

Pete Mangurian will be new Lions football head coach

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Pete Mangurian will be the new head coach of Columbia's football team, a source close to the situation confirmed Thursday morning. Mangurian, who was head coach at Cornell from 1998-2000, brings college coaching experience from powerhouses Stanford and Louisiana State and an NFL background from positions with the New England Patriots, the Atlanta Falcons, the New York Giants, the Denver Broncos, and, most recently, the Tampa Bay Buccaneers.

In his three seasons in Ithaca, the 56-year-old's Ivy records were 1-6, 5-2, and 5-2. In his final year, he guided the Big Red to second place in the league—an achievement Cornell has been unable to match since then. His cumulative Ivy record for the 1999 and 2000 seasons, 10-4, was the best in the league for that period.

The challenge at Columbia, however, will be different for the Californian, as the Big Red was in a much better position when Mangurian came in than the Lions are now. The Light Blue went 10-32 in the Ivy League over the last six seasons, with former head coach Norries Wilson at the helm. The Big Red, in

contrast, had finished second, third, and third, respectively, in the three seasons prior to Mangurian's appointment.

Mangurian, a defensive tackle, played college football at LSU. A year after graduation, he became the assistant offensive line coach at Southern Methodist University. He then had several stints, most as an offensive line coach, with New Mexico, Stanford, LSU, the Broncos, the Giants, and the Falcons before going to Cornell.

Three seasons later, he left the Big Red in order to rejoin the Falcons as offensive coordinator, before taking over as tight ends coach for the Patriots. Most recently, he served as offensive line coach for the Buccaneers until he was released in January 2011.

The athletic department, which initiated its search following Wilson's departure on Nov. 20, had set Dec. 15 as the deadline for hiring a new football coach. Athletic Director Dr. M. Dianne Murphy said the tight deadline was strategic: many programs are currently looking for new coaches, so the pool of candidates is likely to shrink in coming weeks. A special committee of three former Columbia football players—Kevin Ward, CC '74, Ted Gregory, CC '74, and Don Jackson, CC '73—assisted Murphy in the process.

Profs call for SEAS dean's removal



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CONCERNS | SEAS faculty have requested that the provost remove Dean Feniosky Peña-Mora.

Peña-Mora criticized for broken promises

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Faculty members at the School of Engineering and Applied Science want to replace Dean Feniosky Peña-Mora, but the University will not remove him from office, Interim Provost John Coatsworth told Spectator on Wednesday.

Coatsworth said that seven of the nine engineering department chairs sent him a letter in August expressing “dismay” with Peña-Mora, and that he received a letter from a “large number” of tenured SEAS professors in October demanding Peña-Mora's removal.

“The morale of the faculty and their trust in Dean Peña-Mora are reaching an all-time low,” the letter, obtained by the New York Times, said. Faculty members said Peña-Mora had worsened SEAS' long-standing space crunch, sacrificed graduate students' education for short-term profits, and compromised the quality of the faculty, among other complaints.

Coatsworth said that while “the complaints from the faculty were real,” Peña-Mora will remain dean and work with SEAS professors to address their concerns.

“Any time faculty are unhappy, and problems are not being solved in a way that keeps our school moving forward, of course it poses a challenge, so the only question really is, what's the best way to respond to the challenge,” Coatsworth said. “And in the case of Dean Peña-Mora, who has done a great job in some respects, our decision was to help out by making some suggestions about administration and governance” at SEAS.

Asked if there's a possibility that Peña-Mora could be removed down the line, Coatsworth said that “we'll take stock at the end of the year.”

“I think Dean Peña-Mora is committed ... to the school,” Coatsworth said. “And we need to get through this academic year and see if the problems can be addressed.”

Peña-Mora, traveling in China, could not be reached for comment Wednesday. SEAS spokesperson Holly Evarts said Wednesday night that she was not privy to the faculty discussions about the concerns and could not comment.

Campus sexual assault policy changed

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A 17-page document released by the University this semester represents a significant shift in how sexual assault is addressed on campus.

After the Obama administration sent a letter last spring reminding universities of federal Title IX requirements for preventing and addressing sexual harassment, Columbia began the complex process of changing its sexual assault response

policies. The results are meaningful, according to a number of students active in the sexual assault awareness movement, and include a specific Title IX Investigator to conduct on-campus investigations.

The changes have begun amid a growing national consensus that universities have not responded adequately to sexual crimes committed on their campuses, and following concerns raised by Columbia students last year.

Melissa Tihinen, senior

manager at the Office for Student Services for Gender-Based and Sexual Misconduct, emphasized that the University has not been unique in its response.

“It's not just that Columbia was all of a sudden responding in a certain way,” she said. “Campuses around the country are abuzz trying to respond and figure out exactly what will work for their campuses around the ‘Dear Colleague’ letter.”

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Chaplain's Council created to improve student relations

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The Student Governing Board has created a new council to address concerns about connections between students and the Chaplain's office.

After the Office of the University Chaplain came under scrutiny in an Oct. 13 story in The Eye, Spectator's magazine, Chaplain Jewelnel Davis began reaching out to form an advisory council. She has told students that she hopes the council will better facilitate communication between her office and student groups.

“We are really at such an early, early stage of this,” Davis told Spectator on Wednesday. “I really do think we need to get into the room ... and say, what do we need to be thinking about?”

Barry Weinberg, CC '12 and SGB chair, said the chaplain asked SGB to create an advisory council that would provide feedback to the chaplain's office and act as an intermediary between the board and the office. In a two-thirds majority vote at their town hall on Tuesday, the governing board voted in favor of creating the council, which will include eight members and a chair, and will not require members' involvement in any religious groups.

“It will be eight bodies who can pop in and say, ‘Hey, I have an idea. What about this?’” Weinberg told Spectator. “It's for our mutual benefit.”

Connections between SGB and Earl Hall have been historically strong. SGB was created during the 1968 protests in response to demands for a self-governing student caucus,

and was part of Earl Hall and advised by the chaplain's office until 2006, when the administration decided to place the governing board under the Office of Student Affairs.

The chaplain's office now manages Earl Hall and St. Paul's Chapel, so many student groups have already worked with the office to secure event space.

“From its very beginning there has been a relationship between the SGB and Earl Hall Center,” Davis said, adding that since the switch, the board remained involved with Earl Hall with events such as the Stop Hate campaign. “We were able basically to co-sponsor that with the SGB.”

However, some town hall attendees, including Yusuf Ahmad, CC '12 and head of the Interfaith Collective, raised concerns about the function of the chaplain's office, describing it as in a “permanent state of transition.” Since the SGB was removed from the jurisdiction of the OUC, the chaplain has become disconnected from students' needs and concerns, Ahmad said.

“The Chaplain's Office has a lot of potential, but needs to be drastically reorganized,” he added.

Weinberg, however, said that SGB will ensure that the council meets regularly and that its input is taken seriously.

“This is going to be our way of staying in touch with each other and the community,” he said.

SGB also recognized seven of the 10 new campus groups that applied for recognition at its town hall Tuesday night: Camp

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No-loan financial aid policy being reviewed

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Almost four years ago, Columbia announced broad enhancements to financial aid for students at Columbia College and the School of Engineering and Applied Science, including a no-loan policy. But now top administrators are starting to review those enhancements, in an attempt to answer the question: Are they working?

The changes, announced in March 2008, were far reaching. Starting with the 2008-2009 academic year, all need-based loans were converted into grants, students from families with incomes below \$60,000 did not need to pay for school, and students from families with incomes between \$60,000 and \$100,000 saw a large decrease in the expected parental

contribution.

In an interview earlier this semester, University President Lee Bollinger said it's important to find out if the enhancements have actually made Columbia more accessible to more prospective students, as they were intended to do. He listed the no-loan policy as one of a number of things that is being reviewed.

“If those are working, great, if they're not working for the purposes we set them up, then we should modify them,” he said. “And one should be able to do that, because those funds might be more effectively used for students, for example, in other ways.”

Dean of Student Affairs Kevin Shollenberger said in a recent interview that Bollinger has discussed assessing the financial aid enhancements in meetings with the Columbia College Board of Visitors and the Columbia College Alumni Association.

He also noted that administrators are comparing Columbia's work-exemption program against those of peer schools.

But Shollenberger stressed that they are still just analyzing

the effects of the financial aid enhancements—they haven't started discussing whether to reverse or modify any particular policies, such as the no-loan policy.

“We haven't gotten to that second part of the conversation,” he said.

CAUSE AND EFFECT

Shollenberger said that while it's still early in the assessment, there have been signs that more prospective students are finding Columbia affordable. He noted that in 2006, “very few” students who were accepted to both Columbia and Harvard University chose Columbia, but that the number has improved for Columbia since then.

Still, Shollenberger said, it's hard to determine whether the new financial aid policies are the cause.

“It's hard to isolate the factors, if financial aid is the sole reason for that. There may be lots of reasons,” he said.

Experts say that no-loan

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‘Secret Handshake’

Folk musician Anthony da Costa, CC '13, talks about his latest album.



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A guardian class

Esfandiyar Batmanghelidj urges us to use our elite education productively.

First-year dreams

Jessica Geiger reminds us of our once loftier goals.

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Lyles recognized with Ivy League honors

Sophomore guard Meiko Lyles went 14-17 from behind the arc at the Loyola Marymount Classic and has stepped up this season in the absence of senior guard Noruwa Agho.

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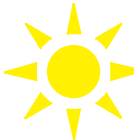
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P&S sees highest-ever yield, increase in funding

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The College of Physicians and Surgeons has shown an unprecedented level of growth in 2011, seeing increases in funding for faculty research, the percentage of accepted students who matriculate, and the percentage of students matched to an internship, administrators said.

Lee Goldman, dean of the Faculties of Health Sciences and Medicine, attributed most of this success to the “high caliber” of P&S faculty and students and to recent curricular changes.

National Institutes of Health research grants for P&S faculty have increased 6.1 percent this year, despite a 0.8 percent decrease in the agency’s budget.

“We have faculty with great ideas and they are getting funded for their ideas,” Goldman said in an interview.

The percentage of students choosing to attend P&S is at its highest level in 30 years, with 56 percent of accepted applicants matriculating this year, Stephen Nicholas, P&S associate dean for admissions, said. In past years, the yield has hovered around about 50 percent, but matriculation rate has “crept up over the last four to five years,” Nicholas said.

Goldman praised Lisa Mellman, senior associate dean of student affairs, who he said works closely with students to match them to internships. While typically P&S has successfully matched 98 percent of students, this year “we got every last one matched,” Goldman said.

P&S’ fundraising efforts rose 30 percent, which Goldman credited to an increased “support for a whole variety of new initiatives.”

Among these initiatives is the new Columbia-Bassett Program, in which students spend a year and a half at the college before studying at a hospital in Cooperstown, N.Y., that provides support for eight counties.

“That area is a very economically depressed area,” Nicholas said. “Many of the individuals are uninsured so there really is an emphasis on health care

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SEAS faculty criticize Dean Peña-Mora for mismanagement

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“takes some getting used to” and said that he had not understood the extent of Columbia’s space constraints when he first came to the University. According to Coatsworth, Peña-Mora had on several occasions promised space to new hires, before having to renege on those promises “either because of a miscalculation, or, more likely, because the space intended for the person hired is in an area that needs to be reconfigured” to make more space available.

“I think what we’re dealing with is a communication problem, rather than any attempt on the part of Peña-Mora to mislead people,” Coatsworth said.

The letter also attacked Peña-Mora for mandating an increase in the size of the engineering school’s master’s program. Administrators have acknowledged that master’s students receive very little financial aid at SEAS.

“Doubling class sizes when there are not classrooms to hold them and people are sitting on the floor or in the halls just to increase the school’s revenues may provide quick cash—but it ultimately hurts our reputation among future Master’s students and undergraduates alike—our future alumni,” the letter said.

Coatsworth, though, defended the decision to increase enrollment of master’s students, saying that for SEAS to improve in the U.S. News and World Report rankings, the school needs to attract more top-flight professors, and “it’s the tuition revenue that pays for the professors.”

“If you’re going to have a top-10 engineering school, you have to have a top-10 engineering faculty ... we just don’t have enough people in enough fields to make the top 10,” he said.

But faculty members charged Peña-Mora with unfair hiring practices as well, citing “a critical mismatch between the Dean’s academic values and our own.”

“Candidates with impressive academic records and outstanding recommendations are discounted if their fields do not promise major funding for the school. Metrics for evaluation are focused upon financial measures rather than academic quality,” the letter said.

Coatsworth said that a potential hire’s ability to bring in grant money is one of several important factors when hiring, in part because so much of SEAS’s money comes from grants and in part because of what it says about the research itself.

“A faculty member’s ability to secure external grants ... is a criteria that suggests the quality and interest of the research itself, so this is not an uncommon factor,” Coatsworth said.

REPUTATION THREATENED?

These allegations come to light at a time when SEAS is looking to bolster its standing among engineering schools, both within New York City and nationally. Columbia’s proposal for a data sciences institute on its Manhattanville campus is one of five to make the shortlist in Mayor Michael Bloomberg’s Applied Sciences NYC competition.

The University faces strong competition from Cornell and Stanford to win Bloomberg’s bid to bring a new engineering campus to the city.

SEAS faculty referenced the ongoing competition in the letter, acknowledging that “an immediate public change in leadership” might hurt Columbia’s chances.

“However, the fact that a number of us who have invested time and effort in creating Columbia’s proposal are signing this letter should tell you how serious the current situation is,” the letter said.

Coatsworth told Spectator that while “it’s impossible to tell how the city will react to this, I can’t imagine it will be positive.”

“I hope the city recognizes that the Columbia engineering school is not alone in facing growing pains from time to time,” he said.

U.S. News ranked SEAS the 16th best graduate engineering school in the country in 2011. The University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, at which Peña-Mora was an associate provost before coming to Columbia in 2009, was ranked fifth. The undergraduate component of SEAS was jointly ranked fourth with Columbia College.

“The dean here has, for the last two years, told us that we need to be improving our rankings if we want to be seen as being on par with the other engineering schools,” chemical engineering department chair Sanat Kumar told Spectator in March. “Over the last two years he’s been here, the rankings have turned around. We are on an upward trail.”

LOOKING FOR SOLUTIONS

Coatsworth said that Peña-Mora is working on several initiatives to address professors’ concerns. Among the changes is the creation of a SEAS executive vice dean, who will focus on “faculty

affairs, space, and instructional support,” according to an email sent two weeks ago announcing that engineering professor Donald Goldfarb had been appointed to the position.

Additionally, a committee chaired by engineering professor Michael Mauel has been formed to examine SEAS’s administrative structure and potentially suggest changes, and a development specialist has been brought in to look at these questions as well. SEAS currently has “very little faculty governance at the level of the school as whole,” Coatsworth said, with no standing committees outside of the department chairs.

Coatsworth noted that he, Goldfarb, Mauel, and Peña-Mora met with about 75 senior faculty members three weeks ago to discuss the initiatives—a meeting he called constructive.

“I’m optimistic that over the course of this academic year, that some of the problems can be addressed successfully,” he said.

Coatsworth confirmed that the August letter was signed by all SEAS department chairs who had been appointed before this semester. Those department chairs are Kumar, Irving Herman of applied physics and applied math, Raimondo Betti of civil engineering and engineering mechanics, Shree Nayar of computer science, Klaus Lackner of earth and environmental engineering, Keren Bergman of electrical engineering, and Cliff Stein of industrial engineering and operations research.

Coatsworth said he had “no idea” whether faculty members would leave if the attempts at solutions don’t work out.

“I certainly hope that faculty who are now unhappy will give this new arrangement time to play out,” he said.

The faculty letter stated that concerns about Peña-Mora have been “festering” for two years, but those changes came as a surprise to some student leaders. University Senator Tim Qin, SEAS ’13, said that while he could not speak for the rest of Engineering Student Council, he had not been aware of any of the faculty concerns. Engineering Graduate Student Council President Andrew Kang also said that he and other EGSC members were surprised to hear about the accusations against Peña-Mora.

ESC President Nate Levick, SEAS ’12, said in an email to Spectator that both he and his predecessor, Chris Elizondo, SEAS ’11, have “good standing relationships with the Dean.”

“General undergrad student

sentiment toward the dean is largely positive. He has been receptive to working with the ESC, as well as undergraduate students and groups,” Levick said.

Kang said that Peña-Mora has been hugely supportive of EGSC, helping them facilitate events with employers to make it easier for students to find jobs and answering students’ questions at EGSC-sponsored town halls.

“He’s only been very transparent and very open in being receptive to all of our concerns,” Kang said.

TA CONCERNS

The faculty letter also said “the Dean’s decision to change the entire structure of the SEAS teaching assistant system because one department had abused it” had caused “chaos for faculty, Ph.D. students, and all those enrolled in our classes.”

According to current TAs, Peña-Mora restricted TAs to teaching for only one year and created a SEAS-wide committee to appoint them. Previously, TAs were appointed by departments.

Luc Berger, a first-year Ph.D. student in the department of civil engineering and engineering mechanics and a current TA, said that he was especially disheartened by Peña-Mora’s decision to limit the TA positions to one year because he likes to teach and interact with students. As a first-year TA, Berger said he was concerned he may be out of a job next year.

“The timing is so bad,” he said. “People are leaving.”

Suparno Mukhopadhyay, a SEAS Ph.D. student, also expressed concern over the new structure.

“It’s very difficult to concentrate on our work because we are worried if we will be here or not next year,” he said. “It definitely is a problem. One student left because this policy was coming into effect.”

Mahesh Bailakanavar, a graduate student in the department of civil engineering and engineering mechanics, said that while the changes to the TA system were untimely, a lot of schools, such as Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, have these systems in place.

But he said he was still sympathetic to graduate students that have difficulties funding their educations. “There is something wrong about this situation,” he said. “It’s very, very difficult.”

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Lyles accepts new responsibility in stride, finds long-range touch

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combined 14-for-17 from three-point range at the Loyola Marymount Centennial Classic in Los Angeles this past weekend. Columbia won all three of its games in the tournament, against first-time rivals Loyola Marymount, North Texas, and La Sierra.

Among his many highlights this past week, Lyles earned Player of the Game honors against North Texas on Saturday, shooting 5-for-5 from behind the arc for a total of 18 points and pulling in four rebounds in the Lions’ 72-57 victory. Lyles scored four of his five three-pointers in the first half, the first two coming within three minutes after tip-off, helping the Lions to an early lead from which North Texas never recovered.

“I believe the sky is the limit for Meiko if he keeps working hard.”

—Van Green, sophomore guard

Sophomore guard Van Green said that Lyles’ recent success is a tribute to his hard work on the court.

“I believe Meiko has always been a great player, and we knew he would step up,” Green said. “He’s a great offensive player who takes extra shots and really puts in the time. We have a lot of faith in Meiko because he is always trying to be a great team player.”

While the team feels the loss of Agho’s leadership and offensive prowess on the court, Lyles has put up the numbers of a team leader this past

week. He has showed that while the Lions miss Agho’s contributions, they continue in solid form as the season progresses.

Head coach Kyle Smith certainly took note of Lyles’ leadership this past week and remarked that Lyles’ success is due to the consistency of his efforts on the court.

“He doesn’t dazzle you with his flashy play, but he’s tough,” Smith said. “He doesn’t make many mistakes at either end, and he’ll take a big shot. And he’s always maintained a good attitude. He’s got some good leadership skills too.”

Lyles’ recent success this season could have easily eluded him, as an offseason foot injury kept him off the court for the entire summer through the first week of November. Lyles attributes his recovery, as well as his impressive shooting percentage, to his teammates and coaches.

“My teammates are finding me in good spots” on the court, Lyles said. “Especially our point guard Brian Barbour, who is doing a great job. Our success is a tribute to my teammates.”

Lyles’ performance over the past five games has shown that not only has he regained his form since his injury, but also that his shooting will prove to be an increasingly important weapon for the Lions in their hunt for the Ivy League title. Green sees the potential for Lyles to continue the shooting streak this season.

“I believe the sky is the limit for Meiko if he keeps working hard,” Green said.

With a stunning win Tuesday night against Holy Cross, in which Columbia came back from a 16-point deficit at halftime to win 46-45 in the game’s final seconds, the red-hot Lions have stretched their win streak to six games.



FILE PHOTO

IVY LEAGUE HONORS | Lyles, recognized as a leader for the Light Blue in its recent success, was named Ivy League Player of the Week this week.

Lions hope to control tempo, post play on the road against Stags

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being trapped in Fairfield’s half-court game. The Stags often run a conservative offense scheme that eschews fast breaks in favor of trying to slow the game down and keep the score low. In all four of Fairfield’s wins this season, it held its opponent

to under 60 points a game.

“Well, I don’t think there’s any secret that if we allow them to control the tempo, we’re going to be in for probably a low scoring, long night,” Nixon said. “Definitely, we’re going to try to do everything within our power to play our transition game, to get the ball out and run as much as possible.”

The Lions’ game against Fairfield not only gives them a chance to avenge last year’s loss, but also further establish the roles to be played by individual players during the course of the year.

“We got Taylor Ball back from her injury where she had missed a couple of games there, and then we made the shift of moving Taylor Ward to

the off-guard position after Brianna Orlich retired,” Nixon said. “She’s starting to get more comfortable in that role now. So, I think you’re seeing some players really start to settle into what is going to be their long-term role for the season.”

The Lions will play Fairfield University tonight at Alumni Hall. Tipoff will be at 7 p.m.

CU needs inside game to keep winning

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Noruwa Agho’s absence means much less guard penetration.

The Holy Cross game was worrisome because the stifling defense of the Crusaders kept Columbia in check for the majority of the game. It was a game Holy Cross could have and should have won, but the Lions will gladly take the victory.

What head coach Kyle Smith must do moving forward is use his big men. The way Tuesday’s game went over, it seems as if it is more like a big man—singular—for Columbia, as junior center Mark Cisco seems to be the only guy capable of pounding the ball inside to this point.

Playing the game with an inside-out approach will be vital for the Lions if they hope to continue to depend on the three. Another key will be penetration by the guards. Though junior guard Brian Barbour has many talents, he lacks the strength Agho has, and he will need to be more aggressive driving to the basket if he hopes to pull defenders away from the perimeter.

These two approaches—the inside-out play and the drive-and-dish—were two key reasons for the Mavericks’ success in the 2010-11 NBA season. Cisco needs to be Columbia’s Dirk Nowitzki, drawing double-teams from perimeter defenders and kicking it out for an open three-point attempt. Barbour, on the other hand, needs to be JJ Barea—a quick guard who is not afraid to drive right into the lane and take the shot (and the foul) or kick to an open man on the perimeter.

With Ivy play just about a month away, Columbia should work to adjust to a slightly different system that allows it to utilize its sharpshooters to the best of its ability. Otherwise, defenses will adjust, and it will be Bad News Bears for the Lions.

Tuesday’s game pointed out an issue that Columbia must address before it’s too late, or they will indeed die by the three when Ivy play comes around in January.

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CC student Anthony da Costa reveals a ‘Secret Handshake’



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MUSIC MAN | Anthony da Costa, CC '13, who played his first open mic at Columbia at age 13, will soon release his second album, “Secret Handshake.”

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Like many Columbians, Postcrypt staple Anthony da Costa, CC '13, is a history major networking for a career outside the classroom. Unlike most of his peers, da Costa has been building his network, mostly made up of musicians and producers, for almost 10 years—touring, recording, and winning awards while balancing an academic schedule.

MUSIC
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Although already involved in the music scene outside Columbia, da Costa hasn't forgotten his roots. Having played his first open mic at Columbia at age 13, he now works as Postcrypt's booking manager and hosts his own night there every month. Each time, he brings in other acts to perform with him at the venue. Da Costa will help close out the semester at Postcrypt Coffeehouse, in the basement of St. Paul's Chapel, performing the 10 p.m. slot on Dec. 10.

As a youngster breaking into the older genre of folk, da Costa has grown accustomed to mixing the traditional with the new. Inspired by artists like Bob Dylan, Neil Young, and Woody Guthrie, da Costa strives toward, as the designer of his upcoming album phrased it, “pop music with meaning.” Da Costa, with his friend Jonathan Byrd, composed the songs for the record titled “Secret Handshake,” in an impressively fast week and a half over Skype.

The album deals with coming to terms with an unhealthy relationship. The title, taken from the third track, addresses the complexity of romantic set-ups. “Things can appear to be kind of shitty on the outside, but within, the two of you have some sort of special understanding, some sort of sacred sort of compact, or like a ‘secret handshake,’” da Costa said. “You have this understanding, and it doesn't seem like anyone could possibly get it, and that's how I felt in unhealthy relationships. Oh, people don't really understand, and you sort of get this ‘us against the world’ mentality in that.”

In the music scene and at Columbia, however, da Costa's mentality is quite different. He had extensive praise for his musical friends' talent and expressed gratitude for his academic friends' varied interests. One of these friends, the late musician Jack Hardy, led da Costa, who had been set on music school from a young age, to choose Columbia.

“Jack said to me, I'll never forget, he said—he used to call me ‘grasshopper’—‘Grasshopper, you spent enough years putting stuff out there. It's time to put stuff back in,’” da Costa said. With his guitar and in his studies, that is exactly what da Costa has tried to do.

Where to go when Butler is full, or just too gross to study in

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Lounges are packed with study groups. Butler is filled with odors and sights that should never be seen in a library. Bug-eyed, weary students swarm the campus. This is reading week at Columbia. During this period students need a good place to prepare for impending exams. Below are a few such spots.

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MATHEMATICS LIBRARY

Located on the third floor of the Mathematics building is a small library frequented mostly by science majors and mathematics grad students. The library is quiet and has picturesque outside views. Although no talking is allowed, students in math or other science courses can still collaborate in writing over tough problems. There are cubicles available for students who are easily distracted. There are also open tables for group studies.

This library is generally food-friendly, so those planning to be there for a while can bring in snacks to stimulate their brain activity. Two floors down, four vending machines offer ample sweets. When students are having a hard time finding inspiration or are tired of solving countless problem sets, they can look at how beautiful it is outside and enjoy a snack break.

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SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING LIBRARY

Another great place to escape during reading week is the Science and Engineering Library in the Northwest Corner building. This library is equipped with Apple computers that have large screens and the latest programs. On the second floor of the library there are many cubicles, and the first floor has many separated group study areas, each equipped with a computer screen. Before an econ final exam, for example, students meeting to discuss increasing and decreasing

Fill up on holiday spirit with delicious seasonal menu items

BY KIMBERLY TOPILOW
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With finals approaching, it's understandable that many students would hesitate to call this the most wonderful time of the year. Nevertheless, when the going gets tough, the tough get treats. Stores and restaurants throughout NYC boast plenty of tempting holiday goodies and menu additions. One need travel no further than Columbus Circle to bask in the seasonal offerings.

FOOD & DRINK
REVIEW

Kitchenette

On weekends, it's best to get to Kitchenette (1272 Amsterdam Ave., between 122nd and 123rd streets) at 10 a.m. By 11, a mix of students and locals fills all the tables. After snagging a seat at the counter or a table, enjoy perusing the incredibly decadent menu options. Kitchenette makes an effort to be seasonal, hence the menu adjustments when the leaves start to turn color. Right now, diners can enjoy a plate of gingerbread pancakes with pumpkin butter. The dish arrives with a platter of perfectly round, thick, 6-inch-wide pancakes. Its gingerbread element manifests itself as a subtle, pleasing hint of spice. The pancakes are tender with a much-appreciated crisp on their surface. A bright orange dollop of pumpkin butter amps up the flavor quotient. This “butter” is not a typical mixture of plain butter, a little pumpkin flavoring, and spices. Rather, it is pure pumpkin puree infused with cloves, cinnamon, ginger, nutmeg, and sugar. The harmony of the spice and sweet butter are sure to delight palates for weeks to come.

Mondel Chocolates

If a subway ride seems onerous, Mondel Chocolates (2913 Broadway, at 114th Street) is just a hop, skip, and a jump away from the 116th gates. The caramel Santas, white chocolate snowmen, and peanut butter-filled tin soldiers all come highly recommended. All too often, caramel-infused desserts end up being cloying, but the caramel hiding within these chocolate Santa shells is just sweet enough. The snowman have a surprise of chocolate mousse inside. Lastly, the peanut butter tin soldiers taste like Reese's cups but are more decadent and, overall, better.

Bouchon Bakery

Bouchon Bakery (10 Columbus Circle, at Broadway, third floor) opens at 11:30 a.m. for lunch. To be guaranteed a seat, get in line at 11:25 a.m. If this isn't possible, the wait is certainly worth it—especially for the sweet potato sandwich. This beauty consists of slices of roasted sweet potato, slivers of apple, purple cabbage, and melted crescenza cheese, all of which are pressed between slices of pumpkin-seed bread. It is a marvelous medley of textures and flavors. The soft, savory sweet potato is nicely foiled by the crunchy, sweet apple and the nutty, melted cheese. The pumpkin-seed bread ads a light touch of earthiness. Overall, it is a terrific way to eat seasonally. Finish with a frothy, soul-satisfying latte and a cranberry-pumpkin seed brioche. The brioche is pull-apart tender and studded with a generous number of cranberries and seeds.

Godiva

On the second floor of the Time Warner Building is a brightly-lit Godiva outlet (10 Columbus Circle, at Broadway). No store exudes more holiday cheer, with its abundance of beribboned truffle boxes, chocolate reindeer lollipops, and bars of peppermint bark. Of particular note are the truly exquisite seasonal truffles. After tasting the gingerbread, candy cane, and eggnog truffles, customers will wish their availability wasn't restricted to December. The gingerbread truffle contains a chocolate filling enriched with gingerbread spice—a beautiful interplay of sweet and spicy. In the candy-cane one, a luscious pink peppermint mousse is nicely offset by the creamy white chocolate shell enrobing it. Eggnog enthusiasts will adore the truffle of the same name. Filled with a buttercup-yellow mousse, it contains all the elements that make eggnog so tasty: rum, spice, and cream.



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SNACK TIME | Grab a pink stool at Kitchenette and order a seasonal stack of gingerbread pancakes.



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Primary aspirations

Think back to the first time you heard of Columbia—that first time you opened the Blue Book and that first time you saw campus. You drove up 116th from Riverside Drive, climbed the subway steps, or walked down College Walk to see campus—open, beautiful, and practically effervescent with your excitement. These moments all created a sort of magical allure—electric with newness and shimmering with possibility—which shaped your first impressions of Columbia.

Now think back to the moment you received your acceptance letter. That sense of excitement and possibility only intensified with the little “Congratulations!” at the top, combining with a sense of pride, all of which colored Columbia rosy in your mind’s eye. Work and grades weren’t yet on your radar—Columbia was all city glamour and intellectual promise and social aspirations—and you were eager to start.

Today, Columbia’s early decision results come out at 5 p.m. All of those applicants who felt that same magical draw to Columbia that you once felt will find out if Admissions has fulfilled their dreams or not. They’ve been lying awake in bed since they found out today was D-Day, and when they do fall asleep, they dream of taking Lit Hum in Hamilton and having philosophical discussions on the steps. They dream of venturing downtown to go to museums for free, or dressing up to go to Le Cirque or some equally extravagant restaurant during Restaurant Week.

The passion that these hopefuls have for Columbia is innocent and perhaps a bit idealistic and uninformed, but



JESSICA
GEIGER

State of the Student

Apologia for elitism

Two weeks ago, the Black Students Organization invited me to a discussion of Eduardo Bonilla-Silva’s book, “Racism Without Racists.” The invitation arose after some BSO members rightly took issue with my depictions of diversity at Columbia in my column “Anyone is everyone” (Sept. 15). The specifics of the conversation aside, one of the most interesting opinions offered was the idea that the fundamental purpose of our education is “disruption.” In this view, many of us come to Columbia to learn about how the current political and economic systems are failing and how we might rectify various abuses of power and privilege. We learn so that we might improve society—but disruption is the zeitgeist. Three weeks ago, one only had to mosey on down to Zuccotti Park to see disruption in action. For Occupy Wall Street, occupation is a disruptive, discursive act. The motivations behind disruption are almost always valid. It isn’t hard to look at society and see its ills, myriad and malignant as they are. But OWS exemplifies the hollow nature of disruption, as evidenced by those moments when the protesters meet the police.

There has been much outcry over police brutality, and rightly so. Scenes from the Occupy Oakland, Occupy Cal, and the recent OWS rally in New York all chronicle severe abuses of police power, including the excessive use of force and the gratuitous use of pepper spray at point-blank range. What is problematic is that police brutality is desirable for OWS protesters, insofar as it serves to charge activism with a more dramatic element. OWS seems to be tracking its success as a movement by the number of “dramatic” and “iconic” scenes it has produced. The movement bandies instances of police brutality and asks, “Can anyone justify this?” which is perhaps the most useless question, if only because no one is trying to justify brutality. So while OWS approaches an elaborate melodrama, we are left to wonder if the disruption that is occurring is at all productive.

Consider a powerful poster designed in support of OWS. It shows a graphic representation of the Wall Street bull ensnared in red ropes and a simple caption that ominously reads, “The Beginning is Near.” What is troubling about imagery like this—imagery that is intended to reinforce a wider narrative of upheaval—is that it advocates a disruption that isn’t about structural reform, or about evolution, but about destructive revolution. The bull depicted in that poster does not represent merely Wall Street greed, but rather the American approach to the whole project of economic development. Taking down the bull gets rid of special interests and bonuses for senior executives, but it does so at the expense of the very mechanisms which have enabled the United States to provide such a high standard of living in such a racially and culturally diverse populace.

There is a sobering example of this myopia that is often overlooked. OWS claims fraternal links to the revolutions of the Arab Spring. Certainly, American awareness of the Arab Spring is wonderful. But the appropriation by OWS of a movement where the masses rose against dictatorships, contended with live rounds, and in the case of Libya, waged a protracted civil war, is baffling. To explain why, it might be helpful to think of disruption in terms of predominance. In the Arab Spring uprisings, the mass protests and acts of civil disobedience disrupted the operation of government agencies, military cadres, and other groups that were predominately composed of actors working against the public welfare, perpetuating systemic injustice of a very tangible sort. Contrarily, OWS predominately disrupts ordinary people from commuting and students from attending their classes. It polarizes political discourse with its ambiguous aims.

We now risk succumbing to our fascination with the specter of revolution and undermining the very integrity of the American system, which is unequivocally the best available system of governance. So what is our role as students at Columbia? Disruption in education is valuable insofar as it requires that we challenge the prevailing order and envision a better state of affairs. But in the context of a university, this disruption ought to be limited to an intellectual exercise, marked by academic discourse. When we graduate, our job will be to take the hypotheticals of disruption and apply them as the pragmatics of constructive reform. I remain more convinced than ever that the purpose of Columbia as an educational institution is to produce a ruling elite (a charged phrase, no doubt). The elite liberal university teaches its students that it is their duty to exercise control, but that they must also exercise stewardship. Specifically, this entails the production of an intellectually-minded class with the acumen to lead in the boardroom, the war room, and the town hall. There will always be a “1 percent.” Should we take up those berths, we must do so with commitment and humility, eager to effect reform in the public interest. To do otherwise would be a betrayal of the American praxis.

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we should take a lesson from them—and from our former selves. It’s time to get back to reaching for some semblance of balance. It’s time to redefine success, and realize that school and happiness are not mutually exclusive.

With finals fast approaching, it’s easy to forget that there is more to our lives than cramming for exams and finishing papers and reaching for GPA points. Deadlines are pressing, and our non-academic lives pale in comparison to those numbers and letters that our futures seem to rely on so heavily. When there is a choice between spending time with friends and having fun for a few hours, and studying all night to get a good final grade to bump up your GPA, the choice seems obvious for too many Columbians. In this column, I recently noted a similar problem on the tendency of Columbia students to study for hours but fail to open a newspaper—often, priorities lean heavily toward classes and good grades, and precariously away from anything else.

At Columbia, as at many other high-achieving schools, we compromise our happiness, sleep, and well-being for days, weeks, months at a time to achieve a predetermined definition of success—good grades for a good job for good pay. But what if we are missing the mark? What if there is more to success than a solid salary?

I’m not the first person to ask these questions, and I certainly won’t be the last. I’m not out to change every future investment banker’s mind—I know money is important. I’m not so naïve as to think we can throw out material things and money and go live out on a farm with cows and flowers and vine-ripened tomatoes—nor would I want to.

As last week’s touching and thought-provoking Eye article, “How We’re Doing” (Dec. 1), highlighted, one problem nearly all Columbians face is an extreme level of stress.

#firstworldproblems

BY JOOHYUN LEE

I’m sitting in Tom’s, and my friends are trying to decide which flavor milkshake they want to share.

“OK,” my Korean physics-math major friend says, “Let’s think through this logically. What flavor do you NOT want?”

“Hmm... I don’t think I want chocolate,” one friend says.

“Yeah, I agree. I feel like chocolate might be too ... What’s that word?”

“Sweet? Rich?”

“Yeah. Chocolate sounds too rich.” Five minutes later, they have eliminated all the flavors except for strawberry, which was what they ordered.

I filed this incident under the hashtag #firstworldproblems.

I’ve seen it on Twitter, occasionally on Facebook, and on a whole website dedicated to the subject (first-world-problems.com), where people can make a big deal out of the trivialities that come with living in a first world country. And it’s not only viral—my friends here at Columbia have often joked about having first world problems when arguing over which halal cart to go to.

Most people joke about first world problems with the underlying assumption that living in a third world country must suck.

Some other incidents I have filed under this hashtag during my first semester here at Columbia include deciding which final I should study for first, wondering whether I should buy my notebooks at the Columbia bookstore or Ivy League Stationers, running out of shampoo but hesitating to use my roommate’s (even after she gave me permission) because it isn’t the brand I use, and debating between getting pasta or a wrap at Ferris Booth.

Most people joke about first world problems with the underlying assumption that living in a third world

As Wilfred Chan said, “stress and misery are treated as harmless norms.” This is in large part due to the quantitative measures of success we embrace and the unreasonable amount of stress we put upon ourselves.

But we can’t let stress cripple us. We need to realize there is more to life than the amorphous “future” and live in the present. We need to surround ourselves with good friends, find political passions to espouse, play violin, see the Met’s latest African art exhibit, run in Riverside, and talk about “The Prince” on Low Steps instead of finishing it minutes before class. In short, classes and grades are definitely important, but they need to be supplemented by more of the Blue Book and less of Butler’s reading rooms.

So as we prepare to welcome the Class of 2016 into our ranks, let’s take our cue from them instead of treating them like clueless first-years. Maybe they don’t know where the ID center is, but at least when they first step on campus, they will have bigger plans than getting good grades. Maybe doing more than schoolwork will mean compromising a few GPA points, but in all honesty, I’d consider a fulfilling Columbia experience more successful than a 4.0.

As finals approach, let’s look backward instead of only looking forward. Let’s remember the mental bucket lists we made during NSOP instead of only planning how to break into the financial services sector. Let’s aim for balance in the present, whatever the consequences. And most of all, let’s embrace that clueless first-year that we all were, once upon a time.

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country must suck. And sometimes it does.

In Indonesia, you have to wait weeks to watch the “new” movies. The Internet is incredibly slow. Your classmates are absent from school because they get food poisoning or dengue fever. The available malls are really sub-par, not to mention the shopping. Starbucks? Please, that’s a two hour drive away. I didn’t even know Chipotle existed until I came here—let alone high-efficiency detergent.

But, to be honest, I really miss home.

Indonesia taught me a lot of things. Living there taught me that running barefoot in the rain is the best way to spend an afternoon, that suspicious-looking street food usually tastes the best, and that the stars are breathtakingly beautiful when you’re in the middle of nowhere, away from the light pollution of the city.

I quickly discovered that not a lot of students at Columbia are from third world countries. I found myself having to explain why I didn’t know what the Tater Tots at JJ’s place were made of, or why I was so excited about being able to purchase things online and not having them get “lost” in the mail. The majority of our student population didn’t know what I meant when I said, “Yeah, American Jell-O was a real treat back home.”

Maybe because I’ve learned how rare my childhood was, or maybe because I’m finally starting to mature a little bit, I’m so incredibly grateful for the chance to have experienced life in a third-world country, away from all the noise. The years I spent in Indonesia—checking my Gmail once a week if I was lucky, saving my M&Ms because they were so rare, dealing with having to go buy minutes at a “warung” (a small store that resembles a wooden shack), and following my mom to the local market just to watch all the people selling their vegetables in woven baskets and hacking off chicken heads—has made me who I am today. Living in a third world country has taught me that New York isn’t everything, that career isn’t everything, and that there is a peace and quiet that exists in the rice fields of Java, which I can miss while I’m here.

Missing my third world country while trying to finish my Lit Hum paper at Butler—now that’s one of my #firstworldproblems.

The author is a Columbia College first-year.



JUSTIN WALKER

CU needs more than threes to contend in Ivies

With the Columbia men's basketball on its current tear, I am reminded of the old adage "if you live by the three, you die by the three." Whether or not this saying—usually applied to the NBA—will hold true for the Lions will be key in discussions of the team's Ivy League fate.



JEREMIAH SHARF

Sharf Attack

The Dallas Mavericks—unfortunately, the 2011 NBA champions—were the most recent exception to the rule that teams who rely heavily on the three-pointer cannot succeed in the long run.

Will the Light Blue be able to capitalize on its recent sharpshooting tear? Does the Ivy League allow a team more room to be successful as a three-point shooting team? How will the Lions fare with this strategy?

With the exception of a select few superstars—namely Reggie Miller and Ray Allen—fans of the NBA do not give pure three-point shooters the same respect they give to the rest of the league.

From this point of view, we begin to realize the three-pointer isn't something on which teams or players should rely. There are three-point specialists, but they are never given as much respect as the Bryants and Jordans of the game, even if they are more efficient scorers.

Playing the game with an inside-out approach will be vital for the Lions.

Prior to Tuesday night's game, approximately 43 percent of Columbia's field goal attempts were from behind the arc—the highest percentage in the league, in which the average is 38.9 percent. Though this difference is not too appalling, Columbia has attempted at least 33 more shots from behind the arc than any team in the league besides Brown, which is only shooting 36 percent from distance.

While each win during their six-game winning streak has had its own unique flavor, the three-point shot was thrown up frequently in all of the contests. In its four losses, Columbia has averaged 20 three-point attempts per game, whereas in its six victories, it averages approximately 26.

While all this seems to show that the Lions' recent influx in three-point shooting will do them good, there are still adjustments to be made, as they will not be able to continue to rely so heavily on the three for much longer.

Their last win—a thriller in which they came back after being down 20 points—was the first sign that the team needs to make some amendments to its system before opponents find ways of adjusting to its newfound skill.

Last season, these types of adjustments were especially noticeable with one player. That player is current sophomore Steve Frankoski (who is currently out indefinitely with an injury).

When the season began, Frankoski was lights out from downtown. Through the first 10 games, the then-freshman made 25 threes on 55 attempts, which amounts to 45.5 percent. These first 10 games were highlighted by Frankoski's 7-for-11 day from behind the arc in a 73-72 victory against Stony Brook on Dec. 4, 2010.

After their first ten games, the Lions went on a 19-day hiatus, allowing the players time to study for finals and spend the holidays with their families.

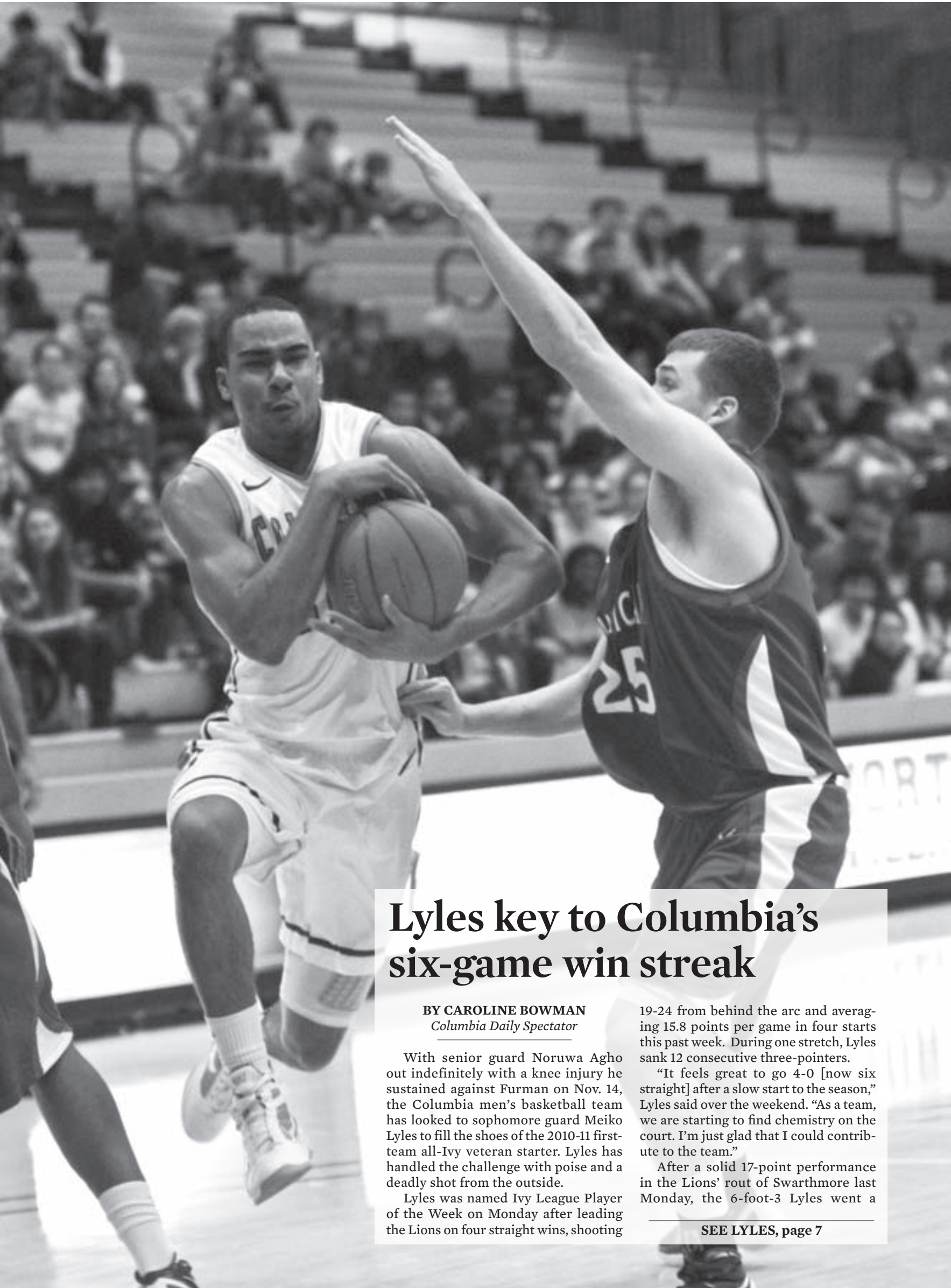
For whatever reason, Frankoski could never fully regain his touch after the break. In the remaining 18 games, Frankoski would score only 18 of his 71 attempts from range, amounting to an abysmal 25.4 percent.

Frankoski was hurt by the long absence, but not necessarily because it meant less frequent shooting practice. What the long absence did was allow opponents the opportunity to better study game film of Frankoski, and as word spread about his shooting abilities, so too did defenses begin to shift their focus more towards keeping him in check.

This Saturday's game against Long Island marks the last before an 18-day break for the Light Blue.

This year's team is different, however, as the three-point shooting has come from all sides, and senior guard

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FILE PHOTO

HANDS OFF | Sophomore guard Meiko Lyles kept defenders at bay as he hit 12 consecutive three-pointers over the weekend for the Columbia men's basketball team.

Light Blue travels to Fairfield looking to snap losing streak

BY JOSH SHENKAR
Spectator Staff Writer

The Columbia women's basketball team will look to break its two-game losing streak when it travels to Connecticut to take on Fairfield (4-3). The Stags are off to a good start this season with wins against Stony Brook, Pacific, Brown, and Rhode Island.

When the Lions take the court in Connecticut, they will be seeking to avenge a close 50-46 loss suffered last year at the hands of the Stags.

"You're seeing some players really start to settle into what is going to be their long-term role for the season."

—Paul Nixon,
head coach

Fairfield returned ten letter winners from last season and four members of its starting lineup. Just like last year, the Stags are led by their superstar trio of senior forward Taryn Johnson, senior guard Katelyn Linney, and senior guard Desiree Pina. All-MAAC first-team member Johnson presents a particular challenge for the Lions. She is capable of blocking shots and getting rebounds in the paint, and also making shots from outside. While the Lions have played against some very talented post players this year, Columbia head coach Paul Nixon admitted that

Johnson was one of the best athletes the team has played so far.

"Taryn Johnson is probably one of the two best athletes that we will have seen thus far this season," Nixon

said. "I think we're going to have to do a really good job of trying to limit her catches and trying to limit her one and one scoring opportunities, and certainly going to have to do a

great job of blocking her out."

The Lions will also have to avoid

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FILE PHOTO

BALLER | Junior guard Taylor Ball had six assists in Columbia's last game and will key the Light Blue offense tonight.

Fin. aid enhancements being reviewed

LOANS from front page

policies—which have been adopted by about 70 colleges—have proven beneficial. According to Haley Chitty, a spokesperson for the National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators, no-loan policies make students who might otherwise be deterred by a school's high price tag more likely to apply.

If a school reverses its no-loan policy, “you can expect lower-income students to not be as likely to attend these schools,” he said.

Teachers College economics and education assistant professor Judith Scott-Clayton agreed, saying that Columbia's no-loan policy has made the school more attractive to low-income families who might have thought that they could not afford to attend. Taking out loans isn't the end of the world, she said, but without a no-loan policy, low-income students might be deterred by the idea of taking out loans.

“Having a policy that simply says no loans is really simple and attractive and could have a big impact on getting more low-income students to apply,” she said.

THE COST OF AID

In addition to determining whether the enhancements have made Columbia more affordable to more students, administrators are also analyzing another angle—whether the University can afford them.

According to University figures, financial aid spending in CC and SEAS jumped from \$50.1 million in 2006-2007—the year before the first enhancements took effect—to \$92.3 million in 2009-2010. Part of that increase can be chalked up to an increase in the CC and SEAS student bodies, but it still represents a 78 percent increase in per-student spending.

Dean of Financial Aid Laurie Schaffler, whose office oversees financial aid for CC and SEAS students, said that assessing the costs of financial aid is a “prudent and a wise thing to do” for all schools.

“When you have any enhancement, and especially when you

have a very, very robust financial aid program, you want to look at it and make sure it's [financially] sustainable over time,” she said.

And just months after Columbia announced its no-loan policy and the other 2008 enhancements, the economy nosedived. While Columbia's enhancements have survived the economic downturn so far, those at some other schools have not—Dartmouth College and Williams College reversed their no-loan policies early last year.

In the wake of these reversals, the Institute for College Access and Success surveyed all 52 colleges that had previously eliminated or substantially decreased student loans. The survey found that while none of colleges foresaw major financial aid changes in the next two years, some were looking at minor changes to account for the economic downturn, such as raising summer work expectations or increasing work-study limits.

“We've seen a couple colleges revisit these and modify them so that they are more affordable,” Chitty said.

Many schools started the no-loan policies around 2008 while their endowments were flourishing, Chitty said, both to increase racial and economic diversity on their campuses and to better compete with other schools for students. Most of those schools have maintained no-loan policies, he said.

DECISIONS FORTHCOMING

Shollenberger said it's not yet clear if financial aid could be enhanced after the review, noting that the cost of further enhancements would have to be weighed carefully.

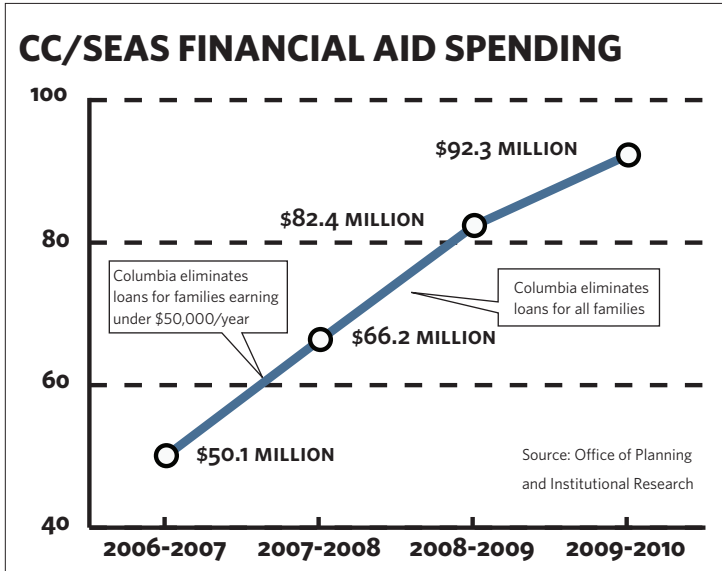
Schaffler said that she doesn't foresee any changes to Columbia's financial aid policies, noting that since the no-loan policy was put in place, student debt has gone down considerably. But considering the national conversation about student debt inspired by the Occupy Wall Street movement, it's worth administrators' time to discuss the adequacy of the University's financial aid, she added.

“There's so much talk about cost and students' debt and students not being able to find jobs to pay back their loans,” she said. “And so anytime you have a financial aid policy, you also have to look at it, you always have to ask yourself, ‘Does it work?’ ‘Did it work?’ ‘Is it affordable?’ ‘Can we sustain it?’”

Bollinger emphasized that even if financial aid policies change in the future, the University will maintain its commitment to need-blind admissions.

“There may be ways of doing it differently,” Bollinger said. “My only point is that these are policies, and policies are different from unalterable fundamental commitments of the institution.”

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FUNDS FUN | At a town hall meeting on Tuesday, Student Governing Board discussed a merger.

SGB also recognizes seven new groups

SGB from front page

Kesem, CU Students for Human Rights, Design for America, Journal of Global Health, Marantha, Proud Colors, and Students for Education Reform. These groups will receive funding and access to event space.

The three student groups that were not approved for recognition are Autism Speaks, a group dedicated to raising awareness about autism, buildOn, which aims to build schools in developing countries, and MEDLIFE, an international service

organization whose representatives did not attend the town hall.

The executive board's reasoning for not recognizing those groups focused on concerns of sustainability that often characterize large service initiatives.

Executive council members also discussed the relationship between SGB and ABC and expressed thoughts about an oft-discussed merger between the two governing boards. SGB represents political, religious, activist, and humanitarian groups, while ABC represents a wider variety of groups, including

cultural, pre-professional, performing arts, and special interest groups.

SGB members had mixed responses. Most agreed that the board's autonomy is a priority, but that a merger would increase political and financial autonomy for all student groups on campus.

“If there were a merger, I would like to see it accomplished in the most democratic and least bureaucratic fashion possible,” Janine Balekdjian, CC '13 and president of the College Democrats, said.

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Changes to sexual assault response include investigator

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POLICY OVERHAUL

First to be changed were the names of both the University's grievance policy and the office dealing with reports of sexual assault. Previously called the University's “Sexual Assault Policy,” the new 17-page document now bears the title “Gender Based Misconduct Policies for Students.” In addition, what students have known as the Office for Disciplinary Procedures for Sexual Assault is now the Office for Student Services for Gender-Based and Sexual Misconduct.

That name change, which many have called cumbersome, reflects the broader scope of the new policy, which applies to students at Columbia, Barnard, and Teachers College. The policy encompasses five categories of behavior: sexual assault, gender-based harassment, sexual harassment, intimate partner violence, and stalking, whereas the previous policy dealt only with sexual assault.

And, more importantly to those involved with the policy, the University also hired Rosalie Siler to fill the newly created position of Title IX Investigator. Siler acts as a third party to conduct the investigations that were previously performed by the hearing panels in sexual assault cases.

Siler also fills in the gaps that students have previously had to fill themselves. In the past, the complainant and the respondent accused of violating procedure were each responsible for gathering their own witnesses and evidence to present in front of a panel. Now, Siler compiles an extensive investigative report by “talking with every person involved, which may include some witnesses, the person who filed the complaint, the person who's accused of violating the policy, gathering relevant documentation ... or communications, or correspondence that might be relevant,” she said.

After finishing the report, Siler says she often seeks expert advice to translate technical concepts before presenting the document.

“It's really to make sure that I've understood everything in the report and whoever reads the report can understand all of the documentation,” she said.

One volunteer at the Rape Crisis/Anti-Violence Support Center said she thinks many of the changes have made the process easier for students to navigate.

“I think [having the Title IX Investigator compile the report] is helpful because prior to that, the onus was really put on the student, and I imagine that a lot of students wouldn't really know how to go about collecting that kind of evidence or knowing how to present it,” said the volunteer, who requested to remain anonymous because Rape Crisis Center volunteers have been asked not to speak to news media.

According to Tihinen, the presence of the investigative report has also cut down on the lengths of the hearings themselves—something that she believes everyone appreciates.

“What the respondent and complainant are doing is providing a brief statement at the beginning [of the hearing],” she said. “But they no longer have to go through all the details from start to finish.”

MORE REPORTING, LESS CONFIDENTIALITY

Another significant change deals with students' confidentiality during the investigation. Tihinen's office can now proceed with a case even if one or both parties opt not to participate, and the new policy even welcomes third parties to report violations. Under the previous procedures, DPSA would only pursue a case if the complainant came forward and voluntarily filed a report.

While Tihinen said she always tries to respect complainants' wishes for confidentiality, there are cases where this is not possible—namely if there has been “greater community impact” or if she is concerned a respondent might be a serial offender. Tihinen added that in circumstances when she does proceed without an active complainant,

she gives the student multiple opportunities to become involved throughout the process, in case he or she changes their mind.

The introduction of third party complaints was necessary because the new policy created many more mandatory reporters—people who are required to report any policy violation of which they become aware. This means that if a student confides in his or her resident adviser or academic adviser, for example, those people would be obligated to report any potential Title IX violations.

Now, the only confidential resources are counselors at Counseling and Psychological Services, clergy members with the Office of the University Chaplain, medical staff, and Rape Crisis/Anti-Violence Support Center staff and volunteers.

Tihinen says that at this point, all staff members with immediate connections to students have received training on what to do if a student tells them about a policy violation, and the deans who make the final decisions on disciplinary actions and sanctions have been trained as well. She hopes to extend the training to all members of the University faculty in the near future.

Lauren Herold, CC '12, who campaigns against sexual violence on campus, said she feels it could be “unfortunate” if a violation is reported when a survivor is not ready to go through a formal process, but she also understood that the expansion of mandatory reporters was a requirement from the U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights.

“It might deter some students from confiding in people they trust like RAs, professors, but I hope that it will funnel more people to places like the Rape Crisis Center or CPS, which are confidential resources,” Herold said.

According to Tihinen, when anyone reports a violation to her office, the first thing she does is meet with the complainant so that she can take his or her wishes into account before deciding whether or not to proceed with the process—which includes

more avenues for moving forward than before.

“I want to make sure they [the complainants] know the policy provides for a non-retaliation clause,” Tihinen said. “If they want certain interim measures or if they would feel more comfortable on campus in a different residence hall or in a different class, we work on those.”

VARIED RESOLUTIONS

After Tihinen's initial conversation with a complainant, there are several paths a case can take. Under the new policy, all types of violations can warrant a full investigation and go before a hearing panel.

Students can also choose to go through mediation in cases that do not involve sexual assault or other violence. The University provides mediation services through the Ombuds Office or the Law School clinic. Mediation is unique because both parties must agree to engage in it and both must agree to the resolution. In addition, either student can choose to enact the formal process and move the case to a hearing panel at any time.

A third option for resolving issues of policy violation involves mandatory training for the respondent or respondents. Tihinen explained that in cases with a public community impact, education is often a good solution.

Herold finds this use of the policy particularly encouraging. She was excited to see that the policy had “been utilized recently to address the culture that allows people to harass others on College Walk or put up offensive fliers.”

Herold, for one, is optimistic about the impact the policy has had thus far. “I think it's amazing that there is this administrative support for anti-violence education that was not there before,” Herold said. “A lot of the changes that have been argued for are finally being implemented. By no means is the policy perfect, but I'm excited to see it moving in the right direction.”

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Cathedral explores current issues through art

BY HANNAH SOTNICK
Columbia Daily Spectator

The Cathedral of St. John the Divine (1047 Amsterdam Ave., at 112th Street) proves to be not merely a house of religious worship but also a ground for dialogue about current global issues. For several years, the cathedral has worked to spark thought and conversation concerning the ecological water crisis. Its current art exhibition, “The Value of Water, Sustaining a Green Planet” continues this trend, and is supplemented by many events designed to engage the community.

The exhibition, which will be on display until March 25, 2012, features the work of 41 visual artists, including renowned figures such as Mark Rothko and Jenny Holzer. The body of work encompasses many mediums and styles but has an underlying common factor. As stated in the cathedral’s fall newsletter, the artists “have created wondrous art that speaks to us about water, about our society—national and global—and about the imagination.”

“I wanted to have work that would speak to everyone.”
—Fredericka Foster, curator

The works take on a sense of monumentality derived from their quiet, grand setting. Curator and participating artist Fredericka Foster feels that the cathedral also provides the perfect way to connect today’s diverse water activist communities and to bring their messages to the public.

Foster described her approach to selecting works that could open

a dialogue: “There’s a million people coming into the cathedral per year. Not everyone has an art background, and I wanted to make sure I could have work that would speak to everyone.”

Perhaps for this reason, the exhibit contains both conceptual pieces and more literal depictions of water. Many works succeeded in evoking thought, such as Gulsen Calik’s delicate sculptural piece “Lost in Water.” Calik preserved abandoned items from a village destroyed by flooding in small bottles of water and transformed the liquid from a destroyer into a preserver. Other works, such as Ray Charles White’s “Adirondack Lake Study,” seem to be included merely for their aesthetic qualities.

The exhibit doesn’t rely solely on a visual experience to convey its message. A varied schedule of events adds a participatory element.

Stephen Mitchell’s Oct. 10 reading of his new translation of “The Iliad” had the potential to resonate with Columbia College students. The text was featured, because it showcases the potential of water to drag the world into lengthy wars. The reading tried to spark dialogue about the possible disastrous effects of the water crisis, but the connection to the text appeared far-fetched.

Another event, an “Evening of Witness,” appears more relevant. Planned for early March, this four-hour event and subsequent all-night vigil will respond to water-related disasters of the last decade, both natural and caused by human influence. Participants from Haiti, Japan, and the Mississippi Delta will tell their personal stories and attempt to weave them into a global narrative.

Foster is optimistic that the exhibit will be effective. “It seems somehow being connected with water, that people intrinsically become very respectful of that (their role in the water system),” she said in an email. “I was hoping that by not lecturing them about it, but by making a beautiful space for them, that perhaps that would help.”



ALLIE CARIERI FOR SPECTATOR

C SHARP | The second all-male a cappella group to break out on campus has 10 members, all in their first or second year at Columbia.

Male a cappella singers present a ‘Sharp’ new group

BY ALISON HERMAN
Spectator Staff Writer

This fall, the East Campus piano lounge has become home to Columbia’s newest a cappella group, Sharp. An all-male group comprising six sophomores and four first-years, Sharp has been honing its combination of soul and Top 40 for much of the first semester. The group performed at the Chinese Student Club’s annual Night Market in October and plans to begin recording and holding concerts in spring 2012.

Zach Vargas-Sullivan and Daniel Murcia, both CC ’14, founded Sharp in September and held the group’s first practice on

Oct. 16. Both used to perform in the coed a cappella group Notes and Keys and then chose to form their own all-male ensemble, in what Murcia described as a “spontaneous decision.”

Thus far, the group has spent most of its time building up a repertoire. The Night Market performance was intended as a preview for the Columbia community. “This is our wood-shedding period,” Murcia said. “We have a very strong group, but we haven’t had that much time to plan.”

Murcia and Vargas-Sullivan said they sought to fill a niche on Columbia’s campus. “I feel the name sort of says it. We sing a specific type of music—we present ourselves a certain type of

way,” Vargas-Sullivan said.

“The whole idea kind of started as, ‘Let’s start this group of well-dressed gents,’” Murcia said. “We have this kind of suave aesthetic, and we have a 360-degree commitment to it.” The group’s polished feel is reflected in its tightly arranged harmonies and mixture of Motown and pop.

Sharp is the second all-male a cappella group on Columbia’s campus, but its members stressed that their group has no intention of competing with Kingsmen. Previously the only all-male a cappella group, Kingsmen inspired controversy earlier this semester over fliers for its fall preview show. “The Kingsmen have a very specific audience and entertainment

value,” Murcia said. “There’s a comedic aspect to their stage presence. They do what they do best, and we obviously don’t want to replicate that.”

Though Sharp is not eligible for official student group recognition until fall 2012, Murcia and Vargas-Sullivan hope to be fully active by spring semester. The group can be found on Twitter and is in the process of developing a Facebook page. After holding auditions in the spring, Sharp plans to begin releasing new tracks online regularly in addition to holding live performances.

Whether on MP3 or in person, Columbians can expect to be hearing more from these “well-dressed gents” very soon.

Not all libraries are crowded and noisy

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curves can connect their laptops to the larger screen and go over their charts. Some of the choicest spots in NoCo feature natural lighting from Broadway. NoCo also includes the student favorite Joe Coffee. Make sure to get in line early, though—during finals week it is always crowded.

For those easily distracted,

Avery Architectural and Fine Arts Library serves as a quiet, less-crowded alternative to the similarly styled Butler library. Although the library allows no food and drinks only in sealed cups, the basement of Avery has a café with many tables for socializing and having lunch.

Placed farther away from the epicenter of reading week madness, Teachers College Library is ideal for both

individual and group studies. It includes several brightly lit floors of study areas where students can sit with a comfortable space between each other. Unlike other group study spaces, this library has rooms at the end of each floor that students can rent. Advantages like having quiet, spacious study areas in a green zone—drinks and food are allowed—and views to the outside outweigh the disadvantage of having to walk far to this library.



SELBY BYASHIMOVA FOR SPECTATOR

STAY SANE | The group tables in the upstairs of Avery Library are roomy and quiet.

Physicians and Surgeons has banner year

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reform and rural health care.”

The program has been very popular with students, with 90 percent of accepted students enrolling, Nicholas said.

“We have great students and a terrific plan to back them up,” he said.

Goldman and Nicholas said that the higher yield is likely also the result of curriculum changes. The new changes “condense the time students spend in the classroom from two years to one and a half, and get students out doing direct patient care activities,” Goldman said.

Later, students are allowed

to return to P&S to complete more electives and scholarly projects.

P&S has also started taking students through the Columbia PostBac pre-medical program. “We accept a student through that program and they automatically come here,” Nicholas said. Last year, the college “accepted eleven students in that entry path to medical school.”

P&S continues to grow, with a increased clinical volume for the medical practice of the ColumbiaDoctors faculty, and an expected expansion into midtown Manhattan and Westchester.

“It’s no coincidence that all

the measures have gone up at the same time because everything feeds into each other,” Medical School spokesperson Douglas Levy said.

“We have always been in the top four or five private medical schools in terms of yield,” Nicholas said. This year is “certainly a very upward trend for us putting us in the top three in the US.”

Nonetheless, “you have to go back to 1978 to find a yield that is higher,” Nicholas said. “The message is that P&S has always been a really popular medical school, and with these changes it is now even more popular.”

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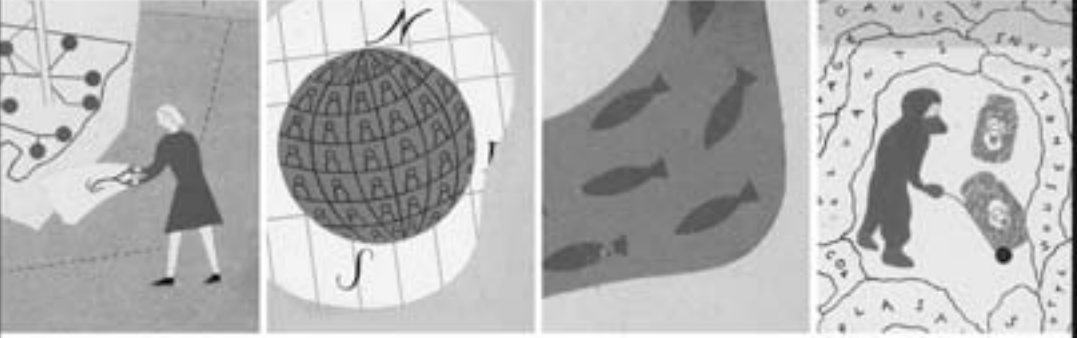
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