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President Bollinger Welcomes Class of ’08
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On a day filled with the sound of rumbling moving vans and a threatening sky, President Lee C. Bollinger welcomed the class of 2008 to the first day of their new life. A colorful procession of flags displaying all the nationalities of the student body flowed out of Leverer Hall, past Butler Library and up South Lawn to flank the day’s speakers. The incoming class was addressed by Bollinger; Austin Quigley, dean of the College; Zvi Gall, dean of the Fu Foundation of Engineering; Chris Columbo, dean of Student Affairs; Charlotte Jacobs, CC ’09, student coordinator of the 2004 orientation; and K. Daniel Libby, president of Columbia Engineering Alumni Association. Speaking first to the new students of the College and the School of Engineering, family, friends and the reunion class of 1958, Columbia explained to the entering students that they would be part of a new family forever more. Bollinger put the significance of the convocation into perspective: “There is no moment in the cycle of the academic calendar that better represents the highest role of a university than the welcoming of new students to our community,” he said. “We are both grateful and happy at your coming.”

Bollinger stressed to the stu-
dents and parents that Columbia was deeply committed to the well being of the incoming class—the University is only as strong as its treatment of its newest members.

Bollinger explained to the first-
year students that while the rush of new chances that come with further independence can be overwel-

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