Stephen Sestanovich, Kathryn and Shelby Cullom Davis Professor for the Practice of International Diplomacy in the School of International and Public Affairs, and former United States ambassador to the Soviet Union, spoke on The Charlie Rose Show, Nov 24.

**Quotable Columbian**

On the Ukraine Vote

“...this is a big watershed. It’s the first time in the history of any of the post-Soviet states that you’ve had a massive opposition movement able to contest an election effectively and, from what we know, probably overwhelmingly. This is an election that was stolen in broad daylight, but we’ve seen that before in the former Soviet Union, where there’s been rigging of results. What you haven’t had so far—and that’s what’s really new in Ukraine—is a movement that is so big, so popular, that it can actually challenge the results in the capital city on the first day after the election and challenge the regime.”

Susan Hamson

Hamson Named Director of University Archives and Columbiana Library

Susan G. Hamson was named director of the University Archives and Columbiana Library effective Dec. 1.

Hanson most recently was an archivist at Princeton University with responsibilities for coordinating the Princeton University Archives Project. Since 1993, Hanson has also served as an adjunct lecturer at Camden County College in Blackwood, New Jersey, where she has taught courses on world, American and women’s history.

Prior to her tenure at Princeton, Hanson served as archivist at the Chemical Heritage Foundation in Philadelphia, and as an assistant archivist at the University of Pennsylvania Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology. She received a B.A. in historical studies from Richard Stockton College and an M.A. in American history from Rutgers University. She is a member of the Society of American Archivists, the Mid-Atlantic Regional Archives Conference and the American Historical Association.

Takahashi Garners Ford Prize

Taro Takahashi, GSAS ’97, Doherty senior scholar in the Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory, has received the Ford Award for his study of the environmental impact of industrial carbon dioxide, A fellow of the American Geophysical Union, Takahashi’s research focuses on industrial carbon dioxide release in the global carbon cycle and its relationship to climate, said Bill Ford, chair and CEO of Ford Motor Co. “For the past three years, we have supported Dr. Takahashi’s work through Ford research grants. The Ford Award recognizes his achievement in his field.”

The award was presented by Neil Golightly, director of Sustainable Business Strategy for Ford, during a reception honoring the 2004 “Scientific American 50,” on Nov. 16.

Horwitz Prize to Be Shared by Professors Studying Cancer Cell Proliferation

A group of students at P.S. 125, the Ralph Bunche School in Harlem, spent six weeks learning about the historic Brown v. Board of Education decision. Combining art and history, the Teachers College Education Zone Program partnered with two School of the Arts (SOA) students and 18 students from P.S. 125 to create a one-hour performance written and presented by third through sixth-graders. The Dec. 11 performance included monologues, speeches and songs.

Through a grant from the Rockefeller Foundation, the team from Teachers College and SOA combined lessons about the Brown decision with writing, improvisation and other exercises. The activities offered students an outlet to express their feelings about the material and how it applies to their lives.

“The Teachers College Education Zone Partnership wanted to build a bridge to the surrounding community while getting information about [Brown] out to students,” says Anshula McFarlin, 50/40. “P.S. 125 was selected because it is a struggling school and [Education Zone] wanted a lasting experience for the students. Performing arts is one of the strongest ways to develop vocabulary and a sense of self. Many people don’t realize that exposing students to the arts is a tangible gift.”

Grade Schoolers Bring History to the Stage

Columbia has announced that its 2004 Louise Gross Horwitz Prize will be shared by two researchers whose scientific contributions to the understanding of information within and between cells have led to drug therapies that have spread the breadth of cancer.

The awardees are Tony Hunter, American Cancer Society Professor of Molecular and Cell Biology at the Salk Institute for Biological Studies in San Diego, and Anthony Pawson, senior investigator and director of research at the Samuel Lunenfeld Research Institute of Mount Sinai Hospital, Toronto, and University Professor of Molecular Genetics and Microbiology at the University of Toronto.

The researchers will receive the award in Feb. 2005 in recognition of their discoveries in understanding protein-tyrosine phosphorylation. This process of molecular signals within and between cells has led to the development of drugs for halting cancer cell proliferation and has potential for other significant therapies.

Awarded annually since its inception in 1967, the Louisa Gross Horwitz Prize recognizes exceptional accomplishments in biomedical and bioethical research. The prize was named after the mother of Columbia benefactor S. Gross Horwitz. Mrs. Horwitz was the daughter of former American Medical Association President and surgery textbook author Samuel David Gross.

Fencing Coach Kolombatovich Named FIE Referee President

This month in Paris, Columbia Director of Fencing George Kolombatovich received a break-through honor from the Federation Internationale d’Escrime (FIE), the governing body of international fencing. Kolombatovich was elected president of the Referee’s Commission of the FIE for the next four years; he is the first American-born president in FIE history.

During the body’s World Congress, Kolombatovich was first re-elected to a second four-year term as a member of the Referee’s Commission and later elected by that commission to serve as its president.

“I am extremely honored, first to be re-elected by the 116 member countries of the FIE,” said Kolombatovich, “and I am doubly honored to be selected by my peers as president of their commission.”

In his four-year term as president, Kolombatovich will be responsible for the selection of referees for all Grand Prix World Cups, the Cadet/Junior World Championships, the Senior World Championships and the 2008 Olympics. An FIE A-Rated referee, Kolombatovich was first elected by the FIE Congress in 2000 to the Referee Commission. He is the author of the FIE’s first written text for referees and works with referee development and testing. Also a member of the United States Fencing Association’s (USAFA) Fencing Officials Commission, Kolombatovich wrote the USAFA’s referee instruction manual. He is also a three-time Olympic referee who worked two gold medal bouts in 1996.

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