Now that you have settled in...It is time to STUDY!

Yes, it has been a month since Move—in Day. You have finally finished packing or at least you have made a significant dent in your luggage’s. Anyhow, the semester is well on its way. The holiday season has arrived beginning with Halloween. But before we start fantasizing about the food and gift mania we need to remain focus. So in the spirit of school work here are some options of where you can enjoy a quite place to study:

- **Bancroft**: has a study lounge located left of the lobby and a computer lab in 101.
- **Whittier**: is the home to Whittier Café located left of the lobby, 10th floor lounge and a computer lab on the 10th floor.
- **517 New Residence Hall**:
  - Computer lab and study lounge.

Other TC/Columbia Spaces:

- Milbank Library lounges on the 2nd and 4th floors.
- Everett Lounge on the 1st floor of Main Hall.
- Columbia Business School Library
- Columbia Law School Library
- SIPA Lehman Library
- NY Public Library (two nearby locations) 112th and Broadway and 125th between Amsterdam & Broadway.

We want to welcome you all once again and wish you a successful academic year.

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**- Important TC Dates for October -**

**Tuesday, October 5:** Last Day to change points in variable point courses.

**Friday, October 15:** Last Day to deposit Ph.D. dissertation with the office of Doctorial Studies and the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences for the award of October degrees.

**Wednesday, October 20:** Award of October degrees and certificates. No ceremony.

**Friday October 22:** Doctoral Certification Examination (Ed.D. /Ph.D.) for students not majoring in an area of psychology, 9:00 am to 12 noon and 1:45 pm to 4:45 pm.

**Thursday October 28:** Midterm date, Autumn Term 2004.

**Friday October 29:** Doctoral Certification Examination (Ed.D. /Ph.D.) for students majoring in an area of psychology, 9:00 am to 12 noon and 1:45 pm to 4:45 pm.

**Friday October 29:** Last day to file or to renew an application, in the registrar’s office, for Masters degrees and certificates to be awarded in February. (After this date application may be filed only until November 12 upon payment of $15.00 late fee.)

Happy Halloween!
Maintenance Requests Online — iService Desk

If you have a maintenance request please visit our web page at http://www.tc.edu/housing/. Our web page will allow you to submit a maintenance request online 24 hours a day seven days a week.

All you have to do is follow these easy steps:

• At the left hand of the housing home page (http://www.tc.edu/housing/) please select “Maintenance Request” from the link options.
• Once you have selected the link “Maintenance Request” you will be taken to the iServiceDesk site. Click on “Submit a Request” on the left side of the page.
• Select “Residence Halls” as your facility.
• In order to submit a request form you need to provide the required information such as name, phone number, email address, Residence Hall, area and a description of the maintenance request.
• Please submit only one repair per request. Be as detailed as possible.
• Immediately after you have submitted a request you will be given a request number. Once your request has been accepted by Facilities they will email you a work order that you can track online.

We hope you will take advantage of this great resource.

Fire Safety is Everyone’s Responsibility

Please be safe and considerate of the well–being of yourself and your community by not leaving cooking food unattended at any time. By leaving cooking unattended you may be putting your community and your housing in jeopardy. We thank you in advance for your consideration and commitment to the safety of our TC community.

Halloween is just around the corner and even though my family is not American I grew up surrounded with Tricks and Treats in this great transforming month of October. My mother who believed this holiday was satanic never really wanted to invest a dime on this so “wasteful American Holiday.” But after immense begging she would cough up $5 dollars and take us to the dollar store to buy costumes. She hated every minute of it. In her mind those five dollars could have placed another hot meal on the table. But regardless of my mothers impatient stare my brother and sisters and I were delighted to participate in what seemed to us to be a piñata masquerade.

Hey, we got to transform ourselves, get free candy and stay up late this was a child’s dream: we had some independence and freedom. So on this Halloween it is no surprise that I will trick and treat and continue the tradition of going to the dollar store and buying myself a costume. Maybe one day (after Graduate School and finding a job which will pay for the loans of Graduate School) I hope to buy myself a costume at a costume store. But until then I will celebrate Halloween the way I have always have. With immense creativity, joy and the love for the power of transformation.

— Maryes W. Reyes

Moving in and Making Transitions

Whoa. What the heck do you say after checking into your new housing? Fruity metaphors run amok. At times I felt like a wind up toy someone had dropped wound up into a world already running down. Figuratively speaking, that is. There were moments where the light at the end of the tunnel was the light of an oncoming train. I found that there is no Death. What seemed so was only transition. I can now say that in our world you’re either a bully, a toady, or one of nameless rabble of victims. I have learned to love the animals, love the plants; in short, to love everything. If you love everything, you will perceive the divine mystery in things. Once you perceive it, you will comprehend it better every day. And you will come at last to love the whole world with an all-embracing love. I saw that there is a hole in reality through which we can look if we wish. Furthermore, for the faithful, the patient, the hermetically pure, all the important things in this world—not life and death, perhaps, which are merely words, but the important things—work out rather beautifully. Now that I’m armed with this fresh outlook, my dream is to join the circus and become a clown. I’m going to stand in the middle of the ring and laugh at all of the people. Yes sir, I’m going to be a different type of clown. There is nothing I can do but laugh at what people do.

Allow me to depart by reflecting upon you, my fellow residents. I picture a beautiful crystal blue lake. I can see a beautiful sunset on the horizon. Flying over this lake is a beautiful pink flamingo. This flamingo is carrying a beautiful painting in its beak. This is for the Kid in Me!

— Paul Kim
Whittier Roof Replacement

**What is Happening?**
The replacement of the Whittier roof. This project will begin with the demolition of the current roof and will end with the replacement of a brand new roof.

No chemicals or solvents, etc. will be used. There will not be any odors outside of normal NYC odors.

The roof workers will NOT enter Whittier at any time they will access the roof through other means.

**When is it Happening?**
The replacement of the Whittier roof commenced on Thursday, June 24, will continue for the next twelve months. The work hours are from 8:30 am—7:00 pm Monday—Friday. Work has begun on 120 street end of Whittier and will move north.

**What do you need to do?**
To minimize the noise caused by the roof demolition please close and lock your windows. There will be some occasional and very minor dust produced as the work progresses. Please keep windows closed and locked.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION AND PATIENCE.**

Whittier Fire Alarm System Upgrade

**What is Happening?**
This project entails the installation of hardwired smoke detectors in each Whittier room and each Lowell apartment. Additionally, new fire alarm strobes and horns are being installed throughout the building. The system will have the intercom capabilities for New York Fire Department personnel to give audible evacuation instructions from a central fire command station. This is a major capital project for the College and one in which will significantly enhance fire/life safety within Whittier and Lowell.

The devices will be hardwired and wiring will be temporarily be exposed. As part of the project schedule, this interior exposed wiring will be covered with an appropriate architectural treatment. We estimate that the architectural treatment will occur in spring 2005.

**When is it Happening?**
As of September 22, 2004 the fire installation proceeded to the 8th & 9th floor Whittier and Lowell Apt 8E, 8W, 9W & 9E. Please be advised that we will begin installation at 8:30 am—4:00 pm Monday through Friday.

In order to complete the installation of the fire system it is necessary for the contractor to install new equipment in each room in Whittier and each apartment in Lowell. This new equipment will be mounted in the hallway ceiling of each Lowell apartment and each Whittier room.

As a result, it will be necessary for the contractors to enter your apartment/room, perhaps several times in order to successfully finish installing the fire/alarm upgrade. Therefore, if you see a notice in your door indicating that “your room will be entered soon” or if your floor is scheduled for installation as advised by this newsletter and or emails please remove all valuables from the work area. Until you have been notified either through this newsletter or by a posted flyer on your door that your fire/alarm upgrade is complete.

**Special Note**: Even though installation is complete in the 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th floors. Please be advised that the new system is currently not operational. As you may have noticed new pull stations remain covered. Please use “old” pull stations in case of an emergency they are fully functional.

We want to thank you in advance for your patience as we get this very important fire system upgrade accomplished.

A special thanks to the residents of 7th floor Whittier and Lowell for their patience and understanding as we completed their fire alarm upgrade.

**Thank You!**

Family Housing

**Roof Tank Replacement**
9/30 - 10/1/04- Demo Water tank enclosure and temp roof area within enclosure
10/4 to 10/7/04 - Remove and replace water tanks.
10/8/04 - Begin removal on balance of roof

For More Information on any Construction or Renovation Projects in Whittier and or Family Housing, Please Contact:
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October Programs

Friday, October 1, 2004
Family Housing Swim Party
Time: 3pm—5 pm
Program Description: Family Housing Swim Party at the TC Pool.
Contact: Lori DeRose

Saturday, October 2, 2004
Grant Potluck
Time: 6 pm
Program Description: For Grant Hall residents only. Please meet in Grant 501. Thank You.
Contact: Frank Grossman

Thursday, October 7, 2004
A Night of Comedy!
Time: 8 pm
Contact: Chanika Perry & Lance Ozier
Program Description: We’re going to stand-up NY, a comedy club, to enjoy the wonderful antics of some very talented & enthusiastic comedians.

Saturday, October 16, 2004
Trip to the Transit Museum
Time: 11 am
Contact: Reese Rechnitz
Program Description: Guided tour to MTA Transit Museum in Brooklyn. Interested students meet in NRH Lobby.

Friday, October 15, 2004
Celebrating Latin America
Contact: Nani Pease & Lori DeRose
Program Description: Location TBA. If interested please look out for details, they are forthcoming. Thank You.

Family Housing’s World Famous Halloween Celebration
Look for more information in the coming weeks. Event is for all ages!

Sunday, October 17, 2004
Making Strides Against Breast Cancer
Time: 9 am
Contact: Vickie Ndibo, Aisha Burrell & Damien LaRock
Program Description: Come and join us fight Breast Cancer by walking in Central Park. Interested residents please meet CA’s in Whittier Lobby.

Trip to the Metropolitan Museum of Art
Time: 12 noon
Contact: George Castle
Program Description: Interested residents please meet at Greystone Lobby.

Sunday, October 24, 2004
Dim Sum!
Time: 12 noon
Contact: Damien LaRock, Vickie Ndibo
Program Description: Come and enjoy a traditional Taiwanese brunch. We will all meet at 12 noon in the Whittier Lobby and travel to Queens via the 7 train.

Sunday, October 30, 2004
Lower East Side Tenement Museum
Time: 10 am
Contact: Tonio Verzone
Program Description: Guided Tour: Piecing It Together: Immigrants in the Garment Industry. Meet at NRH Lobby. Bring $6 dollars for entrance fee, extra money for lunch afterwards. Limit to 10 participants RSVP Please with CA Tonio Verzone at tev2102@columbia.edu.

Sunday, October 31, 2004
31st Annual Village Halloween Parade
Time: 7 pm
Contact: Paul Kim, Franca Faustini & Stephania Vu
Program Description: Come and experience the unique culture of the Village Halloween Parade. Interested residents please meet in the lobby of NRH.

It’s Coloring Time