

Outreach Continues as Construction Begins on 110th Street Apartment and School

BY LAUREN MARSHALL

Construction of the new University faculty apartment building and the Columbia University School for grades K-8 is expected to begin at the southeast corner of 110th Street and Broadway in November. Demolition of the existing two-story building begins this month, followed by site excavation. The 12-story building will be open for occupancy in fall 2003.

As construction nears, ongoing meetings with representatives from the University and a construction management firm are keeping area residents informed of construction planning and progress.

Over the past year and a half, University administrators and staff have consulted with area residents in planning and designing a new building that would be a contribution to the neighborhood in both form and function.

More than 50 meetings with community groups and residents, either hosted or attended by the University, provided forums where design comments and construction concerns of neighborhood residents could be heard and addressed. The University also presented information about the project at two public meetings of the Board of Standards and Appeals (BSA). The BSA approval was required for the zoning variances that would allow the University to design a shorter building with features contextual to Morningside Heights architecture, and better space for retail, residential living and state-of-the-art elementary education. The variances were endorsed by area community boards and approved by the BSA this summer.

"While we recognize that there are many concerns about this project, we have, from its inception, consulted with the community not only on design, but on a broad range of issues, and I think we have been able to respond to many of the concerns and suggestions in a positive way," said Emily Lloyd, executive vice president for administration. "We believe the result is a better building—one that will contribute to the architectural fabric of Morningside Heights and be an asset to the community. I know that many of the

community residents who were involved feel, as we do, that this project shows our commitment to balance our institution needs with the concerns of our neighbors."

With 27 apartments on the sixth through 12th floors and a K-8 school with a gym and outdoor playgrounds on the second through sixth floors, the 167,000 square-foot building will help the University respond to the need for both additional housing to recruit and retain faculty and for better school choices in the neighborhood, which have both been growing issues among faculty. The building will also contain ground floor space for a grocery store and the Chase Manhattan Bank, a tenant currently on the site. D'Agostino's Market, a tenant of the old building on the site, which closed this August, has been asked by Columbia to return to the new building upon its completion.

Design complements Morningside Heights

Beyer Blinder Belle architects, renowned for developing buildings that bridge classic historic preservation with creative contemporary design, were hired to create a distinctive building inspired by the elegant apartment buildings on Broadway and Riverside Drive.

"By shaping and sizing the building appropriately, one of the most difficult and often most contentious elements in new building became a non-issue. The result is a building that in height, bulk, setback and materials, refers to those around it," said Jack Beyer, of Beyer Blinder Belle architects, who noted that in addition to reduced height and the addition of historic façade features, the school's learning space, centered around classroom "clusters," was greatly improved through building variances.

Building architects used vertical and horizontal elements in the design, rosy-colored brick playing off limestone bands and lines of windows of differing sizes, to help pick up the distinctive design of Morningside Heights' buildings and to visually differentiate between the building's three distinct functions: retail, the elementary school and residential living.

Better safety and services for a neighborhood in transition.

Through ongoing dialogue between Columbia and neighbor-

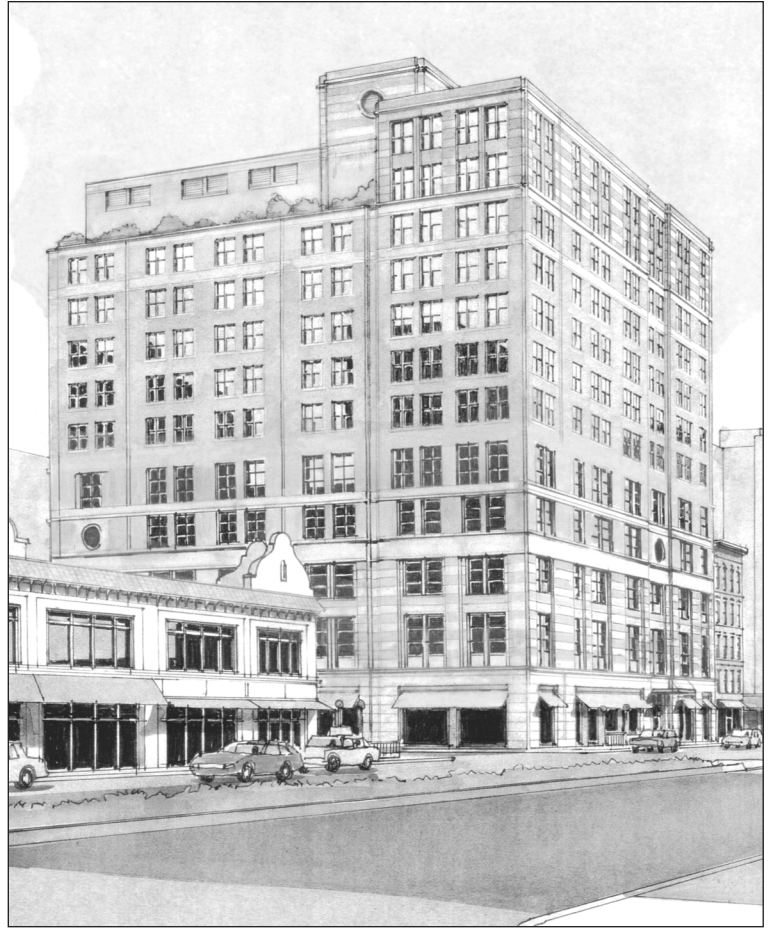
hood residents, the University identified current problems and helped bring positive changes to the area surrounding the block while planning for the building was underway. Columbia petitioned the Department of Transportation to improve the timing of the traffic lights at the intersection of 110th and Broadway to make it safer. The University dedicated a townhouse adjacent to the site to be preserved as housing for non-Columbia affiliates from the neighborhood when renovation is complete. And with the closure of D'Agostino's Market this summer, a University shuttle began to run regularly between the 110th St. site and D'Agostino's at 91st and Columbus Avenue to accommodate D'Agostino's grocery shoppers during construction. Even with the Columbia University School's opening two years away, planning and preparation included the decision to stagger drop off and pick up times for elementary students to ease potential traffic congestion.

School with curricular innovation and space to neighborhood

In addition to allocating both seats and financial aid for neighborhood children, the Columbia University School will offer both after school and summer programs open to non-Columbia affiliates.

Approximately half of the 650 students will be the children of Columbia faculty and professional staff, with the balance coming from the larger community.

An innovative "lab school," the Columbia University School will integrate new learning technologies with more traditional instructional and curricular approaches to create a challenging, creative and nurturing educational experience for students from diverse economic, ethnic, racial, social and cultural backgrounds. A University Advisory Committee, including Columbia faculty and administrators, has been formed to contribute to the School's planning and policy development and to suggest ways that the Univer-



An artist's rendering of the new faculty apartment building and Columbia University School on the corner of Broadway and 110th Street.

sity and the K-8 school can be closely connected.

The Columbia University School will be a lab school where newly developed curriculum, learning strategies and resources will be implemented and later shared with local public schools. This new collaboration between the School and area public schools will supplement ongoing programs with New York City public schools already underway in a number of University departments and schools.

"We see this as a genuine lab school where materials developed will then be shared with the public schools," said Assistant Provost Gardner Dunnan, who will head up the school when it opens fall 2003.

"In order to be successful we must be a true lab school, with a student body that reflects the diversity of New York City, and we will be."

Neighborhood residents who seek information on the project's construction can contact Columbia's construction helpline at 854-2595 or email projx@columbia.edu

Parents seeking information about the school can contact Assistant Provost Gardner Dunnan at 854-2516 or gpd6@columbia.edu

Lee Bollinger to Lead Columbia

(Continued from Page 1)

George Rupp also expressed his pleasure at Bollinger's selection. "Lee is a tremendously impressive academic leader," he said. "I have enjoyed collaborating with him as a colleague on national issues in education and research, and I look forward to working with him to assure a smooth transition to his presidency here at Columbia."

Bollinger is a graduate of the University of Oregon and Columbia Law School, where he was an articles editor of the Law Review. After serving as law clerk for Judge Wilfred Feinberg on the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit and for Chief Justice Warren Burger on the United States Supreme Court, he joined the faculty of the University of Michigan Law School in 1973. In 1987, he was named the dean of the Michigan Law School, a position he held for seven years.

He became provost of Dartmouth College and professor of government in July 1994 and was named the twelfth president of the University of Michigan in November 1996.

He has published numerous books, articles, and essays in scholarly journals on free speech and First Amendment issues and

other subjects. His highly acclaimed contributions to First Amendment literature include "Eternally Vigilant: Free Speech in the Modern Era," to be published by the University of Chicago Press; "Images of a Free Press," published by the University of Chicago Press in 1991, and "The Tolerant Society: Freedom of Speech and Extremist Speech in America," published in 1986 by Oxford University Press.

He is a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and a member of the boards of the Gerald R. Ford Foundation and the Royal Shakespeare Company.

Bollinger was born in Santa Rosa, California, and raised there and in Baker, Oregon. He is married to Jean Magnano Bollinger, who graduated from the University of Oregon and received a master's degree from Columbia. She is an artist with studios in Vermont and Dexter, Michigan. They have two children—a son, Lee, a graduate of the University of California at Berkeley and the University of Michigan Law School; and a daughter, Carey, a graduate of Harvard University and currently a student at Columbia Law School.

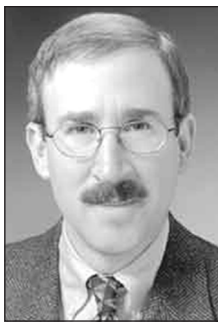
(See an overview of Bollinger's accomplishments on page 3)

Ira Lamster Will Head SDOS

(Continued from Page 1)

vard University School of Dental Medicine. Lamster also received graduate degrees from the University of Chicago (S.M.) and Harvard University (M.M.Sc.)

Lamster has extensive experience in oral health research, spearheading initiatives in a wide variety of subject areas (such as diagnostic testing and risk assessment for periodontal disease, the interrelationship of oral infection and systemic disease, and chemotherapy for periodontal diseases) and serving as chairman of the Dental and Craniofacial Research panel of the American Dental Association's Future of Dentistry project. He serves on the editorial boards of "Journal of Periodontology" and "Journal of Clinical Periodontology" and is a Diplo-



Ira Lamster

mate of both the American Board of Periodontology and the American Board of Oral Medicine.

"The School of Dental and Oral Surgery is fortunate to be part of an environment that promotes collaboration with the other schools in the Health Sciences Division and the University," said Lamster. "These collaborations have led to important advances in dental and craniofacial research and clinical care. I am pleased to accept the role as dean of this institution and look forward to furthering joint efforts with the University and our surrounding community."

Lamster was selected by a University-wide search committee, chaired by Thomas Q. Morris, senior associate vice president of the health sciences.

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY
IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK

RECORD

(UPS 090-710 ISSN 0747-4504)
Vol. 27 no. 4, October 12, 2001

Published by the
Office of Public Affairs

Alan J. Stone
Vice President for Public Affairs
Virgil Renzulli
Associate Vice President for
Public Affairs

Jason Hollander.....Managing Editor

Jo Kadlec.....Staff Writer

Rebecca Chung.....Calendar Editor

Call: 212-854-3283 FAX: 212-678-4817

E-mail: curecord@columbia.edu

For Calendar, call: 212-854-6546

or E-mail: calendar@columbia.edu

Columbia University RECORD is published biweekly during the academic year, except for holiday and vacation periods, by the Office of Public Affairs. Permission is given to use RECORD material in other media.

Public Affairs Press Office: 212-854-5573

Ulrika Brand, James Devitt, Ileana Ferreras, Lydia Gardner, Roger J. Hackett, Caroline Ladhani, Lauren Marshall, Loralee Nolletti, Suzanne Trimel.
Webmaster: Jiangcheng Bao

Columbia Photographic Services:

212-854-6527; Eileen Baroso

Columbia Video Services:

212-854-2375; David Marks

Visitors Center:

212-854-4902; Angela Hoyte

Correspondence / Subscriptions

Anyone may subscribe to the RECORD for \$27 per year. The amount is payable in advance to Columbia University, at the address below. Allow 6 to 8 weeks for address changes.

Postmaster / Address Changes

Periodicals postage paid at New York, N.Y. and additional mailing offices. Postmaster: Send address changes to Columbia University RECORD, 535 W. 116th St., 304 Low Library, Mail Code 4321, New York, N.Y. 10027.

Please Recycle