Farewell Spring, Hello Summer A

The Spring semester is almost at its end and we can hardly believe it! It certainly has been a whirl wind of a semester.

116th & Broadway with pleasant summer weather at dusk.

We have seen snow and sleet as well as sunny weather this past April. The various programs sponsored by the Office of Residential Services were well attended and appreciated by our residents. The sunny weather certainly aided the picnic in the park.

And the ballroom event was a swinging hit, while the community outreach program was well attended. Those who overcame the shock of India being knocked out of the Cricket World Cup at its very early stages, might have found some solace in the MoMA India NOW Film expo.

April has also seen a baby boom in Bancroft Hall. Read more about this and the 5 week old baby with the dentist appointment, yikes!

The TC United futbol/football/soccer team, borne from a resident initiated program has also had their first official game. The guys still do the social soccer pick-up games every Saturday and Sunday. Starting times range from 1:40 PM to 4:00 PM and you could either meet in the Bancroft lobby or at Riverside Park, and the significant partners join the after party in the Bancroft Community room.

Check out some of the important TC dates and events listed below. You should also peruse the next few pages to see if you might be our lucky monthly comment card winner of guest housing in our beautifully modern 517 New Res Hall.

We hope you made use of the Stress Management and Self-Care program that was arranged by Greg, Jessica, LeLaina and Nani the Bancroft CA’s and that you benefited from it. Now, going into the exams/final assignment stage of the semester, all looks bright at the beginning of summer.

Important TC Dates

May 7th
4:00 PM - 5:00 PM
Travel to Iran:
A Front Page Tour
Everett Cafe, The Gottesman Libraries
Please RSVP

May 8th
End of Spring Term

May 13th
Summer A Move-In

May 16th—18th
Transfer Requests Accepted

May 18th
Summer Semester Housing Charges Due

May 25th
LOOKING FOR LIFE
Film Screening - Haiti
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM
Room TBA
Sponsored by TC African Diaspora Cine-Club & co-sponsored by CAE

May 25 – 28, 2007
This year’s NYAFF will conclude in conjunction with the 2007 Dance Africa festival at:

BAM Cinematheque, For a complete listing of films, schedule & to purchase tickets, visit:

www.africanfilmny.org

June 28th
Summer A move-out

Special points of interest:

• 5 WEEK OLD BABY WITH TOOTH
• WII DANCING KINGS
• TC RES SOCCER HEROES OR SOCCER MINNOWS
• WAKE-UP WHITTIER GRATITUDE EXPRESSED
• EXCITING BACKPAGE EVENTS FOR MAY

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The TV room was packed. Energy was high. "Why didn't I think of this sooner?" was the question on my mind as I handed the controller to an excited kid waiting to play tennis. Wii Sports was the game of choice for the night and the only video game console to play it on is the Nintendo Wii. With two TVs and two Nintendo Wii systems available, all of the 20-30 people in attendance got many games in. The unique motion sensitive controller was a hit with everyone of all ages, male and female as well as the more conventional video game players.

Since all you need to play is to know how to swing a tennis racket, or throw a bowling ball, many non-gamers in attendance were surprised at how they could compete with the more hard core gamers and in many cases, even beat them.

The event attracted a good number of people from the posters advertising it in advance, and many more who simply walked by the TV room and saw the fun. People kept showing all night, and we didn't end up closing down until after 1 am. The only thing we needed was more pizza!

By Rick Felice

Thanks to Rick and Elizabeth, in conjunction with Jessica Collado (Bancroft CA) for making this resident initiated program such a great success.

The population in Bancroft hall has increased in the last month, not due to new residents moving in, but due to the birth of new residents! Wendy Goh has been blessed with a beautiful baby girl named Claire, while Jessica and Edcardo, long awaiting beautiful baby girl named Nicole, arrived finally, as Diego, the older brother now, could not wait any longer.

As Bancroft is a family oriented community, it is fantastic that we are adding to our family in such a wonderful and exciting way. The birth of children is such a joy and we here at Bancroft are excited to have such wonderful additions to the community we call our family.

Both family's are doing well...almost sleeping through. Wendy reports that at 5 weeks, Chelsea has a tooth already and a dentist appointment to go with that. Jessica indicates that all is well, especially with the assistance from big brother Diego, as he is an enthusiastic helper and loves his little sister. Nicole is already determining the sleeping hours, or rather the lack thereof. We wish Wendy and Jessica well with their new bundles of joy and look forward to seeing the little ones at Bancroft community functions.

On Wednesday, March 28th, the New Residence Hall conference room was transformed: colored paper, idea books, ribbon, stamps and embellishments were everywhere. Why? For the resident-initiated program: Scrapbooking & Wine. New Res resident Julianna Connelly and CA’s JoEllen & Janine worked together to plan this fun program. We had 6 students come and learn about scrap booking, work on their own ongoing scrapbooks, or just hang out and enjoy the wine.

The event was quite communal as people shared their own supplies (ala "hey! I have a France sticker, do you need one?")

Marcus, our effervescent 517 CA did attend and while he didn’t scrapbook, he helped Janine make design decisions - not saying she accepted any of his ideas, but he offered them!

Res Services program funding provided the supplies, all people had to bring were photos. If you are interested in coming to a future scrap booking event, please email Julianna at jmc2179@columbia.edu, she is trying to organize an ongoing program starting this summer.
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 April include:

"Loved the coffee, donuts, and James’ enthusiasm at 9am. Quite a nice surprise to step out of the elevator and be welcomed with coffee, etc. Thanks!" - Thanks for all of the wonderful feedback and support regarding Wake Up Whittier! Holly and I really enjoyed spending our morning with you and look forward to our next time to sit, relax and chat with the Whittier community. Here are the dates for Wake Up Whittier for the remainder of the semester:
- Friday, May 4th
- Friday, May 25th
As you go off to have your day in NYC or TC, please stop by to have a morning chat with the Area Director and Assistant Area Directors of South Campus. Free donuts and coffee to start your day right! If you don’t have time to chat, we will provide comment cards for any issues or concerns that you might have. We look forward to seeing you Friday morning!
Sincerely, James Alford, South Area Director

Another Comment we received, indicated: “Wish we could have more international students’ events at the I-House.”
Thank you so much for your suggestion. We are actually looking forward to putting forth many events with International House. For example, April was Jazz Appreciation Month and Sunday, April 22nd, in collaboration with International House, two of our CA’s hosted a live Jazz event at iHouse’s pub.

TC United Football/Futbol/Soccer Report By Matt Hayden

After a five-month wait, the resident-initiated program soccer team TC United fell 3-0 to Money Makers at Baker Field in the Intramural Soccer Tournament. Despite a valiant effort, the wind, rain, and Money Makers proved to be too much for this collection of North Area residents. In the first half, the Money Makers dominated play and control. The first seven minutes of the game were played almost exclusively in the TC United end. By the ninth minute TC United finally pulled together a more manageable defense, but unable to form a consistent or effective attack, they were forced to play a conservative and defensive style. The Money Makers scored their first goal in the 17th minute after a 4-on-2 break along the right side culminated in a hard, low shot from a poor outside angle that snuck past the TC goal-keeper. The ill-conditioned and unfamiliar teammates of TC United limped into the intermission with burning lungs and bewildered looks, but still a chance.
For the 2nd half TC United rearranged their lineup and chose to play a more aggressive style of play. This change of tactics appeared to work as eighteen of the twenty-five minutes of the second half took place in the Money Makers end. However, numerous longballs that allowed Money Makers to overrun TC United attackers and overwhelm the lone defenseman and goalie of TC resulted in two more goals, one in the 34th minute, the other in the 43rd minute. Thus ended the tournament run of TC United: one game, one loss, and eight tired, sore, and disappointed players.

Music in the Park

From May through Labor Day, Central Park offers a rich assortment of concerts and musical events. All summer, the Central Park Conservancy hosts a number of free events including the Harlem Meer Performance Festival.

The Great Lawn will also be the pastoral setting for free performances by the New York Philharmonic and the Metropolitan Opera, Rumsey Playfield will be the venue for Summer Stage and the New York Grand Opera, and at the Naumburg Bandshell you can enjoy classical music concerts. Pick your day and pick your music – there’s something for every taste.
Saturday, May 5, 11:00 am - 12:00 pm, on the Dairy lawn, which is Mid-Park at 65th Street, the Central Park Brass will perform music from the Renaissance to Dixieland and Broadway, with traditional Mexican tunes in celebration of Cinco de Mayo, featuring workings by Mendelssohn, Gershwin, and Richard Rodgers. This event is for all ages, particularly accessible for children and ideal for the whole family. In case of heavy rain, the concert will be rescheduled or take place in a location TBD. Call 646-201-5242, or click here for updates.
Harlem Meer Performance Festival will take place on Sundays from May 27th through September 30th, 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm (except June 10) starting with Sadiki Conde (West African) music. The venue is the Discovery Center inside the Park at 110th Street between 5th & Lennox Ave.

Residents normally have to sign up in advance for the program either over email or at their front desks due to limited spaces. CA’s will make the arrangements/coordinate with i-House and will meet residents there or walk over as a group.

Congratulations to Celia Tam, our April Comment Card winner! Celia Tam 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.

May 2007
### Friday, May 4th, 2007
#### "Flee" Market
**Location:** New Res Courtyard  
**Time:** 11:00 AM - 7:00 PM  
**Program Organizer:** Jo Ellen jam2132@columbia.edu

Check building bulletin boards for more info.  

Moving out and need to get rid of items? Got too many of "those" and need to get more of "these?" Join us at our third annual "flee" market event where you can pick up gently used clothing and household items. Drop-off is available in Whittier, Bancroft & 517 New Res lobbies from 5/1 to 5/3.

### Saturday, May 5th, 2007
#### Bohemian Beer Garden
**Meeting Location:** New Residence Hall Lobby  
**Event Location:** Astoria  
**Event Time:** T.B.A.  
**Program Organizer:** Paul Kim miklaup@hotmail.com

Trip to one of the largest open-air beer garden and restaurants in New York.  
The first and the last Liquor license issued

### Sunday, May 6th, 2007
#### Last Week of School - Pizza Break
**Meeting Location:** Whittier 10th Floor Lounge  
**Meeting Time:** 8:00 PM  
**Program Organizer:** Daniel Kim dik2102@columbia.edu

Residents from Whittier 7th and 8th Floors!! Come and relax for a bite and study break before taking the plunge again for the last week of classes!

### Monday, May 7th, 2007
#### Study Break
**Event Location:** 517 TV Lounge  
**Meeting Time:** 12 noon  
**Program Organizer:** Janine jjr2112@columbia.edu

Residents can grab a bite while taking a break from studying!  
Stop by & Power up. Grab some fresh fruit, granola bars and juice with Janine.

#### Coffee & Donut Break for 3rd and 4th Floor Residents
**Meeting Location:** Whittier Café  
**Event Time:** 9:30p.m.  
**Contact:** Vickie Ndibo vmn4@columbia.edu

Moving out?  Graduating?  Hungry for donuts or need a cup of coffee? Take the time to interact with other residents from the 3rd and 4th floors before move out or graduation.

#### End Of Academic Year Party Events
Whittier, Bancroft, Grant and 517 New Res  
Check building bulletin boards for details  

517 New Residence Hall - May 14th  
Bancroft/Grant/Sarasota - May 15th  
Whittier - TBA  
Event Times to be announced  
**Program Organizers:** Sponsored by the Office of Residential Services  

Enjoy an end of academic year celebration with the Residential Services department.  Whether you are graduating, studying through summer, or saying goodbye to friends; join the Office of Residential Services for an end of year bash.  Info to be posted to Bulletin boards soon.

#### TC United Social Soccer
**Meeting Location:** Bancroft Lobby  
**Event Time:** 1:30p.m.  
**Contact:** Matt Hayden mjh2128@columbia.edu

Come join the Resident TC team preparing for their supportive jaunt to the 2010 World Cup.  All levels of players welcome!