Construction of the New University faculty apartment building and the Columbia University School on grades K-8 is expected to begin at the southeast corner of 110th Street and Broadway in September.保荐人of the existing two-story building begins this month, followed by site excavation. The new building will be open for occupancy in fall 2003. At the construction nears, ongoing meetings with representatives from the University and a construction management firm are keeping area residents informed of construction planning and progress.

Over the past year and a half, University administrators and staff have consulted with area residents in planning and designing a new building that would be a contribution to the neighborhood in both form and function.

More than 50 meetings with community groups and residents, either housed in the building or planning for its eventual relocation, were held throughout the spring. The University also presented information about the project at community meetings of the Board of Standards and Appeals (BSA). The BSA approval was required for the zoning variances that would allow the University to design a shorter building with features consistent with the neighborhood's architecture, and better space for retail, residential living and state-of-the-art educational facilities. The variances were endorsed by area community boards and approved by the BSA this summer.

While we recognize that there are many concerns about this project, we have, from the inception, consulted with the community not only on design, but on a broad range of issues, and we think we have been able to respond to many of the concerns and suggestions in a positive way,” said Lawrence Bollinger, University president and executive vice president for administration. “We believe the result is a better building and a better architectural composition. It is a neighborhood of Morning-Side Heights and High School and Healy as an asset to the community. I know that many of the community residents who were involved feel, as we do, that this project shows our commitment to balance our institution needs with the concerns of our neighbors.”

While the new building will affect approximately one of the most difficult and most contentious elements in new building became a nonissue. “The result is a building that is, height, bulk, setback and materials, refers to those around it,” said Jack Beyer, a partner in Beyer Blinder Belle Architects, who noted that in addition to reduced height and the addition of historic facades, the University is designing a learning space, centered around classroom "clusters," was greatly improved through building variances.

Building architects used vertical and horizontal elements in the design, easy-colored brick playing off limestone bands and lines of downstairs differing, to help pick up the distinctive design of Morning-Side Heights’ buildings and to visually differentiate between the building’s three distinct functions: retail, the elementary school and residential living. Better safety and service for a neighborhood in transition.

Through ongoing dialogue between Columbia and neighborhood residents, the University identified current problems and helped integrate solutions into areas surrounding the block while planning for the building was underway. Columbia petitioned the Department of Transportation to improve the timing of the traffic lights at the intersection of 110th and Broadway to make it safer. The University dedicated a townhouse adjacent to the site to be preserved as housing for non-Columbia affiliates from the neighborhood when renovation is complete. And in response to neighborhood’s request this summer, a University shunt began to run regularly between the 110th St. site and D’Agostino’s at 141 and Columbus Avenue to accommodate D’Agostino’s grocery shoppers during construction. Even with the Columbus University School’s opening two years away, planning and preparation included the decision to stagger drop off and pick up times for elementary students to ease potential traffic congestion.

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Roge is a respected professor of political science. Bollinger also adds his pleasant surprise at Bollinger’s selection. "Lee Bollinger is not an academic savior," he said. “I have enjoyed collaborating with him as a colleague on national issues in education and research, and I look forward to working with him to assure a smooth transition to his presidency here at Columbia.”

Bollinger is a graduate of the University of Oregon and Columbia Law School, where he was an editor of the Law Review. After serving as law clerk for Judge Wilfred Feinberg on the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit and Justice Warren Burger on the United States Supreme Court, he joined the faculty of the University of Michigan Law School in 1973. In 1987, he was named the dean of the University’s Law School, a position he held for seven years.

He became provost of Dartmouth College and served as chancellor and secretary of the University of Michigan in 1994 and was named the twelfth president of the University of Michigan in 1996. He is a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and a member of the boards of the Gerald R. Ford Foundation and the Royal Shakespeare Company. Bollinger was born in Santa Rosa, California, and raised there and in Baker, Oregon. He is married to Jean Magnus Bollinger, who graduated from the University of Oregon and received a master’s degree from Columbia. She is an attorney with offices in Vermont and Duxier, Michigan. They have two children—a son, Lee, a graduate of the University of California at Berkeley and the University of Michigan Law School; and a daughter, Gabby, a graduate of Harvard University and currently a student at Columbia Law School.

As an artist rendering of the new faculty apartment building and Columbia University School on the corner of Broadway and 110th Street.

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