Two College Students Are Rhodes Scholars

By Kristin Sterling

Columbia College students Cyrus Habib, CC’03, and Jonas Lehrer, CC’03, are among the 32 undergraduates in the United States selected as Rhodes Scholars. They joined several College students who have recently been awarded prestigious scholarships and fellowships for study abroad.

Habib, of Bellevue, Wa, is an English major also concentrating in computer science and Middle Eastern and Asian languages and cultures (MEALAC). Last year he was named a Truman Fellow, a distinction offered to students who display outstanding leadership potential and who plan careers in government or public service.

“I am delighted and surprised to find myself a Rhodes Scholar,” says Habib. “I could not have done it without the help of the professors and deans at Columbia with whom it has been my honor to work. Especially, I would like to thank Professors ...” (Continued on Page 11)

Golden Globes Marked by Strong Columbia Presence

By Caroline Ladhani

This year’s prize jurors selected the winners from programs that aired in the United States between July 1, 2001, and June 30, 2002. The duPont-Columbia jury presented the Gold Baton, validates “the role of television has reached new heights. Jurors said the PBS series ‘Frontline’ on the exposé on Saudi Arabia to the exposé on the terror-...” (Continued on Page 7)

Monkeys Can Think Logically, Psychologists Say

By Joseph Kennedy

A newly-published study demonstrates that monkeys have significantly higher thinking skills than previously shown.

The experiment offers what is arguably the strongest evidence to date of the intellectual abilities of non-human primates, and suggests that monkeys think about lists logically, notwithstanding their inability to learn language. The team published their findings in the January issue of Psychological Science. This experiment is an extension of Terrace’s earlier research that undermined claims about meaningful and grammatical use of symbols by “language-trained” apes. Just the same, Terrace believed that animals could think without... (Continued on Page 4)

Boston College’s Bob Shoop Takes Helm of Columbia Football

By Jason Hollander

Bob Shoop, Columbia’s new head football coach, recently discussed his appointment during an address to the media in Low Library. Within the speech he outlined many goals, his coaching philosophy and repeatedly stressed one sentence that sums up his promise for next season. “There will be no excuse for not getting it done,” said Shoop. Shoop, who becomes Columbia’s 17th coach in a 134-year-old football program, can back his words up. He spent the past four years as the defensive secondary coach at Boston College, a period during which the Eagles went to four postseason Bowl games and won three. Shoop’s key role helped the team to a 9-4 record in 2002—including a stunning upset of then-undefeated Notre Dame—as Boston College ranked #13 in the nation in pass defense and #17 in pass efficiency defense. In short, Shoop knows what it takes to win.

“We are going to build a tough team, both mentally and physically, and a team that plays together,” said Shoop. “I expect to compete for an Ivy League Championship. Anything less is unacceptable.” Shoop understands he will... (Continued on Page 4)

Series on Terrorism Wins Gold Baton at duPont-Columbia Awards

By Caroline Ladhani

Tours of broadcast news came together for the 2003 Alfred I. duPont-Columbia University Awards, considered the broadcast equivalent of the Pulitzer Prizes, televised on PBS from the Rotunda at Low Library. NBC’s Tim Russert, moderator and managing editor of Meet the Press, and Claire Shipman, CC’86 and SIPA’94, senior correspondent for ABC News, introduced award winners.

This year’s prize jurors affirmed that international news coverage on American radio and television has reached new benchmark for international reporting on American radio.” “Frontline’s series on the terror-...” (Continued on Page 4)

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