Columbia Community Impact Auction

Community Impact will host its 11th Annual Spring Benefit Auction on Wednesday, 2nd from 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm. This year Community Impact will honor Marilyn Laurie, University Trustee and chair of the community relations committee, for her ongoing voice and efforts in Columbia’s involvement with the community. At this event, President Bollinger will present Laurie with Community Impact’s 1st annual Service Award.

Jewelry, art, antiques, tickets to shows and sporting events, and getaway vacations will be auctioned. Tickets range between $100 and $375 with discount tickets available for recent graduates of Columbia University. The auction will be held in the Reuters Building on the 30th Floor at 3 Time Square.

**Save the Date**

Dress Code: Cocktail

Time: 6:00 PM - 8:30 PM

Where: 30th floor of Reuters Building @ 3 Time Square

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**WOMEN’S STUDIES**

**Women are gaining power—but is their health suffering?**

**Barnard Summit: Women and Health**

On April 5, Barnard College will host a day-long summit that will feature some of the most influential and thought-provoking women and men of our time to discuss changing attitudes toward women’s health issues and global women’s health trends.

Barnard President Judith Shapiro, ABC News correspondents Lynn Sherr and NBC Weekend Today co-anchor Soledad O’Brien are the moderators of three panel discussions. Guest panelists include Cynthia Leive, editor-in-chief of *The New Republic*, and past Barnard students Emily Sussman and Keri Fatima, advisor to UN Secretary General, and more.

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**SCHEMATIC INFORMATION**

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All submissions must be received in writing by the deadline. Events are listed in order by date, time, location and affiliation of host. Include phone numbers of sponsors, registration information (if any), phone number of contact, and location. All phone numbers must be in area code 212.

For deadlines & information, call Michelle O. Califano at (212) 854-5426.

The Calendar is updated weekly on the Web at:

http://www.recordingoffice.org/open/columbia/calendar/

Events are listed on a first-come, first-served basis free of charge. All events are subject to change; call sponsors to confirm.
Columbia Men’s and Women’s Fencing Teams Win Ivy League Championships

The triumphant lyrics of “Roar Lion Roar,” emanated from the huddle of the Columbia men’s and women’s fencing squad on Feb. 22. The women’s and men’s fencing teams were just not going to lose, and what’s happened is that really tremendous, and I think what’s happened is that really developed over this whole year.

Despite the spirit of unity there are many standouts—especially among first year students. Emma Barratta, who was recently featured in Sports Illustrated’s “Faces in the Crowd,” is fifth in the Junior Women’s Sabre standings and 16th overall in the nation, coming in third at a World Cup event in Italy in November. Barratta is 30-0 in NCAA competition to date, the longest undefeated run for first-year men or women in the history of the University. She is also a John Jay Scholar.

The Women’s team, co-captained by foil Elliot Blount, CC ’03, and epee Monica Conley, CC ’03, capped an undefeated season by leading the Women’s team regained the championship for the first time since 1999. Since the team’s inception in 1981, Columbia’s women have hauled in six championship trophies.

The men’s team split the championship with Penn after putting an end to the Buckeyes’ undefeated season. “They were just not going to lose,” stated Kolombatovich who owns an astounding 8-0 record.

Kolombatovich explained of the Lions’ 17-10 rout of Penn to split the rings. The men also have two athletes in the top 20 under-21 rankings. Sensor co-captain Kevin Eirkens is 19th overall in the national rankings for foil while his co-captain, junior sabers Andrew Sohn, CC ’04, is 32 overall. The men have won 30 titles in their history. This is the first time since 1993 that both the men’s and women’s teams have won the titles simultaneously.

No individual gets out there on the fencing strip trying to win for her or himself; everyone’s working hard for the team,” said Kolombatovich who owns an astounding 440-124 record in his 24-year career. “It really helps and makes a difference. They try as hard as they can and I couldn’t ask for more of them.”

The women’s fencing team was undefeated this season.

New Homeland Security Department Receives $900 Million for Research and Development

With the creation of the Homeland Security Department and approval of the nomination of Governor Tom Ridge as Secretary of the Homeland Security Department, the House Appropriations Committee has arranged their annual funding for research and development related to homeland security. On Feb. 4, 2003, President Bush released his FY2004 budget proposals. More than $900 million is requested in the FY 2004 budget for R&D to combat terrorism within the new Department of Homeland Security (DHS). Congress will now begin the process of drafting FY2004 appropriations or annual funding bills and the process is not likely to be completed before September 2003. The formal structure for allocating funds has not yet been determined although information will be available over the coming months from the Office of Projects and Grants and the Office of Governmental Relations.

The Homeland Security Act’s final form gives much greater emphasis on science and technology than the President’s original plan. Changes to the nation’s science and technology enterprise include: the creation of new research agencies; the establishment of a new Homeland Security Advanced Research Projects Agency, modeled after the Pentagon’s Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency, and the transfer into DHS of several research-sponsored agencies.

The new department will include a Science and Technology Directorate, to be managed by an undersecretary for science and technology, who will take advice from a 20-member advisory panel. $803 million is designated for this directorate, of which the budget provides $583 million for “Research and Acquisition of Technology” and $163 million for “Construction and Facilities.” On Jan. 10, President Bush announced his intention to nominate Dr. Charles E. McQueary to the DHS Under Secretary for Science and Technology. Most recently, Dr. McQueary served as President, General Dynamics Advanced Technology Systems, in Greensboro, N.C., a company that focuses on electro-optic undersea systems, networking and decision support systems, active control systems, signal processing solutions and software solutions.

McQueary’s nomination still has to be confirmed by the Senate. The web site address for the new Department of Homeland Security is http://www.dhs.gov/hspub.htm.

Members have been named to the newly created Homeland Security Committee in the House with its Chairman Christopher Cox (R-CA) and Ranking Member Jim Turner (D-TX). New York members of the new committee are: Peter King (R-NY), Sherwood Boehlert (R-NY), Louise Slaughter (D-NY) and Nita Lowey (D-NY).