Dear TC Residents,

Happy New Year! I hope you had a restful holiday break and are feeling re-energized as you begin the spring semester. We have many great activities for you and your families, so watch out for signs posted by your Residence Life staff. You can also access the latest newsletter and events on the housing website: www.tc.edu/housing.

We are working on many exciting things, including resident discussion boards using Classweb where you can meet others who share special interests you have or to get advice on local resources, such as babysitting, shopping, and many others. We also have some employment opportunities opening up starting in summer and fall of 2005. We invite you to apply to become a Community Assistant. Information and application materials are available on our website.

Have a productive and enjoyable spring semester!

Sincerely,
Sofia Bautista Pertuz
Assistant Director for Residence Life

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**Important January TC Dates to Remember**

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<td>Late registration and change period. Hours: Wednesday - Thursday 9:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.; Friday 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Advisors available from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.</td>
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<td>Last day to deposit Ed.D. dissertation and abstracts, which have been corrected in accordance with Dissertation Secretary's evaluation, and to pay microfilm fee for February 9 award of degree.</td>
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Thank you to everyone who’s submitted comment cards! We’ve received many helpful suggestions and comments. The Office of Housing and Residence Life will be evaluating these cards every month and taking each comment/suggestion into serious consideration. While some comments/suggestions may be taken care of quickly, others may take time to occur. Don’t think just because you haven’t seen your submission immediately reacted to that your comment isn’t being considered. Numerous factors play a part when we evaluate the comment cards. These can include but are not limited to: feasibility, the amount of people it will benefit, how it will affect quality of life, funding, and long-term potential. Please note, in addition to submitting a comment card, if you have a question or concern that you’d like to have answered, please e-mail us at housing@tc.edu. Some comments/suggestions we received for November were:

“What a great job Ms. Evelyn is doing at BA. She is of tremendous help and resource. We enjoyed the job she is doing at BA. Very impressed with her work. We look forward to having her back.” – Thanks! We’ll pass the message along!

“The overhead lights are too dim to study & to read. The elevators are extremely disturbing (517)” – Instead they listen to the beeps in order to know which floor they are on. We appreciate your input and have brought this concern to facilities attention so that they can look into decreasing the volume of the ‘beeping’.

“I hope that the “swiping-card service” of the “back door” of the New Residence Hall could be available ASAP” – For security purposes, we cannot allow students swipe access to the back door of 517. This is not a protected door (no security guard) and it would greatly decrease the security of the building by having this as a regular access door. This door is only for delivery and facilities purposes. Please continue to use the door on 121st Street.

“A great place to stay, clean, fairly quiet, very comfortable, staff is so responsive, this place is my current favorite...as someone who has traveled 3000 miles to get here I appreciate the space so much.” – We’re glad you enjoyed our Guest Housing operation!

“This was a perfect stay for me. The facility is clean, simple, and great access to public transportation. I like that the room has its own bath, refrig, microwave, tv, radio. I also appreciated access to internet & the quiet atmosphere. Improvements – I, at times, had difficulty getting into my room with the magnetic key card but that is probably just me.” – We’re happy to hear you enjoyed your stay. Anytime there are difficulties with a swipe card, please stop by our office during business hours and we’ll fix it for you.

“Very nice! Convenient! Thanks. Improvements – Trash can in bathroom. Extra trash bags so we could empty trash.” – We’re constantly looking at possible ways to improve service to our students and guests. Adding a secondary trash can to the guest room bathroom is one of the items we’re evaluating for the future. We’ve also contacted facilities and they have added extra trash bags to each guest room to assist in making your stay more convenient.

In response to a past comment submission: The laundry card add value machine in Bancroft has been moved from the mailbox area in Bancroft. We’ve moved the laundry card value add machine to the laundry room of Bancroft for your convenience. We hope this helps expedite the process when you’re doing laundry for you and/or your family. Please pass this information along to your other household members if you reside in Bancroft, Sarasota, or Grant.

Congratulations to our November Comment Card winner. Darren Schwartz of 517 has been randomly selected and will receive one night of complimentary guest housing in our brand, new guest rooms at 517 W. 121st St. If you are interested in booking a guest room, please call x3235 for more information. We encourage calling at least 2 weeks in advance due to the high demand for our guest rooms.

Safety Inspections Completed! Thank you everyone for helping to keep Family Housing safe and secure. We found a nominal amount of safety violations thanks to all of you! Just a reminder, if you experience water overflowing for shower use, and you don’t have wrap-around shower curtain coverage, please obtain additional shower curtains to avoid spillage and leak problems beneath you. Thanks in advance! Since the inspections occur before the holiday season we don’t get the chance to check for proper use of decorations, etc. Please keep in mind that live holiday decorations are strictly prohibited. If you go with artificial, you can’t go wrong! This applies to decorations hung on doors as well. Additionally, electrical chords must not pass under doorways or carpets as both are fire hazards! If, for religious purposes, you need to burn candles this holiday season, please contact the Office of Housing and Residence Life (OHRL) at X 3235 to obtain an exemption. Once you’ve obtained an extension, please alert your CA. Thanks again! We wish you a safe and enjoyable holiday season!

Keeping the Community Room Clean
The Parent’s Committee has re-convened for the year and as such held a very successful Community Room Clean-Up Party this past Sunday. They worked VERY hard to discard of old and broken toys and to clean the ones they decided to keep. The room was left spotless and organized. They’re instituting a general improvements plan which will begin with the professional floor cleaning and continue with wall and painting repairs. Please respect their hard work and diligence and clean up after yourself and/or your children after you use the room. It will not realize its full potential as a community room until the entire community is involved in its preservation and maintenance. Please help us keep it clean!

Pets
Lastly, please remember to escort your pets away from the building entrances, courtyards, and sidewalks when they need to relieve themselves. Accidents do happen, so in the case that your pet can’t hold it before you arrive at the proper destination, please clean up after it. Thanks for helping to keep Family Housing clean and comfortable for all residents.
**FIRE ALARM UPGRADE FOR WHITTIER AND LOWELL**

We are almost at the finish line. As of December 2004 the fire alarm system upgrade is complete in Whittier floors 1-10 and Lowell apartments. Please be advised that the new system is currently not operational. We will notify you when the fire alarm upgrade has been entirely completed and new pull stations become operational. As we continue this work we ask you to please use “old” pull stations in case of an emergency, they are fully functional. Please be advised that we will testing the newly upgraded system between 8:30 am—4:00 pm Monday through Friday on all floors. Please keep in mind that during this testing period we might need to enter your room to fix any errors. We want to thank you in advance for your patience as we get this very important fire alarm system upgrade finished.

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**Make A Difference... Be A Leader!**

**Community Assistant Positions**

**IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:**

- **February 11th:** APPLICATIONS DUE @ 5PM!!
- **INFORMATION SESSIONS:**

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**JANUARY EVENTS**

**Date:** Saturday, January 1, 2005  
**Program Title:** Bagel Brunch  
**Program Description:** Happy New Years Day! New Residence Hall floors 2-6 South are invited to a Bagel Brunch  
**Location & Time:** 12:00 noon for more information please contact CA Franca Faustini at fmf2101@columbia.edu

**Date:** Thursday, January 20, 2004  
**Program Title:** Thursday Movie Night  
**Program Description:** Monthly movie series  
**Location & Time:** NRH TV Lounge at 9:15 pm. For more information please contact CA Tonio Verzone at tev2102@columbia.edu

**Date:** Friday, January 28, 2004  
**Program Title:** MOMA– Be Modern  
**Program Description:** Trip to MOMA for the target free Friday night  
**Location & Time:** For more information please contact CA Tonio Verzone at tev2102@columbia.edu

**Date:** Saturday, January 29, 2005  
**Program Title:** New Hall Potluck and Movie  
**Program Description:** Everyone in the New Hall is invited to bring a dish to the potluck and enjoy a movie. **Location and Time:** NRH TV Lounge at 6:00pm. For more information please contact CA Chanika Perry at crp2110@columbia.edu

**Date:** Sunday, January 30, 2004  
**Program Title:** Salvation Army Volunteer Event  
**Program Description:** Volunteer to feed the Homeless at the Salvation Army  
**Location & Time:** Meet CA George Castle at the Greystone Lobby at 1:00 pm (to take the train and volunteer at this event). For more information please contact CA George Castle at georgecastle1963@yahoo.com

**Program Title:** Multi-ethnic Eating Tour  
**Program Description:** Guided tour of history and gastronomy in multi-ethnic lower east side. Cost is $16.00, includes food sampling  
**Location and Time:** Meet in NRH lobby at 12 noon. For more information please contact CA Paul Kim at psk2003@columbia.edu
### Dollar Store
#### Buys:
- **Put in dollar bills**
  Need a laundry bag and don’t know where to go? Want to buy cheap supplies? Check out your local dollar stores for some of the following useful items:

#### For your kitchen:
- napkins, foil cooking trays, paper plates and ceramic dining sets (always handy for Thanksgiving turkey dinners!),

#### For your children or students:
- stickers and sticker books, picture books, arts & crafts.

#### For your tummy:
- Some canned goods, chips, pretzels, sodas.

**General things:**
- laundry bags, Nail polish!, Hair accessories, Socks.

Don’t forget that you’ll have to forego the candle section (burning candles not allowed in Residence Life units!)

### Grocery stores:
- **Appletree Supermarket & Deli**
  (1225 Amsterdam) This small grocery store across the street from Whittier Hall is a TC tradition. Whether you stop by for a quick noon sandwich or a midnight snack, you’ll see familiar faces at the checkout.

- **C-Town Supermarket**
  (3320 Broadway) This larger market located on 125th street between Broadway and Amsterdam has weekly circulars and coupons specials as well as more extensive selections of meats, produce, and dry goods.

- **Fairway**
  (2350 12th Ave) A haven for hard-core gourmets. Located along the Hudson (left off 132nd Street) this is the place if you’re looking for acres of vegetables, dozens of exotic oils, or a special cut of meat from the giant walk-in meat cooler.

- **Met Foodmarket**
  (1316 Amsterdam Avenue) – The Met is a medium sized grocery store, right around the corner from TC. It’s got a little bit of everything and a lot of local flavor.

### Eateries on Campus:
#### Columbia Dining Services
- **John Jay Dining Hall** – First Floor of John Jay Hall; Mon-Sun (Brunch) 10:30-1:30pm, Dinner) 5pm–8pm.

- **Ferris Booth Commons** – Third/Fourth Floors Alfred Lerner Hall; Mon-Thurs 9am–9pm, Fri 9am-6pm, Sat-Sun closed.

- **Café 212** – In Alfred Lerner Hall; Mon-Thurs 8am-2am, Fri 8am-9pm, Sat 11am-9pm, Sun 11am-2am.

- **The Food Court at Wien Hall** – Mon-Thurs 9am-1pm, Fri 8:30am-6pm, Sat closed, Sun 11am-7:30pm.

- **Uris Deli** – Main Floor of the Business School in Uris Hall – Mon-Wed 7:30am-7pm, Thur-Fri 7:30am-5pm, Sat-Sun closed.

- **Lenfest Café** – Third Floor of Jerome Green Hall – Mon-Fri 9am–4pm, Sat-Sun closed.

- **Carleton Lounge** – Fourth Floor of Mudd Building – Mon-Fri 10am-4pm; Sat-Sun closed.

- **Jj’s Place** – Basement of John Jay Hall – Mon-Fri (Breakfast) 7:30am-10:30am; Sun-Thurs (Late Night) 8pm-2am.

- **Hartley Kosher Deli** – First Floor Hartley Hall; Mon-Thurs 11am-2pm; Fri-Sun closed.

- **Sage Dining (TC Cafeteria)** – Basement of Grace Dodge – Mon-Thurs 7:30am-8pm; Sat 7:30am-2pm.

- **Barnard: McIntosh** – Lower level McIntosh – Mon-Fri 11:00am-4 pm; Sat-Sun Closed.

- **Java City** – Second floor McIntosh Student Center – Mon-Thurs 8:00am-12am; Fri 8:00am-5pm; Sat closed; Sun 5:00pm 12am.

### Banks
- **CARVER FEDERAL SAVINGS BANK**
  75 W. 125th Street (212) 876-4747

- **CHASE MANHATTAN BANK**
  55 W. 125th Street (212) 935-9935

- **CITIBANK**
  1310 Amsterdam Avenue (212) 663-2390 Citibank also has an ATM in the Commuter Lounge in the Grace Dodge basement.

- **EUROPEAN AMERICAN BANK**
  201 W 125th St (212) 663-3282

### Some restaurant choices on the Upper West Side
- **Adanta:** Amsterdam & 121st
  (Indian)

- **Café con Leche:** Amsterdam & 99th

- **Café Deluxe:** Broadway & 113th

- **Carmines:** Right in the basement of our building at 91st and Broadway (Family-style Italian – great for groups)

- **Diwan’s Curry House:** Columbus & 74th

- **El Malecón:** Amsterdam & 99th

- **Fresh Bites:** Columbus & 75th

- **Indian Café:** 201 W. 95th Street & Broadway

- **La Barca:** Broadway & 162nd (A bit far, but excellent and cheap eats—try the goat stew)

- **La Cocina:** Broadway & 99th

- **Le Monde:** Broadway & 112th

- **Los Paisas:** Amsterdam & 104th (Mexican)

- **Noche Mexicana:** Amsterdam & 102nd

- **Massawa:** Amsterdam & 121th (Eritrean & Ethiopian—true peace under the umbrella of food)

- **Pappardella:** Columbus & 75th (Italian)

- **Saigon Grill:** Amsterdam & 90th

- **Señor Swan’s:** Columbus & 73rd

### Looking for MTA maps and general information about riding the subway/buses?
Visit [http://www.mta.nyc.ny.us/nyct/maps/index.html](http://www.mta.nyc.ny.us/nyct/maps/index.html) for a listing of all subway and bus maps and other helpful information. It is also recommended that you purchase a convenient transportation map to keep in your apartment/room and to take with you when you travel. You can find laminated copies of these as well. These are non-laminated copies and are free.

### Cabs
- are plentiful in NYC. Always note that your cab is a licensed cab and remember the cab ID number. This is not only for your safety but should you need to report a missing item, complaint, or any other information about your ride, you will need this ID number. There are two types of cabs. Your well recognized yellow cab and independently owned cabs. Independently owned cabs do not run on meters hence it is recommended that you negotiate your rate prior to traveling.