Bloomberg Draws From Faculty to Fill City Posts

By JAMES DEVITT

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A crane near Butler Library works furiously to remove scraps from the lot that used to house Lions Court. Built in 1996, the temporary building served as a makeshift student center while Alfred Lerner Hall underwent construction for two years, and helped facilitate several other projects including renovations on Hamilton Hall. The space will be converted this spring into a lawn, a patio for John Jay Dining Hall and an outdoor activity area.

Columbia’s Tech Transfer Expands Global Reach With Partnerships

By LORALEE NOLLETTI

In an effort to expand the worldwide reach of its technology transfer capabilities, Columbia has developed the International Innovation Initiative (I-cubed), a means of fostering collaborative partnerships with other research institutions, a goal of the I-cubed consortium. The I-cubed consortium’s broad social objectives.

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City Honors Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Jan. 21

“We have inherited a large house, a great world house in which we have to live together—black and white, Easterner and Westerner, Gentle and Jew, Catholic and Protestant, Moslem and Hindu—a family unduly separated in ideas, culture and interest, who, because we can never again live apart, must learn somehow to live with each other in peace.”

—Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

“Where Do We Go From Here: Chaos or Community” 1967

In celebrating Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.’s birthday, University Chaplain Jeweled Davis encourages Columbians to participate in one of the many events planned throughout the city to honor King. The Cathedral of St. John the Divine, for instance, will host its 15th annual concert of spirituals, Sat. Jan. 19th at 7:30 p.m.

“In it is important for us to acknowledge that the Columbia University community is wonderfully diverse,” Davis says. “We are a great world house in every sense as Dr. King described in 1967. We live well together at Columbia; we count on each other for the vigorous exchange of ideas and honest discourse.”

For a refresher course in King’s legacy, faculty, students and staff can access free of charge, “Martin Luther King, Jr.: An American Gandhi,” a five e-seminar by Columbia DKV, featuring Denis Dalton, Barnard political science professor.

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