Cooking Community Assistant, Rebecca, jovial as ever, scrambling away while being caught in a mid-action photo shot.

CA’s run active and passive programs every month. Be on the lookout for announcements of these events in the monthly newsletter, on bulletin boards, on the TC eBoard and in e-mails from the CA’s.

The month of October saw trips to the San Gennaro festival (see p.2), the Museum of Modern Art (MOMA) as well as nutritious move nights and the music series offered at St Paul’s Chapel on the Columbia University Campus.

On September 24th, residents of Whittier’s 1st thru 8th floors gathered in the Whittier Cafe for a bagel brunch from 10:00AM to 11:30AM. Residents, slowly filtering in on a Sunday morning, were pleasantly surprised by not only the piles of bagels, spreads, orange juice, and other items, but also by the aroma of scrambled eggs, freshly made crepes and French toast that greeted them from the cafe kitchen. More than 50 residents joined the Community Assistants and mingled to discuss the first month of school and residential life. Returning students shared tips and ideas in between bites of bagels and eggs. All in all, the brunch was a tremendously successful event. We hope you join us next time!

Giving Thanks Together @ TC - Join us for Thanksgiving!

Going to be around for Thanksgiving? You can still have a home-cooked meal!

When—Thursday, November 23rd, 2006 from Noon-3pm. Where do you say? TC Cafeteria of course!

A full Thanksgiving meal will be served including Roast Turkey with all the trimmings: vegetables, mashed potatoes, sweet potato pie, and beverages. There will also be a kids table with fun activities, a raffle, music, and more! The price is $12 per ticket. Children 5 and under are free.

Tickets are by advance purchase only and are non-refundable.

You may purchase tickets at 128 Zankel Hall beginning November 3rd from 11am-4pm.
Whittier Hall’s Immorality Addressed - Historical Significance

At the turn of the century, the administrators of Teachers College, with a predominantly female student population, were faced with a dilemma. While there were apartments and boarding houses in Morningside Heights, it was considered immoral for young, unmarried women to live on their own. To solve the problem, TC decided to build a dormitory and became the first institution in the area to do so. According to a college brochure at the time, “women students can secure cheap rooms, proper board, under wise direction.” TC could not afford such an undertaking, but generous alumni stepped up to purchase the entire Amsterdam Avenue block adjacent to the college building. Designed by another architect, the new building looked different, but nicely complemented the earlier campus structures. The first residence hall at Teachers College, Whittier Hall, opened in December 1901. It became so popular that the Evening Post proclaimed it a “beehive of single femininity.” The magazine article also described the ground floor stores, notably the corner drugstore with a soda fountain where you could order a “Horace Mannequin” [or] a “Co-ed Frappe.”

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New York City Marathon

Take a study break from the books and papers on November 5, 2006 to cheer on the 37,000 runners participating in the ING New York City Marathon. What’s so exciting about the marathon this year? Well, for one, Hendrick Ramaala of South Africa, the ING New York City Marathon champion of 2004, will return to pursue a victory at this year’s marathon. American record holder Deena Kastor, the fourth fastest female marathoner of all time, will compete. Olympic silver medalist Meb Keflezighi is returning to compete for the third straight year. Better yet, ING NYC 2005 Marathon Champs Paul Tergat of Kenya and Jelena Prokupcuka of Latvia will return this year to defend their titles. It is even rumored that tri-athlete Lance Armstrong will compete. It is sure to be an exciting day in New York City. Wonder where the NYC marathon goes? Check out the marathon route at http://www.ingnycmarathon.org/home/index.php. Wonder how you can get involved without having to run 26.2 miles? Community Assistants Daniel Kim from South Area and Paul Kim from North Area are recruiting volunteers for their program which will take place at Mile 23 of the marathon. Volunteers will be working at various water, Gatorade, and other aid stations on 5th Avenue and East 105th Street. Volunteering at Mile 23 will give you the best view of the runners, along with time to mix and mingle with other fellow TC students and New Yorkers! For more information, please contact Daniel Kim at dik2102@columbia.edu or Paul Kim at miklaup@hotmail.com.

Thursday is all Grey - Anatomy and all

Every Thursday people come to congregates to watch one of the most popular prime time television shows this season, “Grey’s Anatomy”. Friends, classmates, both new and old come and enjoy the drama, laughter and fun of this fantastic show. As a resident of Whittier Hall I really wanted to have people come and have fun with a show that could do the same. On Grey’s premiere night thirty residents of both Whittier and New Hall came to watch the show. With such a successful first week, a following of twenty people come to the tenth floor lounge of Whittier every Thursday night. My hopes of having a program where people meet new residents and enjoy themselves have come true. And… delicious snacks are always provided. Hope to see you all there!!!!

By Sarah Greco

Thursdays at 9pm
Whittier 10th Floor Lounge
Residents Flight To Italia

Voilo in Italia? Actually, it was less like a flight and really just a few subway stops away to Little Italy, where residents from the North Area (Milan) and the South Area (Naples) residence halls took in the sights, sounds, and cuisine of Italy. The 79th Annual Feast of San Gennaro, which is New York City’s oldest and largest street festival, celebrated from Thursday, September 14th to Sunday, September 24, 2006. Among the delicious foods offered were cannolis, artichokes, lasagna, Italian sausages, and fried Oreos. Residents were rained out on the original date of departure to Little Italy — but persisted through the rainy days, waiting patiently for the rescheduled date of September 18th. If you missed out on San Gennaro this year, do not worry, for the festival runs every September for eleven days to commemorate the feast of its patron saint, San Gennaro. What did the residents experience while walking Mulberry Street? The street festivities included parades, entertainment, food stands, and even a cannoli eating contest. Grazie a Janine, Shaun, and Matt — Era meraviglioso!

Coffee Spoons and Study Groups

Take a break from studying on November 7th and grab some Dunkin’ Donuts coffee, donuts, and apple cider with some of your fellow students. Food and drinks will be available for all. This is a great opportunity to form study groups, network with others in your class, connect with other late night workers, or just relax for a moment before returning to hit the books. Check Back Page for details.

Thank you to everyone who has submitted comment cards!

We’ve received many helpful suggestions and comments. The Office of Residential Services 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 of the comments collected during the month of September include:

“Apartments are kinda small, but its NY.”- Althought space is hard to come by in NYC, all of the amazing things NYC has to offer indeed make up for it. In between your studies, try out some of the CA’s programs that really help you explore NYC from museums to restaurants of various cultures!

“Air conditioning is way too cold in the corridors.”- Temperature regulation can be challenging in large buildings. To help moderate the temperatures in the New Residence Hall between the North and South building, the corridor doors have been modified to remain open except in the case of a fire alarm). In addition to providing easier access, residents will find that the hall closely mirror the temperature throughout the building.

Congratulations to Risa Poniros, our September Comment Card winner! Risa Poniros has been randomly selected and will receive one night of complimentary guest housing in our guest rooms at 517 W. 121st Street. If you are interested in booking a guest room, please call the Office of Residential Services at x3235 for more information. We encourage calling at least 2 weeks in advance due to the high demand for our guest rooms.

Ultimate Frisbee on Friday in Riverside Park @ 12:30 PM

Annie and Hashim, who live in Bancroft 802, love to gather informal groups of people to play Ultimate Frisbee.

For those of you who don’t know what we’re talking about, Ultimate Frisbee is a game somewhat similar to soccer where you throw a disc rather than kick a ball. We love to play with people of all skill levels and ages. Basically anyone who feels like getting some exercise or get warm through this fun filled outdoor activity! We’ll meet in the Bancroft Lobby at 12:30 on Fridays, unless it’s raining hard. Come and join us, whether you’ve played before or not!
Calendar of Upcoming Events

Wednesday, November 1st 2006
Chamber Music
Form Julliard Social
TIME: 6:00 pm
Meeting Location: St Paul's Chapel, Columbia Campus
Contact: Greg Payton

Thursday, November 2nd 2006
Homophobia 101
TIME: 7:00 pm
Location: Whittier Café
Contact: Rebecca Pinard

Friday, November 3rd 2006
Post-midterm self-care and time Management (Personal Development)
TIME: 8:30 AM
Meeting Location: Whittier Lobby
Contact: Vickie Naidoo

Saturday, November 4th 2006
De-stress Program (Personal Development)
TIME: 6:00 pm
Meeting Location: NRH TV Lounge
Contact: NRH CA’s

Tuesday, November 7th 2006
Study Group Coffee n’ Donuts
TIME: 8:15 PM
Location: 1st Floor Whittier—Study Carols (adjacent to elevators)
Contact: Matthew Marsters-D’Urso

Thursday, November 9th 2006
Understanding Sexism 101
TIME: 7:00 PM
Location: Whittier Café
Contact: Rebecca Pinard

Friday, November 10th 2006
Cinema Travels India
TIME: 9:30 PM
Location: Whittier Café
Contact: Vickie Naidoo and Aisha Burrell

Saturday, November 11th 2006
Dissertation Research Workshop
TIME: 4 –5.30 pm
Meeting Location: Russell Courtyard
Contact: Jo-Ellen Malveaux

Tuesday, November 14th 2006
De-stress Program (Personal Development)
TIME: 6:00 pm
Meeting Location: NRH TV Lounge
Contact: NRH CA’s

Sunday, November 12th 2006
SWAP –O-Rama!
TIME: 1:00—3:00 pm
Meeting Location: TBD (see flyers/ website)
Contact: NRH CA’s

Thursday, November 16th 2006
Relationship Violence 101
TIME: 7:00 PM
Meeting Location: Whittier Café
Contact: Jo Ellen Malveaux

Friday, November 17th 2006
Dissertation Research Workshop
TIME: 11:00 AM
Location: TC Library
Contact: Nani Pease

Thursday, November 30th 2006
Sexual Assault 101
TIME: 7:00 PM
Meeting Location: Whittier Café
Contact: Rebecca Pinard

Please Note:
Rooms will be entered by 2 CA’s once during 10/16-11/3.
Rooms will only need to be entered more than once if there are violations or facilities concerns.
See Guide to Campus Living for details regarding what is/ is not permissible.
Ask your CA if you have questions.
AD/AAD sent letter via e-mail in early October with exact time of inspection.