



Socialist protest goes horribly awry, order and uniformity rampant across campus.

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■ Columbia fills the void in my gaping ass

By **BRIAN WAGNER**

Bitch

Columbia University will not make you the perfect Ivy League-educated snob. You won't graduate looking younger, flirting more efficiently, or running a four-minute mile. But you will be a much better person from the experience.

I won't espouse any cockamamie bullshit insisting that Columbia is the best institution of higher learning in the nation--the administration and the college ranking systems can debate that point. What really matters is that we are able to answer "yes" to the question that President Bush once posed: "Is our children learning?"

Schooling at the college level is most successful when it encourages education not only in the classroom, but also on the campus, in the city, and from fellow students. Columbia is an amazing school in great part due to its symbiotic relationship with the Big Apple. You can see a Broadway play after cramming for a test, sip coffee at the same cafe where *You've Got Mail* was filmed, slum with NYU students in the Village, and dodge bikers and joggers in the green paths of Central Park. All the while, you know that you belong, because, though you may not be a native New Yorker, you are a Columbia student, which bestows its own sense of belonging.

I visited Columbia having no idea if I was even interested in the school, and I was barely able to scratch the surface in my two days here. Yet my quick exposure to fel-

low admittees made a believer out of a skeptic. I chose to come here because I felt like the school was filled with people from and with whom I could learn, and with whom I could develop friendships. As much as the classroom education and campus activities, I value the connections I make with students I meet in classes, on the steps of Low, in the nooks and crannies of Butler, and on the garish walkways of Lerner. I know that I will have excellent teachers here and learn about interesting subjects. I know that I will graduate with a degree that will declare me prepared for entry into the cutthroat job market. But most importantly, I will have met people who discuss global politics and physics problem sets with the same casual air as if they were pondering the weather--people like the guys at Sig Ep, who will be my friends for years to come, people who will help me learn and enjoy college.

Columbia is not for everyone. Rarely will you see five guys at a football game with "LIONS" painted across their chests. Rarely will you see a major sports team win. Rarely will you feel the urge to scream "GO COLUMBIA! RAPE PRINCETON!!" But if you are willing to sacrifice this primitive pleasure, CU is the place for U.

The argument in favor is short and sweet. For those who don't agree with my theory of Columbia's greatness, I leave you with this moment of Zen, courtesy of Albert Einstein: "If the facts don't fit the theory, change the facts." I believe Columbia University is an amazing school. If you don't agree, don't whine in the pages of the fucking *Fed*; use the tools you have to shape your college experience so that Columbia can fit your image of a great school.

Brian Wagner has a regular column in the Columbia Spectator and actually claims to believe everything he writes.



Unhappy Columbia student summarily removed from campus to undergo "Kontent Konformity Kamp"

University Study Finds No Problems With University

■ Stagnating suicide rate shows that that shit doesn't always happen

By **ETHAN HEITNER**

Associate Space Monkey

The Columbia University Board of Undergraduate Affairs today announced that it is extremely pleased with how wonderful life is for undergraduates at Columbia College and the School of Engineering and Applied Sciences, largely due to the overwhelming helpfulness and attentiveness of Columbia's administration.

"I am in full concordance with the administration," stated Michael John "Novielli", CC' 03, purported head of an organization known as the Columbia College Student Council, speaking from a safe location.

The study covered such areas as housing, academic advising, registration for classes, and disciplinary problems. All counts found the administration of Columbia University, and its star quarterback Lee C. Bollinger, to be excellent or at least above-average.

Quoted in the study was one

"Michael" John "Novi" Novielli, CC' 03, who claims that university housing continues to "improve" and that academic life at Columbia is guided by "knowledgeable advisors." He also said he had not heard rumors that certain Core Curriculum professors are being brought before the Hague for crimes committed against Human Intelligence. "But gosh," he was quoted as saying, "all the Core professors are so smart!"

Reacting to the study, student body "president" Michael Novielli, a.k.a. "Novi" (CC '03) said, "Great! That means the student council can continue our efforts to provide free ice cream at JJ's and can keep engaging in sophomoric attempts at 'student life' through 'pizza parties' and not worry about fixing the problems of the student body, since there are none! All the while giving our resumes a healthy fluff."

He then added, "Free Mumia."

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Bookstore to Foster Racial Understanding

■ Leo the ghetto-fab lion to adorn teen asses

By **MIKE ILARDI**

Associate Fluffer

As part of a campus-wide movement to become more in tune with the neighborhood community, the Columbia University Bookstore is preparing to release its new line of C! Clothing that it hopes to market to both university students and teens living in the Harlem/Morningside Heights area alike. "We needed something that was collegiate, something that screamed 'Columbia' in great big gentrified letters while still catering to the colored children that live

in the area. Basically it had to be ghetto-fab as well," explained bookstore spokeswoman Lindsay Thoreaux.

Ghetto-fab indeed. Columbia's own flamboyantly fabulous Leo the Lion is the official mascot of the new designer series. His cartoonish countenance graces nearly every article of clothing manufactured under the label. "Marketing surveys have shown that cutesy stuffed animals appeal to teenage girls, especially those of the, shall we say, 'lower' classes,"

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Columbia Suicide Count

2002-2003:

Zero. Yeah, we can't believe it either.

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