Spring break has come and gone and many are bemoaning the short semester break. Some are complaining that they actually need time off to now recover from both mid-terms and the restful period. Nothing better than heading back to the city with all of its pace and demands to get the adrenaline rushing again. The past month has lived up to the overused tagline March Madness in many different and wonderful ways beyond basketball. Daylight savings came a whole month early, Spring Vacate Notices were to be completed and our wonderful Community Assistants (CA’s) from both the North and South Areas of Residential Services, arranged all sorts of wonderful social and personal development activities. Read more about these events further on in this newsletter.

The CA’s have been busy planning and the month of April threatens to be as busy, but we would not have it any other way. The Summer Vacate forms are due for those moving out in summer. Check out the dates below in the Important Dates section of this newsletter or your Guide to Campus Living for 2006-07. Some residents have kept themselves busy at home and made great use of the resident initiated program service offered by Residential Services; from the wonderfully burgeoning resident soccer team, scrap booking, African Culture Night to a Wii active exhibition night. Look out for the next Wii fun night at the end of April. If you have ideas for activities that you would like to see, please do not hesitate to let us know. In addition, Residential Services have made available some funds for residents to propose and initiate programs to further cater to all within the residential community.

The North Area residential office is also offering various opportunities to meet and greet the Area Director and the Assistant Area Director (AD/AAD). These opportunities bring the office to the residents in a manner of speaking by setting up a welcoming table with eats and drinks in one of the North Area buildings. All are welcome to stop by, have a drink or a bite to eat and meet with the AD/AAD. The ground floor of the Whittier building has seen James Alford (AD) and Holly Prozzo (AAD) welcome residents in similar fashion and have mostly caught the early bird students.

If you might have questions or just wish to say hi or share residential questions or concerns, this would be another time to get speak to the AD/AAD other than the various Town Hall meetings that are scheduled and held throughout the semester. Again, welcome back to the hustle and bustle! See the last page of this newsletter for a list of CA arranged programs and even resident initiated programs.

**Important Teachers College Dates**

- **April 4th**
  - Health and Safety in the Classroom: A Teaching and Learning Workshop
  - 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

- **April 14th**
  - Columbia Community Outreach (CCO) is an annual student-organized, student-run service day that promotes community service on the Columbia campus. Each year over 1,000 students, faculty, staff, and alumni volunteer for a day and venture out into the city to work alongside community members and non-profit organizations. Traditionally they have had projects within the Morningside and Riverside Parks, including painting benches, trimming and weeding flower beds and bushes, and general clean-up. For registration [www.columbia.edu/cu/outreach](http://www.columbia.edu/cu/outreach).

- **April 17th**
  - How to Get Published: Tips for the Aspiring Writer
  - Are you interested in starting a scholarly piece or making something more of your exploratory essay, term paper, thesis, or dissertation? Do you need information on where or how to approach the right publishing firm? When do you go print or electronic? Please RSVP for this event.

- **April 19th**
  - Summer Vacate Notification Forms Due

- **April 24th**
  - After Katrina: What Do We Owe Each Other? A Socratic Conversation
  - What have you learned about America, from the New Orleans experience?

- **May 9th**
  - Spring Move-out (non-graduating residents)

- **May 13th**
  - Summer A Move-in

- **May 16 - 18th**
  - Transfers Requests Accepted

- **May 18th**
  - Summer Semester Housing Charges Due
Be on the look out for the next Wake Up Whittier!

This program, hosted by the Office of Residential Services, aims to create a friendly space where residents can voice their comments and concerns over a morning cup of coffee. On Friday, March 9, South Area Director James Alford and Assistant Area Director Holly Prozzo hosted the first Wake Up Whittier! As residents exited the Whittier elevator doors, coffee and donuts were available for those who had time to sit and for those on the go. For those residents in a hurry but who still had something to say, comment cards were available. Overall, the environment was friendly and welcoming, and we encourage all residents to take advantage of the coffee and conversation.

Wake Up Whittier! will be held several more times before the spring semester ends, so be on the lookout for more information and free breakfast bites (coffee and donuts) to come your way! For more information, please contact James Alford at alford@tc.edu or Holly Prozzo at prozzo@tc.edu.

About the Campus Clipper

The Campus Clipper has been in existence for over 9 years, helping students save money. Over 600,000 students from 25 New York Metropolitan campuses have the opportunity to save hundreds of dollars on products and services they need all through the year.

Candy-o-Gram program

Love was in the air this past Valentine’s Day as more than 30 Candy O’Grams were delivered to residents of the 5 Residence Halls. CA’s Rebecca Finard and Aisha Burrell spread the love to residents with the creation of Candy O’Gram packages comprised of various candies, chocolates and a message of love from the giver.

Residents also had the opportunity to purchase a raffle ticket for the chance to win a free night stay in our Guest Housing unit. Congratulations to Megan Lucas for being the winner of this raffle drawing!

The program not only allowed residents to express their love for one another but it also provided residents with an opportunity to raise money for a local charity. The project raised over $100! Thank you to everyone that participated! - by Rebecca Pinard
Indoor Football Tournament Postponed
no roof leaks, but it must be rain causing the indoor delay...again!

The resident initiated futbol/soccer/football has been growing from strength to strength. This amidst various injuries to the graduate aged players. Initially the players who meet every Saturday and Sunday in the Bancroft Lobby and/or courtyard, have also been gearing up for an indoor tournament. This indoor tournament, supposed to be arranged by the Columbia University Gym staff is now to be known as the forever-postponed-can-but-hope—to-happen indoor tournament. Allegedly, the last time the indoor tournament was postponed, was due to threatening rain—hah!

This geriatric assembled grad team has not rested on its laurels and the ever dependable Matt Hayden has arranged for the TC graduate resident team to sign up for Columbia Universities Outdoor tournament. After the schedule and the thick indh rule books were posted, yes, you guessed it, the format of the round-robin league has changed again. Oh MAN! Instead of a league, they are going to simply run a 4-Sunday single-elimination tournament. Anyway, the team’s first (and hopefully not last) game will be on Sunday, April 1st, at 8PM on Baker Field. The TC graduate resident team, play a team called Money Makers. If they lose, that’s it. End of tourney. If they win, they get to play the next Sunday. The team’s management could but only apologize to the players and added “sorry guys, we don’t have any game film on the Money Makers to analyze, but who needs film when we have 5 continents represented, right?” The guys will continue to kick the ball around every Saturday and Sunday (meet in Bancroft at 1:30PM) and laying out some game play positions and strategy. Email Matt mjh2128@columbia.edu or Fabio-fsasilva@yahoo.com.

Comment Corner

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 March include:

There should be more TV rooms/lounges.

Thank you for your suggestion. We’re glad to hear you are utilizing our common spaces! Currently, there aren’t possibilities for expansion as all rooms are currently used for either housing or lounge space. However, did you know that all TC residents can utilize the variety of community spaces in each of our residence halls? If the TV lounge in your building is occupied, you could use one of the lounges in any of our other residence halls! We have the TV lounges in: New Res (517), Whittier Café, Whittier 10th floor lounge, and the Bancroft Community Room. There are also study rooms in each of these buildings. Want to reserve a lounge to watch your favorite show with some friends? Ask for the room reservation book at any of the above building’s respective desks. The following spaces are able to be reserved: 517 TV lounge, 517 conference room, Bancroft Community Room, and the Whittier Café.

Congratulations to Paul Li, our March Comment Card winner!

Paul Li 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.

Parzania and MoMA: Movie and Museum Combo

As a part of the ‘India Now’ film exhibit, the Modern Museum of Art (MoMA) will feature several films during the month of April.

Community Assistant Aisha Burrell will lead a trip to see the film “Parzania” on Sunday, April 22, 2007. The director of the film, Rahul Dholakia, will be present to introduce his film. Dholakia, a native of Gujarat, was inspired to make this film which tells of a thirteen-year-old son of a Parsi family friend who disappeared during the radical riots between Hindus against Muslims in the west Indian state of Gujarat. These riots resulted in the deaths of over 1,100 people.

The movie makes a “powerfully humanist statement against fundamentalist extremism” and is also a “gripping drama”. The movie is in Hindi and English, with English subtitles and 118 minutes in length. The film stars actors Naseeruddin Shah, Sarika, Corin Nemec, Parzun Dastar. The movie starts at 7:00 PM, therefore meeting time will be 6:00PM in the Whittier Lobby. Be sure to bring your MetroCard for travel to the MoMA. For further information, please contact the program coordinator Aisha Burrell at aeb56@columbia.edu.

MoMA The Museum of Modern Art
### April Calendar of Events

**Tuesday, April 3rd, 2007**

**Free Ballroom Dancing Instruction**
- **Meeting Location:** Whittier Cafe
- **Meeting Time:** 7:30 - 9:00 PM
- **Program Organizer:** Marcus
  - mj2108@columbia.edu

**Thursday, April 12th, 2007**

**Resume Swap**
- **Event Location:** Whittier Café
- **Event Time:** 6:00 PM
- **Program Organizer:** Jo-Ellen, Janine & Rebecca
  - jam2132@columbia.edu, rep2106@columbia.com

**Thursday, April 14th, 2007**

**Columbia Community Outreach**
- **Meeting Location:** NRH Lobby
- **Event Location:** Low Plaza, Morningside Heights Campus
- **Event Time:** 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
- **Program Organizer:** Marcus
  - mj2108@columbia.edu

**CCO is an activity that binds the Columbia campus together each year, as friends, student groups, or academic departments unite to better the community.**

**Sunday , April 15th, 2007**

**Walk in the park**
- **Meeting Location:** Whittier Lobby
- **Event Location:** Central Park
- **Meeting Time:** 1:00 PM
- **Program Organizer:** Daniel Kim
  - dik2102@columbia.edu

**Take a walk in the park - Central Park, that is. As you meander through the heart of Central Park, imagine yourself living in 19th century New York City and learn about the Park’s history and how its designers, Frederick Law Olmsted and Calvert Vaux, struggled to create the magnificent park for the enjoyment of all. Please be sure to bring your MetroCard with you, as we will travel to 65th Street, the starting point of the tour.**

**Thursday, April 19th, 2007**

**Finals Prep: Stress Management and Self-Care**
- **Meeting Location:** Whittier Café
- **Meeting Time:** 7:00 PM
- **Program Organizers:**
  - Greg ajg2005@columbia.edu
  - Jessica cjc51@columbia.edu
  - Lelaina lelaina.romero@gmail.com

**Stress Management**

**Thursday, April 19th, 2007**

**Learn American Sign Language**
- **Meeting Location:** Whittier Café
- **Meeting Time:** 7:15 PM
- **Event Location:** Lerner Hall
- **Event Time:** 7:30 PM
- **Program Organizer:** Matt
  - mrm2113@columbia.edu

**Come join American Sign Language enthusiasts at the meeting of the Columbia University American Sign Language club. All levels from beginners to advanced signers are welcome to come for a FREE instructional lesson in ASL.**

**Sunday, April 22nd, 2007**

**April is Jazz Appreciation Month**

**INDIA NOW at the Metropolitan Museum of Art (MoMA)**
- **Meeting Location:** NRH Lobby
- **Event Location:** MOMA
- **Meeting Time:** TBA
- **Program Organizer:** Aisha
  - aeb56@columbia.edu

**The Department of Film, in association with the Indo-American Arts Council (IAAC), presents eight new feature films from India, many of them New York theatrical premieres. The selection, which will be announced on March 15, captures the astonishing range of**

**Sunday, April 22nd, 2007**

**Professor W. Warner Burke to Receive the SIOP Distinguished Professional Contributions Award**
- **Meeting Location:** NRH Lobby
- **Event Location:** 305 Russell Hall
- **Meeting Time:** 12:00 PM
- **Program Organizer:** Avina
  - gupta@tc.edu

**Professor W. Warner Burke, the Edward Lee Thorndike Professor of Psychology and Education, and founder and Coordinator of the Social-Organizational Psychology Program at Teachers College, will receive the SIOP Distinguished Professional Con-**

**Saturday, April 28th, 2007**

**Spring Picnic**
- **Meeting Location:** Bancroft Lobby
- **Event Location:** Riverside Park, between 104th and 108th Streets
- **Meeting Time:** 1:00 - 3:00 PM
- **Floor Specific Program, but all are welcome.**
- **Program Organizer:** LeLaina Romero
  - lelaina.romero@gmail.com