Nontraditional Students Get Traditional Ivy Education at General Studies

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Every year, thousands of academ-
ically gifted students interrupt their college careers due to pro-
fessional or personal life circum-
stances. Some would like to re-
turn to school after a year at work.

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Kenneth J. Knuckles, vice president for support services, has been named vice chair of the New York City Planning Com-
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The 13-member commission has primary responsibility for the conduct of planning in New York City. This includes the draft and approval of amendments to the Zoning Resolution and the City Map, and review of urban renew-
al and housing plans and projects, sales, and leases of property to and from the City among other tasks.

Before his arrival at Columbia in 1995, Knuckles was the Commis-
sioner of the Department of Gen-
eral Services for the City of the New York.

James Neal, vice president for information services and technology, will serve as the University’s librarian, has been elected chair of the Scholarly Publishing and Academic Resources Coalition (SPARC) steering commit-
tee. In this role, Neal will provide leadership for the coalition’s efforts to create innovative global systems of scholarly communica-
tion and for strategies for open access to the intel-
lectual property of the research community.

“SPARC is the fruit of life.”

—James Neal

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Launched in 1998, with Columbia University as a founding member, SPARC today is an alliance of some 200 universities, research libraries and col-
leges in North America, Europe, Asia, and Australia. SPARC has worked to enhance broad and cost-effective access to peer-reviewed scholarship through incorporation of new media alter-
tives to high-priced scholarly journals. SPARC also promotes and educates on scholarly communica-
tion issues.

Philip Kim, assistant professor of physics, has been named the 2002 Outstanding Young Researcher by the Association of Korean Physicists in America (AKPA). The award recognizes his achievements in theoretical research in superconductivity and the physics of carbon nanotubes.

Kim, who joined the Columbia faculty a year ago, will receive the award at the American Physics Society’s March meeting this month.

In recognizing Kim the AKPA noted that this year has produced the largest number of nominees in recent history, making the top winner among all nominating-
group a special honor. Kim received the Ph.D. from Harvard in 1999.