columbia started the second half strong, and with 15:27 to play in the game, a jumper by sophomore forward Alex Rosenberg gave Columbia another double-digit lead. Bucknell cut the deficit to nine on the next possession, but Rosenberg responded with a three-pointer that put Columbia up by 11, 44-33.

But from that point on things unraveled for the Light Blue, as Bucknell center Mike Muscala caught fire. Just over a minute after Rosenberg's three, Muscala had cut Columbia's lead in half.

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### SCOREBOARD



**MEN'S BASKETBALL**  
Columbia 57  
Bucknell 65



**WOMEN'S BASKETBALL**  
Columbia 54  
Bucknell 68



**WOMEN'S SWIMMING**  
Brown Invitational  
Divers: 3 meter, 7th. 1 meter, 1st, 5th.

ECAC Open Pre-Season  
Championships  
7th overall

AT&T Winter National  
Championships  
Senior Kristina Parsons  
breaks school record in 100  
fly, finishes 3rd in "C" finals  
with time of 54.63



**FENCING**  
Women's  
Columbia 23  
Tufts 4

Columbia 25  
NJIT 2

Men's  
Columbia 22  
Stevens 5

Columbia 18  
NJIT 9



**MEN'S SWIMMING & DIVING**  
Brown Invitational  
5th out of 7 teams, 450 points



**MEN'S SQUASH**  
Columbia 9  
Georgetown 0

Columbia 4  
Cornell 5



**WOMEN'S SQUASH**  
Columbia 0  
Cornell 9