

CU cuts ribbon for Northwest Corner Building

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After more than three and a half years of construction, the Northwest Corner Building officially opened on Friday morning. At a ceremony on the building’s ground floor attended by faculty, administrators, and architects, University President Lee Bollinger cut a blue ribbon and opened up a staircase to the rest of the interdisciplinary science center. In a speech before the ribbon-cutting ceremony, Bollinger emphasized that the opening of the building marked the completion of the Morningside Heights campus. “This is a very important moment, but it’s also an historic moment for the University,” Bollinger said.

Six professors from different science departments have already moved into the building, which sits at the corner of Broadway and 120th Street, and five more are scheduled to make the move. Administrators have said that the remaining 10 spots will be filled by new hires.

Biology professor Brent Stockwell—who will move into the building in February—spoke at the ceremony as well, saying that the building will provide research groups with the technology to explore fields such as new electronic materials and the human brain. He also praised the building’s integrated laboratory space, which he said will help bring together researchers from different departments.

He added that interdisciplinary research is important for solving the world’s biggest problems because “the solutions to these problems don’t often

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GLASS HOUSES | The Northwest Corner Building, the University’s new science facility, officially opened its doors on Friday.

Science profs gripe about library closings, consolidation

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Eighteen months ago, four science libraries were closed in order to make way for the new comprehensive science library in the Northwest Corner Building. But the four vacated library spaces remain closed and unused, aggravating some scientists who say that their departments are already starved for space.

The biology, chemistry, psychology, and physics and astronomy libraries were closed 18 months ago in order to unify libraries where there had been overlap. But administrators

have not given departments the go-ahead to make use of the vacated space. This delay has aggravated some, including physics department chair Bill Zajc.

“It’s a source of great frustration that the former physics library space is lying fallow while we have a space crisis in Pupin,” he said.

According to biology department chair Stuart Firestein, the libraries fall under the authority of Provost Claude Steele.

“Our hope is that his decision will be to give the library spaces to the ... departments that now have library space available in them and allow us to use them for what we see

most fit for the department,” Firestein said. “But we’re waiting to hear from them about that.” Steele said that he is working on determining the best decision for the libraries. “There will be a variety of proposals for how to use that space, and the effort of this office is to try to get them quickly heard and fairly adjudicated, and get plans made for the use of that space,” Steele said.

But for some professors, 18 months is a long time to wait. Despite support for the original library plan, the actual transitions from libraries to department spaces have not been as efficient as many have

hoped. The former libraries have remained vacant spaces in crowded buildings such as Pupin and Schermerhorn Hall.

While he supports the merging of the libraries, astronomy department chair David Helfand said that the consolidation process has been “less than desirable.”

“Despite the fact that the libraries have closed 18 months ago, the space has just been left empty, padlocked, and unused,” Helfand said. “In a university as space-starved as this university is, it’s nuts.”

The departments have different ideas for what they

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125th in flux as interest in Harlem grows

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As local tourism and city-wide interest in Harlem expands, some longtime residents and business owners fear that the increased attention on the neighborhood could break up current ties in the area.

A 125th Street rezoning plan, approved in 2008, was designed to promote mixed-use

development on Harlem’s main thoroughfare, and the Department of City Planning has been working with the NYC Economic Development Corporation to strengthen the corridor’s retail and culture.

Though the recession has halted some of the temporary initial plans, two years after the plan’s approval, residents and experts say that the area is becoming increasingly attractive to those outside of Harlem.

“125th Street has become an international symbol as the sort of African-American ‘Main Street,’” Barnard urban studies professor David Smiley said,

adding that Harlem could be a victim of its own success.

“Harlem now exists in a global economy,” he said.

Increased interest in Harlem will undoubtedly cause prices to go up and create new demands, Smiley said.

La Linguere Fashions, located on 8th Avenue between 126th and 127th streets, got its start in Harlem selling T-shirts and accessories, employee Aita Carmichael said. But now, she said, the store’s been turned into a boutique, raising its prices and selling designer inventory to

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20-foot smoking ban now in effect, CU spreads word

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The University Senate resolution that called for a smoking ban within 20 feet of all buildings on the Morningside campus is now in effect, according to Vice President of Student and Administrative Services Scott Wright.

Still, Wright said that his office won’t begin enforcing the ban, which passed Dec .3, until it’s been properly publicized. Currently, Wright and his staff is spreading the word on campus about the new policy, as well as smoking cessation programs available at Health Services.

For now, Wright’s office is planning on sending each Morningside building downloadable PDF files that can be laminated and posted to inform the campus of the ban. The signage probably won’t be in place until students return for the spring term, he said.

After the policy has been better advertised, enforcement will fall to Public Safety, although Wright said he is hoping the policy will be enforced by students and faculty themselves.

“We are expecting ... once people are aware of where they can smoke ... people will just do it,” he said. “I don’t think anyone is going to feel they have been unfairly inconvenienced.”

He added, “If we have some spots where we don’t feel that’s working, we will sit down with the people at that building to talk about what we could do to enforce the policy.”

His office is also working on relocating ashtrays to comfortable smoking areas at 20 or more feet away from the buildings.

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Wright, who commissioned the Tobacco Work Group, the body which has researched the possibility of a ban for the past two years, said the group was originally in favor of a full ban, which may have been easier to implement. “That said, we ended up with a manageable compromise,” he said. “We did think it [a full ban] was taking a leap, instead of a step.”

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CCSC names Class Day speaker

NBC producer to make senior keynote speech

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The 2011 Class Day speaker will be Alexandra Wallace Creed, CC ’88, Columbia College Student Council senior class president Sean Udell announced in an email Sunday.

Creed currently works as executive producer of the NBC Nightly News with Brian Williams and as vice president of NBC News.

The decision was made earlier than usual this year—it is usually announced to seniors in the spring. “We were lucky enough to get our first choice. We found out rather quickly as opposed to other years,” Udell said, adding that the process has been complemented by the POTUS Project, which aims to get President Barack Obama to speak at Commencement and includes all four undergraduate institutions.

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—Sean Udell, CCSC senior class president

Each year, the senior class council works with alumni affairs to establish a short list of Columbia College alumni they’d like to see speak at Class Day. This year’s list was narrowed down to 17 candidates, and was sent around along with requests for input through a class email.

The most popular choices among seniors were actress Julia Stiles and hedge fund manager Li Liu. Still, Udell said, “Alexandra Wallace Creed was among the top choices of Columbia college seniors.”

He said there was also interest in seeing a female speaker this year. “A lot of people were interested in having a female speaker at Class Day, which we totally agreed with,” he said. “I think it’s a problem that we’ve only had one female class day speaker ever.”

The last woman speaker was Claire Shipman, CC ’86, who spoke in 1999.

“We basically were going off of a few criteria. We wanted someone who actually attended Columbia College. We wanted someone who was successful, someone that would be motivational and have words of wisdom,” said Ali Krimmer, CC ’11, who helped make the decision. “She’s extremely accomplished in an interesting field. Not only does she hold a high position at NBC, but she’s the mother of two children and is a really good role model, able to balance her professional life

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From the best YouTube videos to the best dance phenomena of the year, Spec A&E editors list the cultural offerings that made 2010 pretty unforgettable.



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Neil FitzPatrick gives his take on the drug bust.

Goodbye, farewell

A final thought from the Editorial Board.

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Men’s basketball wins third straight game

The Light Blue won a close game over Bryant this weekend, 76-72, extending its win streak to three games. The Lions have yet to drop a game at home this season.

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UNVEILING | University President Lee Bollinger, left, and Bill Campbell, chair of the Board of Trustees, right, at the opening ceremony for the Northwest Corner Building. An unfinished floor, below.

University unveils Northwest Corner Building

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fall into traditional disciplinary boundaries.”

“Success here could change the paradigm for organizing basic science and engineering departments and could have ramifications far beyond our campus,” he added.

He called the building “a link to the new campus in Manhattanville,” noting that it physically looks towards the planned campus and that it will

foster research related to one of the first buildings that will be completed in Manhattanville—the Mind, Brain, and Behavior building.

Bollinger also praised the new building’s architecture—which is markedly different from that of Pupin Hall and Chandler Hall, its neighbors—and its lead designer, José Rafael Moneo. At a reception after the ceremony, Nicholas Dirks, executive vice president for arts and sciences, called the building “the most

beautiful science building I’ve ever seen.”

Moneo said at the reception that seeing the building finally complete was bittersweet for him.

“I’m very happy because, for an architect, it’s the greatest thing to be able to do something in New York, and even more for an institution like Columbia,” he said. “But it’s also true that once you finish a building, a certain sadness comes together.”

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Alexandra Creed, CC ’88, named Class Day speaker

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with her personal life.”

After narrowing down their choices, the student council members met with a Class Day committee made up of administrators, alumni and faculty. “A lot of the administrators knew her [Creed], and they sung her praises,” Krimmer said.

According to Krimmer, Creed was one of the top choices from the senior poll, though few students participated in the survey.

After only receiving 96 student responses to the original email, council members sought out feedback by asking around popular senior hangouts—notably Lerner Pub and residence halls like Woodbridge and East Campus. The committee determined award-winning journalist Creed to be their first choice based on a number of factors, including personability,

prominence, and participation in the Columbia community.

The choice has met with mixed reactions from seniors.

“I’m happy overall with the Class Day speaker, but I just wasn’t aware that she was even on the list,” Genevieve Kaunitz, CC ’11, said while studying in Lerner Sunday evening. “I’m not sure how it came to be that she was our first choice but that’s what was said in an email that was sent out to us—that she was our first choice. I don’t know how that decision was made so I’m just a little confused about it.”

Kaunitz said she found the 17 candidates underwhelming. “There wasn’t even anyone on the list who was particularly striking,” she said.

But Krimmer said that she would have expected negative feedback from anyone the council would have picked.

“I think it’s unfortunate, because we did provide so many

opportunities for seniors to respond. If people felt that strongly, I think there were many opportunities to share your opinion and have your voice heard,” she said.

Tim Nesmith, CC ’11, had never heard of Creed before receiving Udell’s email. “She seems great. I’m excited,” he said.

Udell said that the committee had searched for someone with life experience that students might be able to relate to.

“Alexandra Wallace Creed embodies that outstandingly—she’s a mother of young children and balances that personal life with being one of the most powerful women in network news—and she’s a very avid supporter of Columbia College,” Udell said.

“She embodies the sort of an ideal CC graduate that people would be excited to hear from in May,” he added.

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Science profs complain about closed libraries

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would do with the library spaces—some of the spaces might become labs, others might become study areas, and still others might become offices.

But although the closed science library space has been a nuisance for some science department faculty, undergraduates say they have been less affected.

“It’s not the biggest inconvenience, at least for undergraduates, because the science department doesn’t require as much book research as other majors,” biology major Jen Graber, BC ’13, said. “But I could see how it could be inconvenient for graduate-level studies.”

“I’m a senior and I didn’t even know there were science libraries at Columbia,” psychology major Ben Lee, CC ’11, said.

The vacant former libraries are not the only space problems some have found in the new Northwest Corner Building. While the building has created a lot of space for the science departments—it has 14 stories and 21 labs—the bridges connecting

it to other buildings have resulted in the closure of several offices in neighboring buildings, including Pupin. For the astronomy department, which does not have any faculty mov-

is that we’ve lost space because the offices at the end of the halls have been closed,” Helfand said. “We haven’t even maintained space, we’ve shrunk.”

It’s “very frustrating,” Zajc said regarding the fact that he has to walk down the eighth floor of Pupin, seeing the connection to the new building at one end and the closed physics library at the other. He does not know why the administration has not yet made a decision about the libraries, noting that he has “expressed ... confusion” about what more information it might need to make a decision.

“A decision is a tool for reducing confusion,” Zajc said. “And right now we have had a lot of confusion for more than a year.”

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ing into the new building, this has resulted in a net loss of space.

“We stuff more and more people into spaces. The impact of the Northwest Building

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accommodate new trends and clientele.

“If you want to stay, you have to find a way to compete,” Carmichael said.

Philip Bulgar, assistant manager at Manna’s Soul Food and Salad Bar, said he fears that changes in Harlem through new development may soon put an end to the neighborhood he knows.

“We know a lot of our customers by face and name. ... It’s the everyday people who support us,” he said. “The construction workers, the people who work in the projects, the tourist who come here for the day.”

A 110-year-old building on the corner of 125th Street and Frederick Douglass Boulevard, the former home of the Kelly Brothers Saloon, will be demolished by Kimco Realty Corporation to make room for a new retail complex.

Manna’s was also impacted by Kimco’s expansion plans, when it had to move from its longtime location on 125th

Street and 8th Avenue six months ago.

Some say the changing landscape of the neighborhood has contributed to an influx of tourism.

“If you destroy the mom-and-pop stores, you lose a part of the community,” Bulgar said. “It may look nicer, but it’s not going to benefit the people that live here.”

Kimco did not respond to requests for comment.

Community Board 9 Chair Larry English said he does not see the dramatic changes that some businesspeople described. He said he views 125th as an exception to the general trends of the area.

“We have not seen a lot of chain stores being opened in CB9 because of the nature of the neighborhood,” he said. “West Harlem is 90 percent residential, and there are just not a lot of places for large commercial development.”

Smiley said that though Harlem has now become a tourist destination, this hasn’t necessarily helped the neighborhood.

“The tour buses would

drive in, people would get out and walk around, and then they would leave,” Smiley said. Tourism, he said, did not have the revitalizing effect that many had hoped for.

“There is no doubt that development is always a concern living in any neighborhood in Manhattan,” English said. “The position of CB9 is not that we are anti-development, but we support development that respects the historical integrity of the neighborhood.”

Smiley said that, ultimately, Harlem has faced similar challenges and has been able to weather them in the past.

“Harlem’s identity has grown out of its resolution to carry on,” he said. “It’s always found strength given the odds.”

And some neighborhood merchants are not opposed to the growing outside interest in Harlem and 125th Street.

“When people come to Harlem, they look for different things, places to eat, places to shop,” said Michael Jones, who runs a perfume table on 125th Street. “It might even help me.”

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After busts, students launch anti-drug campaign

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Four students have started a project dubbed “Operation Ivy League: The Legit Deal,” an effort to reduce substance abuse at Columbia in light of the recent drug arrests.

The students—Wilmer Cerda, SEAS ’11, Carmen Marin, SEAS ’11, Elizabeth Pino, CC ’11, and Slav Sobkov, SEAS ’12—are selling T-shirts for \$15 each, and they plan to use the proceeds to start an anti-drug abuse campaign next semester. They said that they are not yet sure how exactly they will do that, but that they are brainstorming and have been in contact with a few outside organizations.

“The problem of substance abuse has been around for a long time, and it’s been on everybody’s mind,” Sobkov said. “We came together because we share a passion for reducing

substance abuse on campus as well as in the community around us.”

Their goal is to raise at least \$11,000—a number they chose because police say they bought this amount worth of drugs from the five students they arrested.

The “Legit Deal” founders have been advertising through a Facebook event, fliers, and in person around campus. They said they had sold about 20 T-shirts through Sunday afternoon and had received numerous other inquiries, including some from alumni.

The students said their effort to reduce drug use is “an alternative” to the arrests carried out as part of the other Operation Ivy League. However, the group did not say that they were against the police’s methods.

“Whether you’re for the drug arrests, whether you’re against them, whether you’re pro-NYPD or whether you’re

against NYPD, we can all agree that there’s an issue of substance abuse that needs to be addressed,” Pino said.

Meanwhile, Columbia’s Students for Sensible Drug Policy organization met Sunday afternoon for the final session of the semester to discuss the challenges of drug policy in light of last week’s busts.

“Now that they [the arrested students] are not there ... people are just going to replace them,” Roxanne Moadel-Attie, BC ’12, said, arguing that these kinds of raids do not address the larger problems of drug abuse.

Katharine Celentano, GS and director of media relations for the group, said that next semester, SSDP plans to host more events centered on drug policy.

“I would love to see us continue to find ways ... to reduce substance abuse and the harms associated with substance abuse,” she said.

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Top 5s: from the delightful to the disturbing

A&E editors' picks for the best of 2010

This year has been a year of great contrast in pop culture—from great films that have students yearning for the past to fashion faux pas that couldn't have them more excited for the future to, well, “double rainbow all the way!” In grand tradition, *Spectator* A&E editors bring you their lists of 2010's best.



ILLUSTRATIONS BY MADDY KLOSS

Top 5 bizarre things sent to the A&E mailbox

- 5. YO MAMA'S BIG FAT BOOTY BAND "GREATEST HIPS VOLUME II" CD:** This Asheville, N.C.-based band prides itself on how much fun its music is for audiences. After listening to songs with titles like “Horn Star” and “@\$\$(the chorus of the latter being a hypnotic repetition of “Ba-donk-a-donk, ba-donk-a-donk”), I can't really blame them.

4. A CACTUS-SHAPED STRESS BALL: Fox's “Sons of Tucson” sent a tiny, squishy cactus over with their press kit, and not a moment too soon—my rage toward the plant family was starting to
- get out of control, and I was really straining to find a way to release it in a safe, wholesome manner!

3. JAY-Z'S “DECODED”: Oh, there's nothing bizarre about this. Receiving a free copy of the rapper's new book—part memoir, part lyrics collection—made for one very happy day in the A&E office. Hova is our king.

2. A PRESS INVITATION TO



- ROCK LODGE NUDIST CLUB:** This northern N.J. getaway is a “family-oriented” lake-side naked paradise hoping to attract more young people as guests with a *Spectator* feature on it. I have no words.

1. TREATING YOURSELF MAGAZINE'S CANNABIS ISSUE: Too soon with the Columbia drug bust news. Way, way too soon.

—Christine Jordan, A&E editor

Top 5 YouTube videos

- 5. BABY BOB MARLEY:** Bob Marley must be smiling from heaven at the sight of a screaming and crying baby boy who turns into an angel, becoming completely silent and bobbing his head to the music, when “Buffalo Soldier” plays.

4. THREE-YEAR-OLD CRYING JUSTIN BIEBER: As if we need another reminder that Bieber Fever has invaded, a video of a three-year-old girl crying over her love for the teen pop sensation is one for the hissy fit history books.

3. THE BED INTRUDER SONG: Antoine Dodson, the brother of the bed intruder victim, has a message for everyone: “Y'all
- need to hide yo kids, / hide yo wife, / hide yo husband, / 'cause they're raping everyone out here.” That's fair warning.

2. THE RENT IS TOO DAMN HIGH PARTY PLATFORM: Who knew politics could be so entertaining? Watching Jimmy McMillan, founder of the Rent Is Too Damn High Party, repeat his campaign slogan with his carefully sculpted beard and frantic hand motions definitely calls for some laughs. After all, if you want to
- marry your shoe, he'll marry you.

1. DOUBLE RAINBOW (AUTOTUNED): It's the song that forever changes people's perception of the natural phenomenon by evoking the excited raspy voice “Double rainbow, / oh my God, / it's a double rainbow all the way!” put on repeat, with exaggerated oohs and ahhs in between. At least it makes for a catchy song remix, complete with auto-tune and instrumentals, as a one-hit wonder on iTunes.

—Claire Fu, A&E associate
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- ### Top 5 terrifically bad music videos
- 5. “MONEY CAN'T BUY YOU CLASS” BY COUNTESS LUANN:** Countess Luann, of “Real Housewives of New York” fame makes a decidedly unclassy move in this delightfully awkward video. Her antics range from having a male model lace up her corset to teaching him how to properly set a table. And let's not forget the age wisdom imparted: “Elegance is learned, my friends. Elegance is learned, oh yeah.”

4. “HOT MESS” BY CHROMEO: When watching this video, I can't help but wonder if the

police station run entirely by angry females is somewhat inspired by David Macklovitch's classrooms at Barnard. Things get even steamier (including Dave 1's glasses) when the police station turns into a marble spa complete with muscular women doing water aerobics.

3. “DYNAMITE” BY TAILO CRUZ: Apparently Taio Cruz's fantasy world consists of 50 or so bikini-clad welders working in
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- a junk yard by day and getting their dance on at night. I guess it should be no surprise that he shows up on a motorcycle and brings suitcases full of dynamite, a hot tub, fruity cocktails and, of course, an explosion.

2. “CALIFORNIA GURLS” BY KATY PERRY: The woman shoots whipped cream out of her chest. And then, of course, there's Snoop Dogg's classic rhyme: “Bikinis, tankinis, martinis / No weenies / Just a king and a queenie.”

1. “MIRACLES” BY INSANE CLOWN POSSE: There are no words except these: “Water, fire, air and dirt / Fucking magnets, how do they work?”

—Ashton Cooper, A&E associate
- ### Top 5 Broadway leading ladies
- 5. LAURA LINNEY:** What better play star to round out this musical-heavy list than Linney? Her portrayal of a war-wounded photojournalist in “Time Stands Still” is heartbreaking, and watching Linney on screen pales in comparison to watching her live.

4. KATE BALDWIN: The revival of “Finian's Rainbow” closed—arguably prematurely—in January, but Baldwin's drop-dead gorgeous voice and endearing Irish accent made audiences yearn for St. Patrick's Day.

3. BERNADETTE PETERS: Catherine Zeta-Jones may

have won the Tony, but now that Peters has taken over her role in “A Little Night Music” Broadway audiences finally get to hear what “Send in the Clowns”

should really sound like.

2. CHRISTIANE NOLL: Although the revival of “Ragtime” lasted only days into 2010, Noll must be recognized for her beautifully poised yet steely performance as Mother. She's the most under-appreciated Broadway diva of the year.

1. MARIN MAZZIE: After Alice Ripley's powerhouse performance in “Next to Normal,” it seemed like no other actress would be able to fill her shoes when Ripley moved on to lead the show's national tour cast. Mazzie—and her refreshingly on-key rendition of the score—proved otherwise.

—Maddy Kloss, A&E print deputy

Top 5 nostalgia films

5. “HARRY POTTER AND THE DEATHLY HALLOWS - PART 1”: The immense college-aged turnout for the midnight premiere of the film proves that we all still want to believe in the magic of the Harry Potter-verse. As the most complex and moody film of the series yet, it fed more than just our inner child.

4. “BABIES”: For anyone with siblings, this film recalls the best and worst times of his or her most adorable era. And at only 80 minutes, this doc has all of the cuteness but none of the dirty diapers.

3. “THE SOCIAL NETWORK”: Remember that time before Facebook when

you met someone new and didn't know instantly if they had a boyfriend or girlfriend? “The Social Network,” aside from being one of the best films of 2010, brings nostalgia for a time

when meeting people meant you actually had to get to know them.

2. “KICK-ASS”: Who didn't want to be a superhero when they grew up? Well, Hit Girl does it at 10 and literally kicks a ton of ass in the film. She's the cursing, karate-chopping badass that everyone wishes they could have been as a kid.

1. “TOY STORY 3”: When the original “Toy Story” became a hit, most Columbia students were around the age of six. That attachment to Woody, Buzz, and the gang had us all weeping by the end of the saga 15 years later as Andy deals with donating his toys before he goes off to college, just like we all did.

—Rachel Allen, A&E associate

Top 5 shows in their umpteenth season that we haven't given up on

5. “GREY'S ANATOMY”: The show seems to be losing viewers left and right, but the die-hards are sticking it out. Now in its seventh season, the show has resorted to the classic outlandish subplots—one-in-a-million diseases and resurrections among them.

4. “THE OFFICE”: Supporters were outraged when they heard beloved funny man Steve Carell was leaving. Even post-Jim-and-Pam-get-together, the masses are tuning in every week to see what modern memes are being brought to the water cooler.

3. “AMERICA'S NEXT TOP MODEL”: Make fun of it all you want: Yes, the seasons are called “cycles.” Yes, Tyra's outfits are whack. But even in it's 15th cycle,

the show feels fresh. This season, Tyra upped the ante. The winner got a spread in *Italian Vogue*. Maybe by cycle 20, they'll get *American Vogue*! Or, a career at all!

2. “PROJECT RUNWAY”: Heidi's accent is still adorbs even in the show's eighth season. The epic switch from

Bravo to Lifetime made it a little less edgy, but they haven't “Army Wives”-ified it yet. The challenges still deliver (fruits and vegetable dresses!), and the contestants are still as eclectic as ever.

1. “LAW AND ORDER: SVU”: Devotees have stuck by “SVU” through its 11 seasons. It doesn't matter that the episodes are all essentially the same— weird problem, indecipherable clues, dramatic trial, unforeseen resolution. We can't get over the thrill of busting crime before even having to go to law school. They make it look so fun!

—Joe Daly, A&E online deputy

Top 5 dance breakouts of 2010

5. “GLEE”: This hit show choir program has been dancing up a storm during its second season this year, performing everything from the classic “Singing in the Rain” to the contemporary “Umbrella.”

4. “STEP UP 3D”: The third part in everyone's favorite steamy street dancing trilogy had an over-the-top combination of break dancing, capoeira, and the robot in 3D format may have had a lackluster plot, but it still was a source of great eye candy.

3. LADY GAGA: Lady Gaga's futuristic choreography in her 2010 hits, in-

cluding “Telephone” and “Alejandro,” succeeded in getting her audience's attention. Her bedazzled, gaudy costumes perhaps merited more attention than her dance moves,

however, although her fragmented, mechanical moves are a remarkable interpretation of other disjointed choreography, like popping and locking.

2. “BLACK SWAN”: The buzz surrounding this new film about the pressures of performing are a near guarantee that ballet will chase back onto center stage with contemporary relevance—when even the trailer is visually stunning, you know you have a winner.

1. THE DOUGIE: Cali Swag District's “Teach Me How to Dougie” made uncomfortable dancers everywhere comfortable swaying back and forth while stroking the backs of their heads. Now that's an accomplishment.

—Melissa von Mayrhauser, A&E associate

Top 5 crazy couture creations

5. ALEXANDER MCQUEEN'S EXPOSED BLUE PARTY DRESS: Nippin' out is one way to describe the infamous creation from Alexander McQueen's spring 2010 collection, which exposed a good portion of the model's front side. It's also a toss-up which added more height to the look: the towering hairdo or tremendous platform heels.

4. ALEXANDER MCQUEEN'S BLUE FROCK: Another one from Alexander McQueen's spring 2010 collection. Consider it fashion's equivalent to *Avatar*, the favorite sci-fi movie of the year. At least McQueen limited blue to the clothing.

3. VIKTOR & ROLF'S WOOL COAT: It's an inflatable box—it's a pair of misplaced wings—no, it's Viktor & Rolf's take on the wool coat for their fall 2010 collection. The Dutch designers zipped the model out of this weird masterpiece on the runway to reveal other creations layered underneath.

2. CHANEL'S ESKIMO SUITS: Who knew Roar-ee had such couture influence? Only Chanel's fall 2010 ensembles probably don't use faux fur. Emulating a furry animal is one way to stay warm this winter—although, admittedly, even Uggs are cuter than this. Not to mention a whole lot cheaper.

1. LADY GAGA'S MEAT BIKINI: Before the meat dress, there was the meat bikini. It wouldn't be the best of cooky without some Lady Gaga on the list. The pop star was first adorned in raw meat for a cover of *Vogue Hommes Japan* and then accepted her VMA Video of the Year Award in a meaty dress and cap in September. PETA wasn't a fan.

—Allison Malecha, A&E associate



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Put the drug bust in perspective

Operation Ivy League is over. The dangerous element is removed from campus, and we can spend these last few work-filled, sleepless nights at ease, free from the menace of illegal drugs.

Like many of my peers, I've spent the past week obsessively reading articles about the bust. And after reading countless Spectrum updates and snarky Gawker posts, I realized that this grand Columbia scandal was perhaps not so grand at all.

Let's first consider the amount of drugs bought by undercover officers from the "Columbia Five" (a name I'll address later). We keep hearing that \$11,000 worth of narcotics were procured from the students over a five-month period. But a less-reported fact is that \$5,000 of that money changed hands in a deal for 1.5 pounds of marijuana on Nov. 23 (two weeks before the bust).

Would Chris Coles have ever sold \$5,000 worth of marijuana to someone who was not a "youthful undercover officer who posed as a drug middleman for another college outside the city"? Probably not. No Columbia student is going to purchase marijuana by the pound. It took someone (the aforementioned police officer) offering to buy that kind of quantity—someone who supposedly wanted to deal at another school—for such an exchange to go down. And if we ignore that one transaction, we can see that this was not the immense criminal enterprise of the Post's dreams. These were five college kids selling drugs to their friends, frat brothers, and fellow partygoers.

One has to wonder, then, just how we came to conceive of this past Tuesday's events as the bust to end all busts. One obvious answer is that nothing this exciting has happened on campus in awhile. But that doesn't exactly explain the national attention garnered by the arrests. To that end, we might blame the New York Police Department's perhaps excessive show of muscle—the use of battering rams and riot vans sounds a little bit like overkill in the name of taking down a couple of sleeping 20-year-olds. And was it strictly necessary, or just funny, for police to call the investigation "Operation Ivy League" or to allegedly put a Columbia sweatshirt on Perez when what he asked for was a winter coat?

All of the above naturally fed the dog in heat that is the so-called media. Blogs and papers alike jumped on the title "Operation Ivy League" until an embarrassed Police Commissioner Raymond Kelly disavowed the name and (incorrectly) blamed it on the press. The Village Voice's blog went so far as assign boy-band-esque titles to each of the involved students ("The OG," "The Prettyboy," etc.). A few outlets, as previously mentioned, dubbed the dealers the "Columbia Five," which—even if done ironically to mock the relatively minimal historical importance of the students as compared to groups like the Little Rock Nine and Chicago Seven—was still in poor taste.

That said, I want to make clear that I don't believe the actions of our fellow students are excusable or that they deserve to be cleared of all charges. These were smart kids who knew exactly what they were doing and should therefore bear the consequences of their poor decisions. But I do want to put their decisions, and the spectacle that followed, in perspective. The fact is, college kids will always do drugs, and as long as that's true, college kids will also sell drugs. Generally speaking, it's a good time to get that kind of experimentation out of the way.

Furthermore, part of what makes us so susceptible to trying things like narcotics is that, as 20-year-olds, we hold a general belief in our own invincibility. It's a belief that was probably also at the root of the five Columbia students' own impressions that they wouldn't get caught.

But they did get caught, so the question becomes, "Where do we go from here?" The coming months will be unhappy ones in which we will watch our former classmates go through the justice system, and, whether they're found guilty or not, have their lives changed forever. Regardless of our respective opinions on New York State drug law, or how we feel about the supposed (and I would argue, unwarranted) damage to Columbia's reputation that may result from Tuesday's arrests, we would do well to remember that Chris Coles, Harrison David, Adam Klein, Stephan Vincenzo, and Mike Wymbs are not hardened criminals, but friends and classmates. More importantly, they're kids. Did they do something stupid and harmful? Absolutely. But let's step back for a moment and stave off the urge to turn this whole situation—these kids and their actions—into something it never was.

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Excuses and Half-Truths

Making smoking socially inconvenient

BY NATAYA FRIEDAN

Allowing smoking on campus is an institutional endorsement to disregard public health. Smokers, as people and as members of this institution, have rights. I'm going to maintain that smokers even have the right to smoke, just like any one of us has the right to go to Five Guys every day and ingest burgers and fries to our future heart disease's content. However, like eating foods with high levels of saturated fat, smoking is a health hazard. I am not proposing that outside, secondhand smoke itself is enough of a health hazard to justify this ban. However, in physically allowing the presence of smoking on campus, the University is encouraging students to slowly develop health disorders. If lung cancer could be attained from a reckless decision in the short term, the conversation about smoking would be very different.

Smoking is like binge drinking—people know it's unhealthy, but it can be tempting when it is an integral part of a social scene. I enjoy the occasional "smoke break" even though I have never smoked a cigarette. I enjoy taking a break from a party to stand outside for a few minutes with a friend. I enjoy stepping out of a bar to lower my body temperature and speak to someone who can hear me without leaning in and turning his or her head. Sometimes, when I'm writing a paper in Butler, I need to go sit outside and talk to someone or simply think about nothing. Yet I can do all those things without a cigarette. Even if the reason I often go is because a friend wants to smoke a cigarette, the "smoke break" is a healthy, enjoyable, and usually productive act. This raises a question: How can we institutionally encourage the separation between the healthy effects of social interaction and fresh air—the social culture surrounding smoking—and the hazardous effects of actually smoking cigarettes?

We as a community must differentiate between the habits associated with smoking and smoking as a habit. It is important to emphasize that smokers are not being banned from standing near campus buildings—smoking is. Some of my friends who smoke cigarettes believe in

Living a green lifestyle

BY ANNE BRINK

On a recent Monday night, 20 women sat around a table on the second floor of the Diana Center, eating pizza and sweet potato pie, and, of course, sorting trash. While picking apart Barnard's garbage bins isn't a part of the normal dinner experience for most students, waste was the topic of that night's Barnard EcoReps potluck. As students ate their own dinners, they were able to see the waste generated from other meals eaten throughout the day in a black plastic bag—highlighting the fact that basic facets of our lifestyles have some of the greatest effects on the environment.

It is a determination to create change by paying attention to what is happening around you on a day-to-day basis.

When students first arrive on campus, they are led to believe—whether from parental pressure or some sort of delusion they developed in high school—that they need to be involved with X number of activities during their time at Columbia. While many clubs will happily accept your email on a sign-up sheet, I think most would agree that the term "activism" is not confined, nor achieved, through meeting during a block of time on a certain day of the week. Activism, especially environmental activism, is a way of living. It is a commitment that you make in your lifestyle, a determination to create change by paying attention to what is happening around you on a day-to-day basis—whether that is taking the subway instead of a cab or being mindful of how much food and packaging you throw out after dinner with friends.

Issues suddenly become real when we are able to understand how they are direct results of our individual

smokers' rights, and some don't. However, no one can refute that smoking is a severely unhealthy habit, and the belief in smokers' rights is just stubbornness against the increased resistance to the habit and to the increasing inconvenience of it. Smoking is a personal decision. If that decision is institutionalized by the allowed visible placement of smokers on our campus, then the institution should change its policy such that students' private decisions about smoking are not structurally encouraged by their physical placement on campus.

We as a community must differentiate between the habits associated with smoking and smoking as a habit.

With the proposed smoking ban and a little enforcement, at least some smokers will feel the need to hide. Then, instead of being joined and asked to bum a cigarette as a friend walks by, smokers may put out their cigarettes to go chat with that friend or at least feel a little silly for hiding. Even if the reality of the policy would be that smokers will remain on campus, albeit less visibly, this would still be an improvement in the sense that it changes the social structure of the habit. If the proposed smoking ban will create a horde of smokers outside the gates, I still believe that horde will be smaller than the one that currently exists outside Butler. This small addition of work necessary in order to smoke that cigarette will, from a logistical standpoint, serve to make students smoke fewer cigarettes. Therefore, with this displacement will come inconvenience—and a separation between spaces for smoking and spaces where little social moments can find their way into the busiest of weeks. Decreased smokers' rights will decrease the habit of smoking and increase health. This is only a further step in an ongoing process. To my dear friends who still smoke, I'm sorry for the inconvenience.

The author is a Columbia College sophomore.

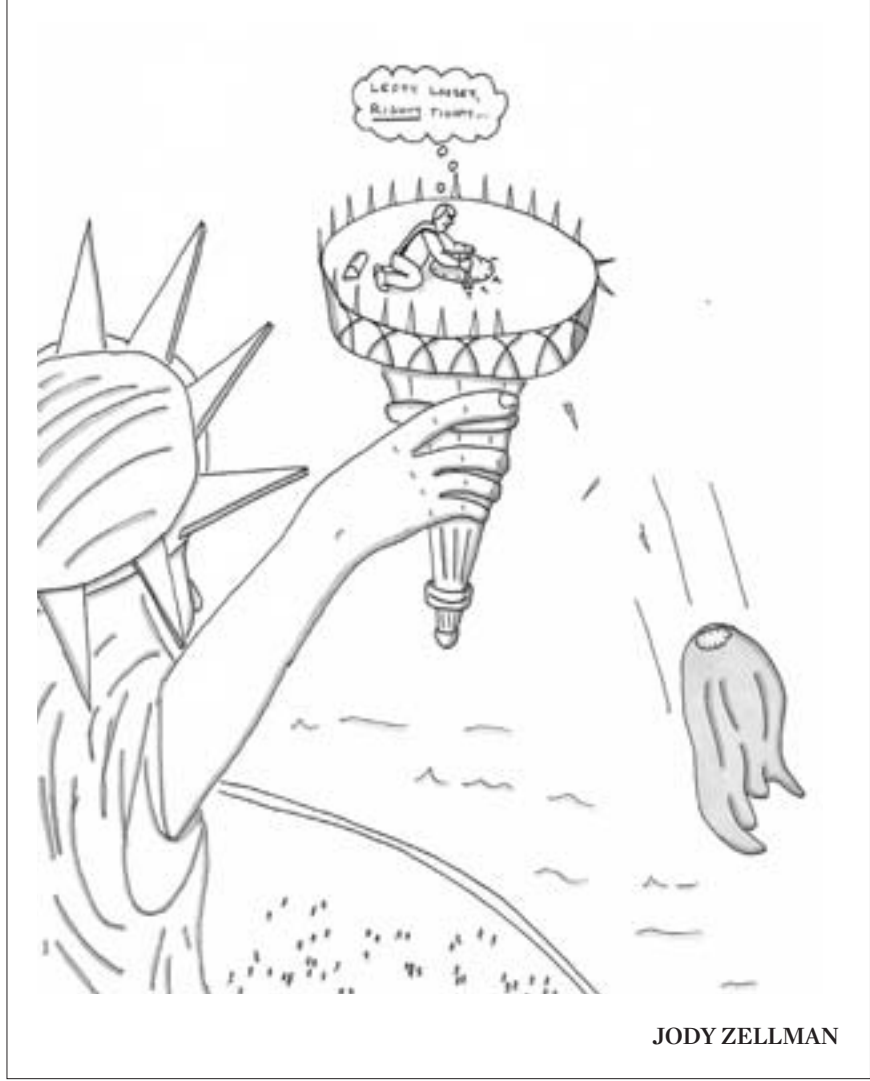
choices. This is why Barnard EcoReps, in an effort to promote sustainable living in Barnard's dorms, has created the Green Certification Project. Students are given a list of simple actions they can take to make their living spaces more sustainable, from buying in bulk to reduce landfill waste, to using cloth, reusable hand towels instead of paper ones, to keeping the windows closed during the winter to prevent heat from escaping. By choosing just five simple things from a much larger list, students are making a commitment as individuals to take action through their own choices in ways that best suit their lifestyles.

Many will protest that these things don't really make a difference. Buying in bulk? Closing my window? What does that do to stop global climate change compared with real action that can come out of policies and laws enacted by members of Congress? And yet, Barnard spent over \$3.6 million on energy bills alone last year and spent an even higher amount—\$3.9 million—the previous school year. A large bulk of these costs came from running the air conditioning during the warmer months but also from heating buildings in the winter. When Barnard is already spending so much to keep our rooms warm, opening the window certainly doesn't help. No difference? When you think about where that money, not to mention energy, could have gone, I really don't think so.

Oftentimes, the term "environmental action" is seen as the same as the tips we read about on a website, the fliers from groups on Lerner ramp during Welcome Week, and the cautionary articles we read in science classes. Yet talking about rice is not the same as cooking it, and students can be directly involved in environmental initiatives without declaring themselves a member of any particular environmental group. The Barnard EcoReps certainly encourage students to attend their events and those of other environmental groups at Columbia. However, real activism is what we do between our group meetings and our classes—it is what foods we choose at Westside Market, where we throw our coffee cups on College Walk, how we eat meals with friends, and, most importantly, what we are telling those friends through our actions. By committing to individual changes, you are the most active environmental group on campus.

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Buy service team
5 Paving surface
8 Classic orange soda
13 Bit of subterfuge
14 Naked
15 Ruthless J.R.L. on "Dallas"
16 Inland Asian sea
17 Write on, as sheet metal
18 Mediterranean island country
19 Restaurant special
22 Barrio uncle
23 MSN rival
24 Rap's Dr. ___
27 '60s ABC boxing show
32 Files, as adults
33 Singer Chelle or actor Stephen
34 Tennis star/anti-apartheid activist
Arthur
35 Microwave gadget
36 So-A escape craft
37 Geometry calculations
38 Minute stake? 7
39 Vienna's land: Abbr.
40 Nasal detections
41 Featured mail-order club offering
44 B'way "no seats" sign
45 Contrived
46 Run in
47 Motor Trend magazine award
53 Ribs sauce style, briefly
56 Silent's actress
Theda
57 Niger neighbor
58 French parting
59 What avengers get
60 Study a lot in a short time
61 Roger who played Bond
62 Low grade
63 Cathedral recess

DOWN

1 Mardi ___
2 Continental cash
3 Biblical twin
4 Brown seaweed
5 Bit of body art
6 Semicircular entrance
7 Prepared, as leftovers
8 Doe, for one
9 On holiday, say
10 Zero, in soccer
11 Explosive abbr.
12 ___ Khan
14 Sults
20 Catchall category
21 Qatar's capital
24 The Kalahari, for one
25 Uninspired new version
26 Barely gets by, with "out"
27 Key of Beethoven's "Appassionata" Sonata
28 "You are not" repplier
29 Plato's language
30 First-year student, briefly

31 ___ Terror: Bush campaign
35 Bills at bars
36 Finished dealing with
37 Hacienda brick
39 "We Three Kings" proverb
40 Certain
Nebraska
42 Opposite of transparent
43 Main dish
47 Trucker with a handle
48 Top choice, for short
49 Song sung with arm motions
50 O.K. Coral name
51 Word of sorrow
52 "The ___ of the Ancient Mariner"
53 "Pow!" cousin
54 Hoo-ha
55 ___ Grande

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USenate’s smoking ban now in effect

SMOKING BAN from front page

But this isn’t the end of the discussion. “I’m expecting in another year or two ... we will come back and revisit the is-sue,” he said, adding that re-newed student interest or re-starting the work group could reopen the debate.

“We did think it [a full ban] was taking a leap, instead of a step.”

— Scott Wright, vice president of student and administrative services

Alex Frouman, CC ’12 and a member of the senate’s execu-tive committee, said the focus of the discussion should be on compliance with the ban. He said that people can conform to the 20-foot ban without it be-ing a great burden, which would not be the case with a full ban.

Even though the Columbia University Medical Center uptown already has a full ban, Frouman said the campus at Morningside is much larger, and a ban would affect many more people.

A straw poll was taken at the last senate meeting regarding a full ban. Twenty-seven sena-tors voted in favor of it, with 10 opposed and two abstentions.

“I know a lot of senators like the idea of a [full] ban,” he said, adding that votes should reflect the wisest decision for campus and not the senators’ personal opinions.

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Barnard sees jump in early decision applicants

BY EMMA STEIN
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The number of students ap-plying early to Barnard went up significantly this year, according to the admissions office.

For the upcoming 2011-2012 school year, 551 students applied early decision to Barnard—a nearly 40 percent increase from last year, in which 392 students applied early decision. Jennifer Fondiller, Barnard’s dean of ad-missions, credited increased out-reach as contributing to the jump in applications. That included more interaction between ad-missions counselors and lower-income students, more connec-tion of prospective students with alumnae, and more investment in Barnard Bound, a fly-in pro-gram for lower-income students.

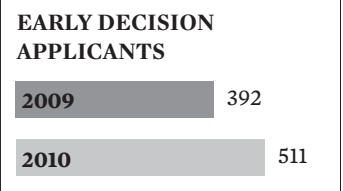
This year, increased interest might also be attributed to the addition of the Diana Center to Barnard’s campus, which Fondiller said benefited the college’s image and expand-ed the scope of its on-campus programs.

“I hear many applicants who say it all ‘clicked’ for them once they set foot on the campus, and that the Diana Center is amaz-ing in its design and offerings,” Fondiller said.

Eliana Levenson, BC ’14, who applied early decision to Barnard last year, said that the increase could be tied to financ-es, with students trying to limit the number of expensive appli-cations they file.

“Also, there is a conception that it’s easier to get into a school ED [early decision], and that you are more likely to receive schol-arships because it shows an ea-gerness to attend the school, and the school is guaranteed that student’s attendance,” she said.

For Mary Cosgrove, BC ’14, who also applied to Barnard early decision, the increase was not surprising. “More people are becoming aware of Barnard as being a good school,” she said.



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Logan Hofstein, BC ’11 and a Barnard Student Admissions Representative, said that she no-ticed an increase in the number of students opting to do inter-views with BSARs.

“All of our interview slots are full and there is a waitlist to be interviewed, and I don’t remem-ber that happening last year,” she added.

“We only take interviews Dec. 17, and a lot of people who start early on are early decision, so it is astonishing that all of our interview slots are full.”

Whatever the reasons, Fondiller said she expects the influx of applications won’t be limited to the early decision ap-plicant pool.

“At this point, it looks like we’ll also have more regular de-cision applicants than last year,” she said.

Fondiller added that she thought the early decision ap-plicants were even more dis-tinguished than those of years past.

“This year’s applicants in-clude students who are pub-lished authors, nationally ranked synchronized ice skaters, ac-complished dancers, national science prize winners, and ar-chitects behind innovative pub-lic service projects,” she said.

She added that Barnard’s jump in applications could be credited to a variety of people “from our student tour guides who have such personal stories to share about their experienc-es, to our alumnae who speak articulately about the value of a Barnard education.”

The results of the early de-cision application process will be announced on Dec. 15.

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BIG PLAY | Senior forward Asenso Ampim made a block that was crucial to the Lions clinching the win against Bryant.

With late win, Columbia maintains perfect home record

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Frankoski came right back with a big three, the game was close for the final minute.

On Bryant’s next possession, Gresham missed a jumper and Columbia was able to grab the rebound. Agho then knocked down one of two free throws at the other end of the floor to expand the Lions’ lead to three.

Bryant’s Alex Francis had the opportunity to cut the deficit to just one with an easy lay-up, but a timely block by senior forward Asenso Ampim kept the momentum from swinging back to the Bulldogs.

“We picked it up when we needed to at the end there, and Asenso came over and had that big block, and we started getting back to team defense,” Barbour said.

Though the defense picked up in the final moments, the Lions were a bit lax in the

second half, as they allowed Bryant to make 59.3 percent of its shots and were out-rebounded 20-16.

“I think we may have lost our concentration a bit to start [the second half], but then we quickly picked it up,” Ampim said. “We just have to show a sense of urgency on defense for 40 minutes, which is something we’re working towards.”

In addition to struggling to contain the Bulldogs, the Light Blue had a difficult time making its own shots, as Columbia shot just 36 percent from the field in the second half.

“When you don’t play good defense, it’s hard to play good offense,” Agho said.

Head coach Kyle Smith echoed Agho’s sentiments, explaining that Bryant was not doing anything different defensively in the second half.

“They threw some zone at us early, but then we hit a couple

shots and they got out of that quickly,” Smith said. “They stayed with their press—it wasn’t necessarily a press to force turnovers, I think it was more to slow us down--and it was successful. We were getting stops first half, so they couldn’t press us. Then we stopped getting stops, and they were able to press us more. That was probably why there was a dramatic shift.”

While the Lions’ second-half performance was uninspired, Smith and players were positive after the win.

“We’re playing good basketball overall,” Agho said. “There are stretches where we lose our concentration, but if we can keep our concentration, I’m really excited about the potential of the team.”

The 76-72 win was Columbia’s third close game in a row.

“I think if you’re going to play for significant wins and be

in significant games, you got to get in those situations,” Smith said. “You don’t get to practice those situations. The only way to practice is a real live game.”

Agho finished with team highs in points (20), assists (6), and rebounds (7). Frankoski and Ampim also chipped in with 11 and 10 points, respectively.

The Light Blue will not take to the court again until Dec. 30 when it travels to Maine.

“I’ve seen a lot of things in Division I basketball. I’ve never seen a 19-day layoff, so I have no idea what to expect,” Smith said. “That’s an eternity during the season.”

Smith has admitted that the Lions have not had much practice time recently because of their busy game schedule, so the break—though a long one—should allow Smith to make any tweaks he needs to before the real season—Ivy season—begins in January.

SWIMMING AND DIVING

Women’s swimming and diving ends year with defeat at Penn

In its fourth dual meet of the season Friday, the women’s swimming and diving team fell to Penn 135.5-165.5 in Philadelphia, bringing its season record to 1-3, 0-3 Ivy.

Although the Lions started off strong, winning the 200 medley relay with the effort of junior Dorothy Baker, senior Annie Perizzolo, and sophomores Caroline Lukins and Katie Meili, they were soon surpassed by the Quakers, who had first-place finishes in the 1000 free, 200 free, and 100 back.

The first individual win of the day was by senior co-captain Mariele Dunn, who took first in the 100 breast in 1:05.60, followed by her teammate Perizzolo, who finished third. Meili also scored the top spot in the 50 free in 24.28, with the Lions’ Ashley MacLean finishing second and adding even more points to cut Penn’s lead.

In the diving events, the Quakers took the top spots in both the one-meter and three-meter contests, with Kristin Hehir taking second in the 1m and Liana Diamond finishing second in the 3m for the Lions.

The Light Blue fought hard in the second half of the meet to break Penn’s lead, and freshman Alena Kluge did her part with a win in the 200 back in 2:05.73. Dunn and Meili became dual event winners, with Dunn finishing first in the 200 breast and Meili taking the top spot in the 200 IM.

The Penn meet marked the last for the Lions for the 2010 calendar year, but Columbia will be returning home for its next dual meet against Bucknell on Jan. 16, 2011. The meet will be in combination with the men’s team and will begin at 1 p.m at Uris Pool.

—Julia Garrison

Lions still searching for opening win this season

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that stretch. Iowa State went on an 18-0 run before Shafer hit a pair of free throws with 25 seconds left in the half. After Iowa State’s Jessica Schroll split one of two free throws, the half ended with Iowa State up 31-14.

Throughout the season, the Lions have had a knack for making second-half comebacks to compensate for a poor first-half showing. This time, however, the situation only deteriorated.

Following a third three-pointer from Shafer to bring the score to 34-17, the Lions’ offense again stagnated. The Cyclones went on a 26-2 run over the next 10 minutes to take the game well out of reach for Columbia to mount a comeback. The Lions had a worse second half—getting outscored 42-13—to

eventually fall 73-27.

Shafer led the Lions with 11 points, scoring eight of Columbia’s 14 first-half points. The Lions collectively shot just nine for 56 on the court.

Iowa State sustained a balanced offensive attack throughout the game. Sophomore center Anna Prins, listed at 6-foot-7, overpowered the Lions’ front-court, scoring a game-high 14 points—10 of them coming off of free throws—and grabbed 10 rebounds. Freshman forward Hallie Christofferson also played well, scoring 13 points for the Cyclones.

Following the loss, the Lions will take a two-week break from action before competing at the Pepsi Rainbow Wahine Invitational in Honolulu, Hawaii, from Dec. 28-30. There, Columbia will play Hawaii, UNLV, and Cal State Bakersfield.



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FALLING SHORT | Junior Melissa Shafer led the Lions offense with 11 points, scoring eight of the team’s 14 first-half points.



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Columbia basketball stands out in week of lasts

This is a week of many lasts for me at Spec. I put out my last Friday sports page late on Thursday night (and by that I mean at 5 a.m. Friday morning). I led my last section meeting. I sent out my last budget. I did my last set of final reads. I just finished my last men's basketball recap.



MICHELE CLEARY
I Can See Cleary Now

Spec turns over its staff every calendar year, so last night was my final night as sports editor. Fortunately for me, I'll be staying on as the 135th managing editor of Spec, so I'll still spend almost all of my time here, but there are things I will miss about being sports editor.

What I will miss the most, though, is covering the men's basketball team. When I was a freshman, I attended every men's basketball home game. Not only did I enjoy seeing the games, but I also wanted to make sure I got to know the team so that I would have a shot at covering them through the beat position the following year. Basketball has always been my favorite sport to watch, and because of that, the only real aspiration I had at Spec for my first year or so was to eventually cover our men's basketball team. Becoming sports editor was kind of an accident.

I was lucky enough to get the beat my sophomore year, and I was certainly excited. That excitement died quickly, though, when former head coach Joe Jones yelled at me in our first meeting. He was mad about the headline for one of my stories, but he got over it quickly, and we ended up having a great working relationship.

Even though last season was a disappointing one for the team, it was the most fun I've ever had working for Spec. I became really engrossed in the world of Ivy League basketball and spent a lot of my time tracking not just our team, but also the seven other members of the Ancient Eight. I basically became a walking encyclopedia for all things even tangentially related to Ivy basketball.

This is why sitting on press row for the Lions' game against Bryant on Saturday was my saddest "last" this weekend. I have invested so much time and so much energy into covering this team that to walk away from it for a year while I serve as managing editor was an incredibly hard decision for me to make.

Sure, I can still go to games, and now I even get to cheer instead of pretending to be impartial. I'll still study the stats after each weekend, but it won't be the same. I'll no longer get to meet with Coach Smith multiple times a week, and I won't get to interview the players after each game. While I'll still have fun checking Ivy League basketball message boards compulsively (which is admittedly weird), what I enjoyed the most about covering this beat is the people that I got to work with.

After our initial meeting, Coach Jones was nothing but kind to me and my fellow beat writers. He was always happy to talk with us, even when the team was playing poorly, and made sure I was never stranded anywhere like Hanover, N.H. The day he told his team he was leaving for the Boston College job, he was nice enough to sit down with me and Zach Glubiak, my co-beat writer, and thank us for our work that season.

Coach Smith, Jones' successor, has been just as kind, and, if anything, more willing to talk with us. I'm so jealous that Zach and Lucas Shaw, my other co-beat writer, get to stay on and see where he can take this team in just one year.

Pete McHugh, the sports information director for men's basketball, is the nicest and most helpful person I have worked with in the athletic department, and while I'm sure we'll still work together a bit this year, I'm sad that it won't be as frequently.

Last, but certainly not least, the players have been more than wonderful. Spec-athlete relations can be tense, understandably, but if the players ever resented me for interviewing them after a rough loss, they never let me know it, and it made my job a lot easier.

So thanks to everyone who made this experience so great, good luck this year, and see you in 2012 for the Ivy season.

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STAR GUARD | Noruwa Agho scored his 100th career three-pointer against Bryant en route to victory. He led the team in points, assists, and rebounds.

Lions make it three straight with win against Bryant

BY MICHELE CLEARY
Spectator Senior Staff Writer

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The men's basketball team led Bryant (1-8) by 13 at the half, and expanded that lead to 17 when sophomore point guard Brian Barbour hit a jumper in the paint with 16:13 remaining in the game. However, with just one minute remaining in regulation, the Bulldogs took a one-point lead when senior Cecil Gresham hit a three-pointer to put his team up 68-67.

The Lions (6-4) have struggled to hold on to early leads this season, and it looked for a moment like they'd let another one slip away. But just 13

seconds later, freshman guard Steve Frankoski, who was 2-for-9 from three-point land at that point, hit a clutch shot from beyond the arc to put the Light Blue up by two, a lead it would never relinquish, eventually defeating the Bulldogs 76-72.

At the beginning of the game, it looked like Columbia was going to coast to its third straight win. Senior center Max Craig knocked down two free throws, and then junior guard Noruwa Agho hit his 100th career three-pointer

to give the Lions an early 5-0 edge.

The Light Blue built on that lead by hitting 62.5 percent of its shots from the floor and holding Bryant to just 28.1 percent from the field.

Agho had a particularly strong first half, notching 12 points. Prior to this game, he struggled to find his shot, but in the first 20 minutes Agho made all four of his three-point attempts.

"I just played as I usually play, and tonight they went in," Agho said.

At the half, the Light Blue was dominating the Bulldogs in every category, particularly rebounding—Columbia had 20 boards to Bryant's 10. But all that changed in the second half.

After the Lions took a 48-31 lead on that Barbour jumper, the Bulldogs started to chip away at the lead.

"We had a tough time getting a couple stops in a row—and credit to Bryant, they were hitting a lot of shots," Barbour said. "Our defensive intensity kind of went down a little bit, and when you have those quick breaks, it only takes a second for the game to turn around."

Columbia was still leading 64-55 with 5:18 to play, but Bryant went on a 13-3 run to take a one-point lead with 1:01 left on the clock. Even though

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JASPER L. CLYATT / SENIOR STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

BRIGHT START NOT ENOUGH | Freshman guard Taylor Ward helped the Lions take an early lead with her 10th trey of the year, the second-highest tally on the team. She has connected on 35.7 percent of her attempts from beyond the arc.

Light Blue suffers tough defeat in Iowa

BY MICHAEL ZHONG
Spectator Staff Writer

Women's basketball had its lowest scoring game since 1996, falling to No. 15/16 ranked Iowa State (7-2) 73-27 on Sunday. The loss also marked Columbia's largest margin of defeat since the 2001-2002 season.

The odds were always going to be against Columbia (0-9). Following their final home game of the season—a tough 50-46 loss to Fairfield—the Lions had just two days between games before making the trip to Iowa. Iowa State also lost on Friday, ensuring that the team, which also happens to be the highest ranked team Columbia has faced this season, would come out hungry for Sunday's matchup.

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For the first 10 minutes of the opening period, it appeared as if the short rest and strong opposition would not matter to the Lions, who started out strong. Behind three-pointers from freshman Taylor Ward and junior Melissa Shafer, the Lions grabbed a 9-4 lead with 14:38 left in the half. Shafer, who had struggled finding her mark the past three games, hit another trey with 12:08 remaining in the half to knot the game at 12-all.

After that, though, the Lions were swamped by the Cyclones' zone. From the 12-minute mark until a minute before the end of the first half, the Lions had 16 possessions. Not once were they able to score any points during

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