Columbians Enjoy Campus Indoors and Out During Winter’s Eager Entrance

Early Snow an Inspiration for the Season—The Yule Log was lit on Dec. 5, a Columbia ceremony that dates back to pre-Revolutionary War times when the administration wanted to provide a celebration for students unable to return home for the holidays. Earlier that evening, the trees on College Walk were illuminated during a ceremony that has quickly become one of Columbia’s most popular traditions. Below, right, the crowd responds as the lights are turned on. Even President Bollinger, bottom right, braved the snow to witness his first Columbia tree lighting.