Don Bunch Steps Down After More than 43 Years of Dedication to Nevis Labs

BY JASON HOLLANDER

Don Bunch, who was born in 1928, has spent 43 years working at Nevis Laboratories in Irvington, N.Y. After a long and distinguished career, Bunch is stepping down. Though Bunch is leaving Nevis, he says that retirement is not a word in his vocabulary. The New York native will teach yoga-based exercises while he studies to become a certified personal trainer.

WKCR to Mark 60th Anniversary with Special Programming this Autumn

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WKCR, Columbia’s student-run radio station, will celebrate its 60th anniversary with special programming from September 7 to October 10, the birthday of Thelonious Monk. During that time period, WKCR will be broadcasting from temporary quarters in Riverside Church until moving into Lerner this month.

"We hope that moving into Lerner will increase student awareness and involvement with WKCR, and that more student volunteers helping out will increase our impact in New York City as well," says Eugene Sit, SEAS’02, general manager of WKCR. "The new space and equipment will greatly expand WKCR’s capabilities."

A radio broadcast from campus, circa 1942.

"Just as an example, in our old studio, we had to use the studio space to store CDs and records, so live performances will be much easier to accommodate in the new studio."

Sit also stressed that the new equipment should enable WKCR to solve some of the technical problems caused by old, outdated equipment. Asked what makes WKCR special, Sit replied, "Compared to most college stations, WKCR is unique in the opportunities it gives to its students. A lot of that has to do with the fact that Columbia’s in New York City. But also, if you look at the breadth and depth of our programming, we try to bring the arts to the New York community—or New York’s communities—in a way other area radio stations don’t."

In addition to birthday marathons for Coltrane and Monk, WKCR’s special programming will include highlights from other jazz greats, special sports broadcasts and selections from the best of its classical, American, new music, Latin, arts and In All Languages programming. For more information, consult the radio station’s Web site, www.wkcr.org.