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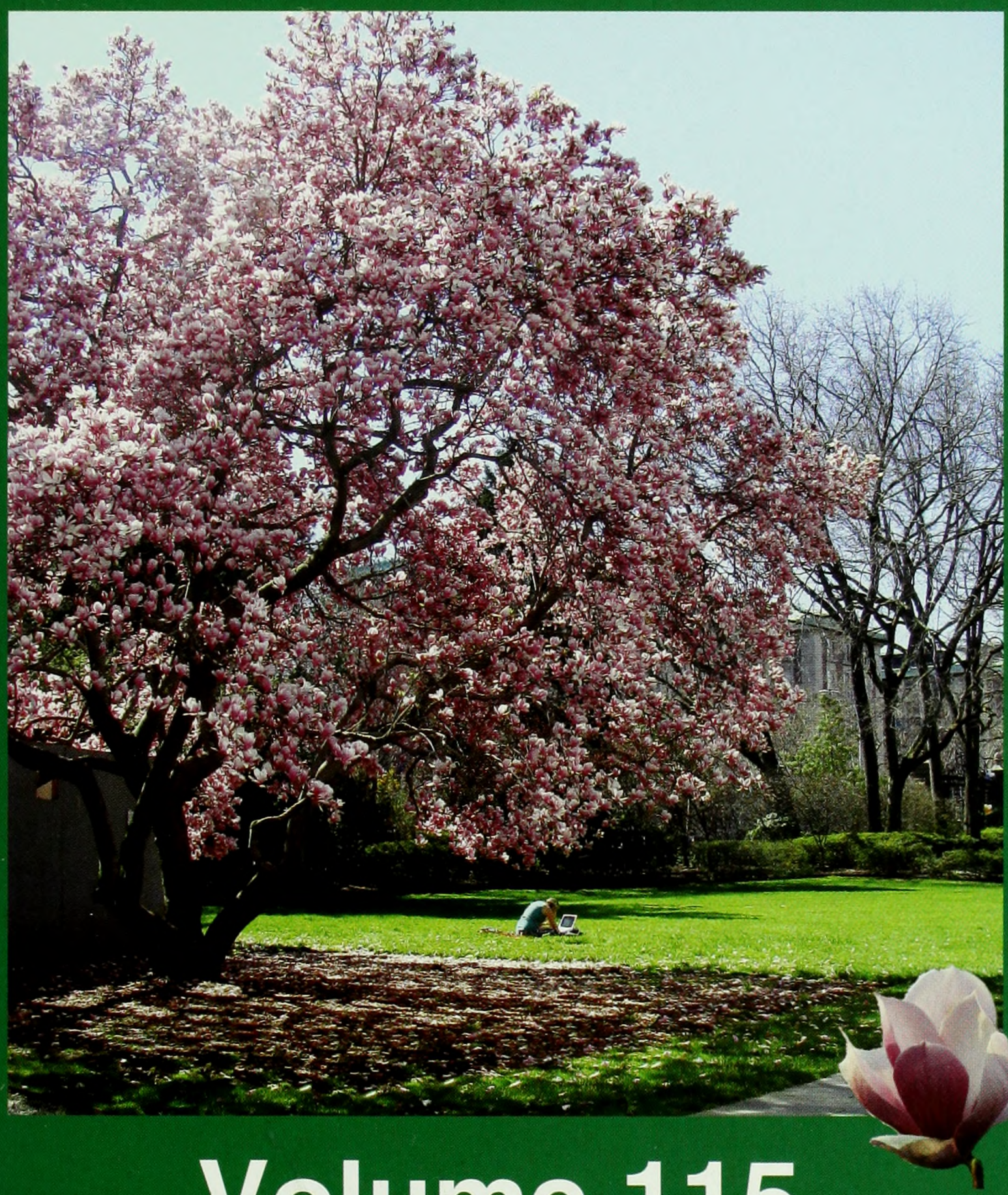

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"It's good to take a longer view and think, what would I really like to do if I had no limitations whatsoever?"

Laurie Anderson '69

Barnard History

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On October 7, 1889, with fourteen enrolled students and six faculty members, Barnard found its first home at 343 Madison Avenue. The College was named for Frederick A.P. Barnard, the tenth president of Columbia University, who ironically opposed the establishment of a separate institution for women and instead argued in favor of co-education at Columbia. Annie Nathan Meyer led the fight to create Barnard, the first women's college in New York City, which became an affiliate of Columbia in 1891. She later wrote, "I confess to a pride in having defended the affiliated college at a time when it was neither popular nor understood. To me, nothing in the education of women mattered so much as the creation of right standards, and this was effected by the establishment of the affiliated college." In 1898 Barnard moved to its current location in Morningside Heights, after the completion of Milbank Hall.

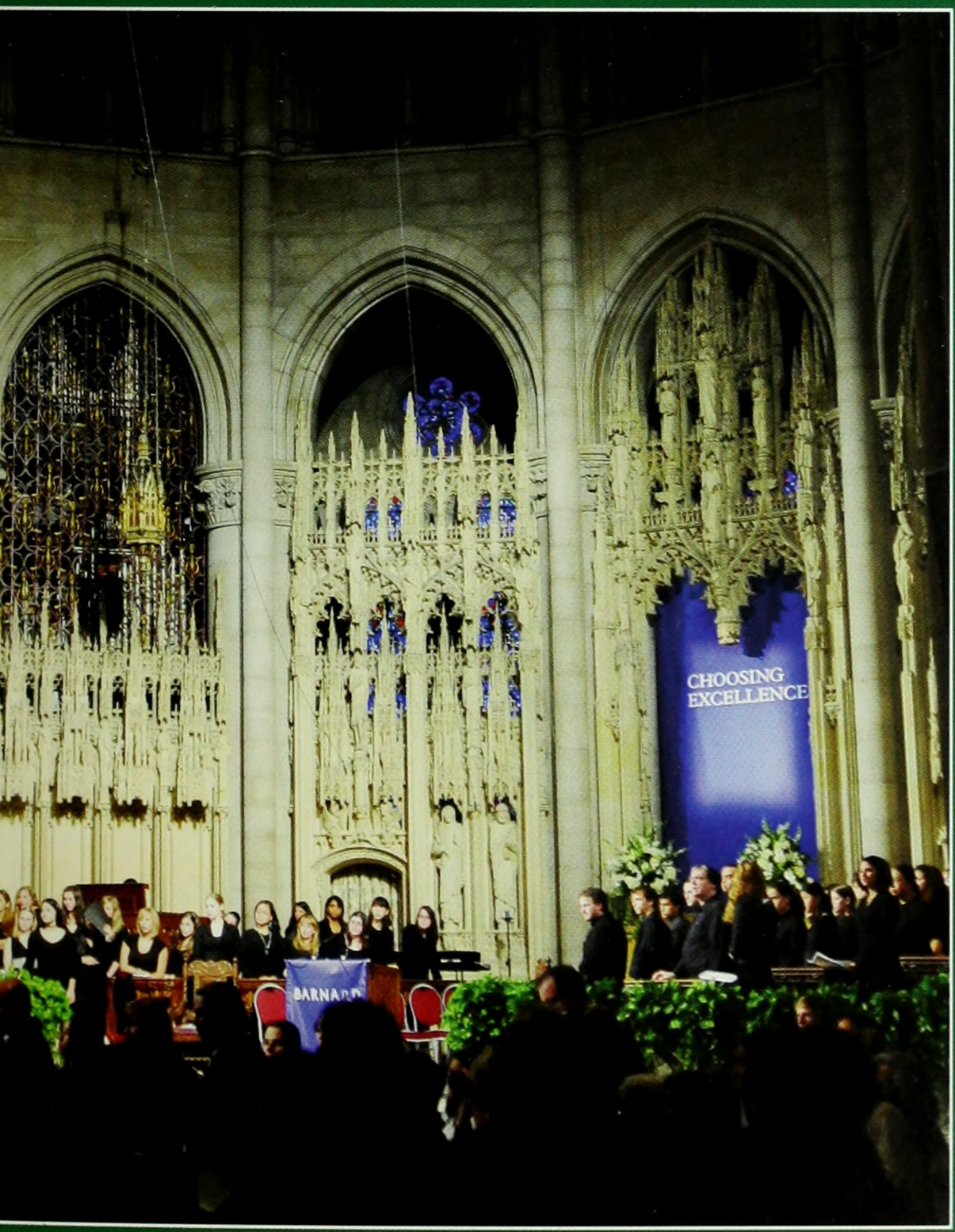
Barnard continued to grow throughout the early 1900s under the leadership of Virginia Gildersleeve, who stressed the importance of "trained brains" during World War I. Dean Gildersleeve was succeeded by Millicent McIntosh in 1947, the College's first president, for whom the McIntosh student center was named. After President McIntosh's departure in 1962, Barnard continued to grow with the addition of the Millicent McIntosh center in 1969.

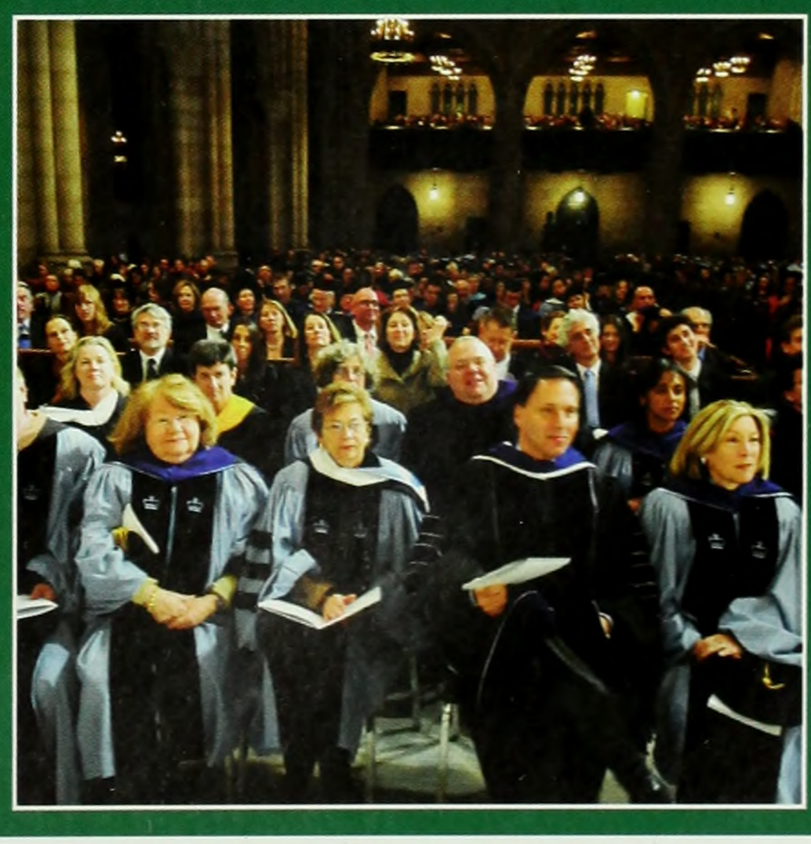
Now Barnard enters a new chapter in its history after a fourteen-year tenure by President Judith Shapiro in which application rates for Barnard rose and the construction of the Nexus student center began. Debora Spar was inaugurated as Barnard's eleventh leader in October 2008, bringing new ideas that will have a significant impact on Barnard's future.

2008 Inauguration

On Thursday, October 23, 2008, Debora Spar was officially inaugurated as the seventh president of Barnard College, and its eleventh leader. Her previous positions at Harvard Business School made her a compelling candidate during the 2008 search for the new president. She exemplified Barnard's teacher-scholar ideal, which provides students with a faculty that is both accessible and talented. Anna Quindlen, BC '74 and Chair of the Board of Trustees, said, "When I announced this search, I told all of you, 'The eleventh leader of the College must be someone with considerable gifts of both mind and heart, a charismatic intellectual deeply committed to the value of single-sex education for women.' I have no doubt that we have found just such a person in Debora Spar."

Barnard marked the inauguration by canceling all afternoon classes and inviting seniors to march in the ceremony at Riverside Church. From 116th to 120th Street, Claremont was packed with current students, alumnae, faculty members, and even President Judith Shapiro, President Spar's predecessor. Barnard celebrated with international cuisine and performances from different cultural clubs in honor of President Spars commitment to diversity at the College, both domestically and abroad. In her first year as President, she has already represented Barnard in China and Korea, and has been sought out by major media outlets for her business expertise. With such impressive accomplishments so early in her tenure, President Spar will achieve much in her time here.





"I am not a woman of achievement. I am a woman of determination--as all Barnard women are."

Joan Rivers '54

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There is no doubt that our four years at Barnard will stand out as an important period in our lives. The Class of 2009 is unique in that it has witnessed several major changes in its short time here: the destruction of one student center and the construction of another; the end of one Barnard presidential legacy and the beginning of another; technological innovations relieving future Barnard students from the dreaded L-course line; the historical 2008 election; countless instances of campus activism and protest; and, of course, unique experiences that turned us all into Strong, Beautiful Barnard Women.

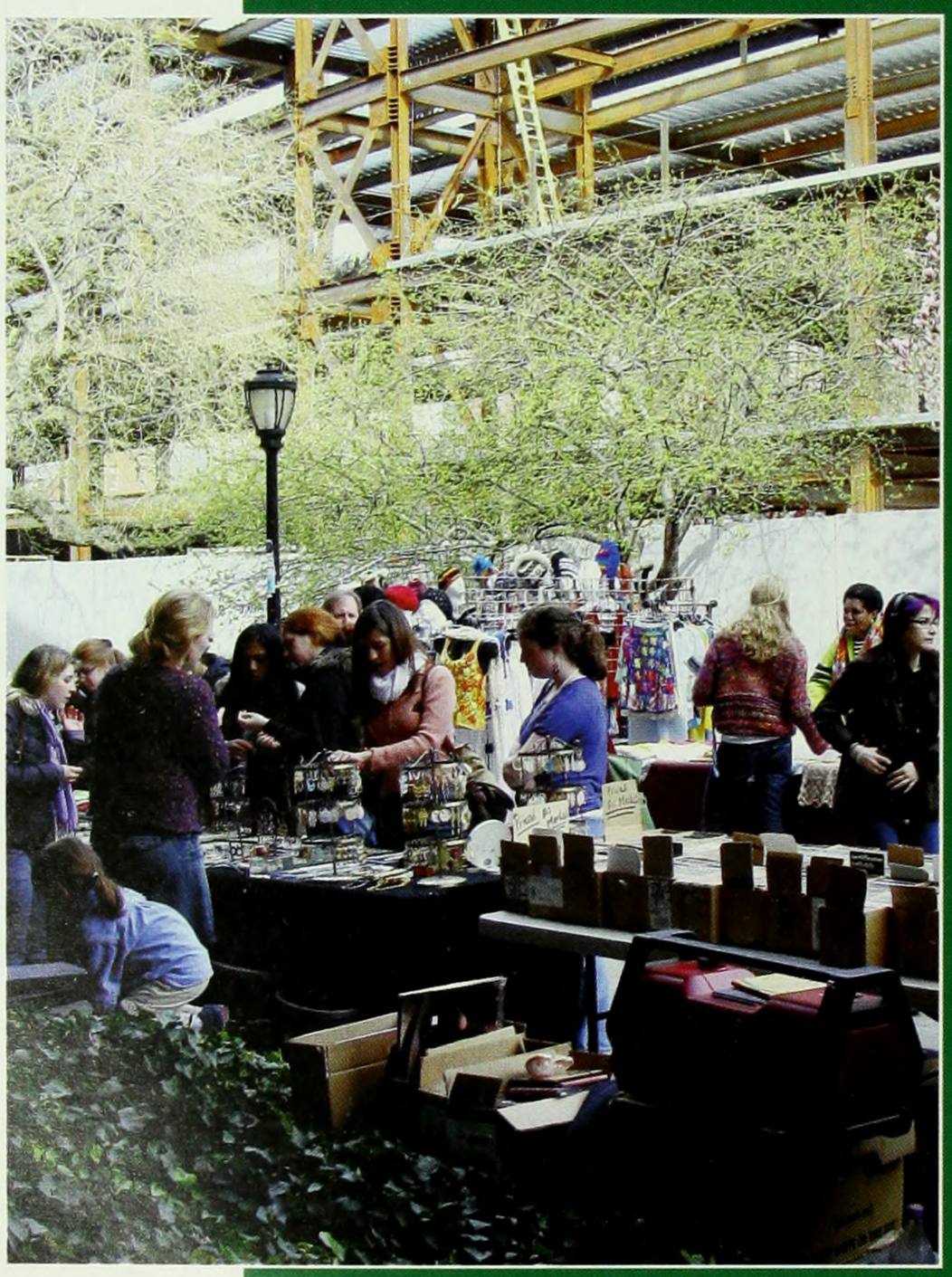
Our first year was one of excitement and adjustment as we moved into the Quad, got to know New York City, and laid the foundations for our next four years. We went to our first Midnight Breakfast, our first class dinner, our first on-campus TV taping (for the canceled Bedford Diaries), and our first college classes.

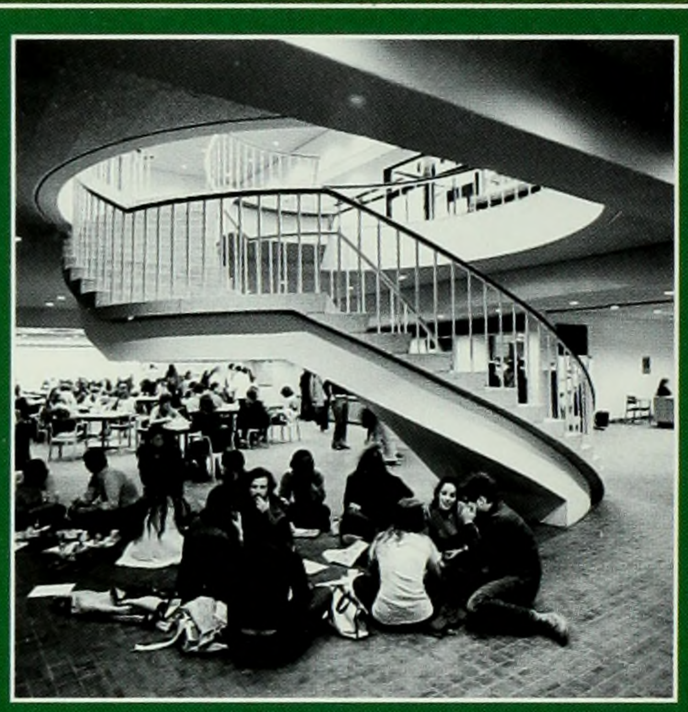
Sophomore year we returned to Barnard in disbelief that a year had already passed. We declared our majors, some had their first internships, and we began to find our places within the Barnard community.

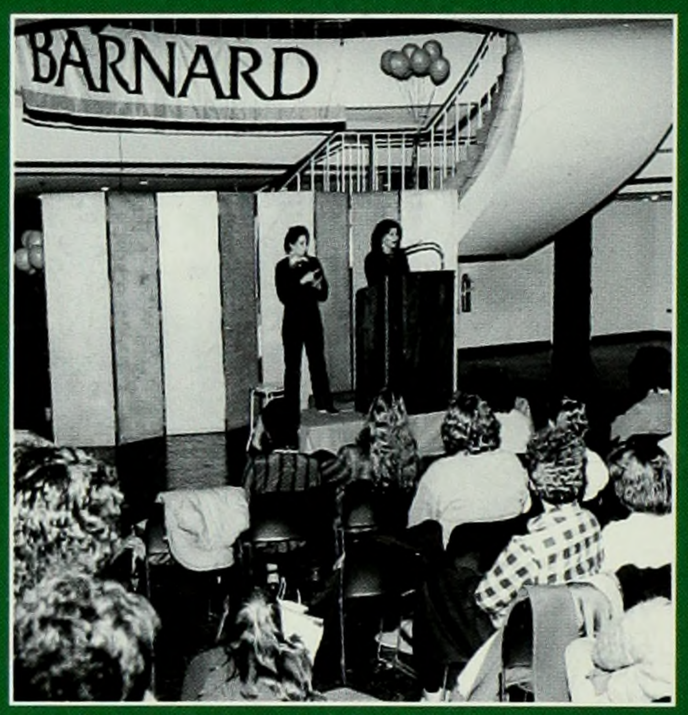
Our Junior year at Barnard brought new experiences as many studied abroad and traveled the world, while others stayed at Barnard to get involved in political campaigns, perform community service throughout the city, and rise to leadership positions within campus organizations.

Senior year finally arrived. The presidential election added excitement to our first semester, while our second was spent enjoying our last months as students in New York City and at Barnard, and planning for life after graduation.

McIntosh/Nexus







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Nexus rendering courtesy of Barnard College

In spring 2007, Barnard students left their mark on the beloved student center, McIntosh, with paintbrushes in hand. The building was named for Millicent McIntosh, the fourth leader and first president of Barnard College (and also the namesake for Millie the Bear, Barnard's official mascot). McIntosh was dedicated in fall 1969--on the same day as Altschul, in fact--and Dean Denburg, the then-president of SGA, recalls, "It was a terribly exciting moment, because we were dedicating two buildings at once. It was the first time the College would have a real student center to replace the tiny Barnard Hall Annex, and the huge increase in science facilities provided by Altschul was significant. I felt a tremendous connection to the history and the future of the College that day; being on the program with the legendary Mrs. McIntosh was thrilling and remains an important memory for me."

Students bade farewell to Mac to make way for a new student center, known for now as The Nexus. Despite the inconvenience of the campus construction, students can look forward to a new building that will house a black box theater, state-of-the-art facilities and event spaces, a café, a computer lab, and even a green roof. Designed by the architecture firm Weiss/Manfredi, the Nexus will be both functional and aesthetically pleasing, and has already won an award from the American Institute of Architects. Upon the completion of the Nexus in January 2010, Barnard students can celebrate a new chapter in the College's history.

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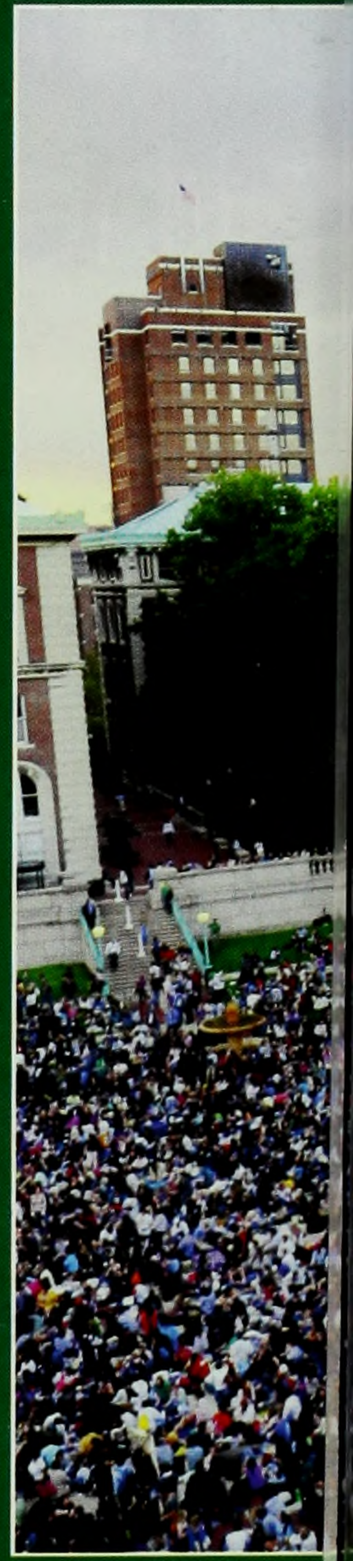
"The thing that is really hard, and really amazing, is giving up on being perfect and beginning the work of becoming yourself."

Anna Quindlen '74

CurrentEvents

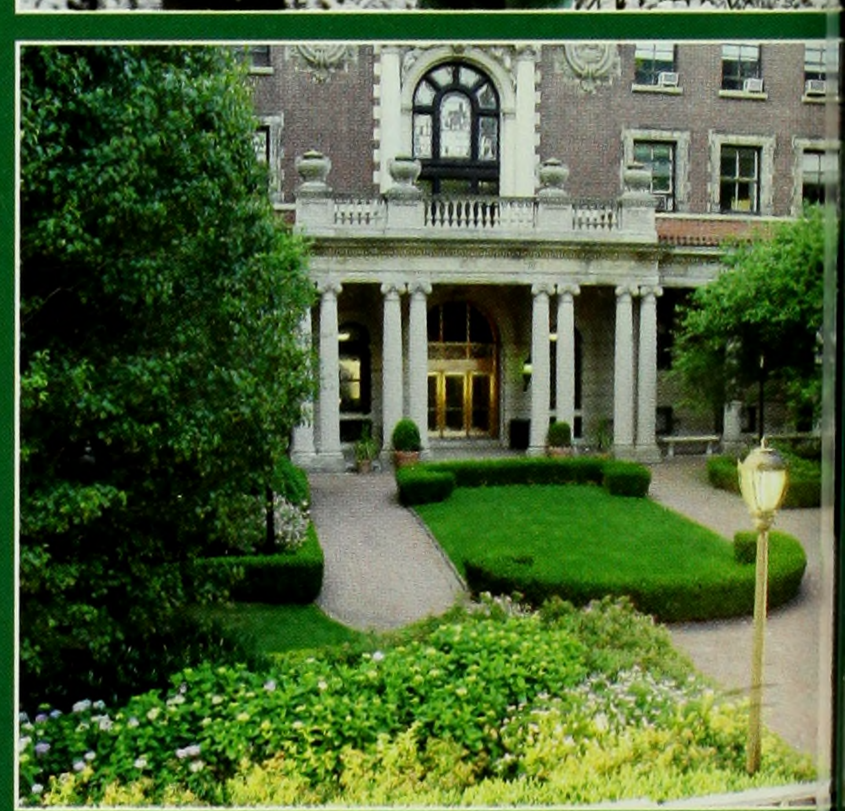


Given our location in the cosmopolitan city of New York, Barnard students are especially aware of current events and pop culture happenings. Our four years at Barnard saw not only changes in U.S. leadership with the end of the George W. Bush administration and the beginning of the Barack Obama administration, but also witnessed changes in the way pop culture is followed and reported. Here are some of the changes we saw:

New media, such as Twitter, emerged, blogs grew in popularity, and Facebook continued to evolve. Several actors reached "star" status, such as Javier Bardem, and new blogs and websites were created to follow them, such as PerezHilton.com. We saw the popularity rise of Columbia band Vampire Weekend, and celebrated the release of three Harry Potter movies and the final book. We witnessed technological innovations, such as the vaccine to protect against cervical cancer, as well as the introduction of the iPhone.

Barnard women witnessed installation of the first female Speaker of the House, Nancy Pelosi. They participated in the "greening" of Barnard's campus, resulting from increased attention to global warming as a result of Al Gore's An Inconvenient Truth. Hit TV shows premiered, such as Top Chef, Gossip Girl, and The Colbert Report. The Class of 2009 followed the trials and tribulations of Britney Spears, the Spice Girls Reunion Tour, and the emergence of a new genre of movies directed by Judd Apatow, such as Knocked Up. We also saw the devastation after Hurricane Katrina; the visit of Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, President of Iran, to Columbia's campus; and the appointment of Chief Justice John Roberts to the Supreme Court. Needless to say, it's been an eventful four years.

From the Editors



Dear Class of 2009,

If you've ever watched one of the many popular TV makeover shows, suffered through a weight loss infomercial, or read *Cosmo*, you're familiar with the idea of before and after. A quick Google search reveals that "before and after" is also the title of a 1996 Meryl Streep movie, an album by the Swedish band The Wannadies, a graphic design magazine, and the title of both "Star Trek: Voyager" and "Golden Girls" episodes. We live in a transient present, in a society obsessed with transformation.

With the moment always fleeting, sometimes it seems as though our lives belong only to the before and the after. Before we began our college careers, we had a Republican president and Congress, an unhealthy obsession with "Grey's Anatomy," and brand new Facebook accounts. Now, as we leave our college years behind, we face the imminent after: a political 180 resulting in a Democratic president and Congress, a switch to "Gossip Girl" (after the hundredth Meredith-McDreamy breakup), and, with Oprah's blessing, a twittering shift in our networking website loyalties.

We've witnessed, too, the transformation of Morningside Heights in recent years. New stores and restaurants have sprouted before our eyes, like Westside Market, Chipotle, and Pinkberry. We saw Kim's Video change to Ricky's and Pertutti to Campo. Barnard, our beloved college, has not been immune to these changes. Before: President Judith Shapiro; after: President Debora Spar. Before: McIntosh; after: The Diana.

And of course, we've undergone our own internal changes. From shy freshmen to confident seniors, we've aced our problem sets and exams, polished off thousands of pages of reading, and, exhausted but proud, triumphantly turned in our theses. As an accomplished graduate of Barnard's Class of 2009, we urge you to remember your own "before." Where did you spend your childhood years? What did you want to be when you were finally grown up? But also remember to keep your eyes to the "after." Where will you go? Back to the family home or off to make a new home of your own? What will you be? A poet, a professor, the first woman president?

We have been children, and now we are adults. We have all been daughters, and someday some of us will be mothers. We have been Barnard students, and now we are Barnard alumnae. We could never forget our four years here: the friends we made, the lessons we learned, and the journey we took together. From your Barnard before to your promising after, Class of 2009, good luck!

All the best,

Elesse Eddy '09 Carly Katz '09

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BROADWAY

"Optimism with some experience behind it is much more energizing than plain old experience with a certain degree of cynicism."

Twyla Tharp '63

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[MORNINGSIDE HEIGHTS]

OUR LITTLE PIECE OF MANHATTAN

Morningside Heights is like a small college town within Manhattan. Whether you frequent its many bars and restaurants or hang out in Riverside Park, you're bound to run into a student or professor that you know. Morningside Heights is home to many traditional University hangouts, such as Tom's Restaurant, Koronet's, 1020, and one of the newest additions, Pinkberry. Several New York City landmarks can also be found here, including Riverside Church, Cathedral of St. John the Divine, and General Grant's Tomb. If you're lucky, you might even spot filming for Law & Order. In addition to Barnard and Columbia, the neighborhood is also home to Union Theological Seminary, the Manhattan School of Music, and the Jewish Theological Seminary. Morningside Heights is our own little piece of Manhattan.

"I love that Morningside Heights has so much to offer: the nightlife on Amsterdam, the restaurants on Broadway, and the relaxing shade in Riverside Park." -- Anna Lee '09

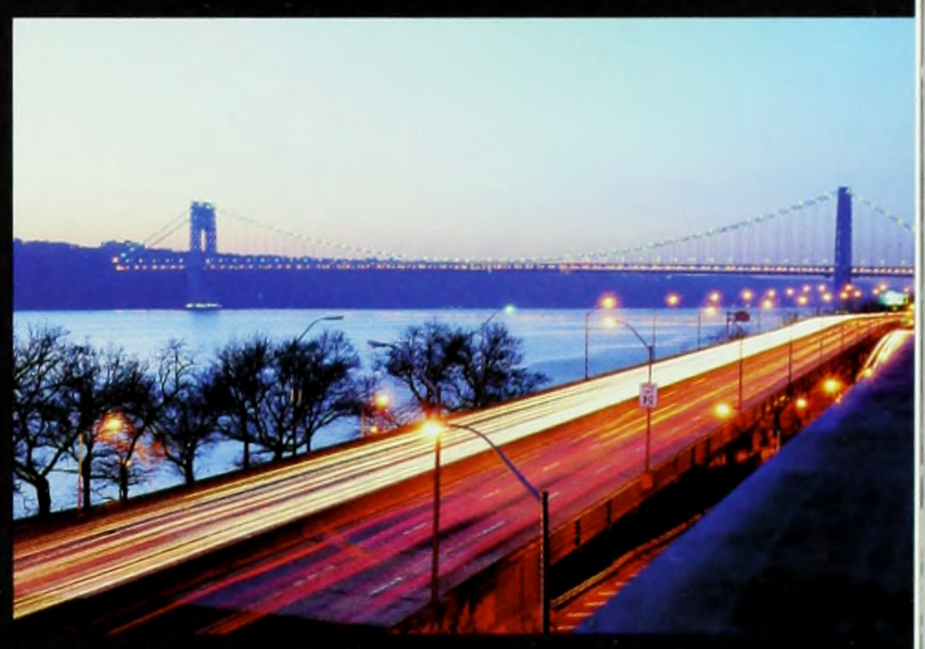
"It's awesome that Morton Williams is open twenty-four hours a day for for those three in the morning ice cream runs."
-- Dena Nachman '09

"Nothing beats having the opportunity to visit the Metropolitan Museum of Art for art history field trips and the Museum of Natural History for anthro field trips."
-- Perri Goldstein '09

"Navigating through the crowds in Times Square can be difficult, but it is always worth it if I can get rush tickets to see a Broadway show!" -- Elesse Eddy '09

[BRIGHT LIGHTS BIG CITY]

TOURISTS AND TAXIS AND TRAFFIC, OH MY



Tourists journey from all over the world to experience the dazzling lights of Times Square and the dizzying heights of New York City skyscrapers. As Barnard students, we have the benefit of being able to visit these famous sites whenever we want. We can skate at Rockefeller Center in the winter or take a stroll through Central Park in the nice weather. Our Barnard IDs get us into almost any museum in the city for free, and we can take advantage of student rush tickets to see a Broadway show or an opera at a quarter of the usual cost. With the subway right next to campus, we can journey down to Union Square to see our friends at NYU, or continue all the way to the Financial District for those job interviews senior year. Barnard students have the chance to experience the Big Apple in a way that nobody else can.

[NYC'S BEST KEPT **SECRETS**]

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For four years, Barnard students can experience the City as real New Yorkers. After a short subway ride uptown, we can dine in the Little Italy of the Bronx, Arthur Avenue; we can travel to Williamsburg, a hip part of Brooklyn, to hear live music, from indie rock to classic jazz; and we can walk through Forest Hill Gardens in Queens, a testament to the Garden City Movement. We can enjoy free concerts in Lincoln Center, courtesy of Juilliard's Wednesdays at One program, and during the first week of every month, we can party and explore the galleries during First Fridays at the Guggenheim or First Saturdays at the Brooklyn Museum. When we want to get away from the hustle and bustle, we can picnic on Roosevelt Island in the East River. It takes time to uncover these hidden gems, but as Barnard women we are privileged to have the time to do so.

"Sitting against the hill in Riverside Park and watching the sun shining on the water, you can almost forget you're in the middle of New York City." -- Nicole Matthews '09

"Amy's Bread, a hole-in-the-wall bakery in Hell's Kitchen, makes the most amazing pastries; I love their chocolate sourdough twists!" -- Florence Durney '09

2009StudentLife

Student Life

Every Barnard woman is permanently shaped by the friends, events, and memories which the unique Barnard student life experience has to offer. Whether she spends her free time off campus exploring the vastness of Manhattan and the other boroughs, or whether she remains closer to home and enjoys the pleasures of Morningside Heights, the average Barnard woman can find ample opportunities to create her own Barnard experience. From events run by McAC, the campus programming organization, to the famous "Urban New York," which offers students free tickets to Broadway shows, students take advantage of the many options that Barnard and New York City offer.

I LOVE BARNARD. I'm a Barnard woman through and through. My connection with this school and our community of incredible women will inspire me and stay with me for the rest of my life.

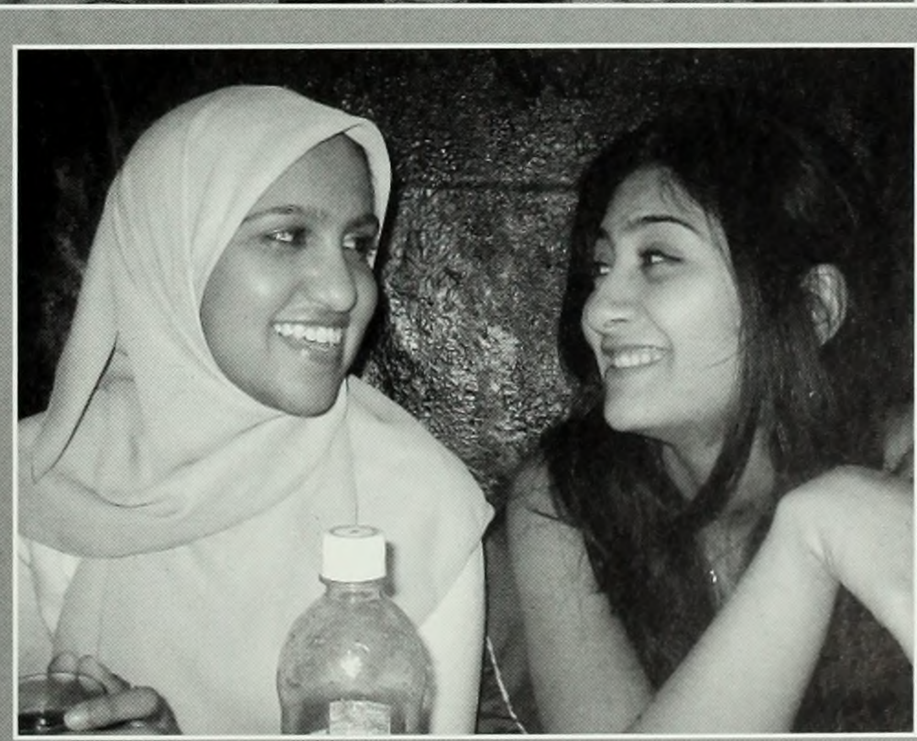
--Laura Herron

Barnard instilled in me a passion for high quality knowledge. I've also learned that a few great friends go a very long way.

--Rosara Torrisi

I will miss most the intellectual environment that surrounds me at Barnard: having the opportunity to take classes about anything I happen to be curious about; visiting with professors during their office hours to discuss a reading I had questions about or to debate an opinion that teacher professed; and going to the library to walk among the books that cover centuries of history and millions of voices.

--Nicole Matthews



Community Events on Campus

The Barnard community has many traditions, both new and old, that draw students and faculty alike. Spirit Day, which celebrates Barnard, and Big Sub, in which a sub sandwich stretches across campus, are favorites. The annual Class Dinners and heritage month opening ceremonies draw regular crowds, and Founder's Day celebrates Barnard's birthday each fall. Vendor Fairs and Student Swap and Shop let students browse for unique items in the sunshine, while each semester's pre-finals Orgo Night provides stress relief to Quad residents as they throw their notes out of their windows. A new event in 2009, the College Activities Office's Trivia Bowl, gave students the chance to showcase their knowledge and win prizes. Barnard students also attend performances and exhibitions to support their peers.

"My favorite tradition is Orgo Night! It's the greatest relief right before what can only be described as the worst, most intense few days and nights of your life."

--Stephanie Zuniga

"I love BC Spirit Day! It always happens right at the beginning of spring when everyone is getting ready to wrap up the semester. It is such a fun day of food and music, and I really feel a sense of community on that day."

--Sarah DeWitt

> Midnight Breakfast is my favorite! There's nothing like a study break that involves the President of your college serving you pancakes and home fries.
>
> --Jennifer Feierman

Midnight Breakfast

Barnard's largest community event is the semiannual Midnight Breakfast in LeFrak Gymnasium. Each semester, on the night before final exams begin, Barnard administrators and faculty serve breakfast to students. Midnight Breakfast gives students a break from studying, so many come in their pajamas, ready to chow down and dance after a full day.

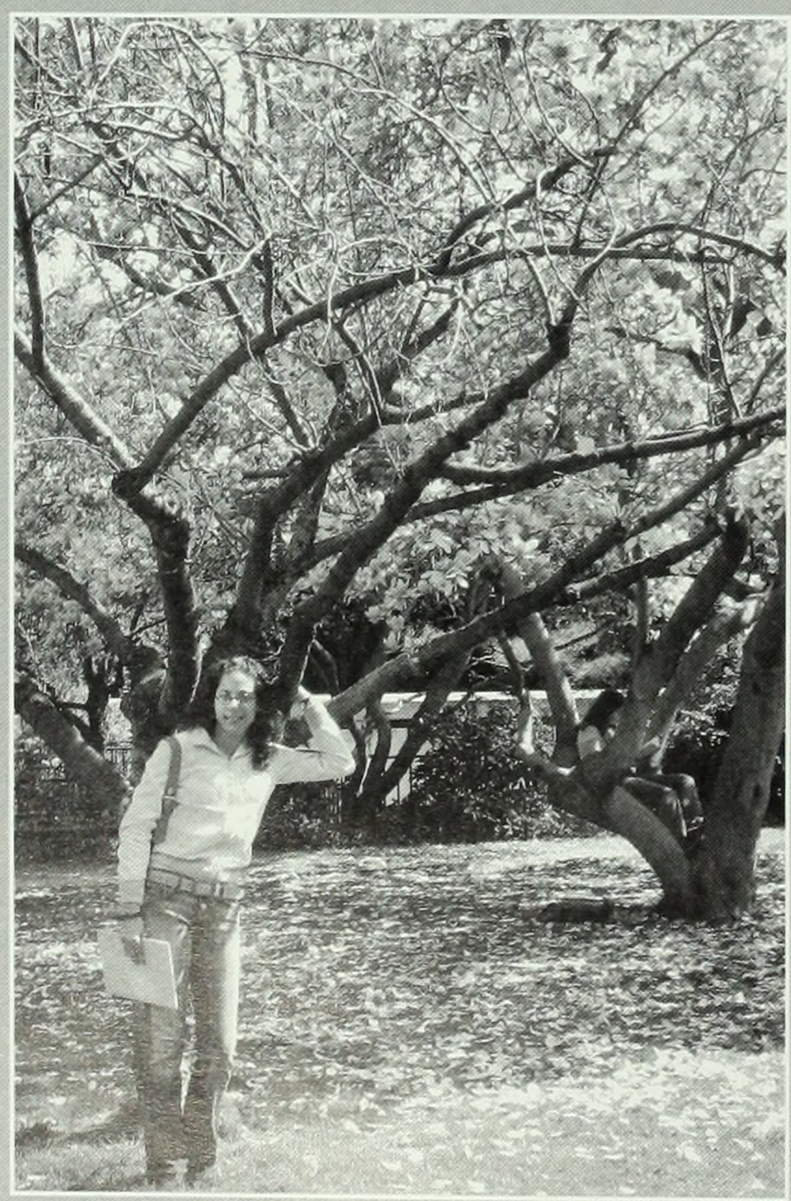
The event is planned by the Community Committee of the McIntosh Activities Council and is centered around a theme, which guides the decorations, music, and giveaways. Fall 2008's theme was nautical, inviting everyone to "Sail Away with McAC." The Spring 2009 theme celebrated New York City, complete with hot dogs, Broadway music, and subway line centerpieces.

"ove Midnight Breakfast. It's a great way to relax during Reading eek, and it doesn't hurt to have delicious breakfast food at idnight."

--Larhonde Sealey

Commuter Life

"Being a commuter at Barnard was one of the best decisions I've ever made. I was able to enjoy campus life and then go home to cable TV and home-cooked meals. That balance between family and college was just what I needed!"
--Priscilla Nuñez, '09



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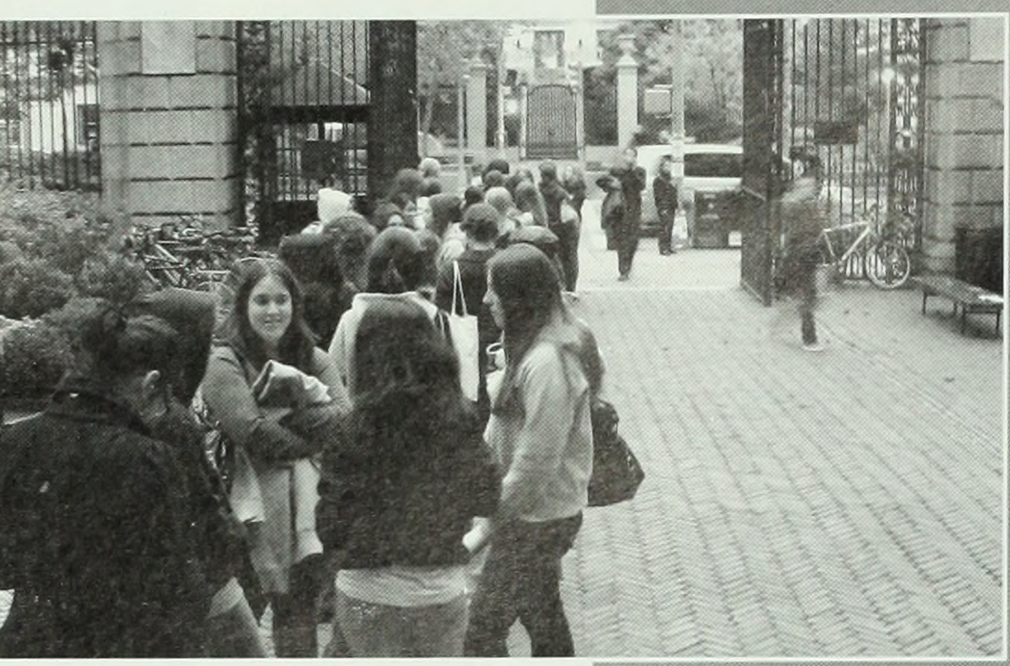

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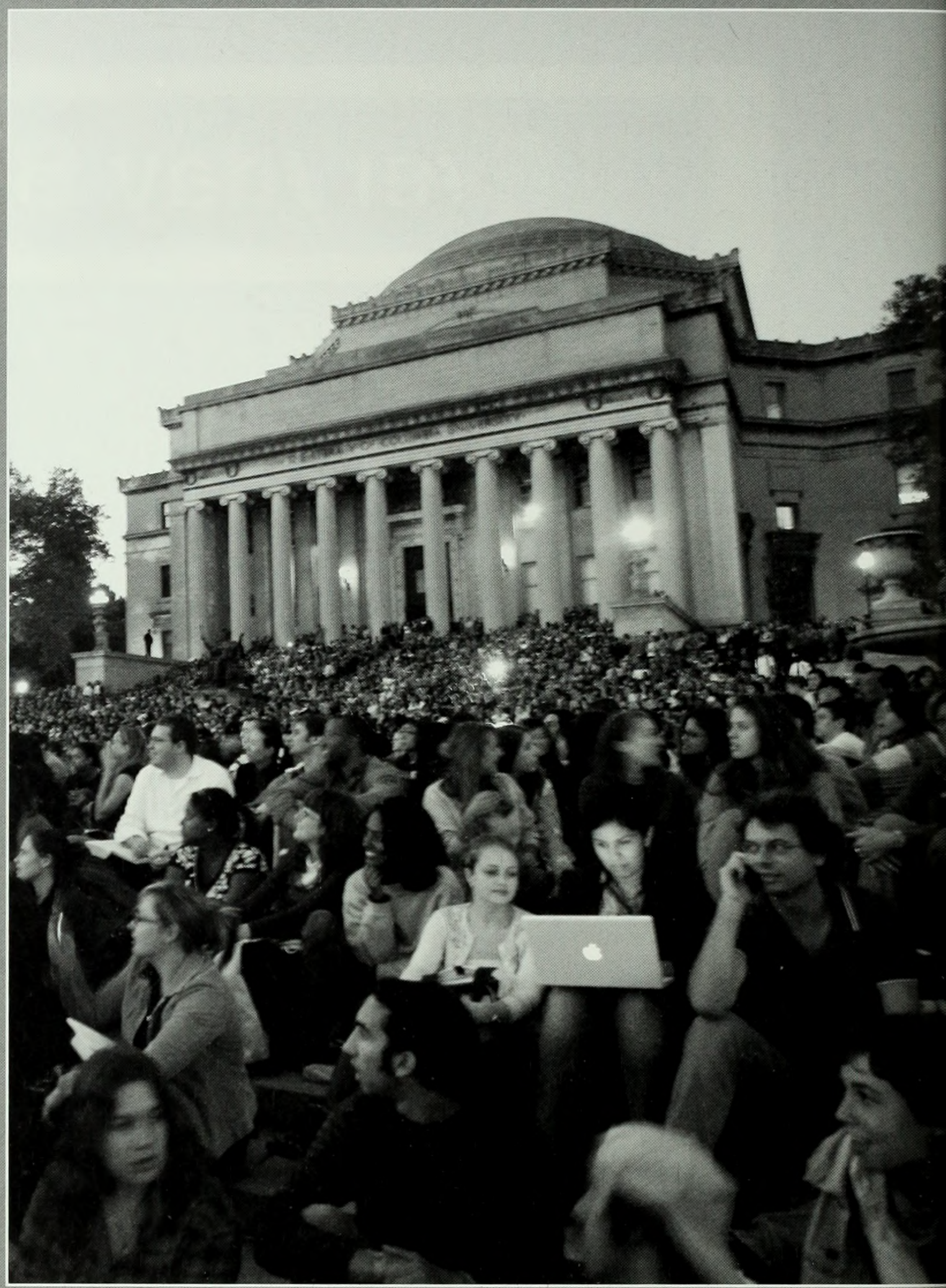

"I started participating in Shadow Count while at Barnard. It's a survey using a mock homeless population of which I was a part. Homelessness plagues NYC, and we can be quick to judge, but spend a night in South Ferry terminal in January. It's full of people looking for a home or heading home, but all trying to stay warm. When you're sharing a bench with strangers and you can't tell who's looking for a bed and who's waiting for a boat, converse with them. If you treat everyone equally, you learn quickly that we're all the same."

--Mia Christianna Mattioli

Political & Community Involvement

Barnard students are known for being especially active in their own communities and in the country at large. Students have several outlets to make their own impact on the world, both through volunteering and political activism. Seniors have tutored high school students on their SAT tests, cleaned up community gardens, and participated in the university-wide Columbia Community Outreach, a yearly day of service.

Many students were involved in the 2008 elections, volunteering for Barack Obama or John McCain. A highlight of the semester came with the ServiceNation Forum, which brought both presidential candidates to Columbia. Barnard students celebrated election night with a special CNN "Watch Party," where they watched the election coverage in Times Square with hundreds of other New Yorkers.

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"rnard's Civic Engagement House opened my eyes to of the organizations, activities, and volunteers that ke New York City work."

--Amanda MacLellan

Student Life Across Broadway

Barnard truly encompasses the "best of both worlds" because its small, liberal arts college atmosphere is enhanced by its place in Columbia University. Students spend their time on both Barnard's and Columbia's campuses: they pull all-nighters in Butler Library, hang out on the steps of Low Library, and participate in the myriad clubs sponsored by both Barnard and Columbia.

The four undergraduate class councils plan events together, such as Glass House Rocks, a campus-wide party in Lerner Hall, and the Senior Playpen, a lunchtime event which commemorated the 2009 seniors' upcoming graduation. It is also common for Barnard students to take classes at Columbia, and vice-versa, enriching the academic and social communities of both schools.

"As a freshman, I remember being on the phone, sittin in a corner of the Quad outside. Two male Columb students walking toward the door stopped short, anc overheard one say to the other, 'Dude, we are TOTALI surrounded by girls.' I'll never forget that."

--Jessica Romano

"My favorite spot on campus? Definitely the sofas on each level of Lerner Hall. It's entertaining to people-watch from there; you never know who and what you will encounter!"

"One thing that definitely changed my experience was finally learning the bus system. I was a little resistant at first and clung to the subway, but after studying abroad in London where I relied heavily on bus transportation, I learned the NYC buses. Now I go all the way across town!"

--Mia Christianna Mattioli

Student Life in the City

One of the biggest advantages of being a Barnard student is having access to New York City, where the opportunities for entertainment are endless. From concerts to lectures to opera to restaurants to free entry into museums, Barnard students are never bored. After four years in the city, the subway stop at 116th Street begins to feel like home. It is the final destination for students after spending a day exploring new neighborhoods, hanging out in Central Park, or walking across the Brooklyn Bridge. Barnard's location in the city also allows students to participate in exciting, rewarding internships that help determine their future career paths.

Being in New York City is an integral part of the Barnard experience, opening students' eyes to the world around them so that they are truly cosmopolitan.

"M favorite neighborhood is the Village because it's al ays alive, regardless of what time it is."

--Zara Chaudary

The Quad

The Quad is made up of Brooks, Reid, Hewitt, and Sulzberger Halls. Brooks, Reid, and Sulzberger are home to every incoming first-year, as well as some transfers. Hewitt is home to upperclasmen, most of whom are sophomores. The Quad also contains Sulz Tower, the Furman Counseling Center, the Vagelos Alumnae Center, Well Woman, the College Activities Office, Health Services, the Office of Multicultural Affairs, Lewis Parlor, and student club offices. In addition, Hewitt Dining Hall is located in the basement.

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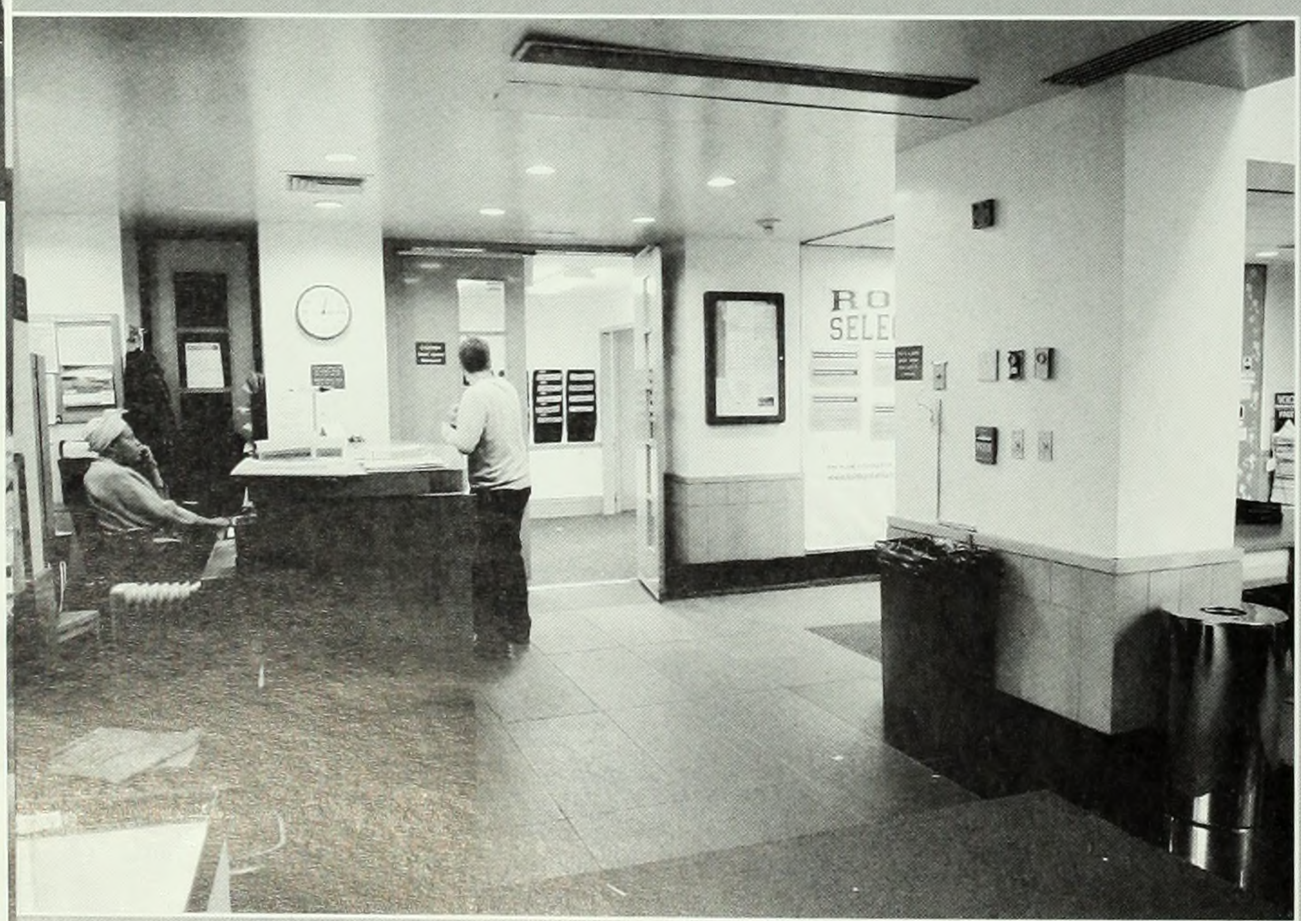
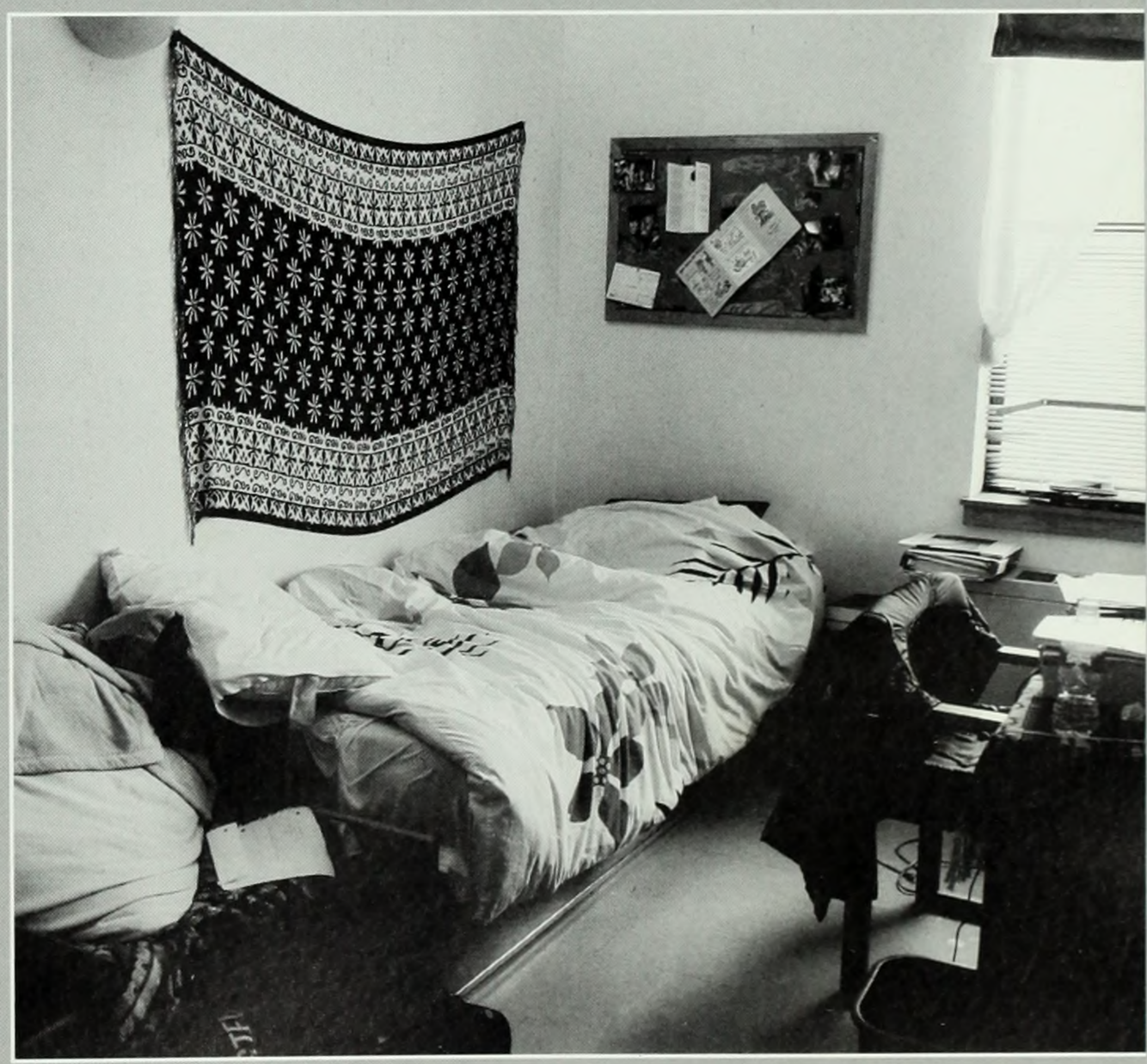
Sulzberger Tower

Sulzberger Tower, or just "The Tower," is home to primarily seniors. The corridor-style suites and kitchens allow students to live in the Quad without subscribing to the meal plan. The Tower's residents also benefit from beautiful views of the city.



110th Street

The 110th St. dorm, located at 110th St. and Broadway, mostly houses sophomores, with seniors living in studios. The building is not just for Barnard students: additional members of the Barnard and Columbia community live in the other apartments.



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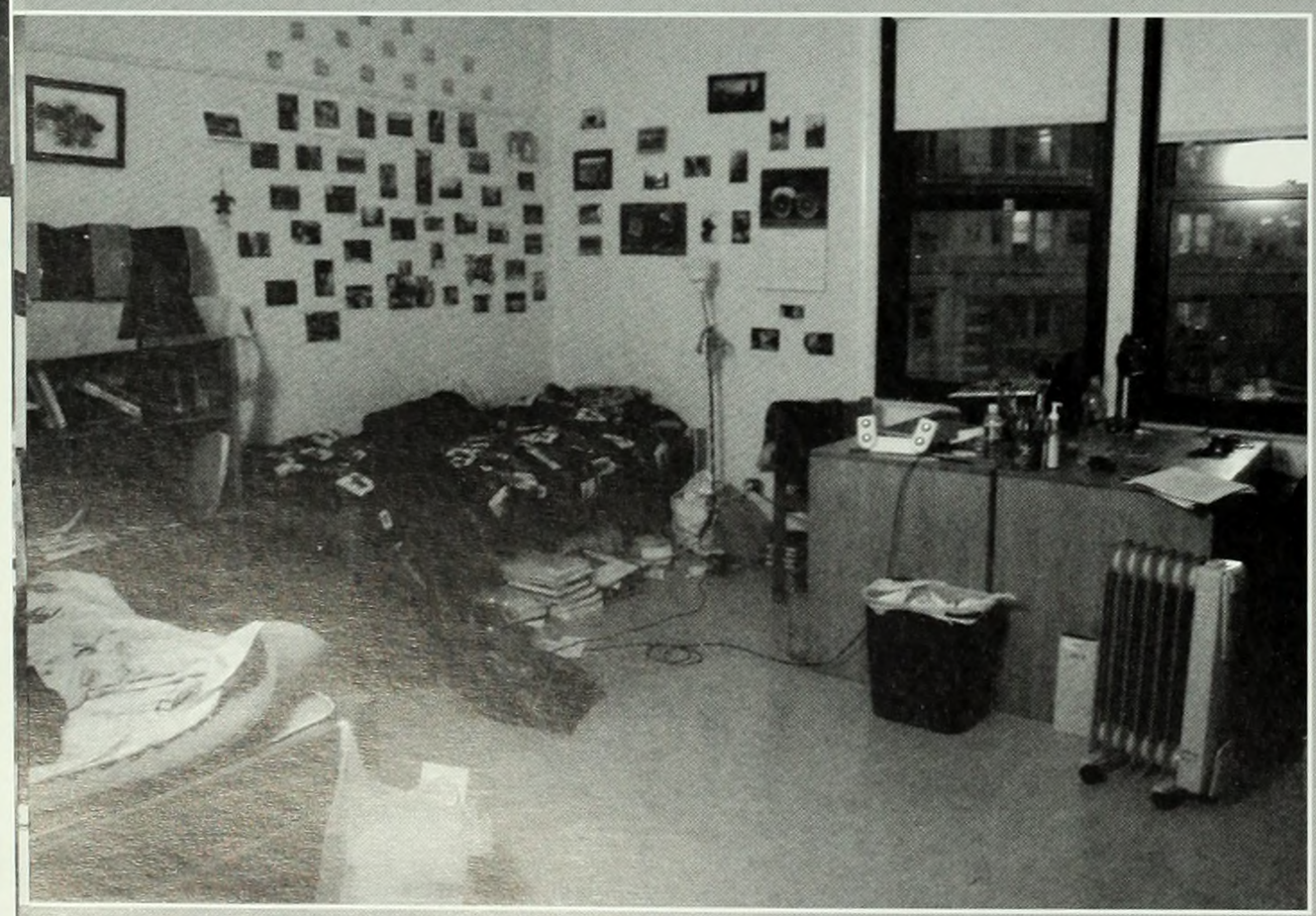
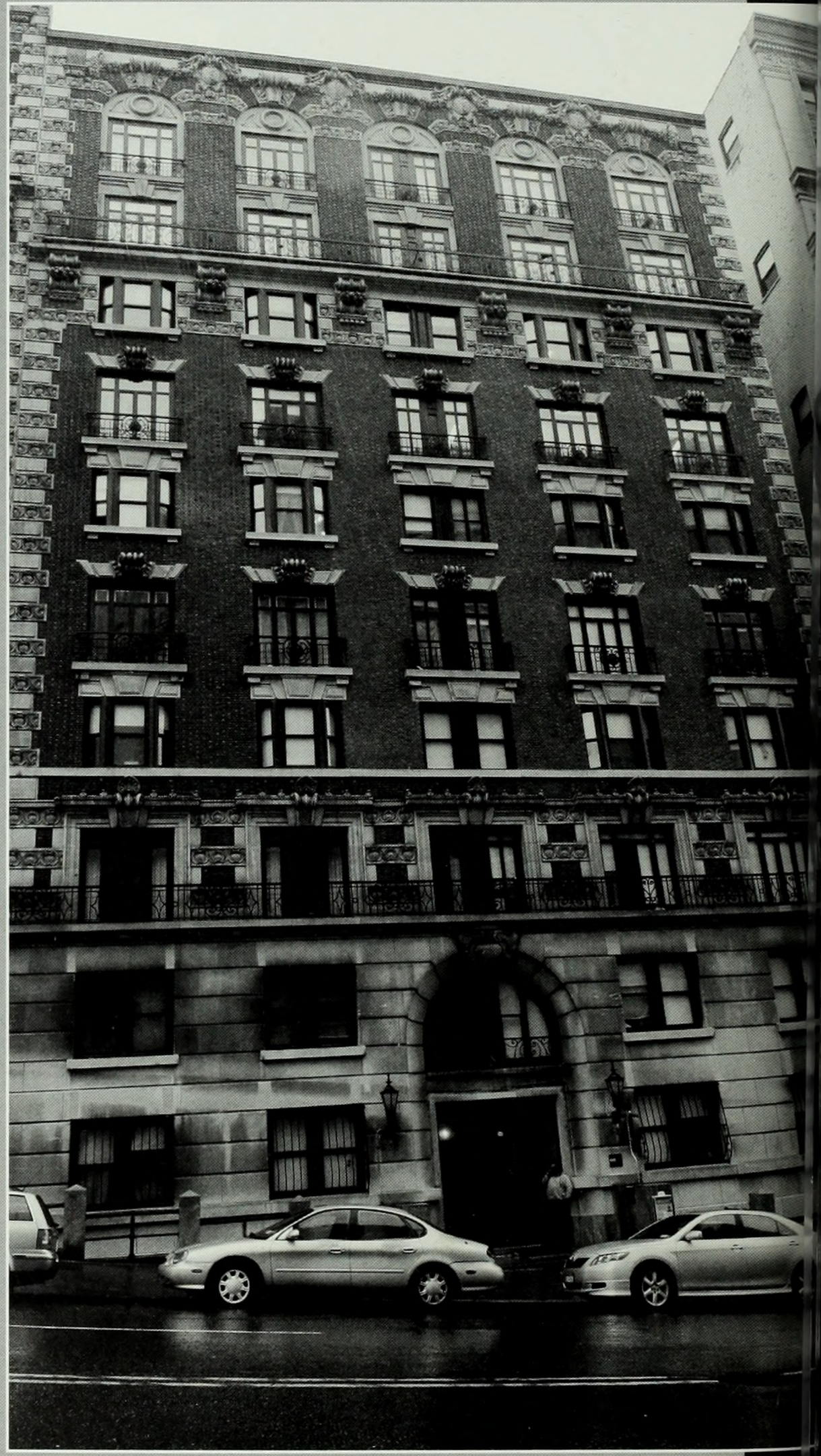
Located close to campus on 116th St. between Broadway and Riverside Dr., "the 600s" are home to upperclass students. Most suites have three to five bedrooms, a kitchen, bathroom, and common room, giving students a taste of apartment life.





Cathedral Gardens

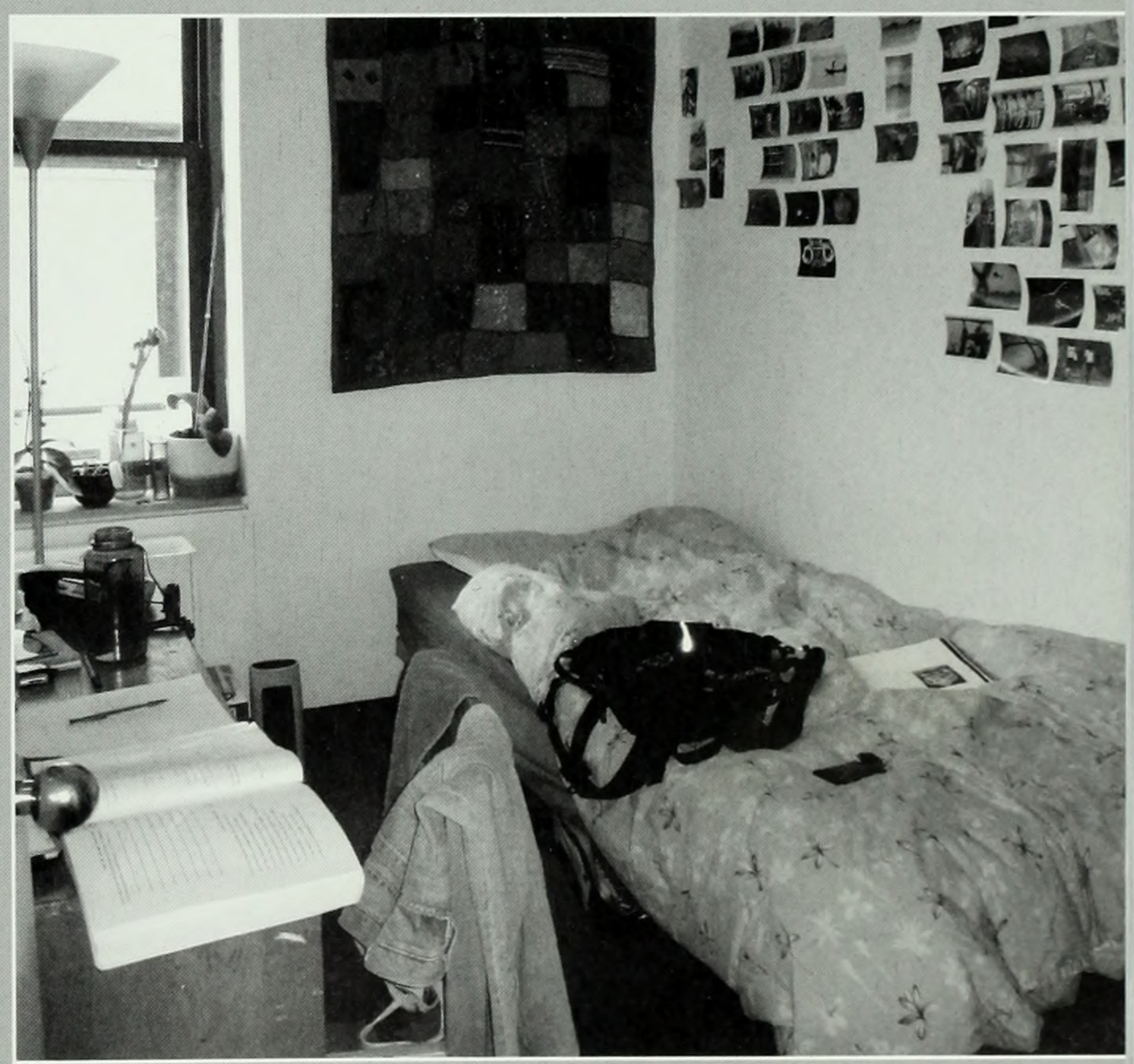
Cathedral Gardens, or "CG," is Barnard's newest dorm. Its location at 110th St. and Manhattan Ave., as well as its suite-style apartments, allow for a more independent feel. Faculty members live in the building, creating a unique living experience.

Plimpton Hall

Plimpton, located on Amsterdam Ave. at 120th St., is home to 280 upperclass students. Its location allows students to get to know an area of Morningside Heights away from Broadway, while still being just a ten minute walk from Barnard's campus.

Elliott Hall

Elliott, located just across the street from Barnard on 119th St. and Claremont Ave., houses transfer and upperclass students. Each floor is set up in an "open suite" style, and the second floor is home to Barnard's Office of Career Development.



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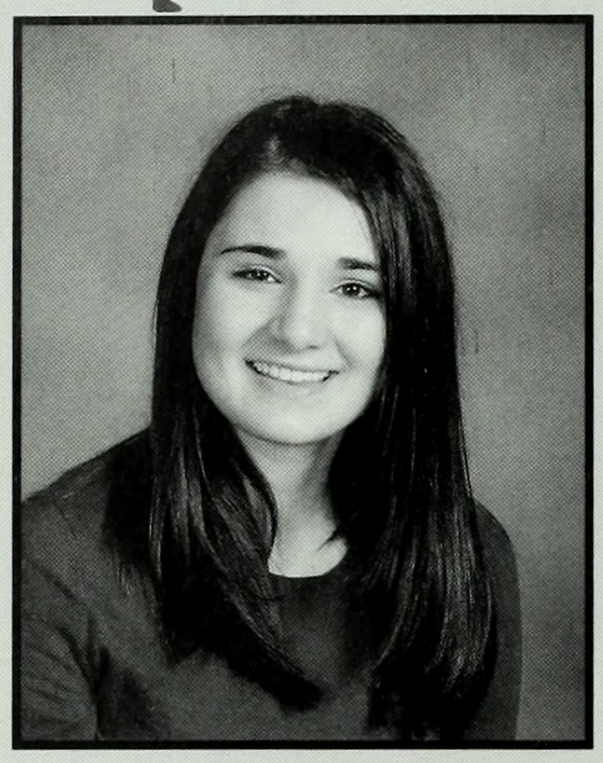

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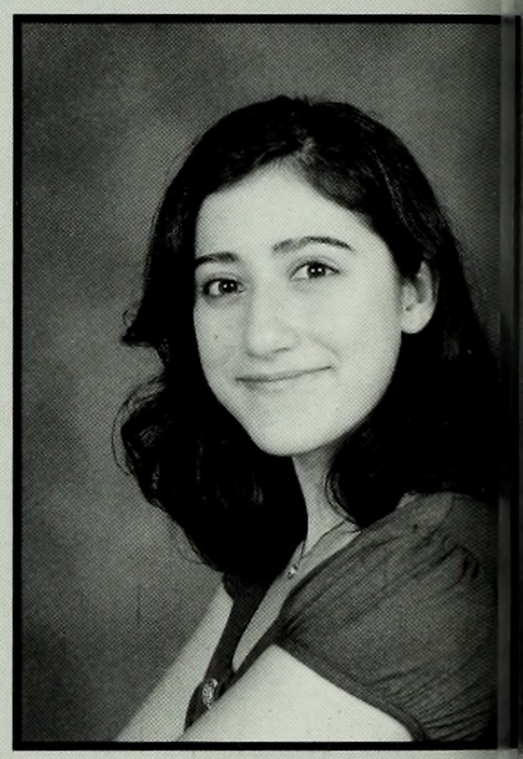

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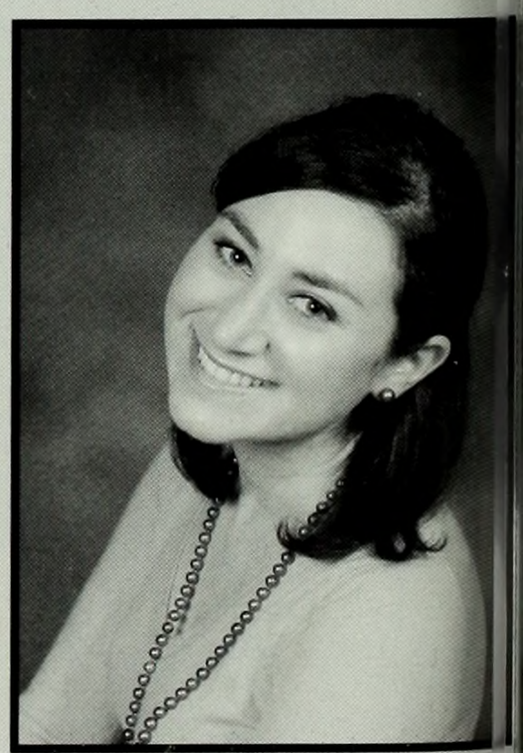

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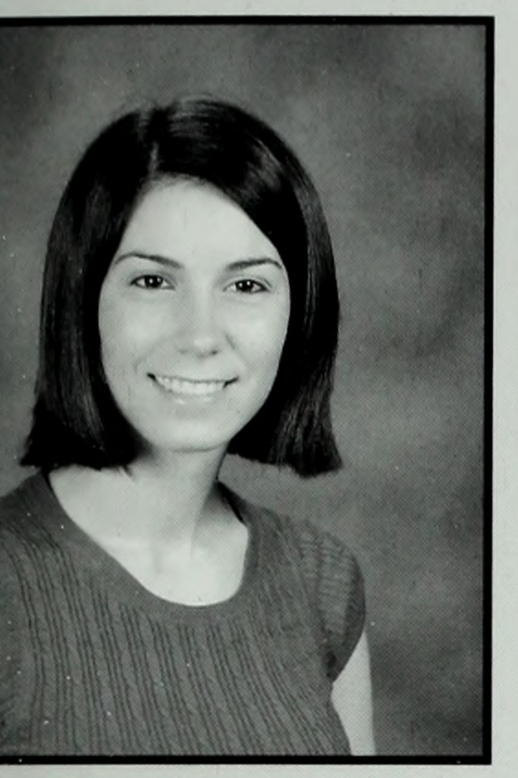

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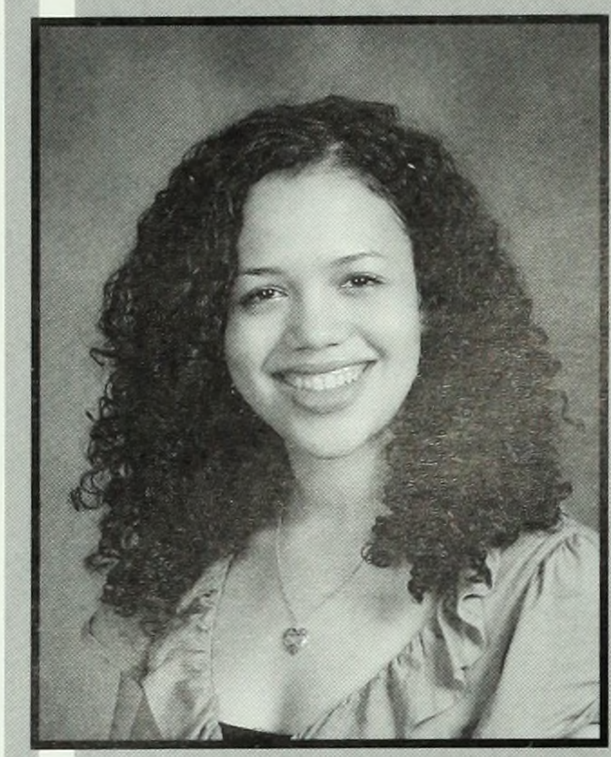

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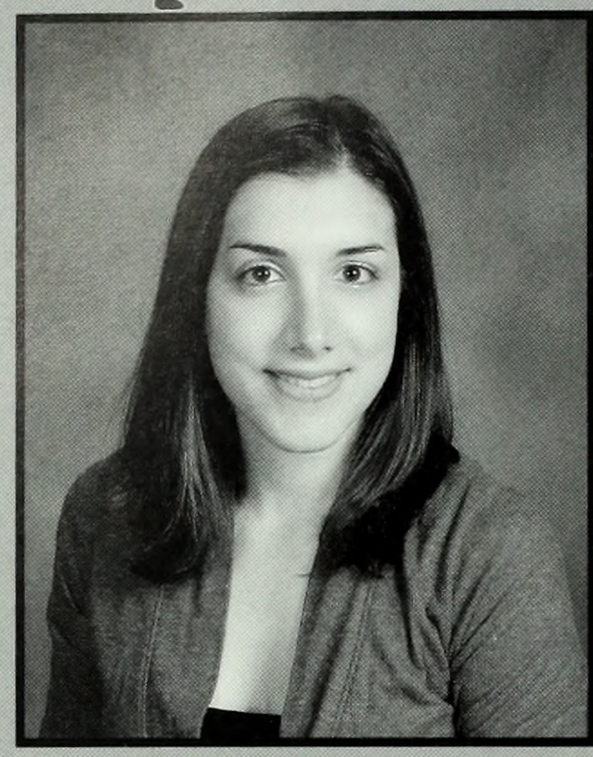

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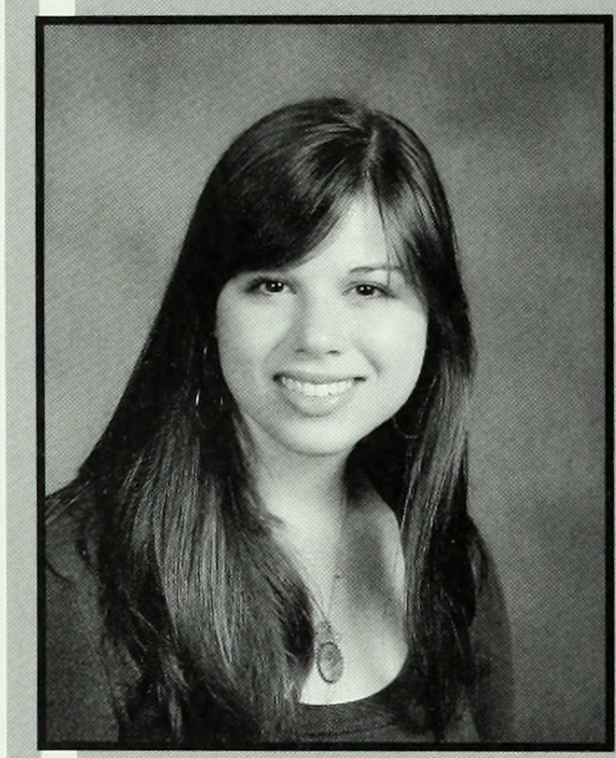

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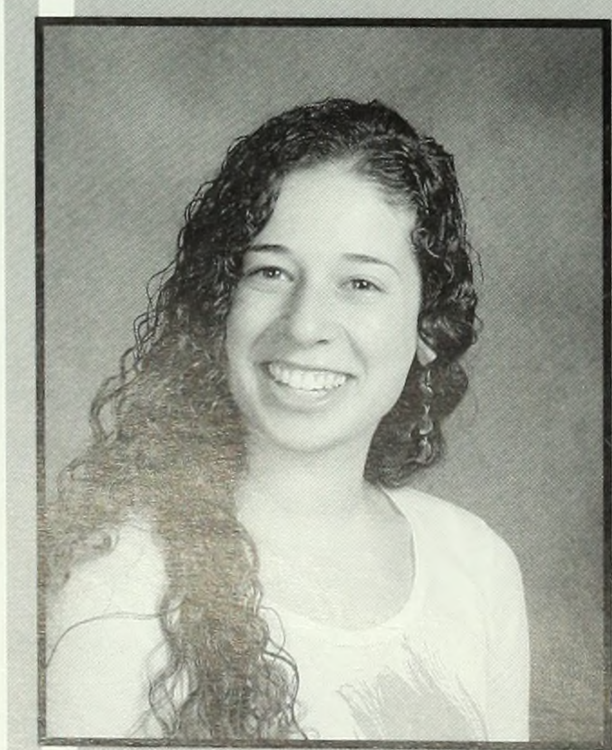

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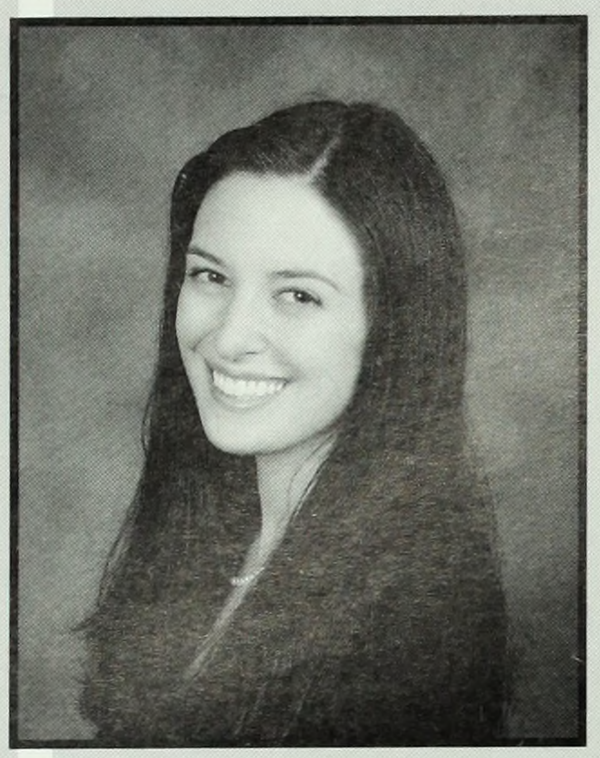

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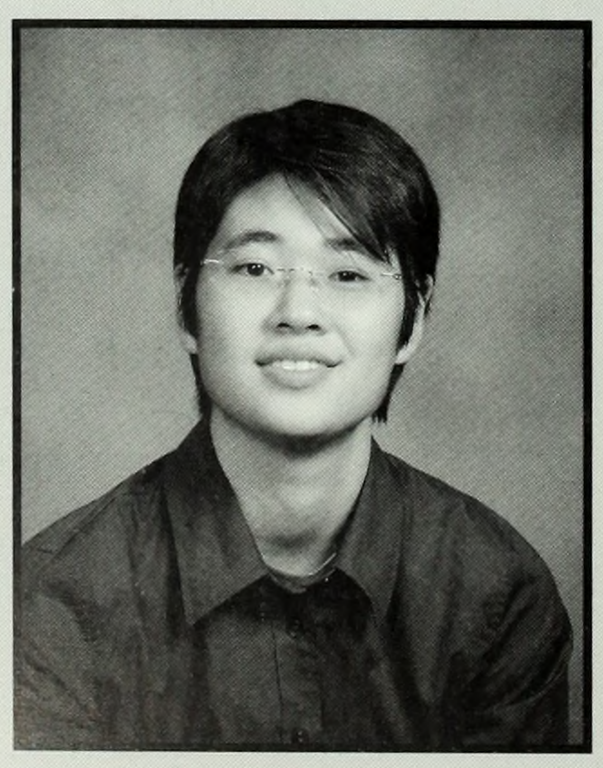

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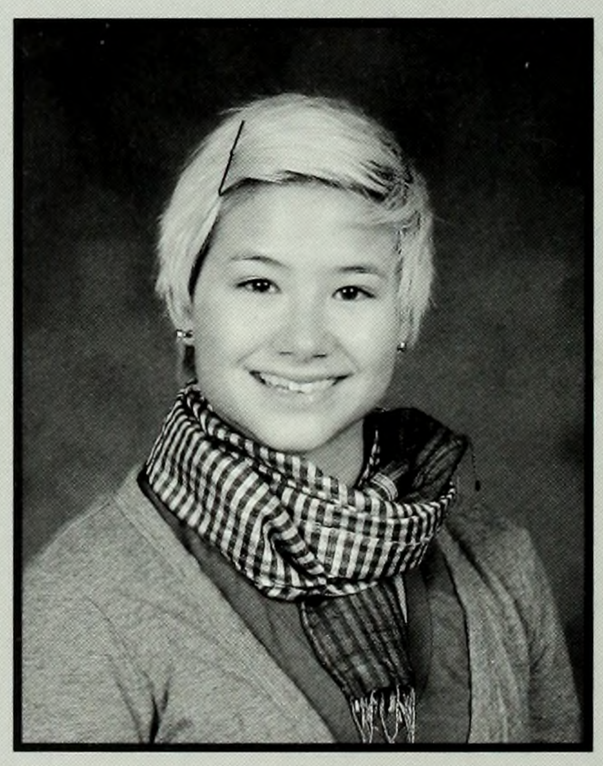

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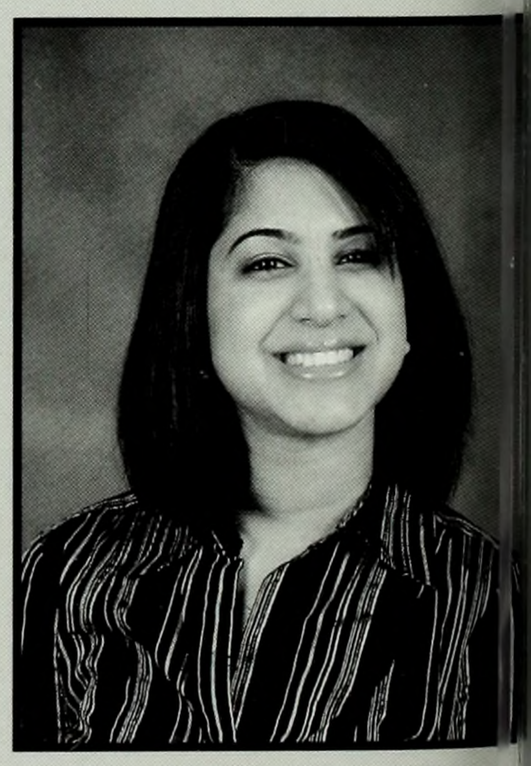

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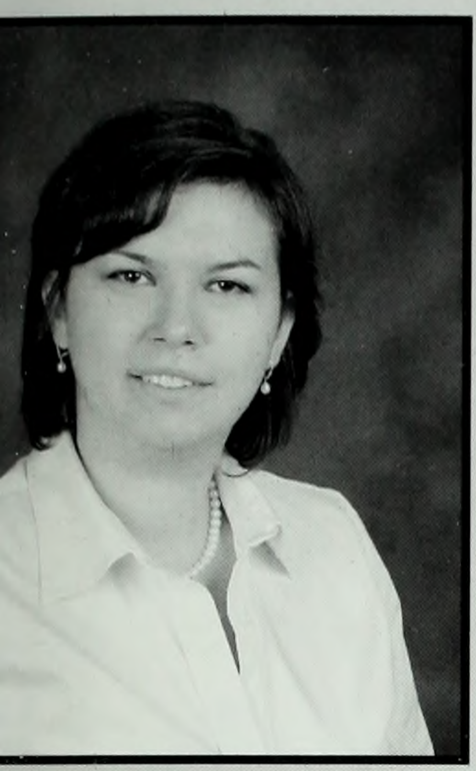

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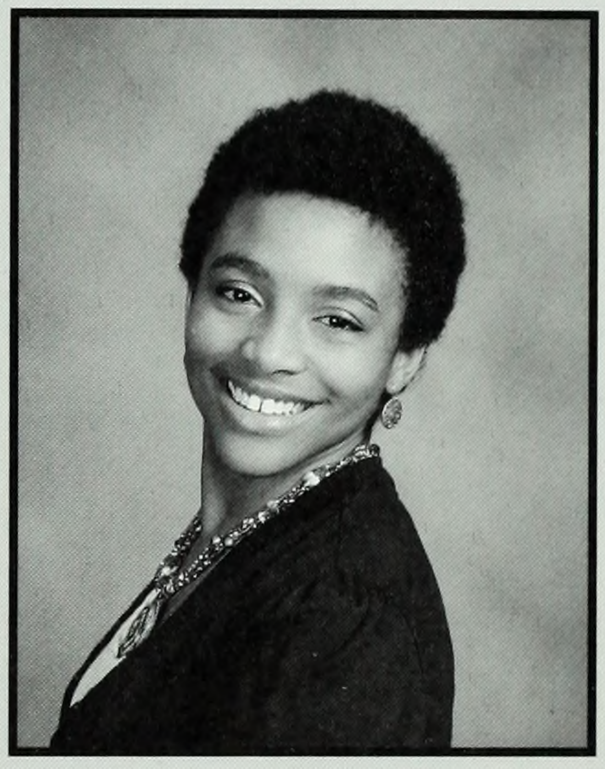

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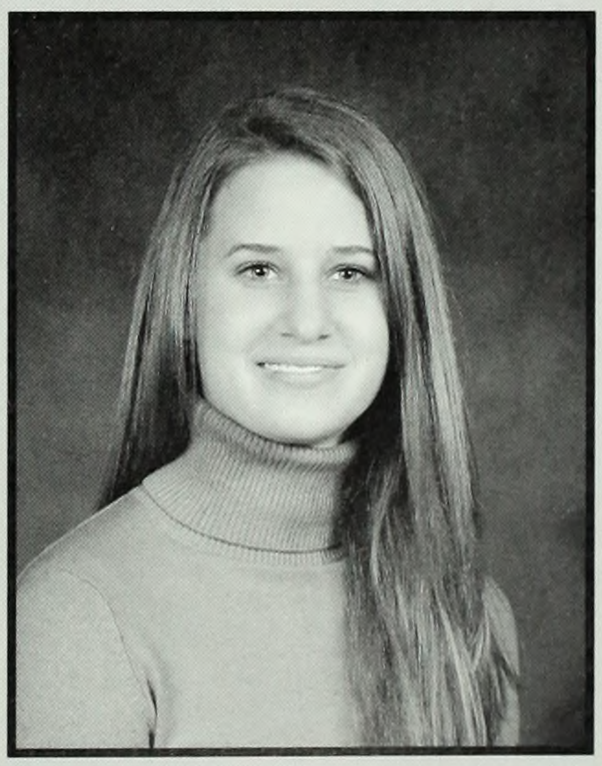

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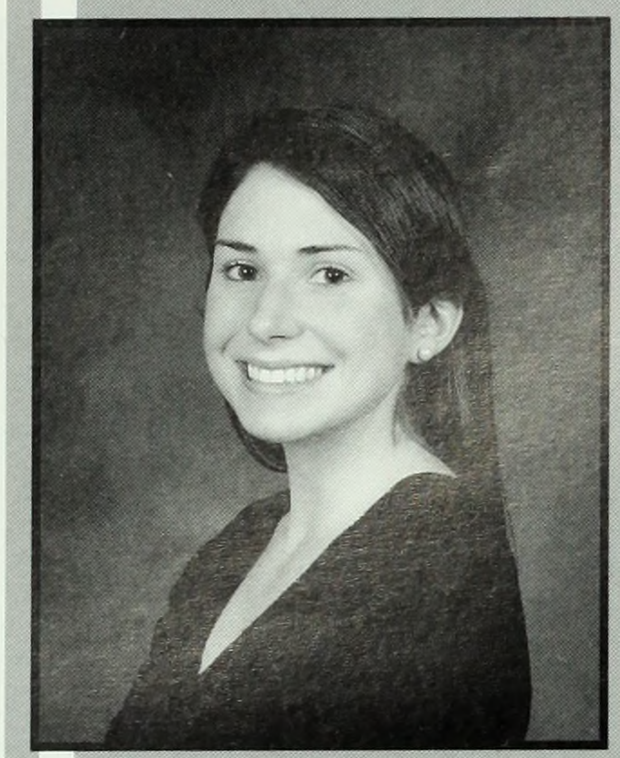

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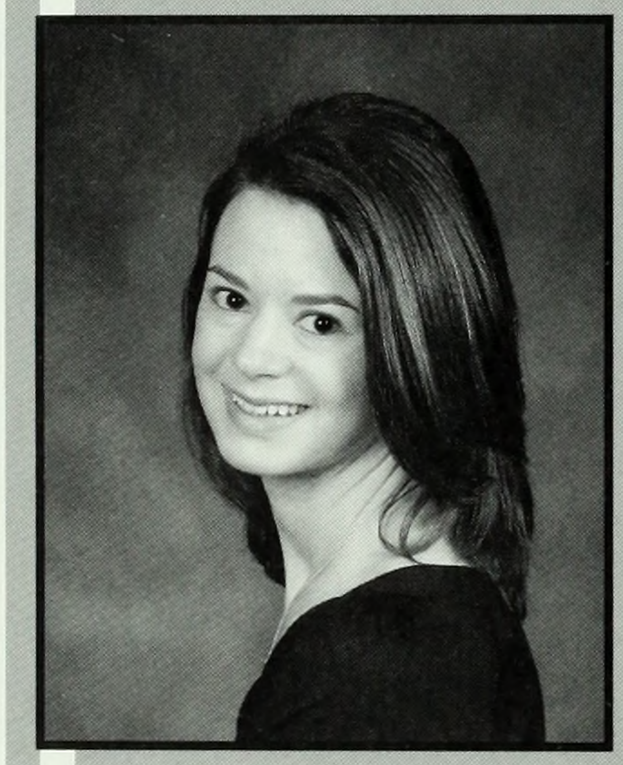

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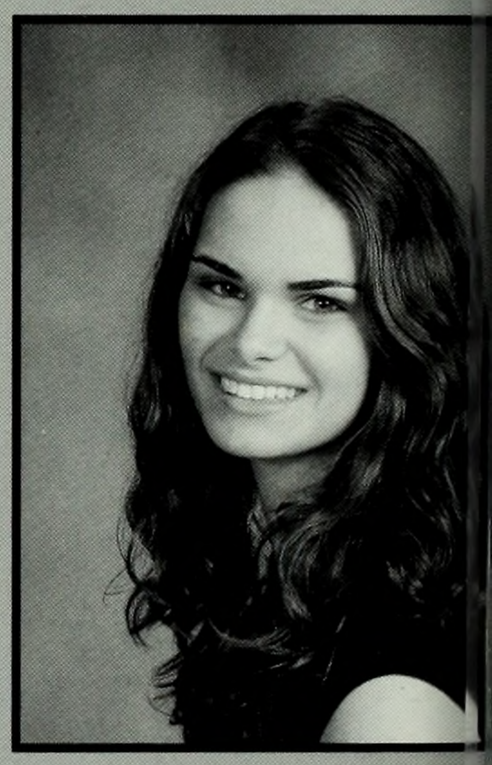

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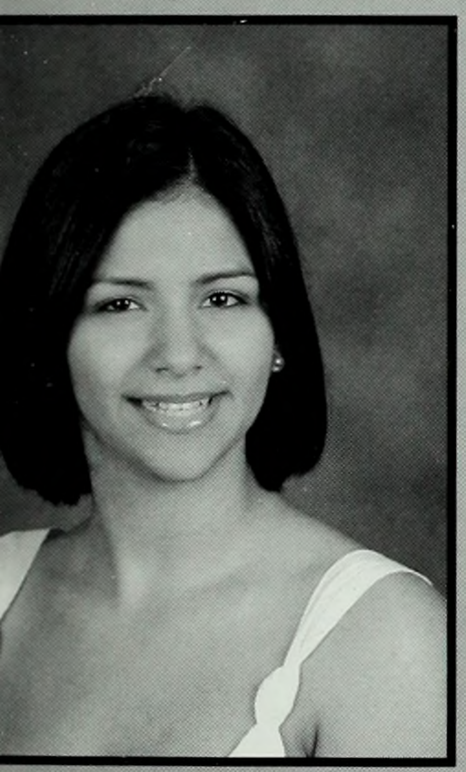

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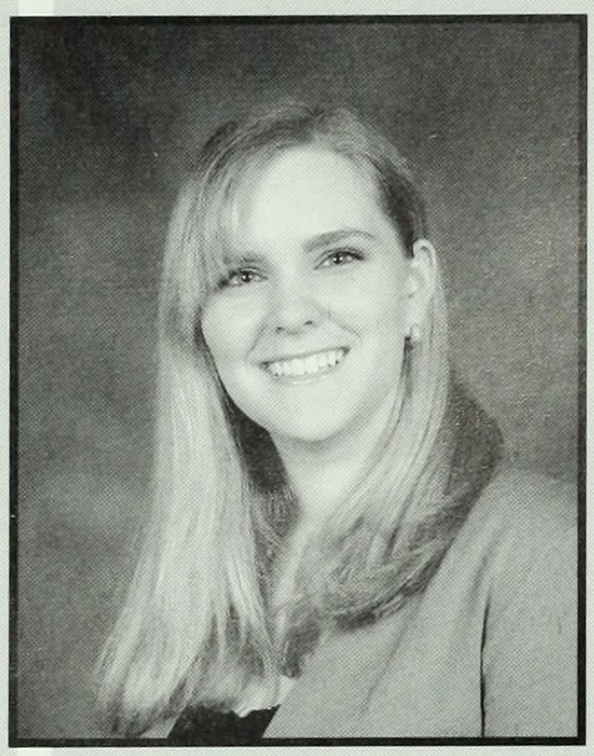

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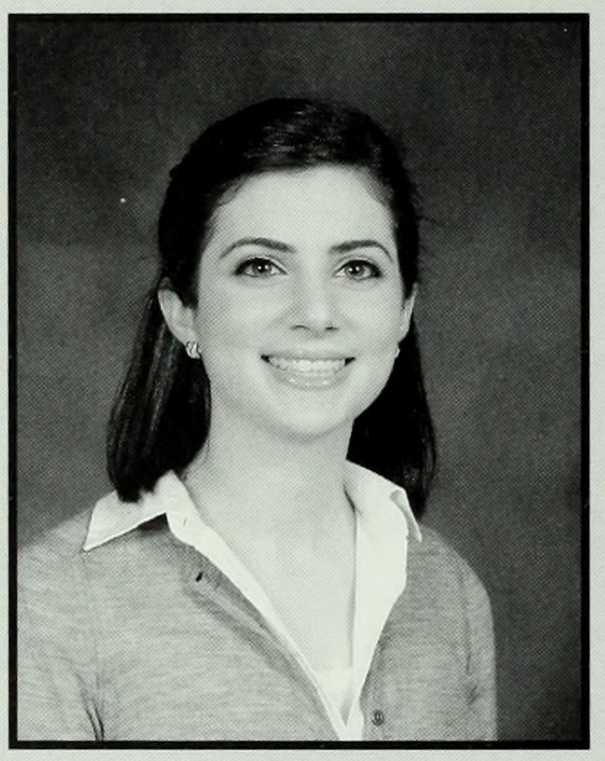

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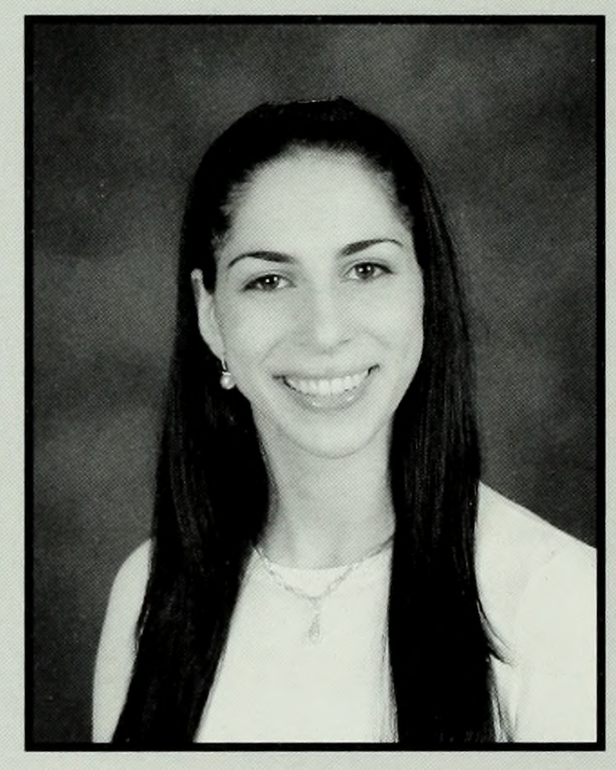

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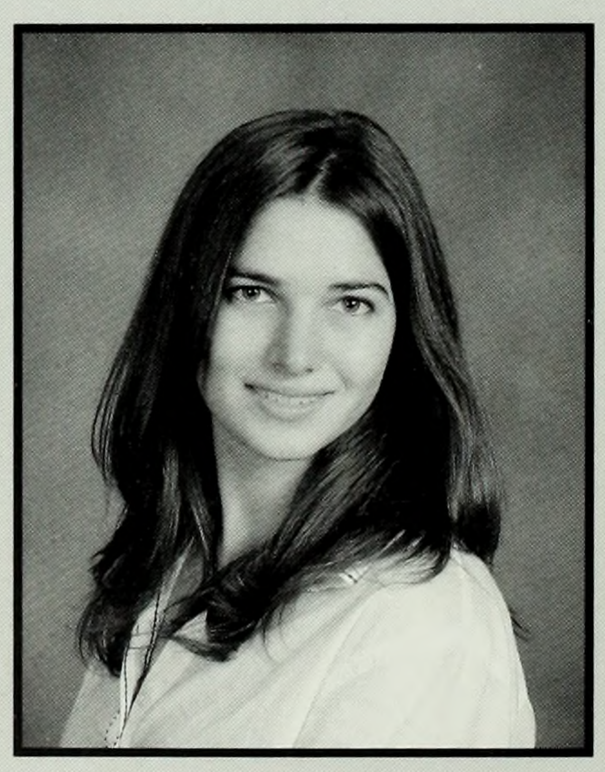

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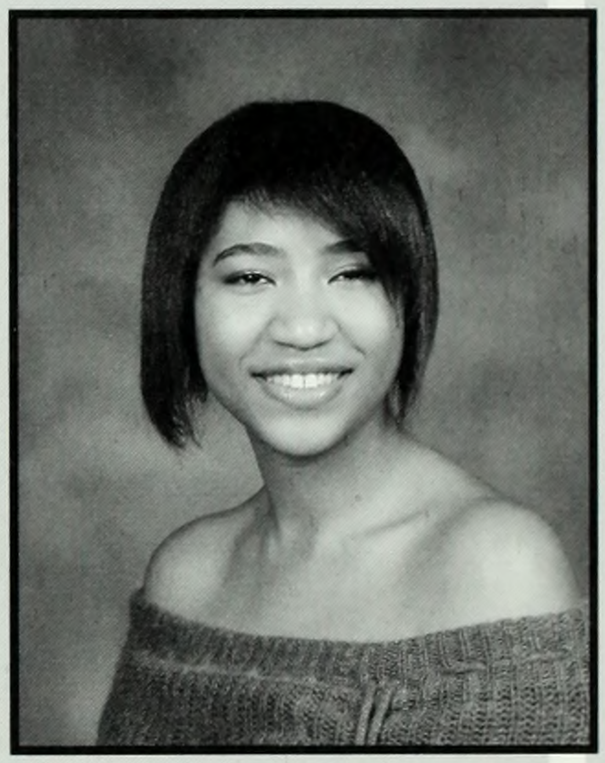

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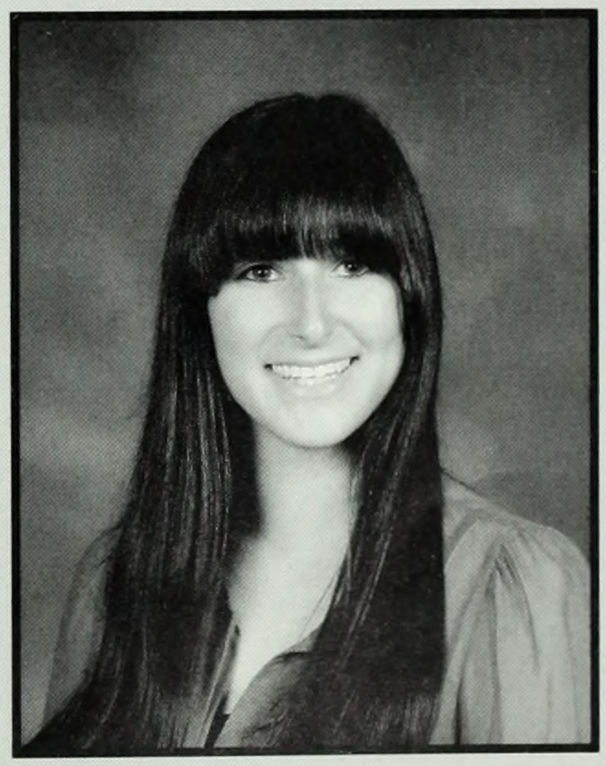

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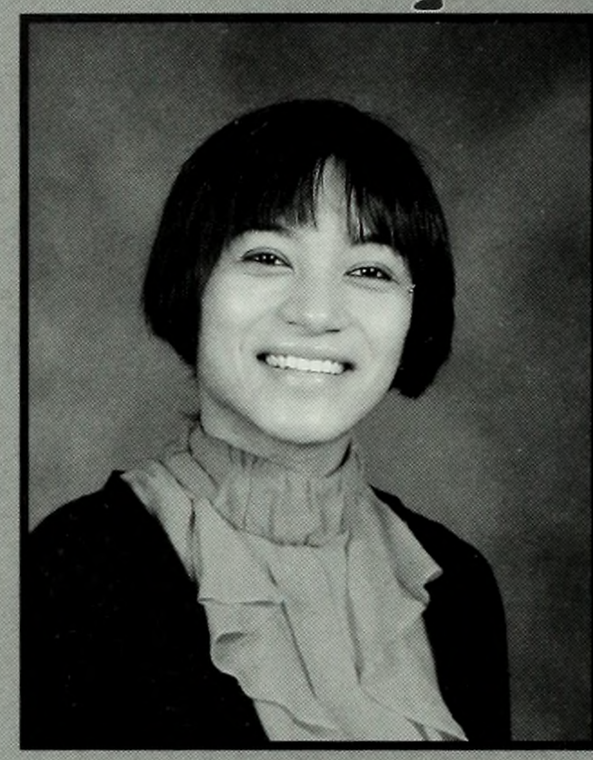

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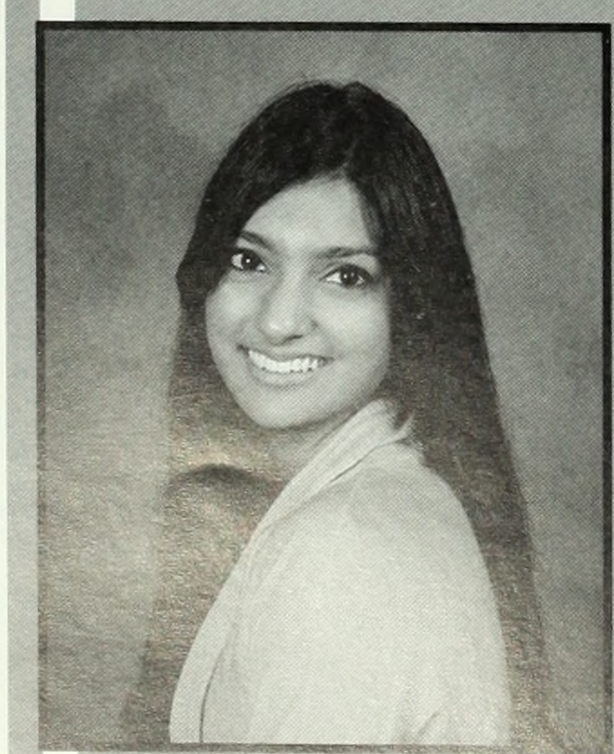

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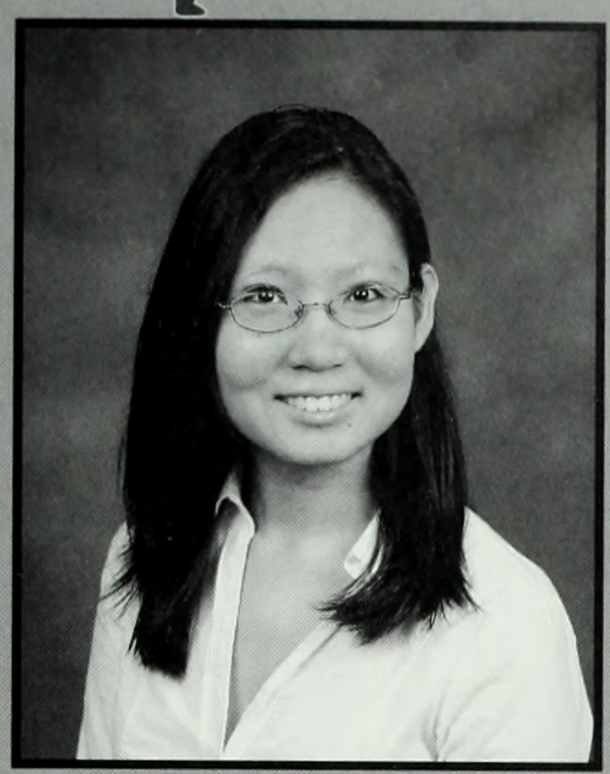

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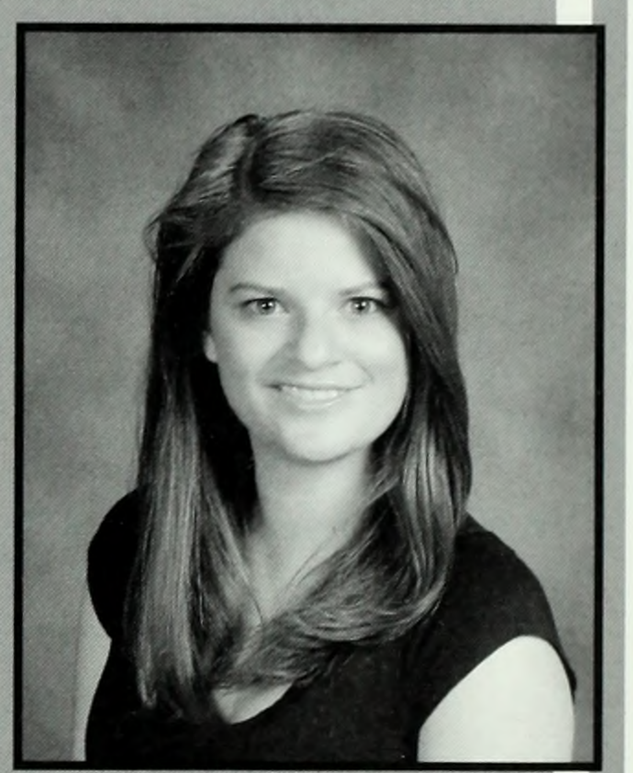

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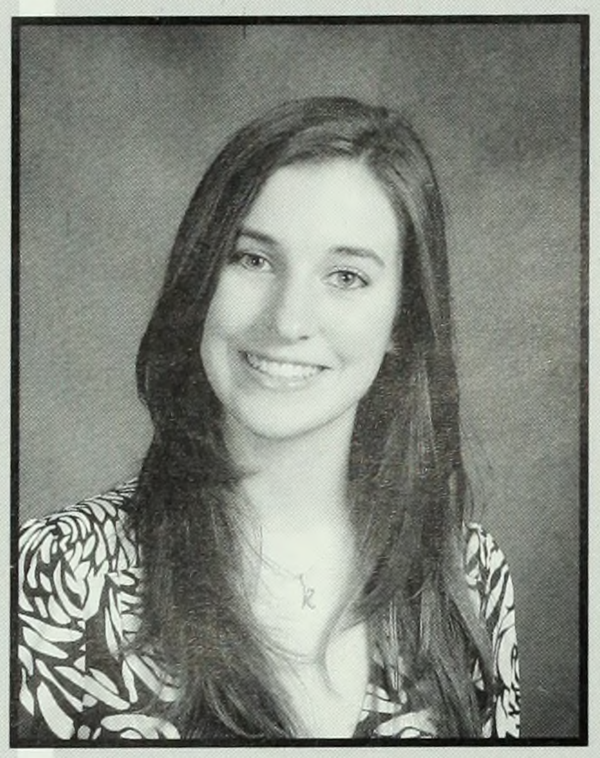

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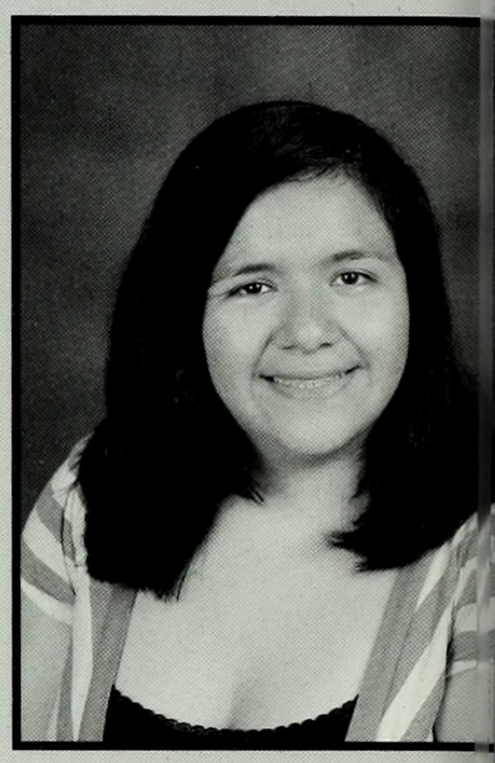

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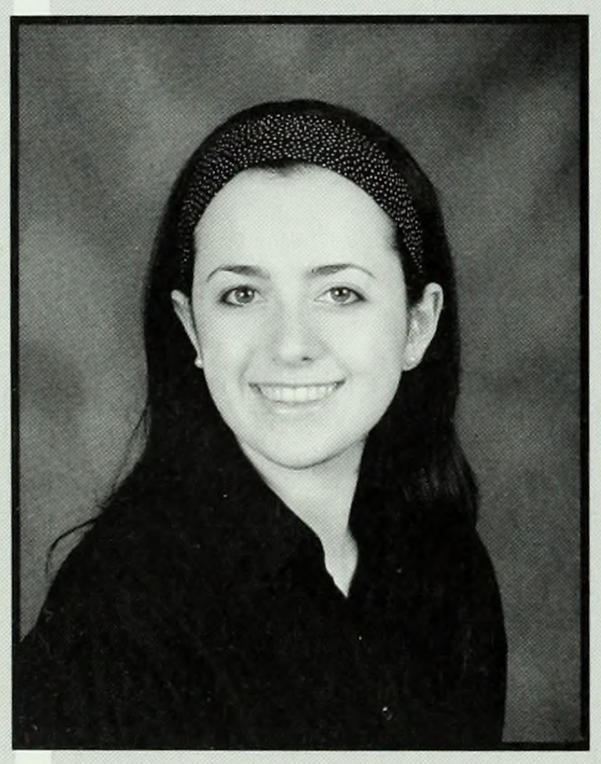

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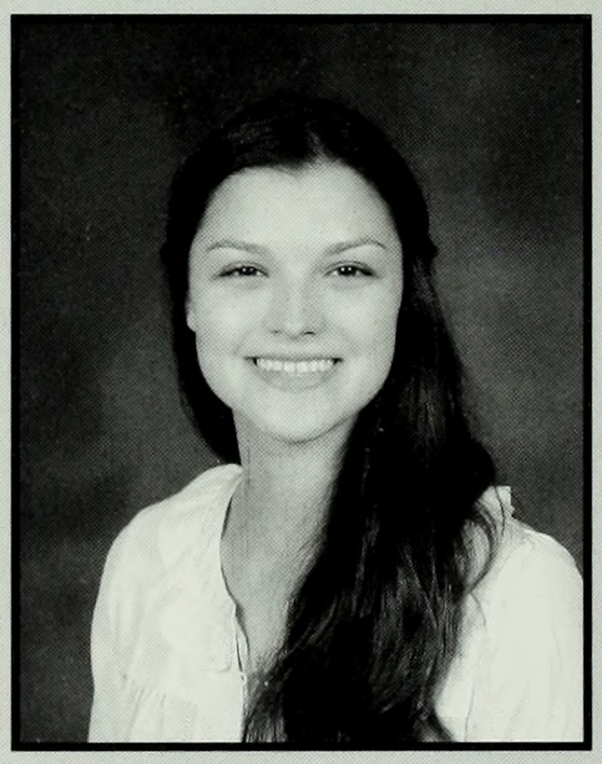

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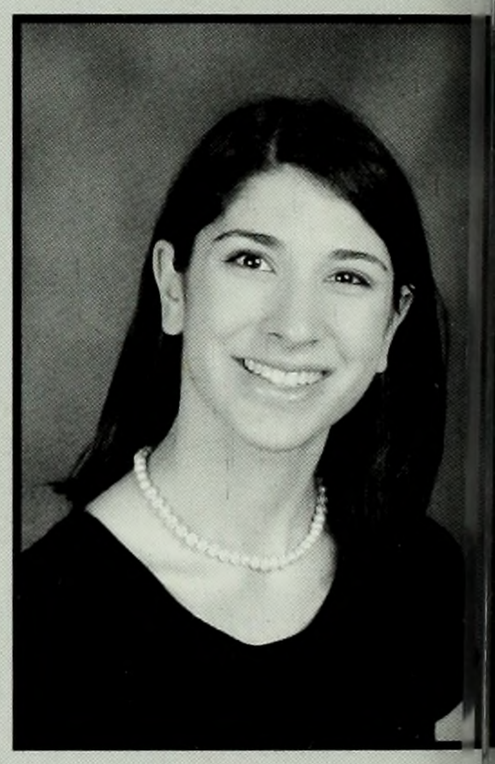

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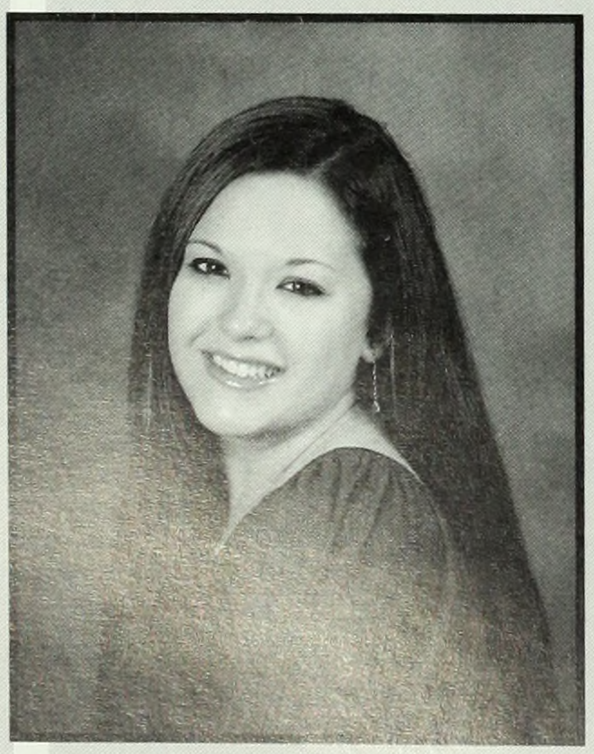

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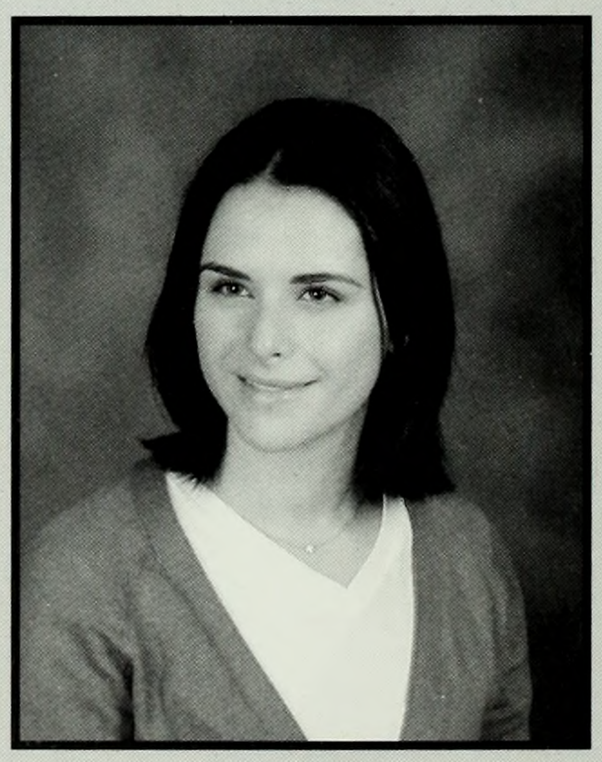

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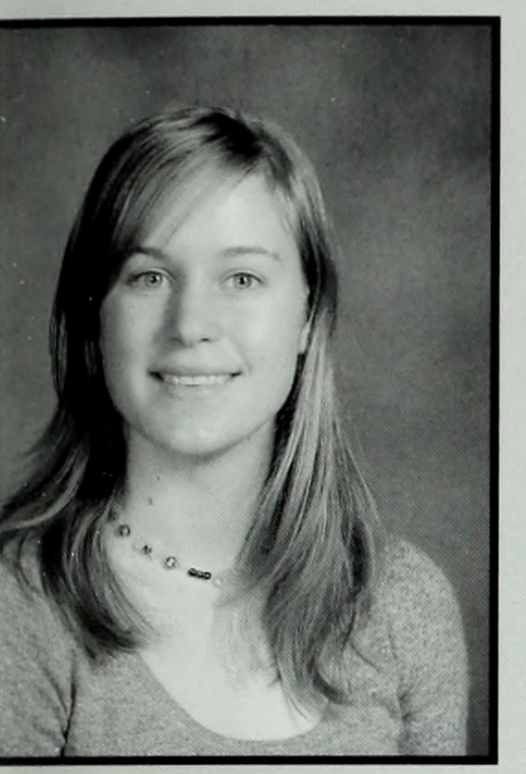

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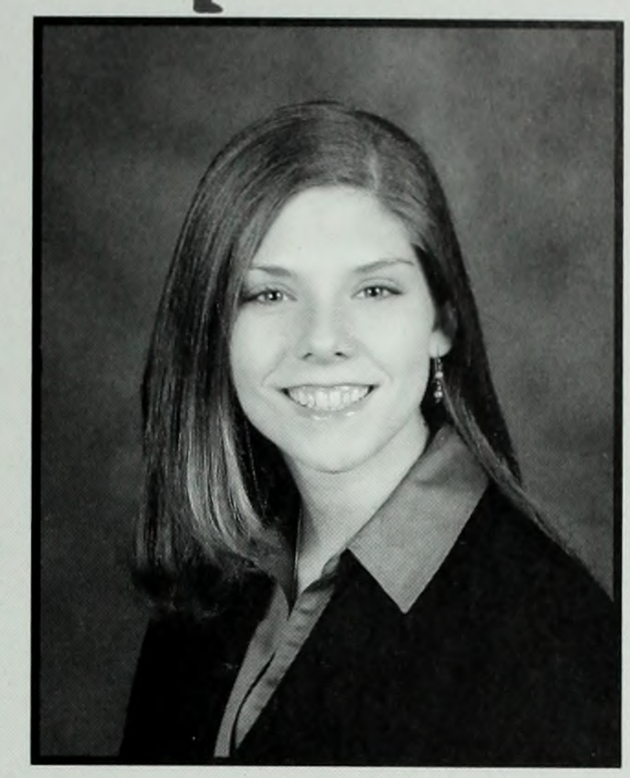

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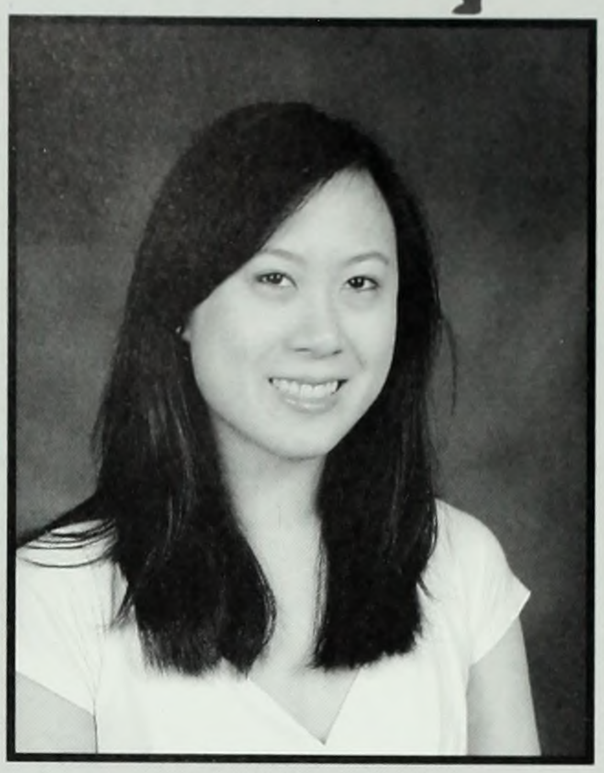

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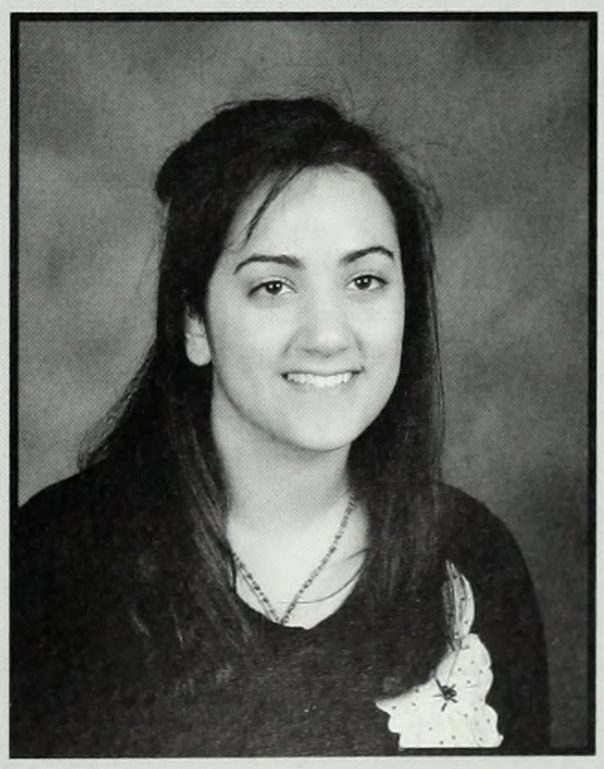

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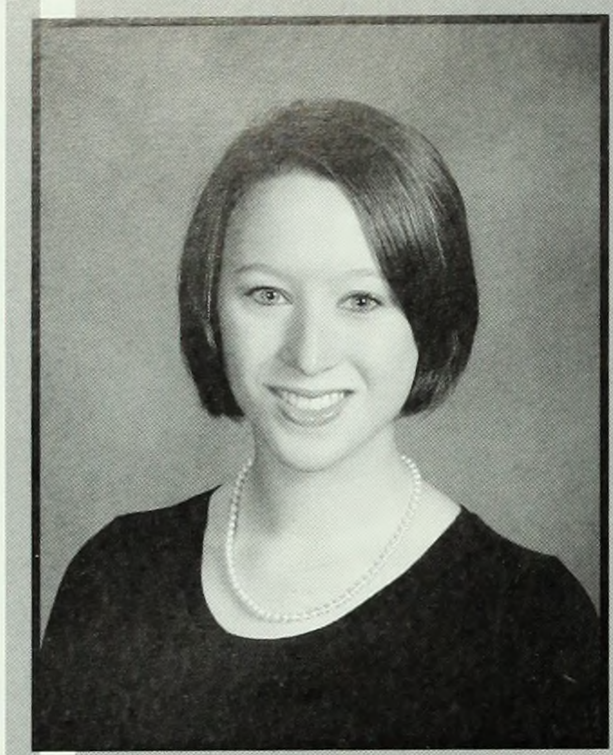

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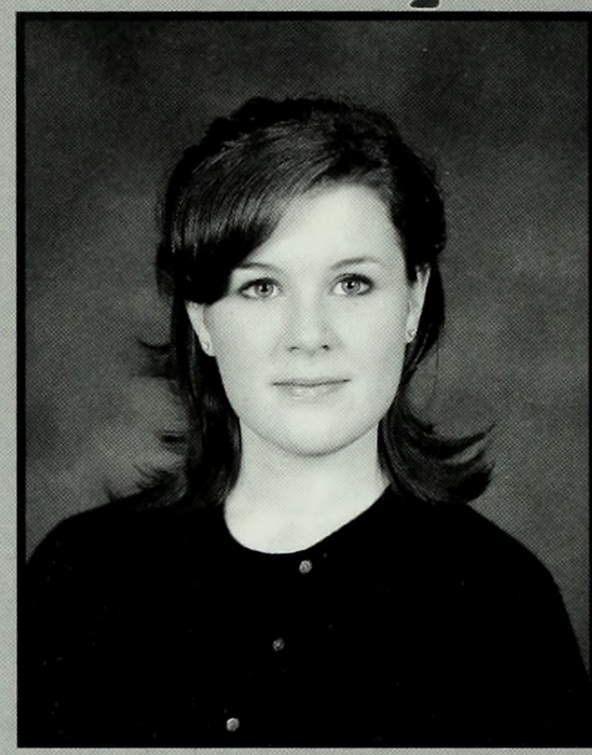

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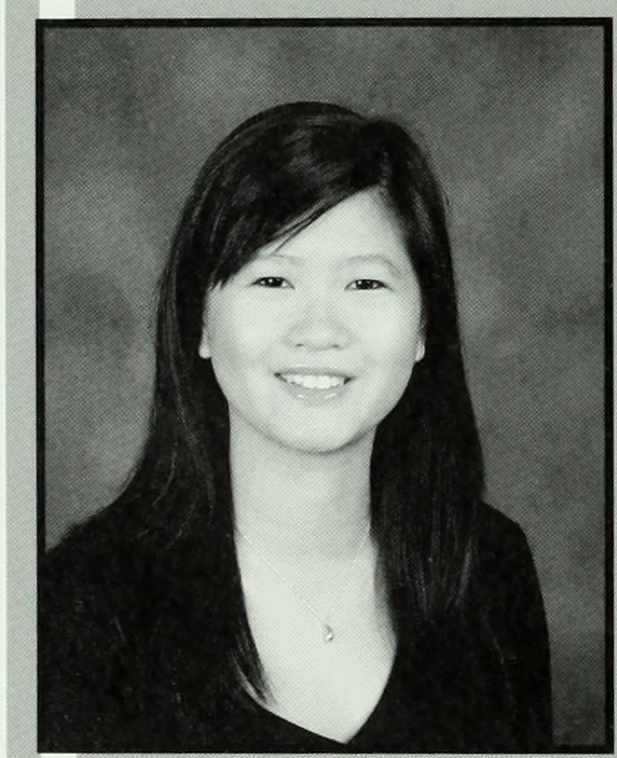

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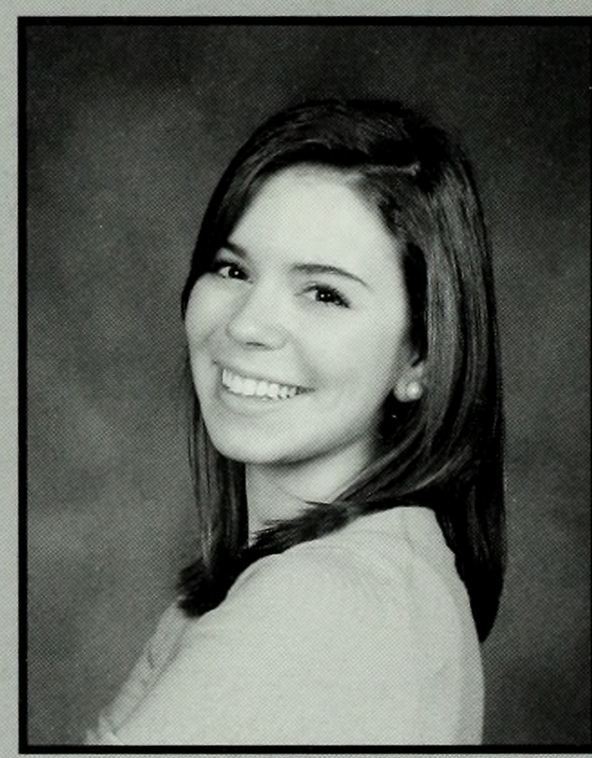

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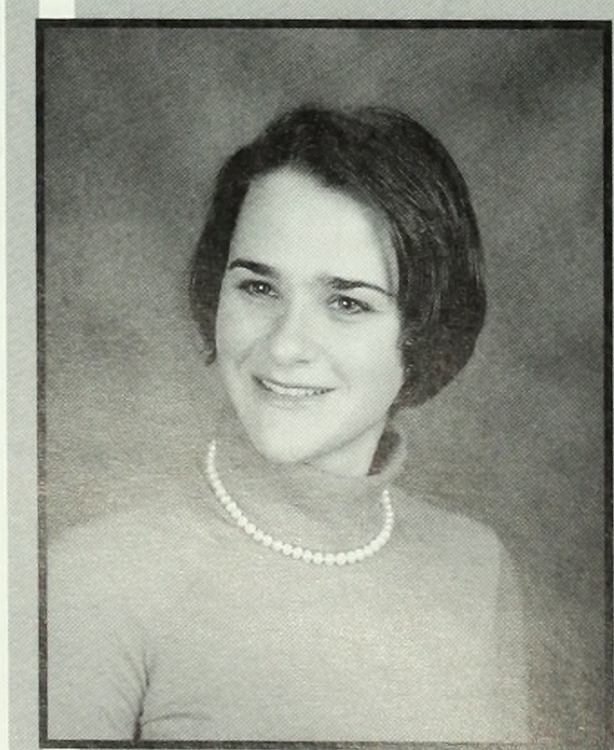

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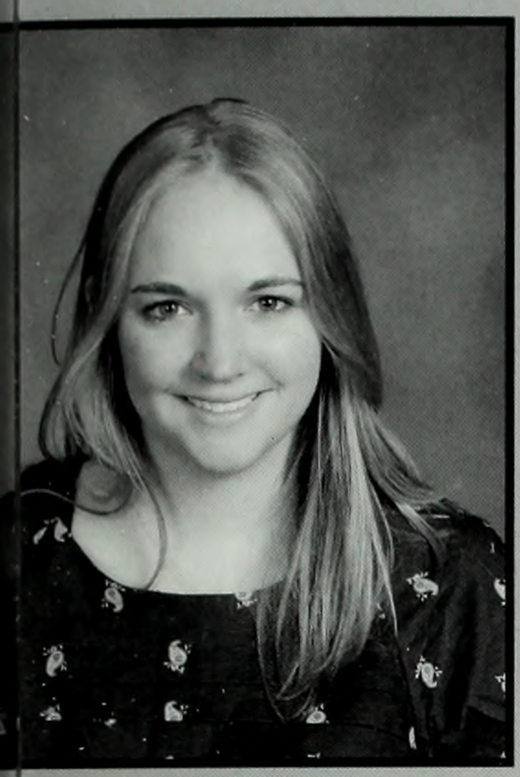

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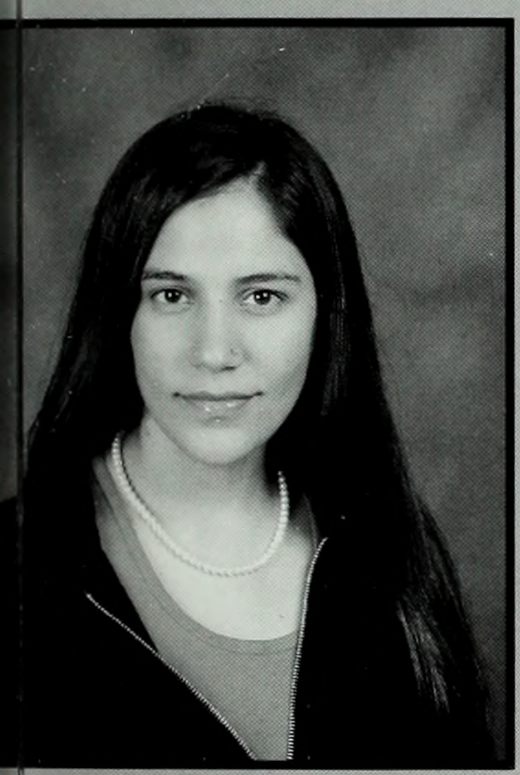

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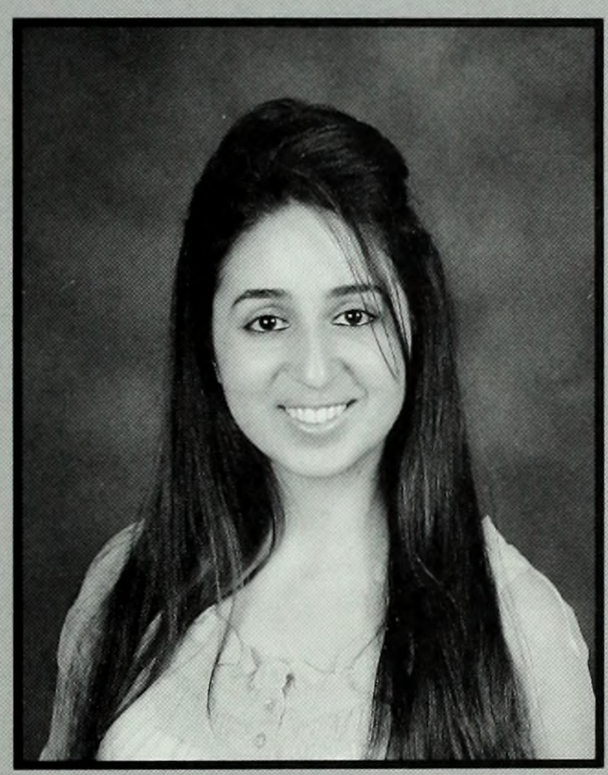

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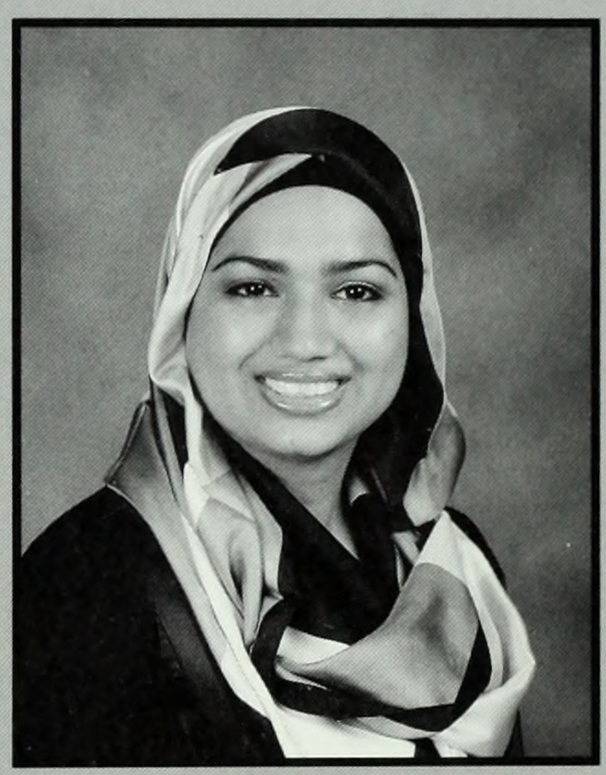

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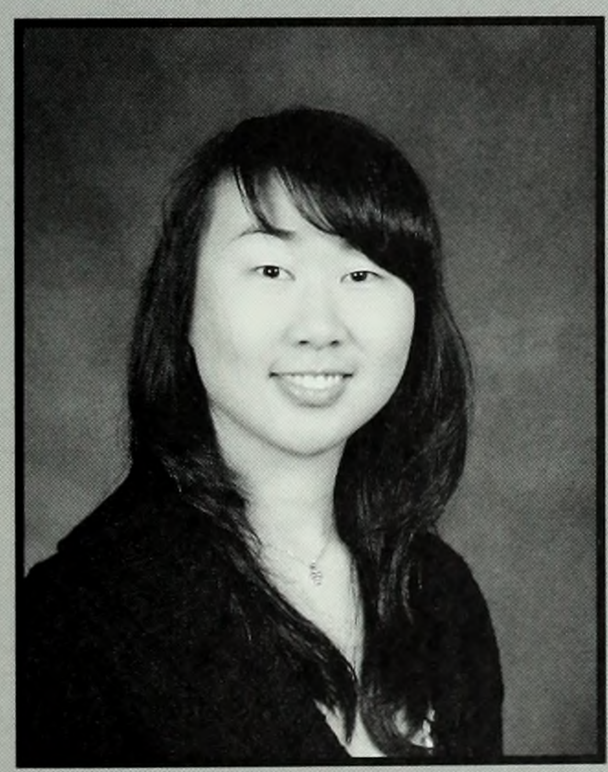

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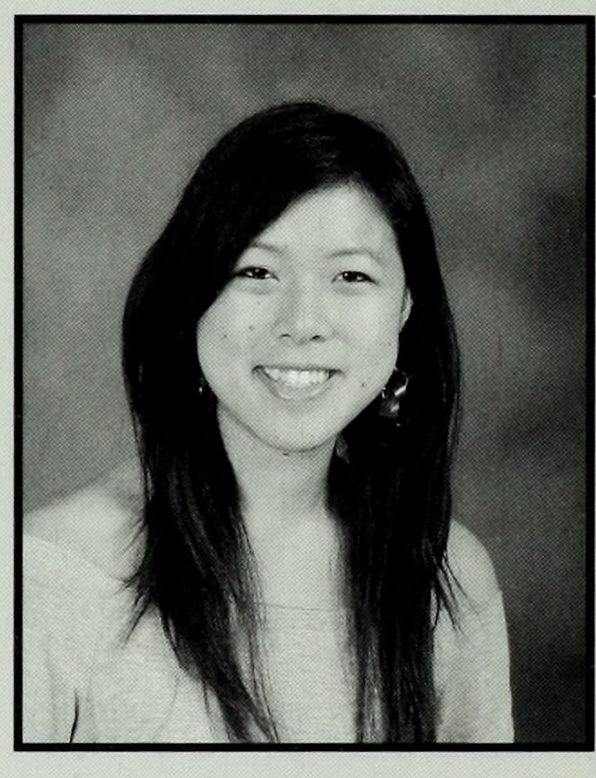

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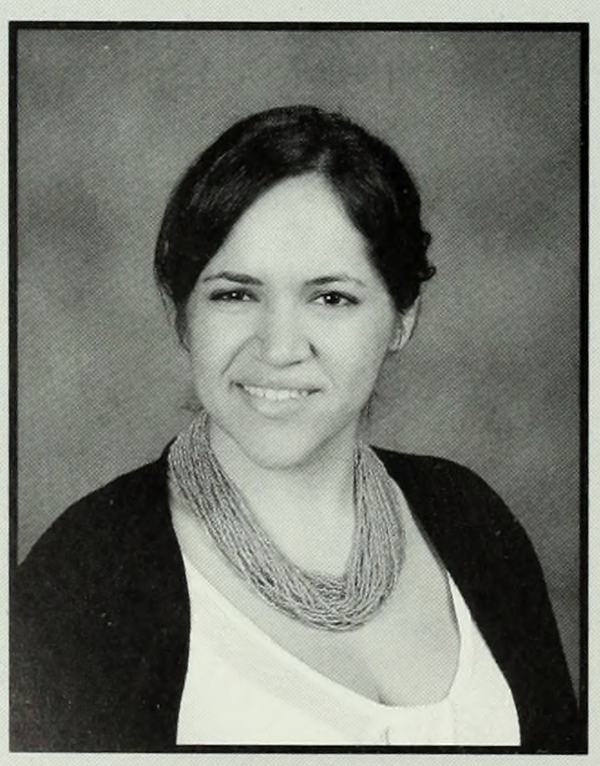

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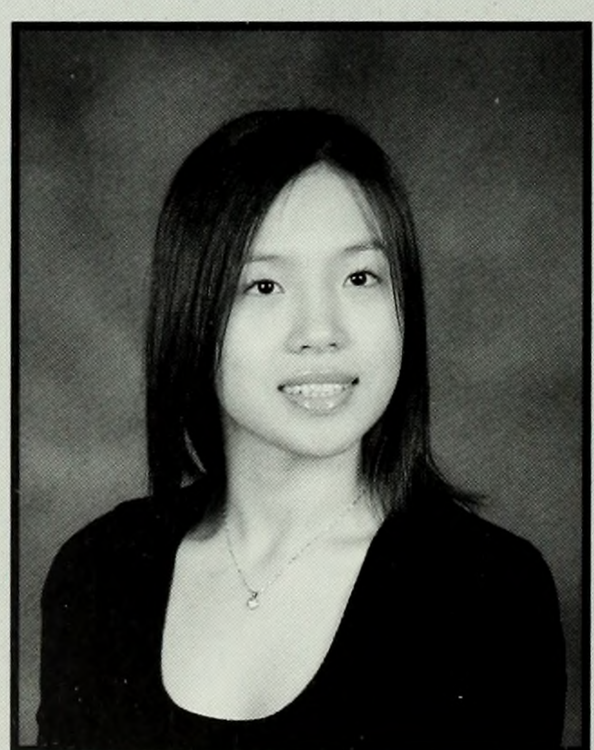

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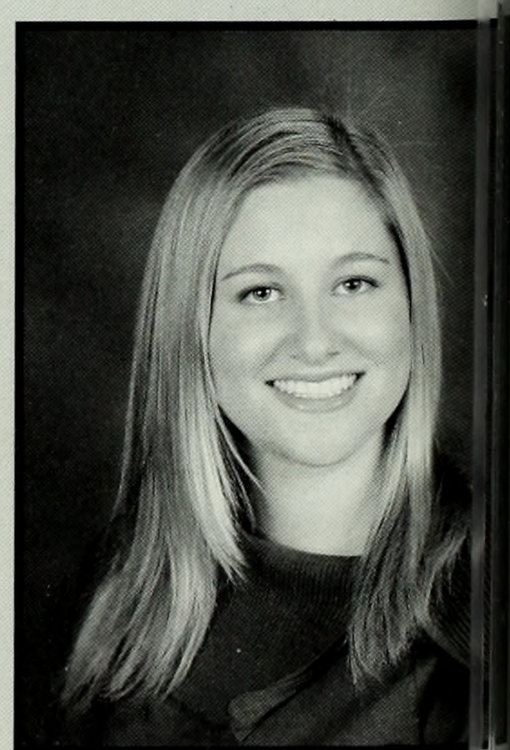

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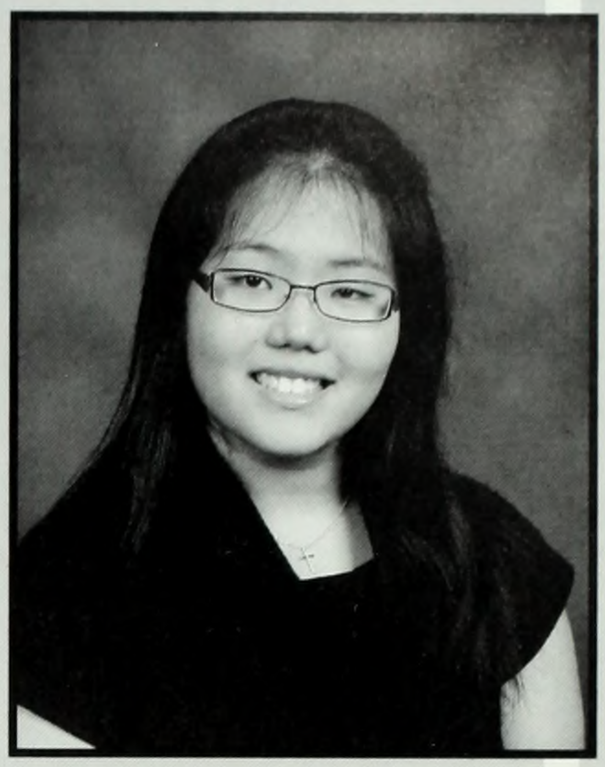

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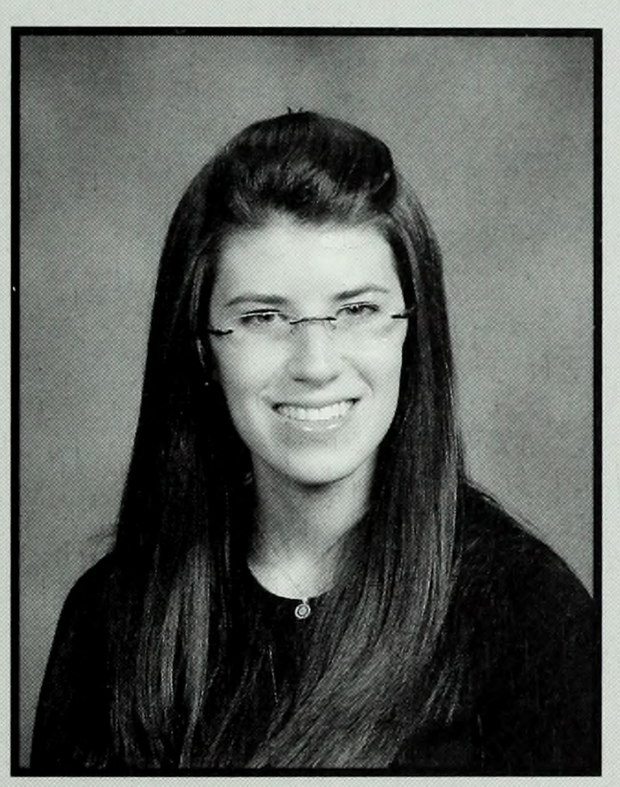

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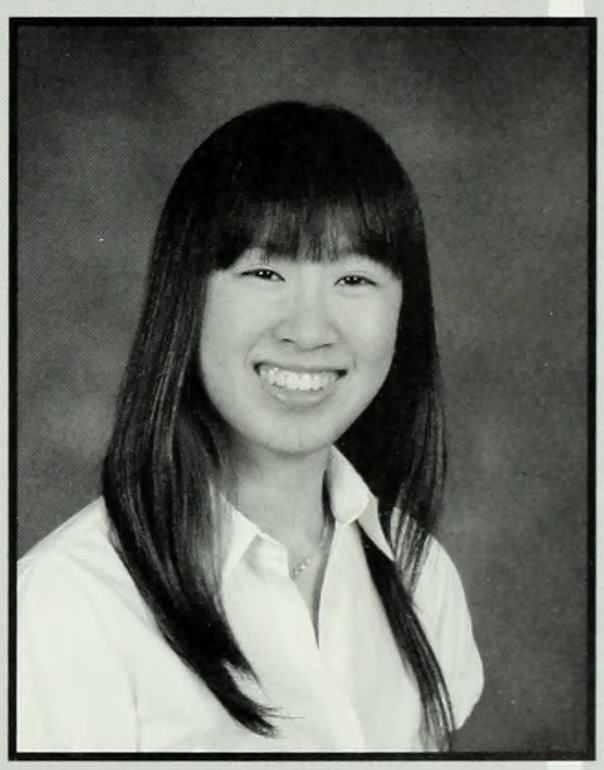

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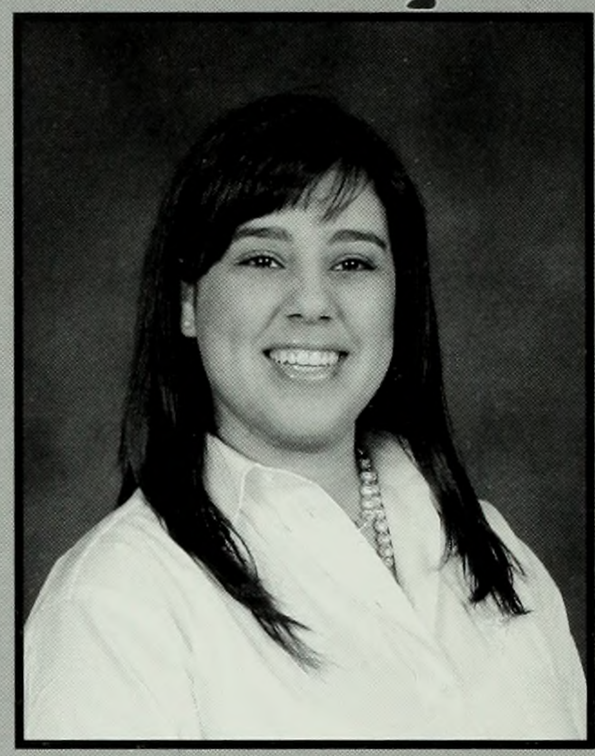

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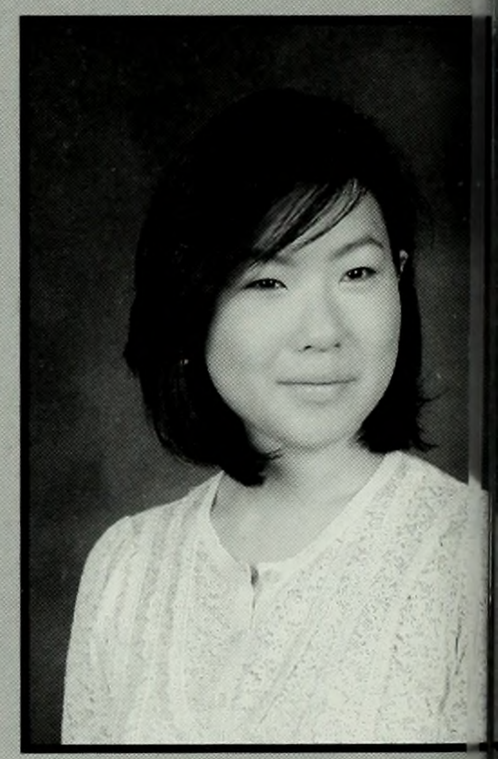

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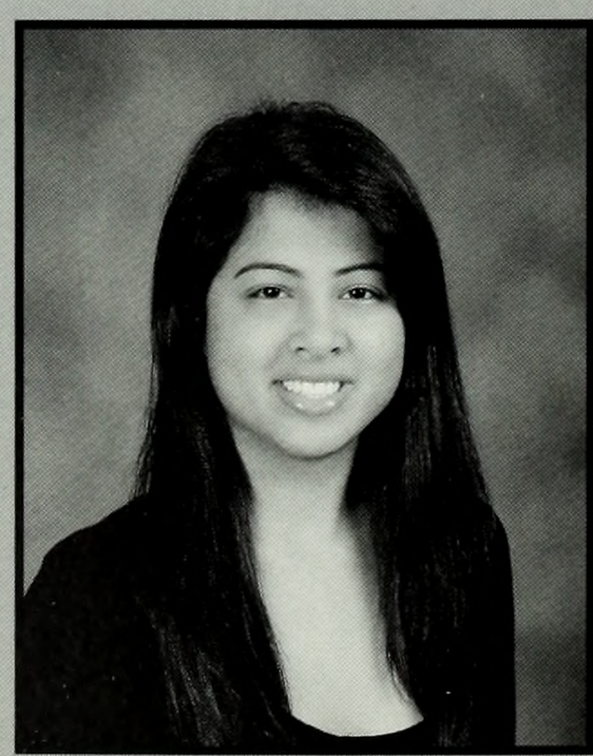

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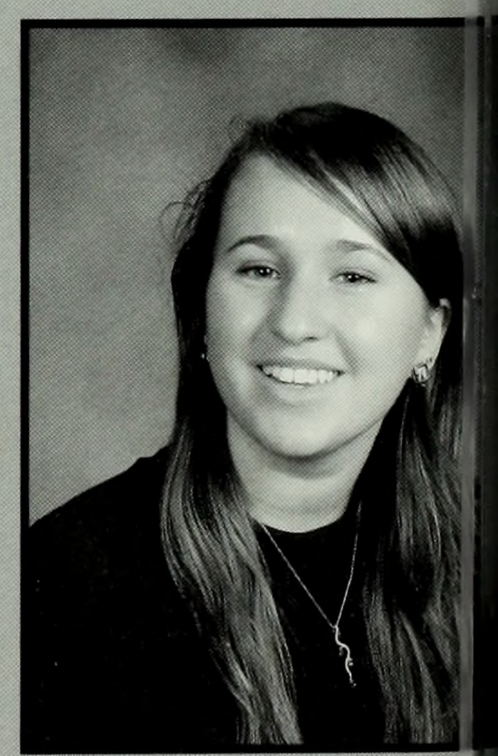

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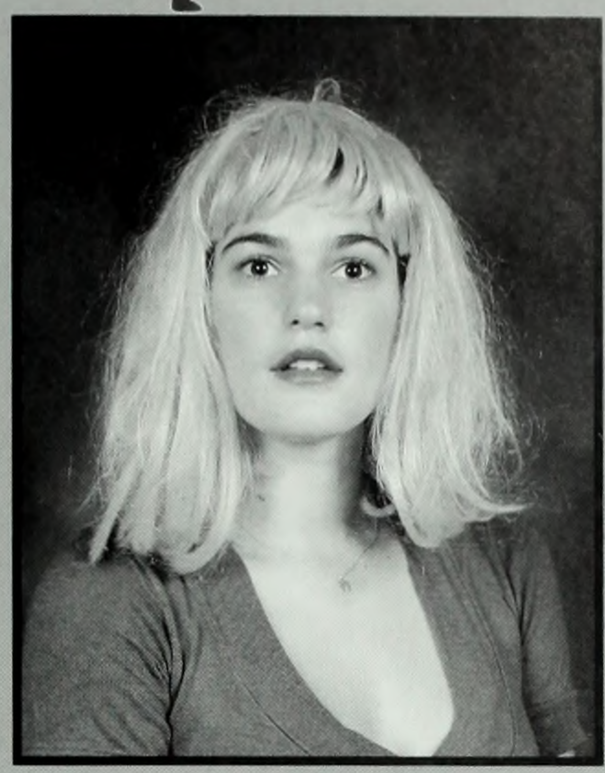

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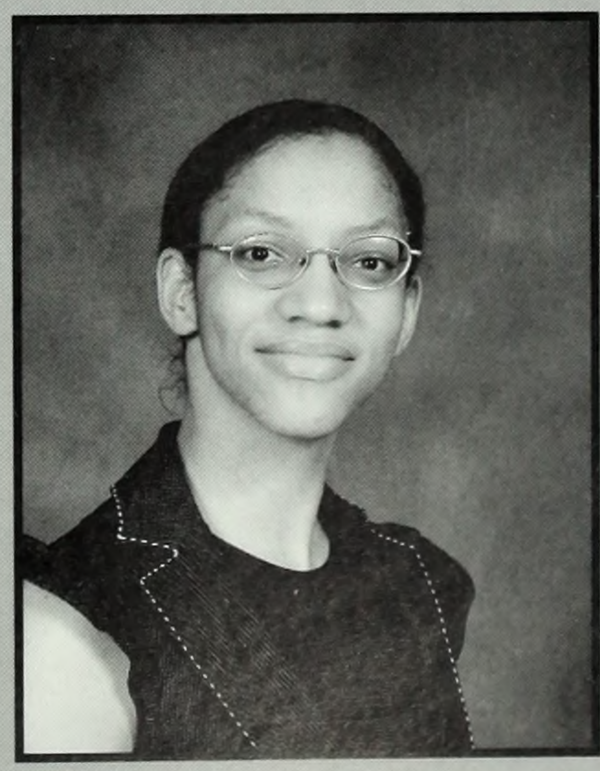

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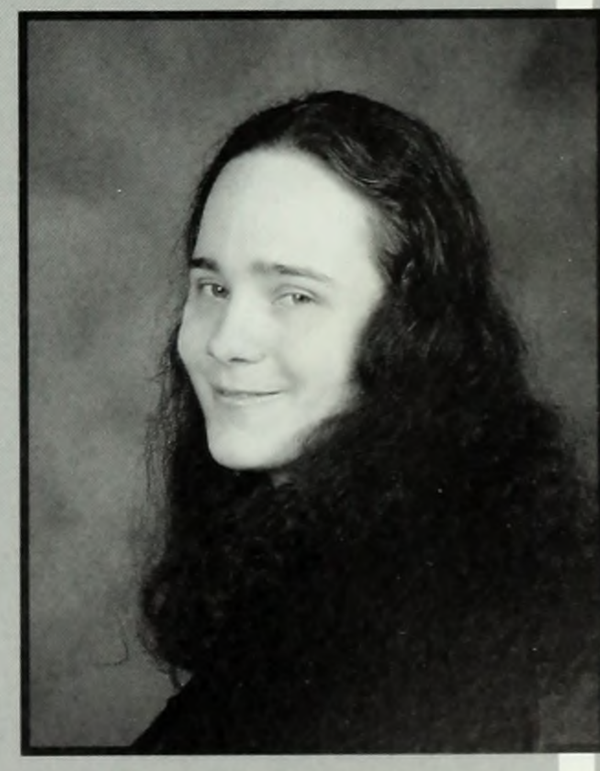

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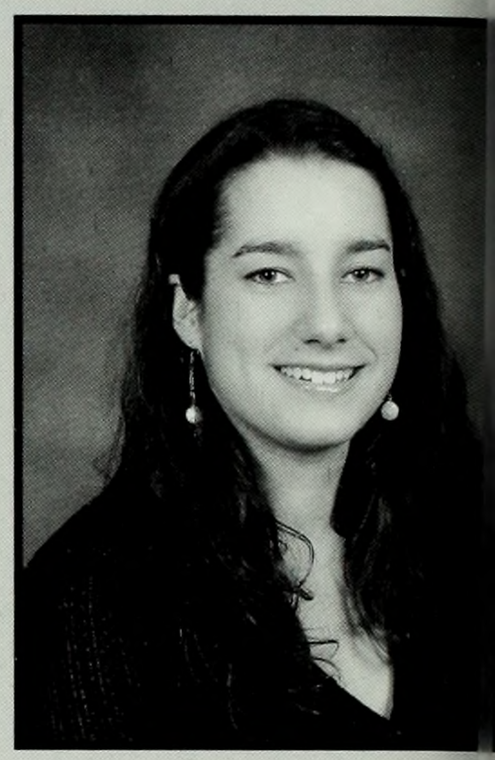

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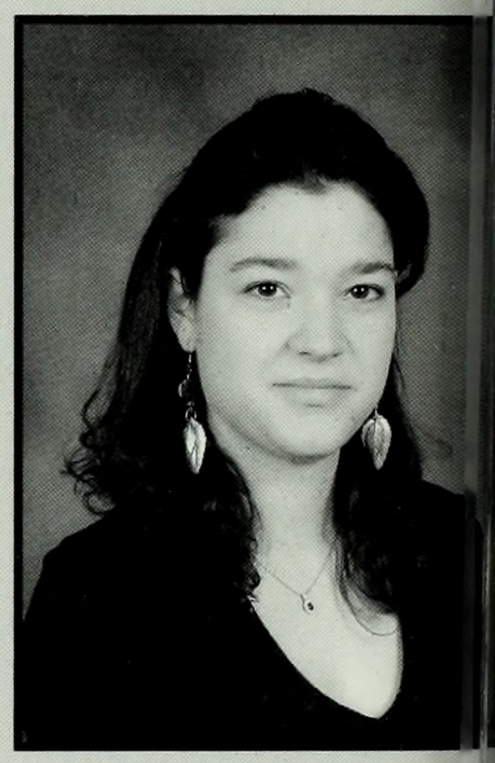

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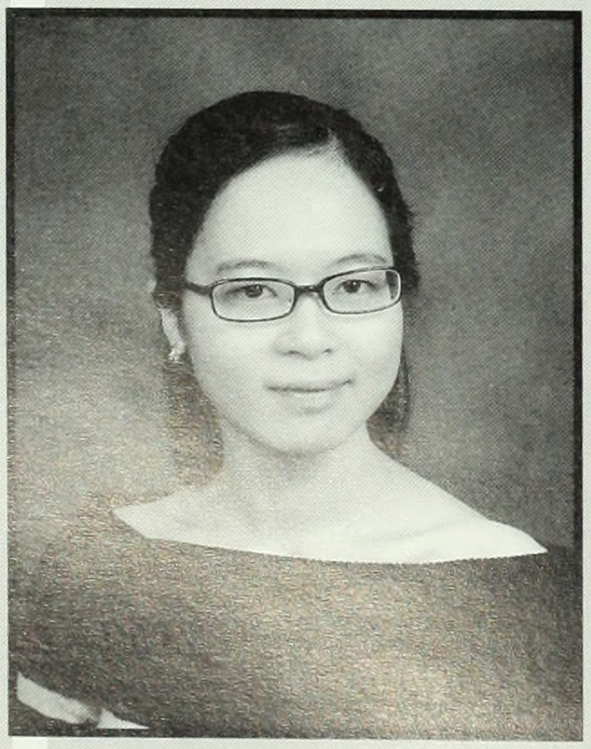

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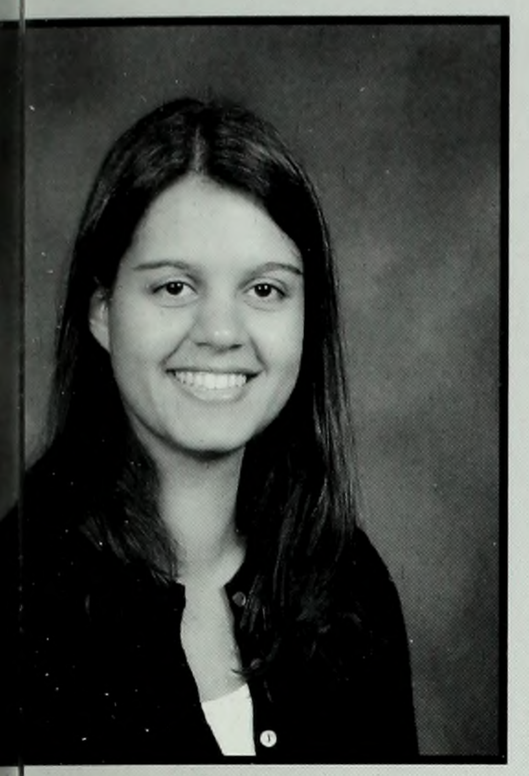

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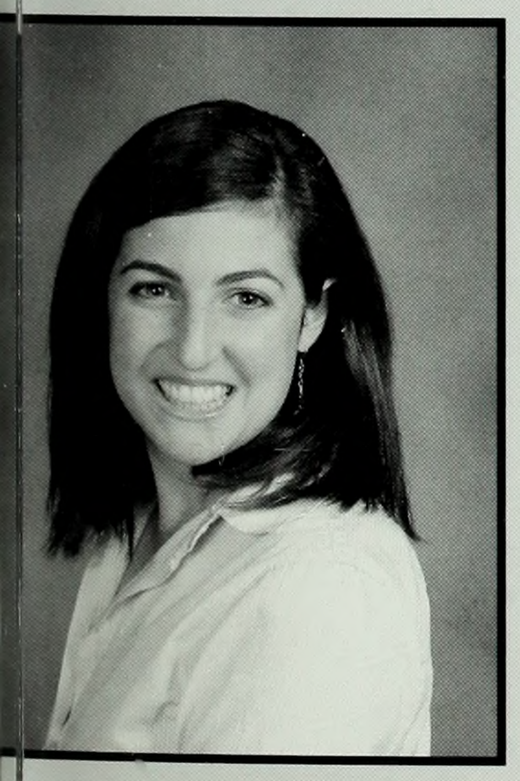

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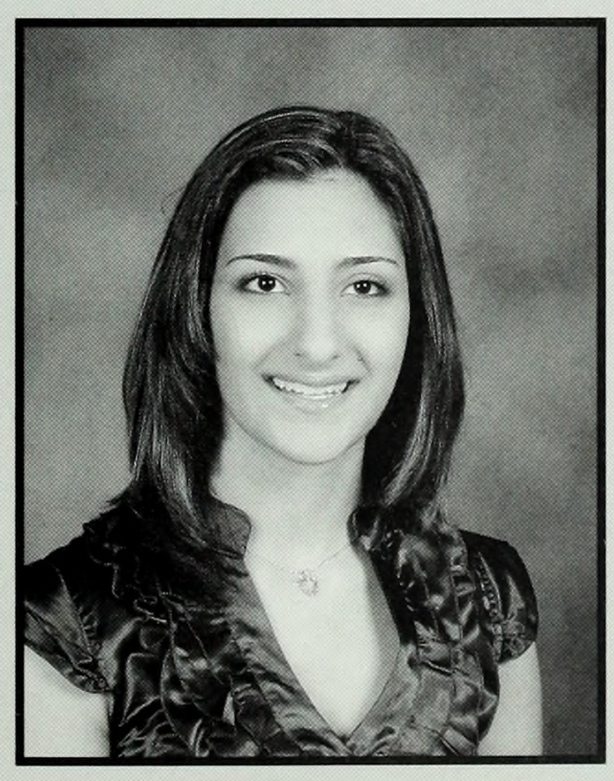

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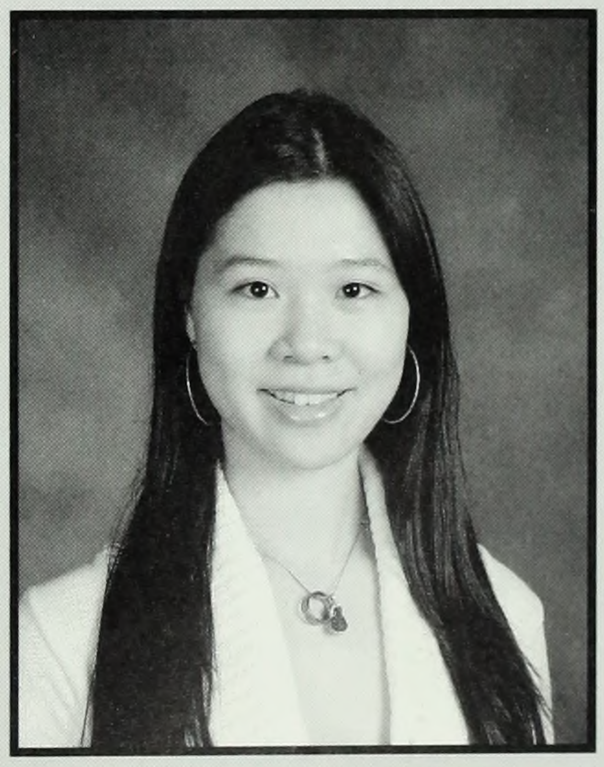

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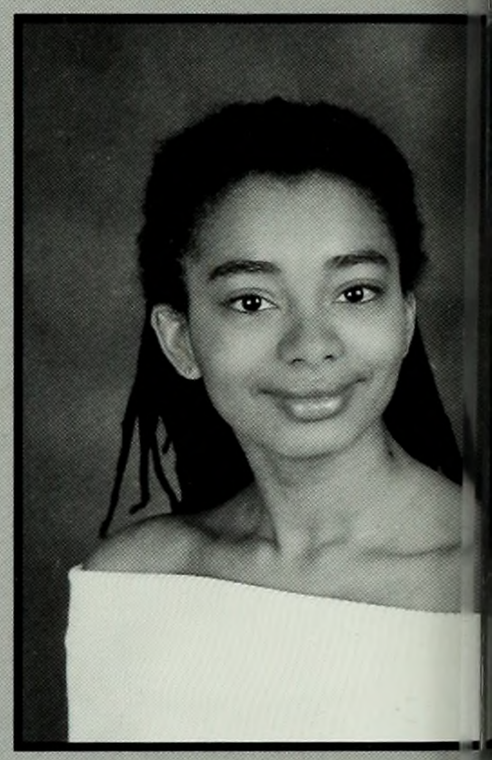

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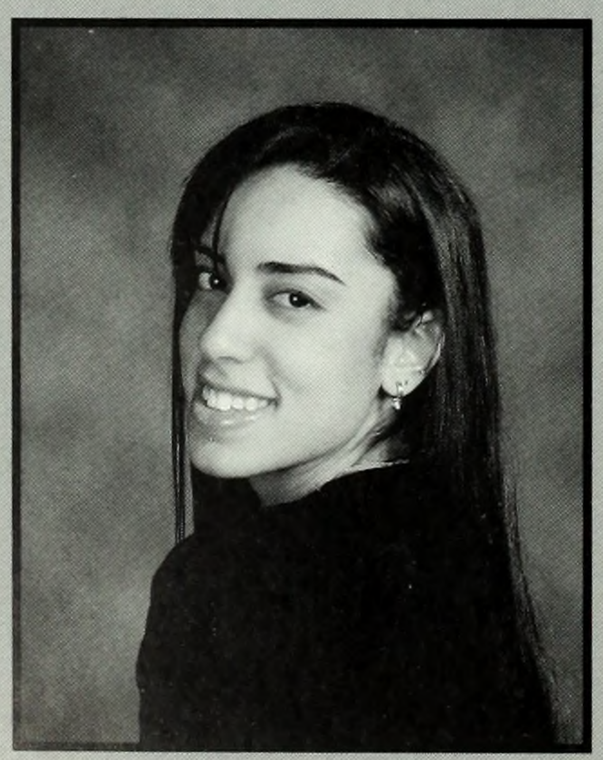

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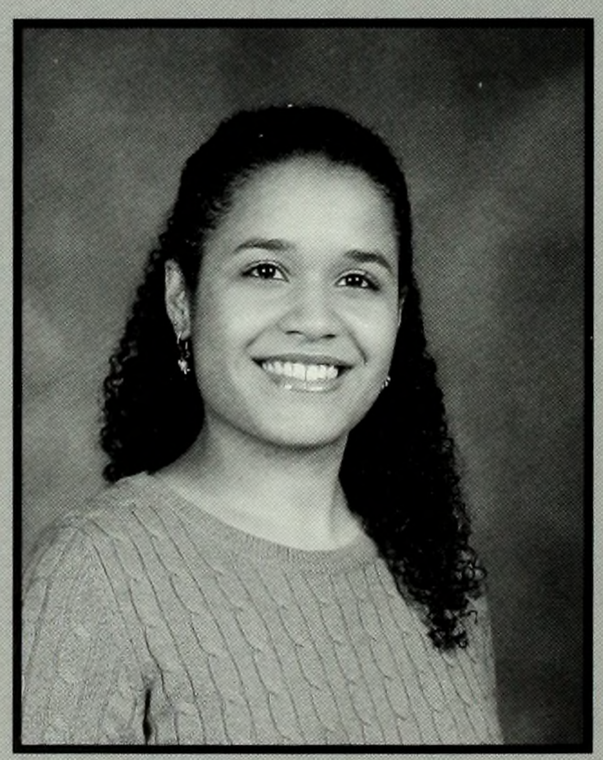

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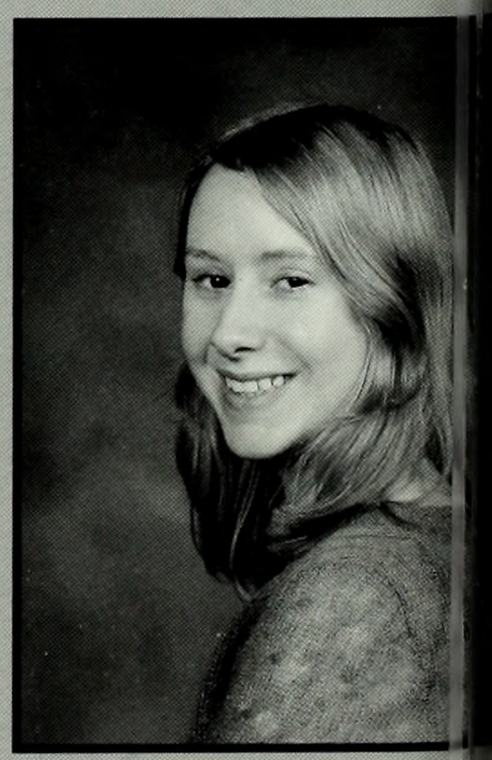

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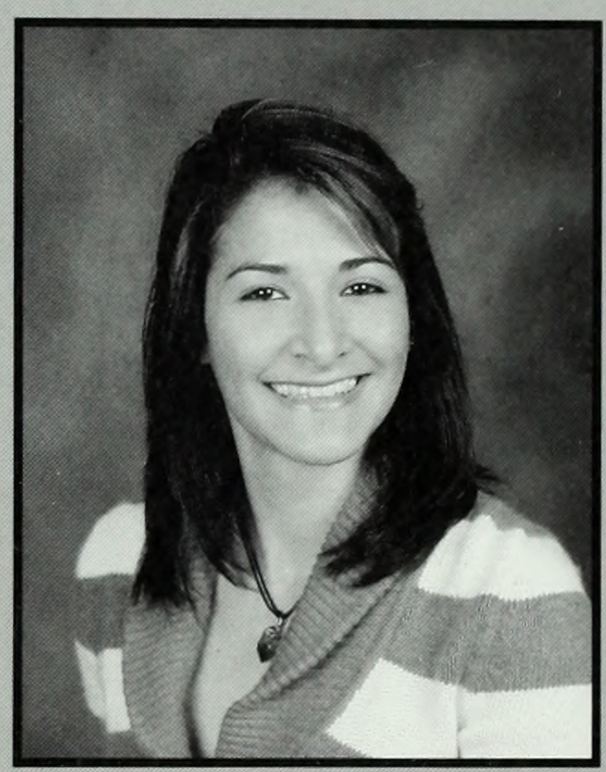

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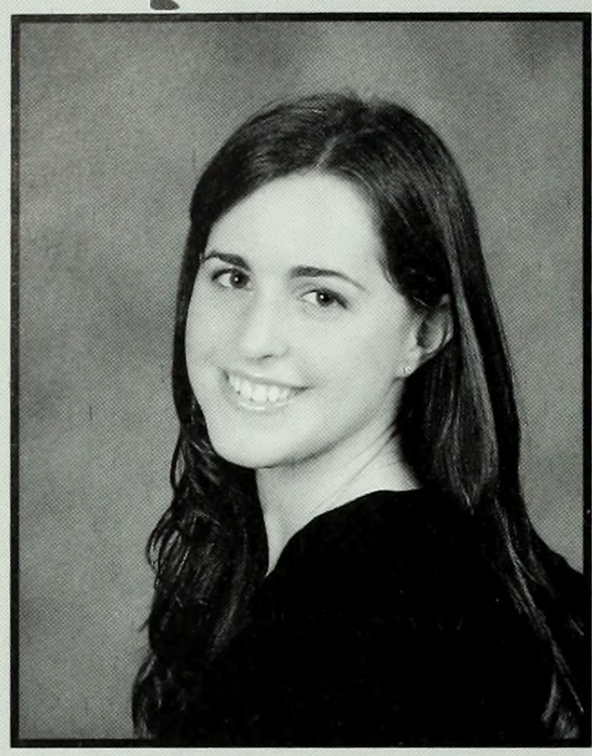

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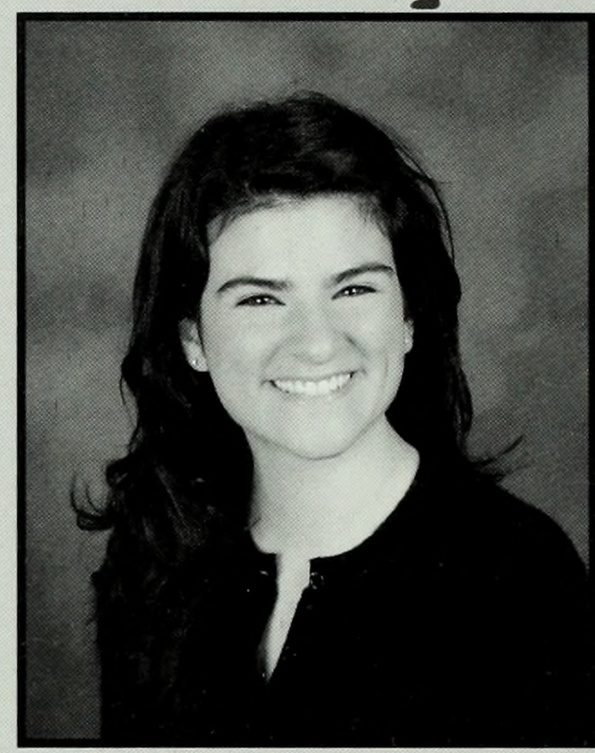

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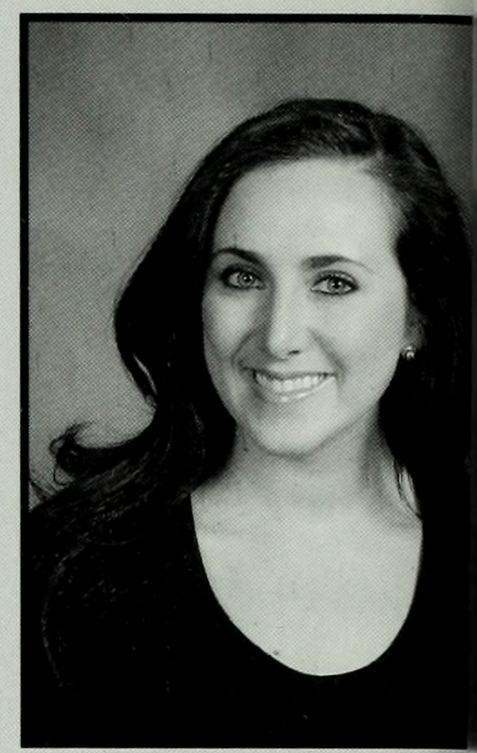

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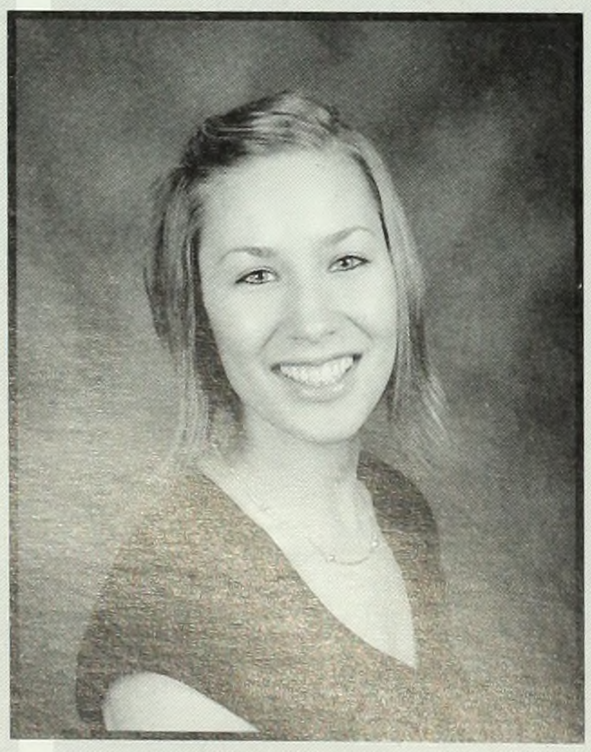

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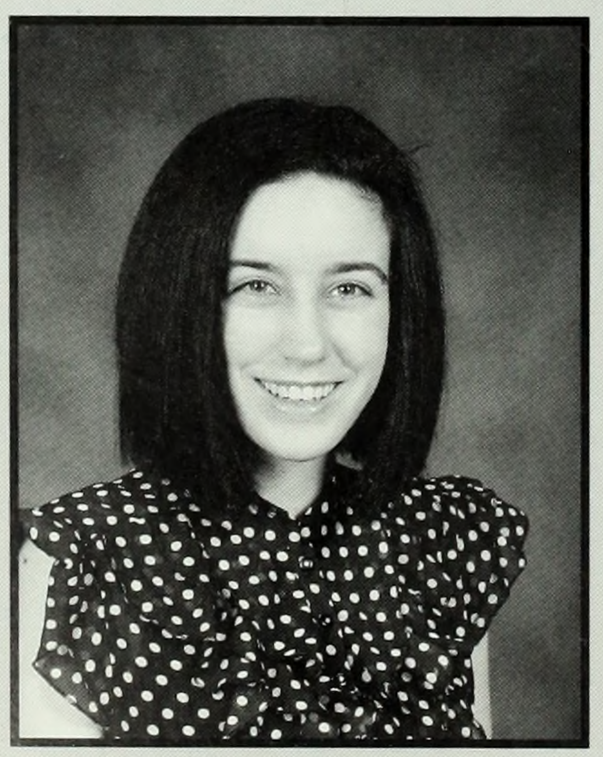

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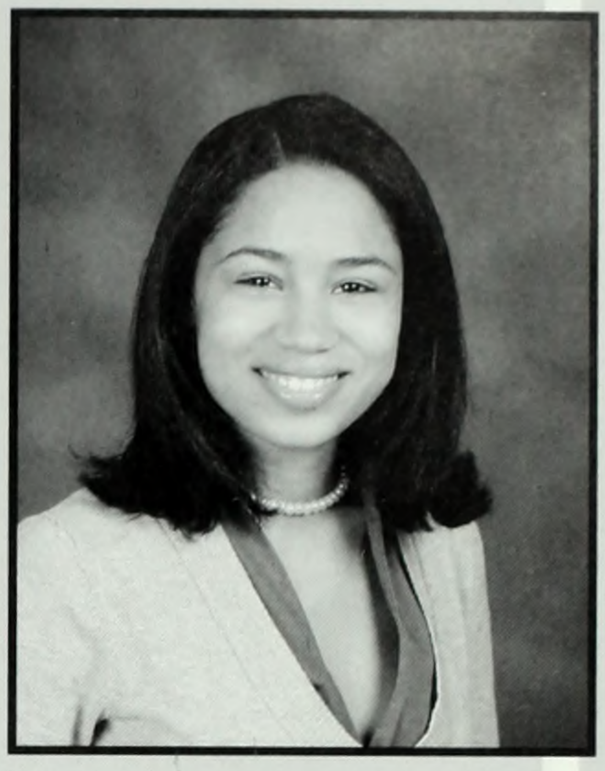

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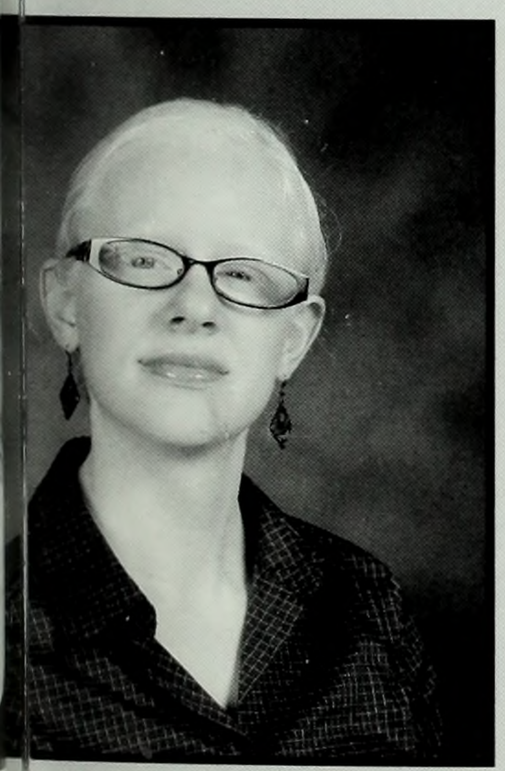

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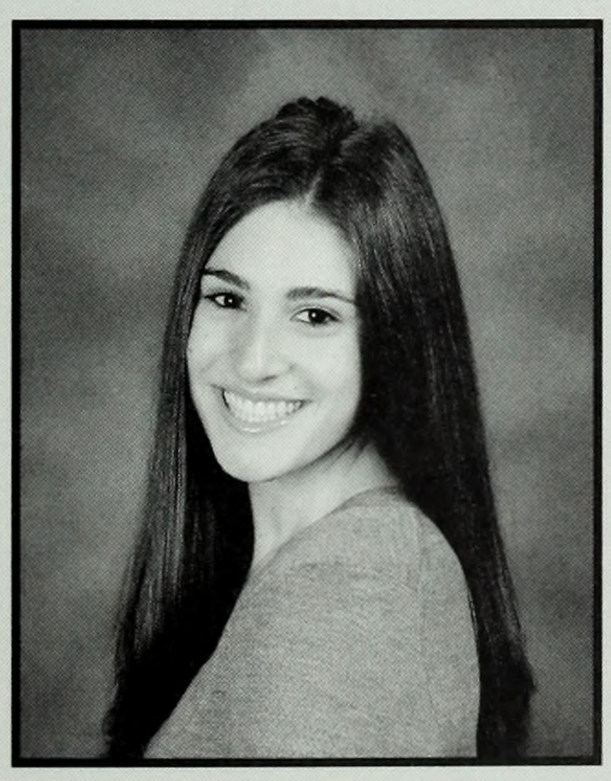

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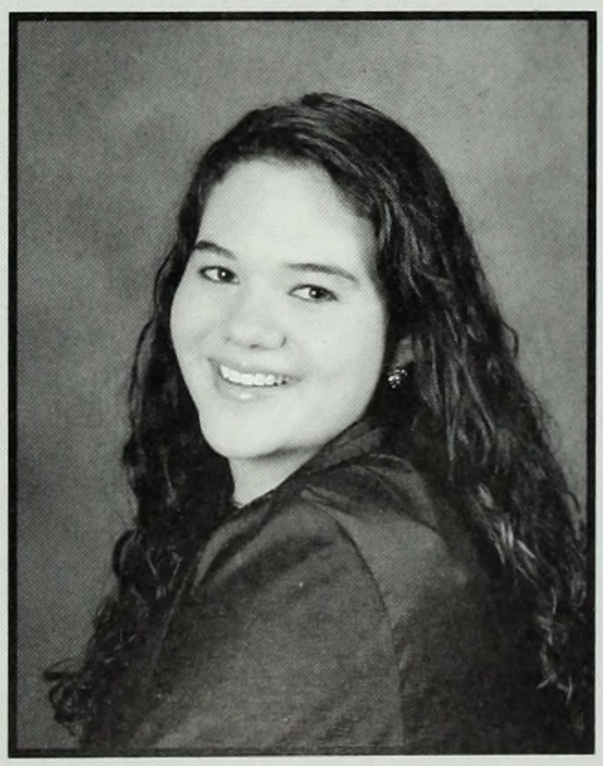

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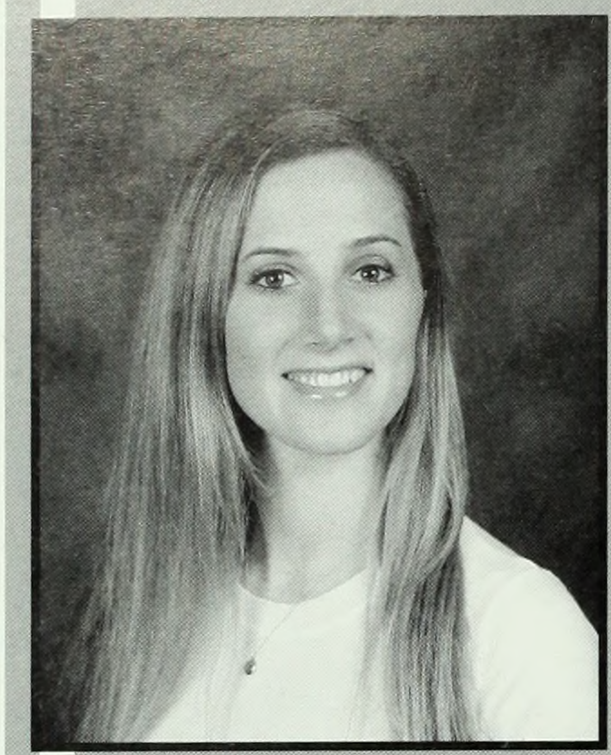

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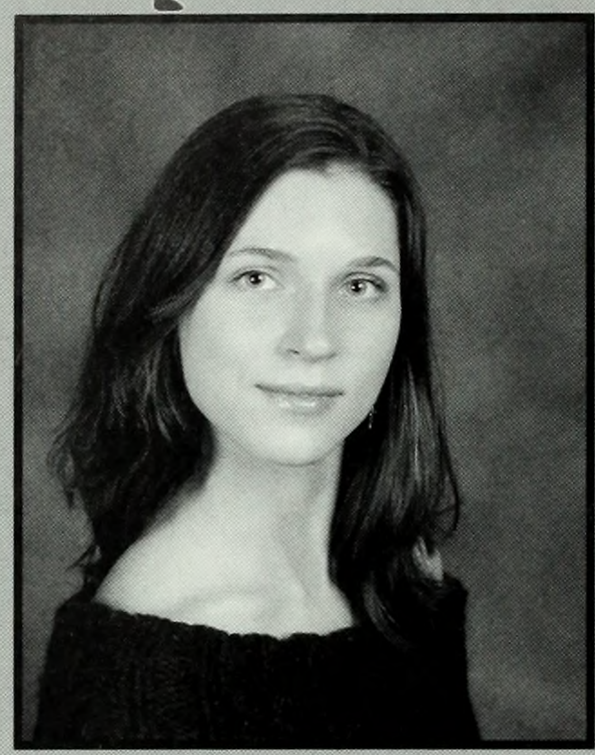

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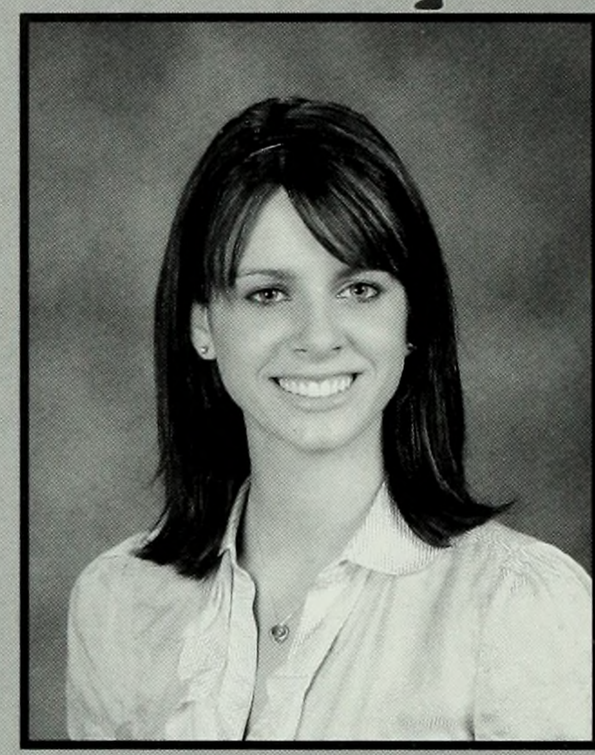

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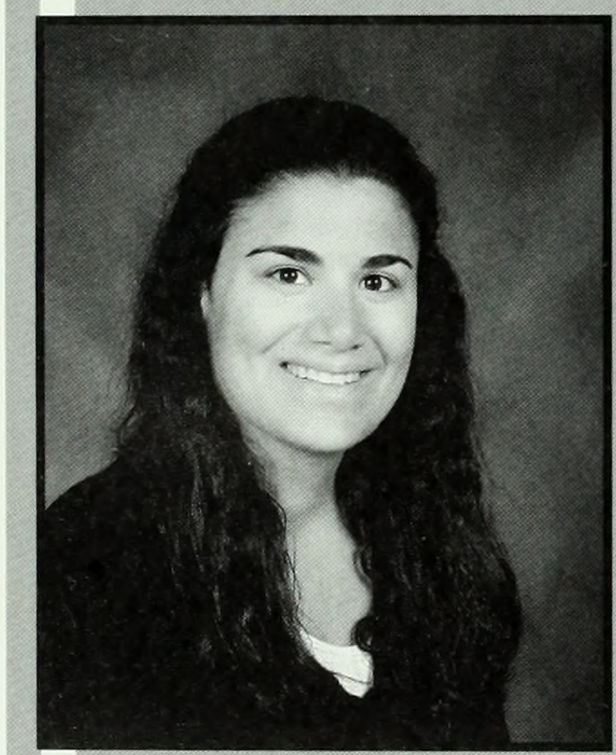

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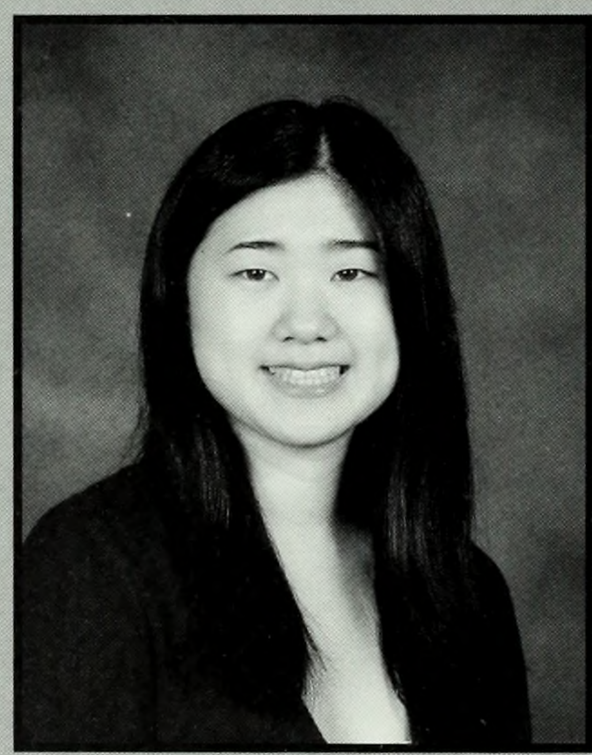

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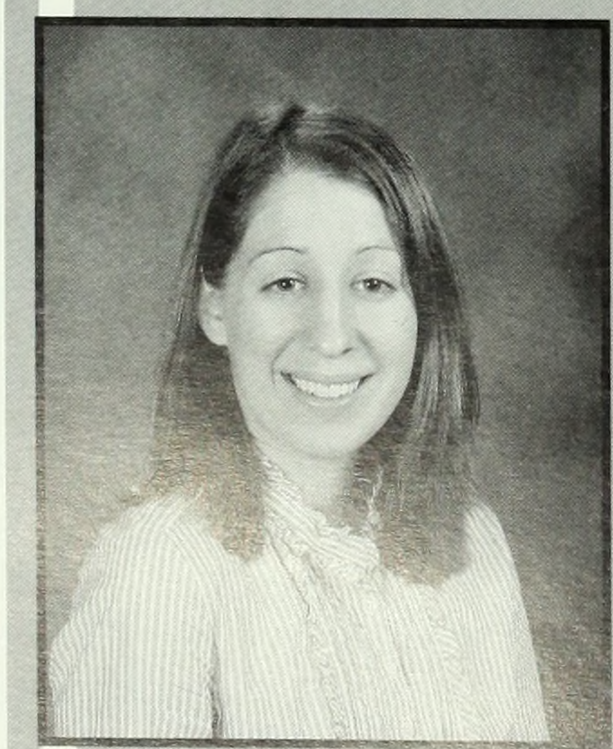

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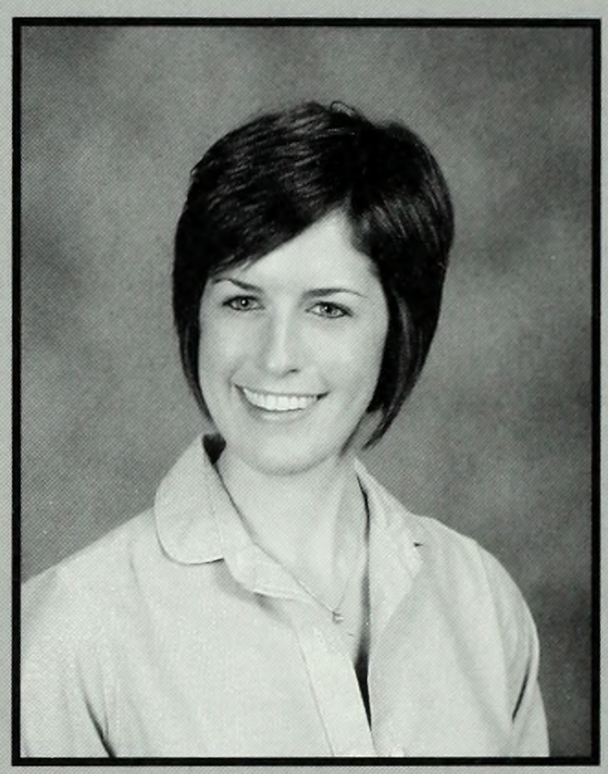

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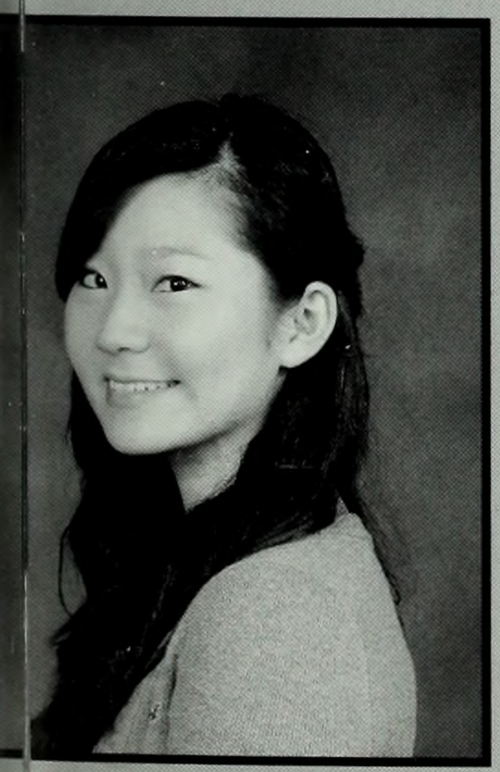

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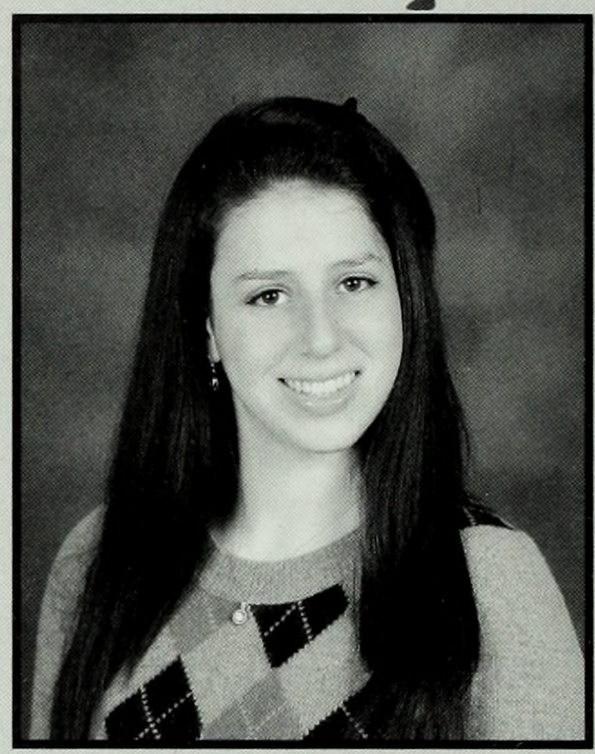

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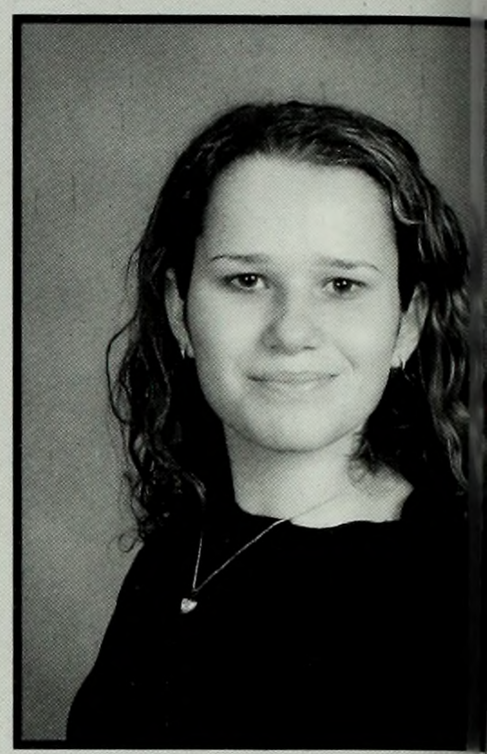

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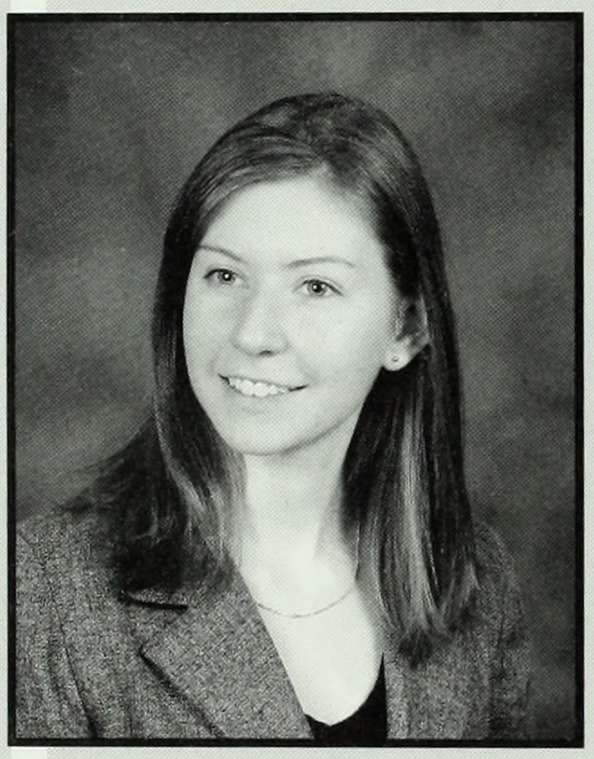

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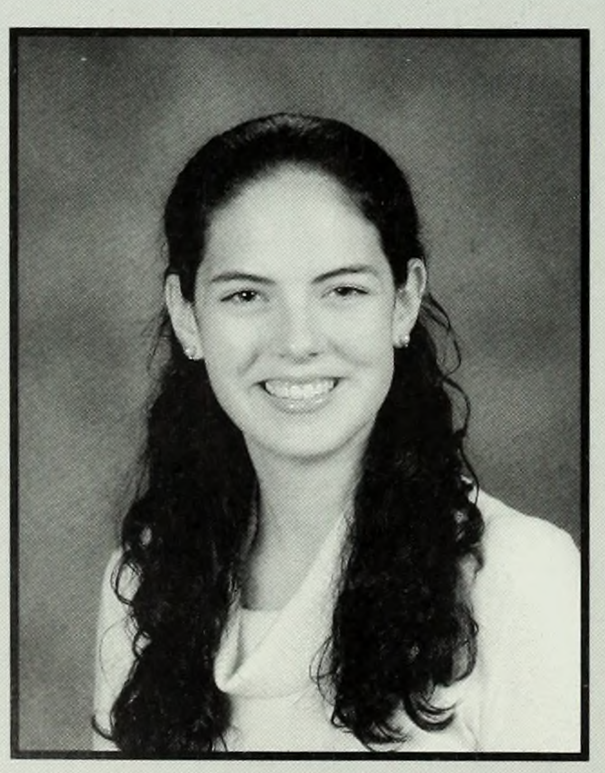

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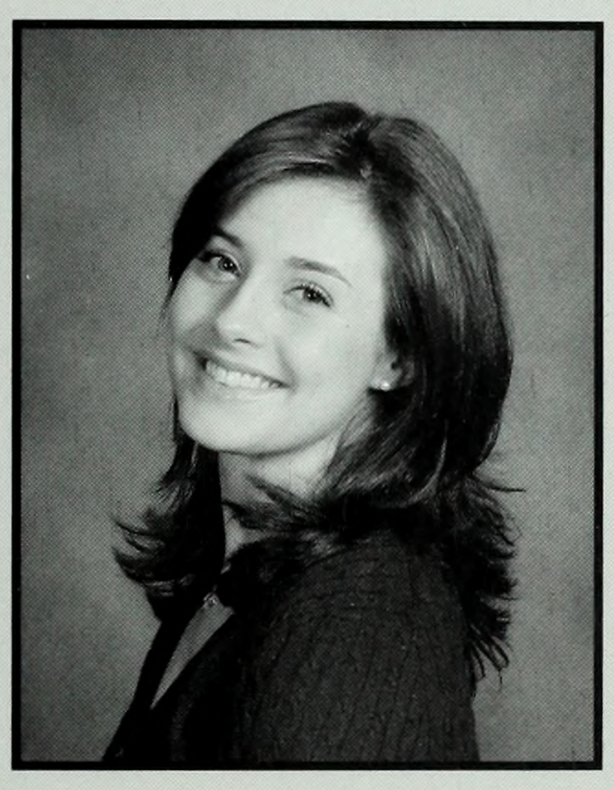

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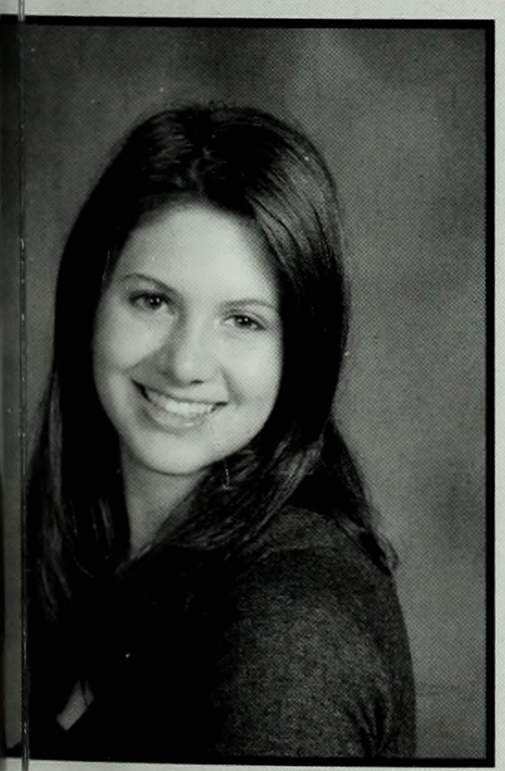

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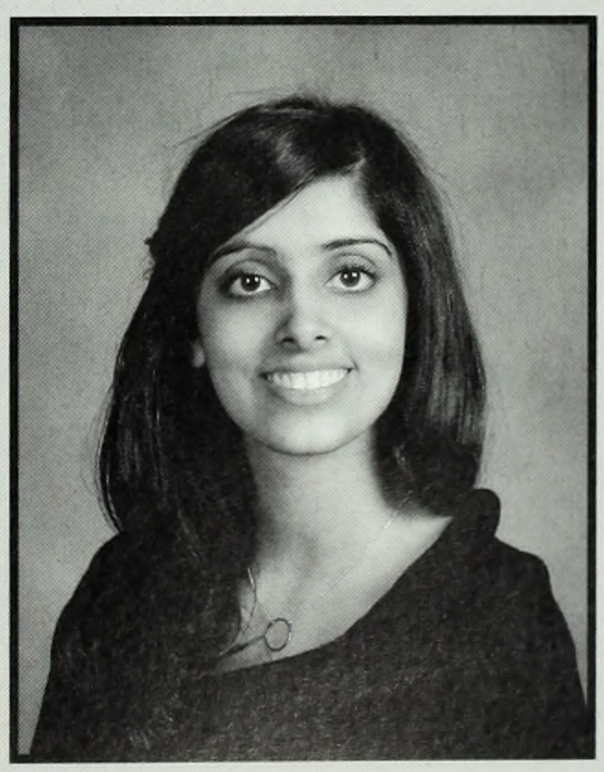

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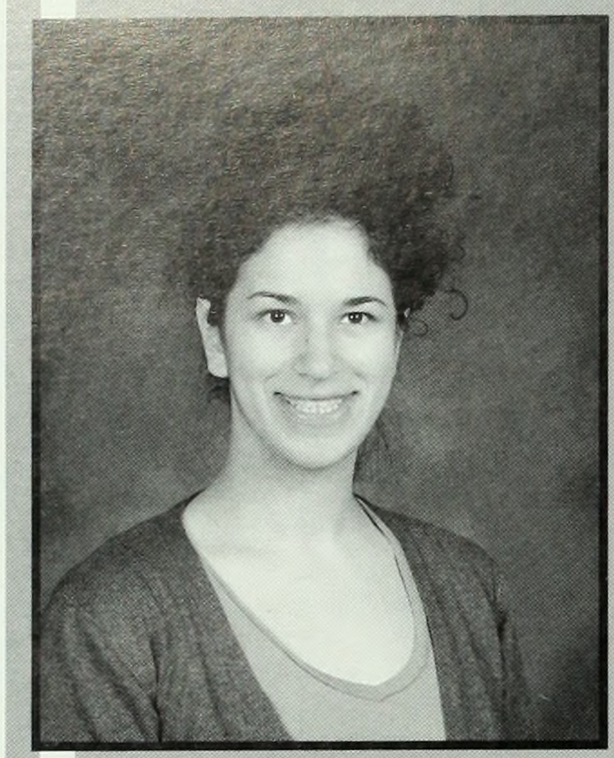

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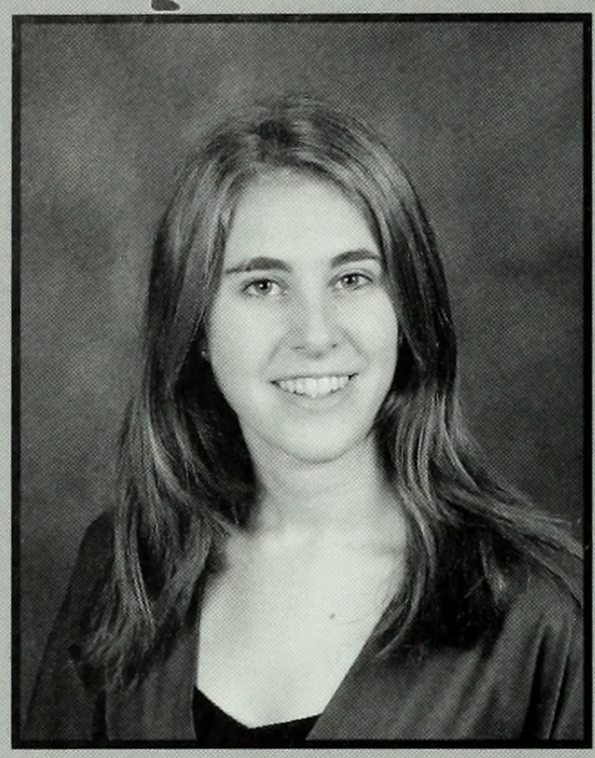

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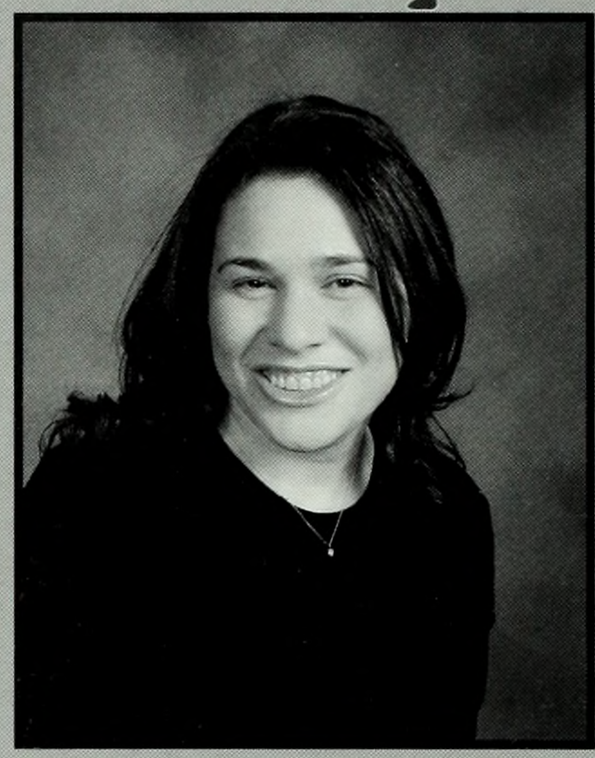

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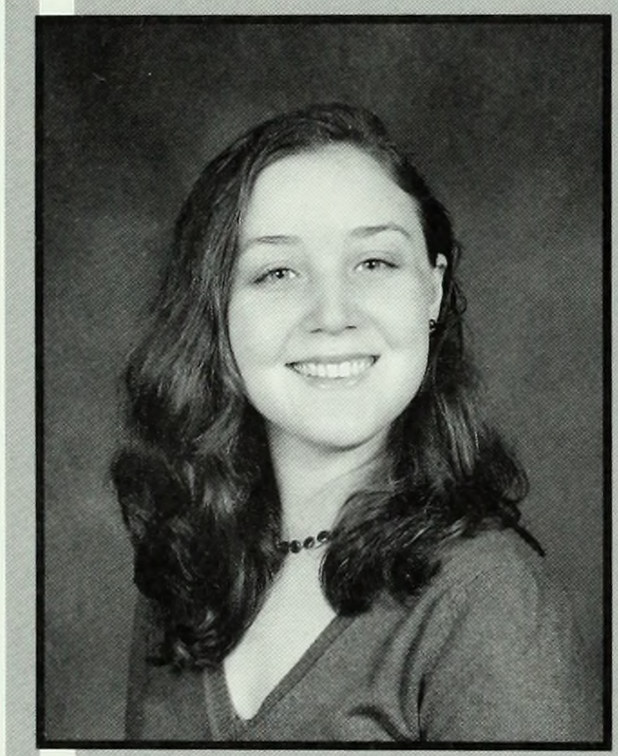

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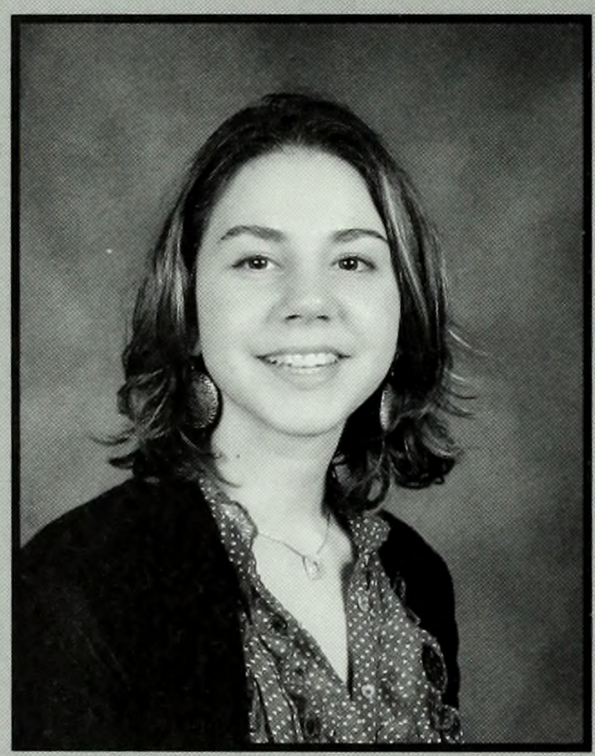

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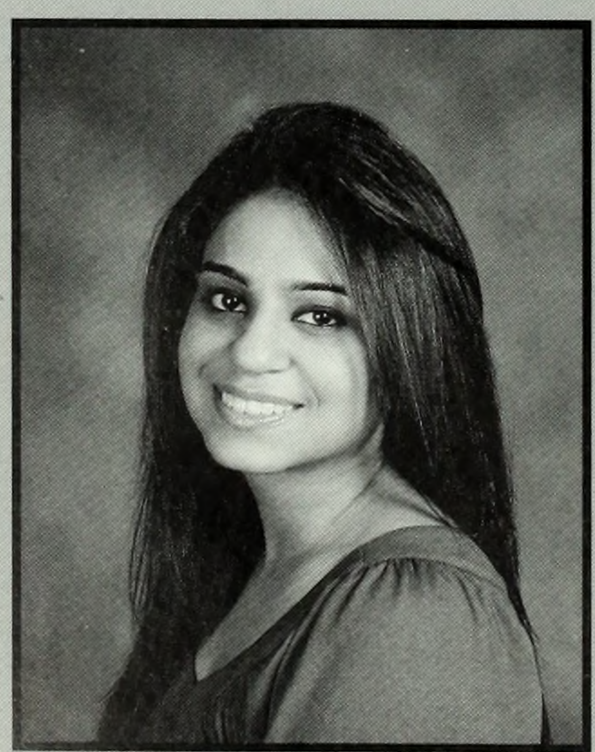

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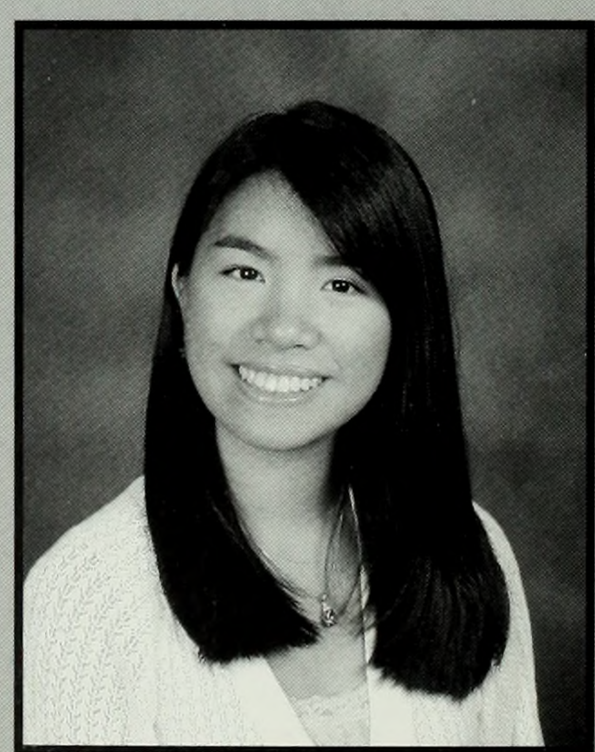

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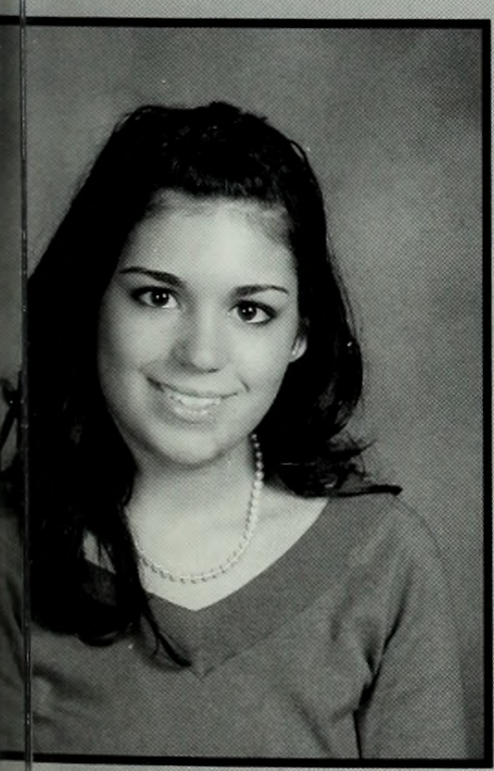

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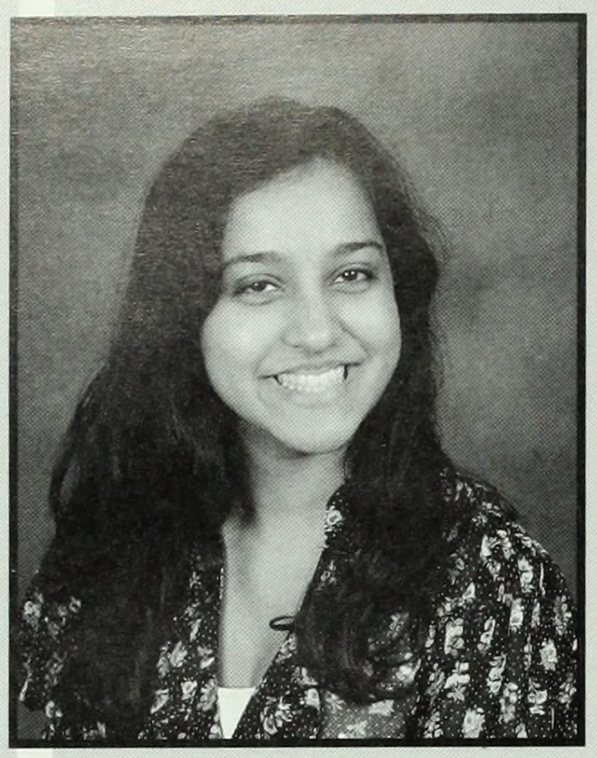

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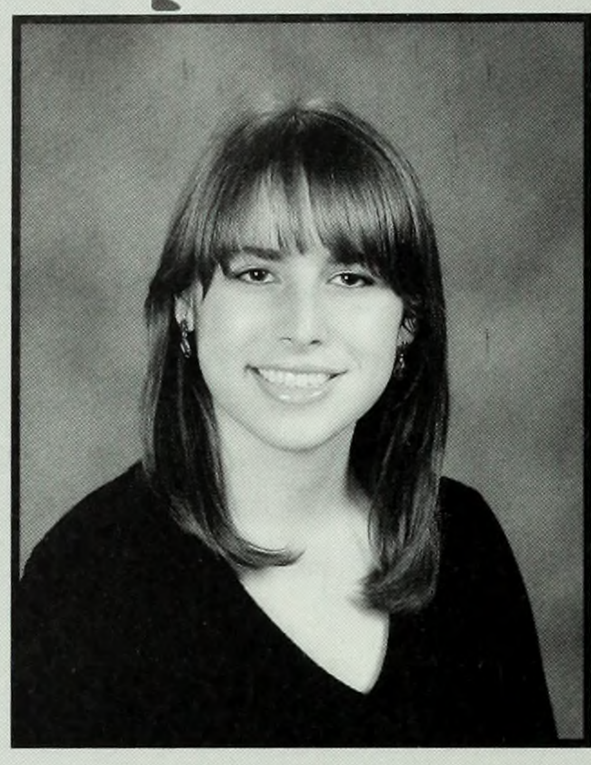

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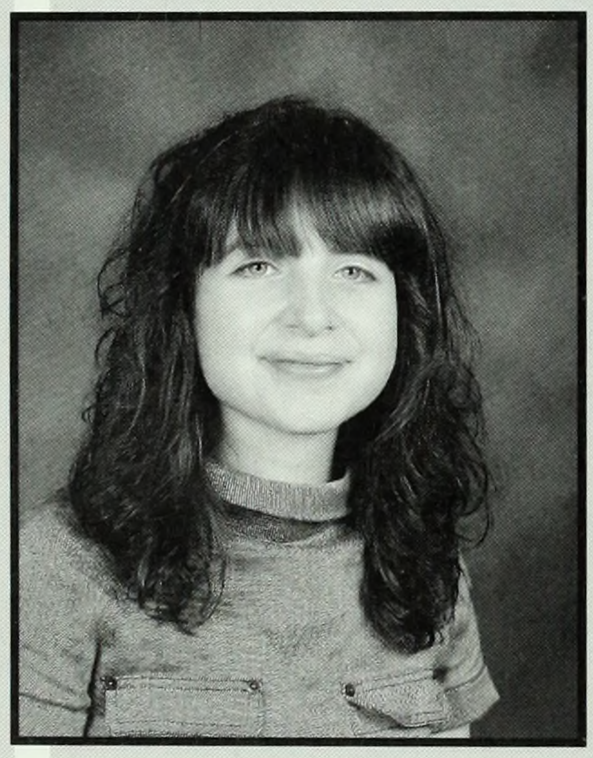

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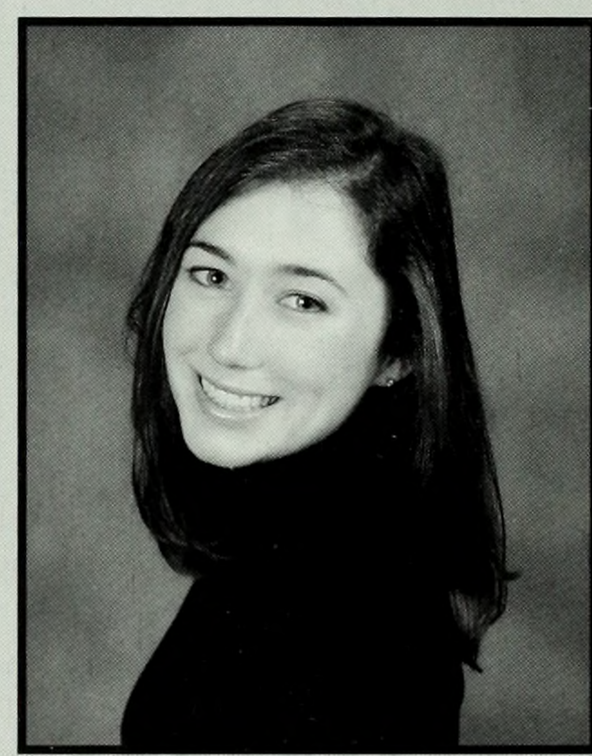

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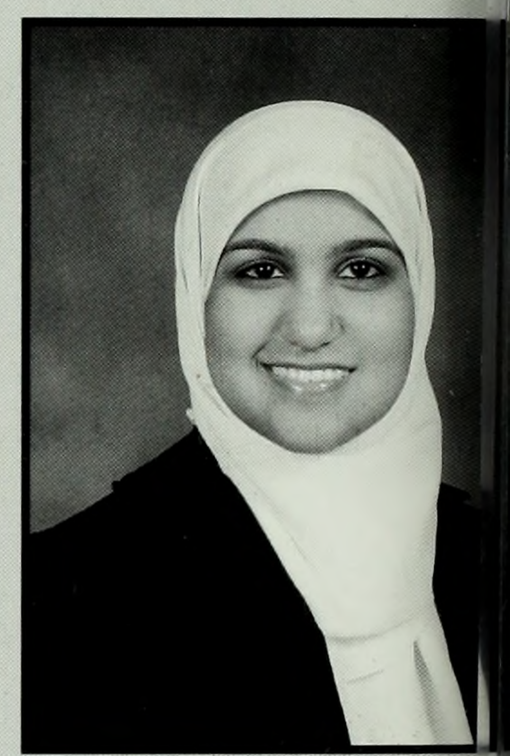

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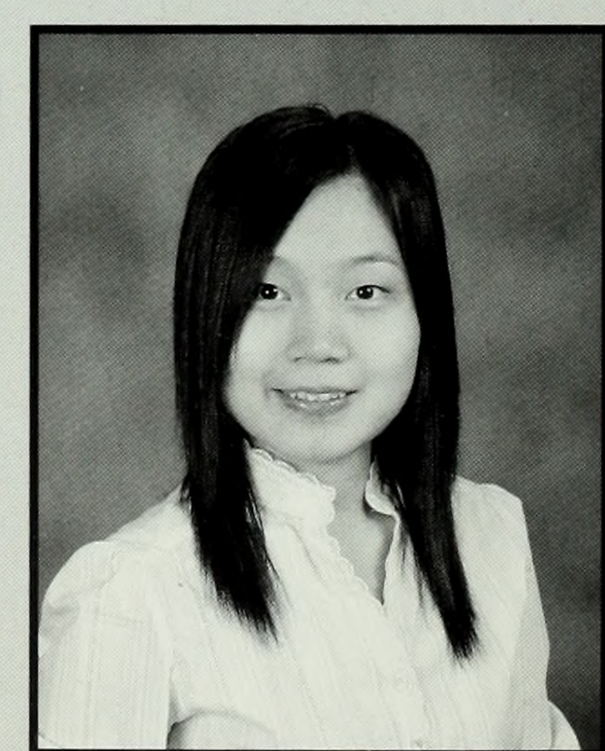

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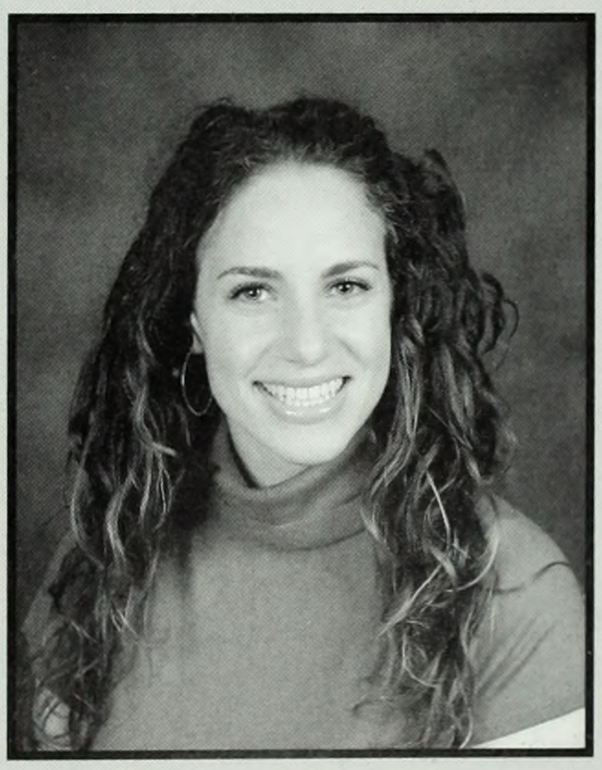

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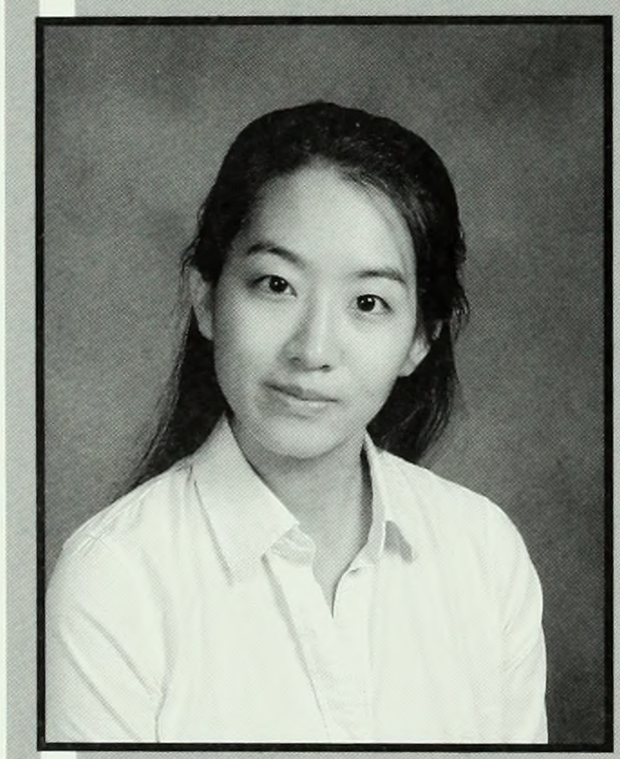

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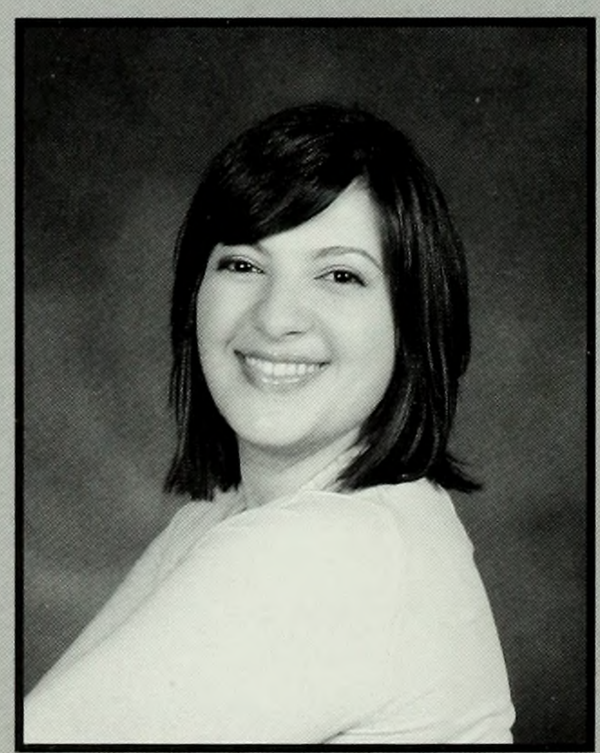

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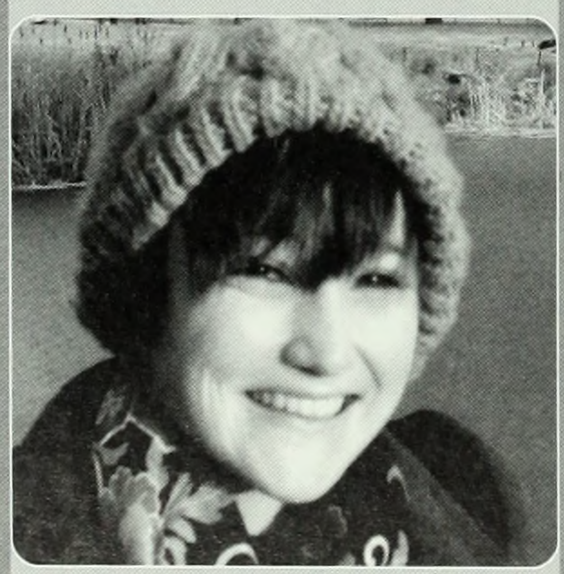
Senior Interviews

Students wait patiently to get food at the annual Big Sub.



Amanda MacLellan

What did Barnard teach you about yourself?

"At Barnard I learned what I wanted to do with my life: teach. At Barnard, I also learned how important it is not to lose sight of the things that you enjoy, and to stay committed to hobbies that make you happy."

Julia Bloch

What will you miss most about being in college?

"Having my friends in close proximity is a rare blessing. We complain about having to walk ALL THE WAY from 616 to 110th Street to see each other, but next year we may be scattered across the country! I feel so lucky to have the people I love nearby."

Irene Chen

What has been your standout BC moment?

"During my First-Year Seminar, Exploring the Poles, the class went out onto Lehman Lawn where we snow-shoed, skiied, and set up a tent. I'll never forget that day."

Saffiyah Madraswala

What kind of activism are you involved in at Barnard?

"The struggle for race and ethnic studies at Barnard and Columbia has been a huge part of my experience as a student. Barnard students should be afforded the critical ways of thinking and invaluable insights that race and ethnic studies provides. Race and ethnic studies projects are initiated through student activism and founded upon the critique of not only how we know but who has access to knowing."

Students take a study break at Midnight Breakfast.

Nicole Matthews

What is your favorite spot on campus?

"I love the table in my suite's common space. My suitemates and I have spent so much time there working and avoiding work, dreaming of what our lives will be like after college, commiserating with each other over our frustrations, comforting each other after a difficult day, cooking and eating together, and, almost daily, laughing about everything. That table has been the source of many wonderful memories that have epitomized my college experience."

Amreen Vora

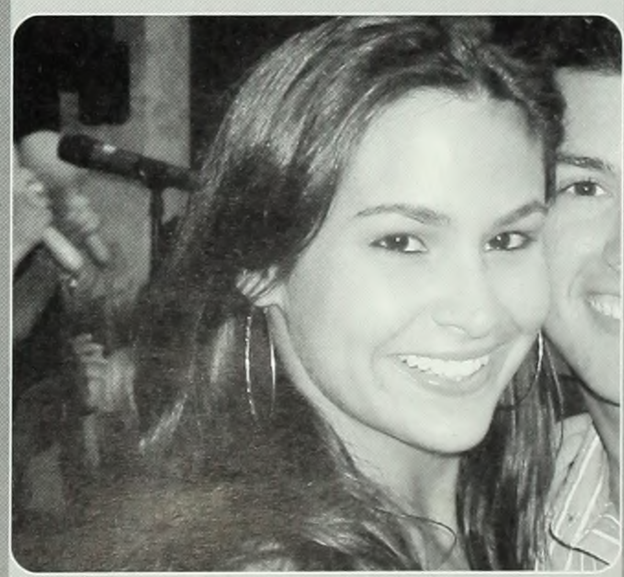
What is your favorite Barnard memory?

"One of my favorite moments was watching a bunch of my girlfriends hover over the first halal turkey sandwiches at McAC Big Sub!"

Stephanie Zuniga

What is your most memorable Barnard experience?

"My most memorable moment at Barnard was the first night I spent in my new dorm room. It was after friends and family were done with their moving-me-in duties. I knew it was the beginning of a new life."



Alexandra Loizzo

What is your favorite Barnard tradition?

"The Block Party at the beginning of each year is always fun. Since classes have not yet started, it's the perfect time to catch up with friends and enjoy some free food before everyone gets too busy."

Members of the administration and faculty serve students pancakes, waffles, and eggs at Midnight Breakfast.

Rosara Torrisi

What did Barnard teach you about yourself?

"Barnard instilled in me a passion for high quality knowledge. I've also learned that a few great friends go a very long way."

Laura Herron

What kind of activism are you involved in at Barnard?

"Writing Fellows and Dance Marathon are my big two. Helping my peers with their writing has allowed me to feel more a part of our community. I love the feeling after a conference when I know that the fellowee feels confident about her writing."

Caroline Silver

What is your most memorable Barnard experience?

"It would definitely be watching Obama's inauguration on Low steps with the rest of the Columbia community."

Jessica Romano

What was your craziest dorm experience?

"During sophomore year, a friend and I shared a double with three seniors. I'll never forget walking in and seeing one of my suitemates, phone cradled against her shoulder, ironing the clothes... that she was wearing."

Students celebrate Founder's Day on Lehman Lawn.

Anita Khalili

What kind of activism are you involved in at Barnard?

"While at Barnard, I did a lot of community service, as well as student government and class council events. It has made me realize what a passionate and activist community we really are."

Yael Hall

What is your favorite study abroad memory?

"I did study abroad for a summer session in Moscow, Russia. My favorite memory was when I was asked what my accent was--it wasn't obviously American!"

Jennifer Feierman

What is your favorite Barnard memory?

"President Spar's inauguration. Welcoming such an inspiring, capable leader seemed to parallel the changes going on in our national government, and really underlined how strong, powerful, and amazing this college really is."

Sasha Roudenko

What was your craziest dorm experience?

"Probably the 'pets' that we inadvertently grew sophomore year in pots and pans. By pets, I mean fuzzy, extensive mold."

Senior Dinner

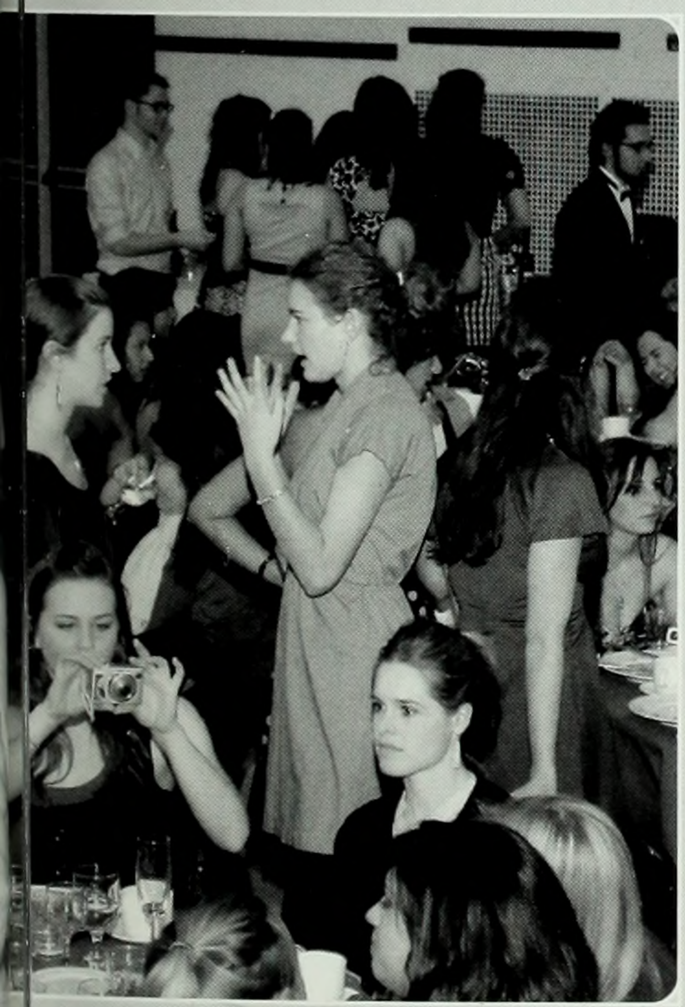
On February 4th, 2009, the Class of 2009 attended its final Class Dinner. LeFrak Gym was transformed into a purple and teal, Mardi Gras-themed space where students sat down for a "Masquerade Dinner." The dinner provided seniors with a break from classes, theses, and extracurriculars, giving them time to catch up with one another over dinner.

The keynote speaker was Regina DeCicco, BC '00, who gave the graduating class words of inspiration as well as entertaining anecdotes gathered during her career at SNL and time at Barnard. In addition to DeCicco's speech, Dean Denburg honored seniors and their acheivements with her traditional rhyming toast to their success.

Glittery masks created a festive ambiance for the memorable night.

"I really enjoyed the Senior Dinner because it was so much fun to see all of my friends dressed up! The Senior Dinner was a great occasion to hang out with the people I don't get to see as often as I would like."

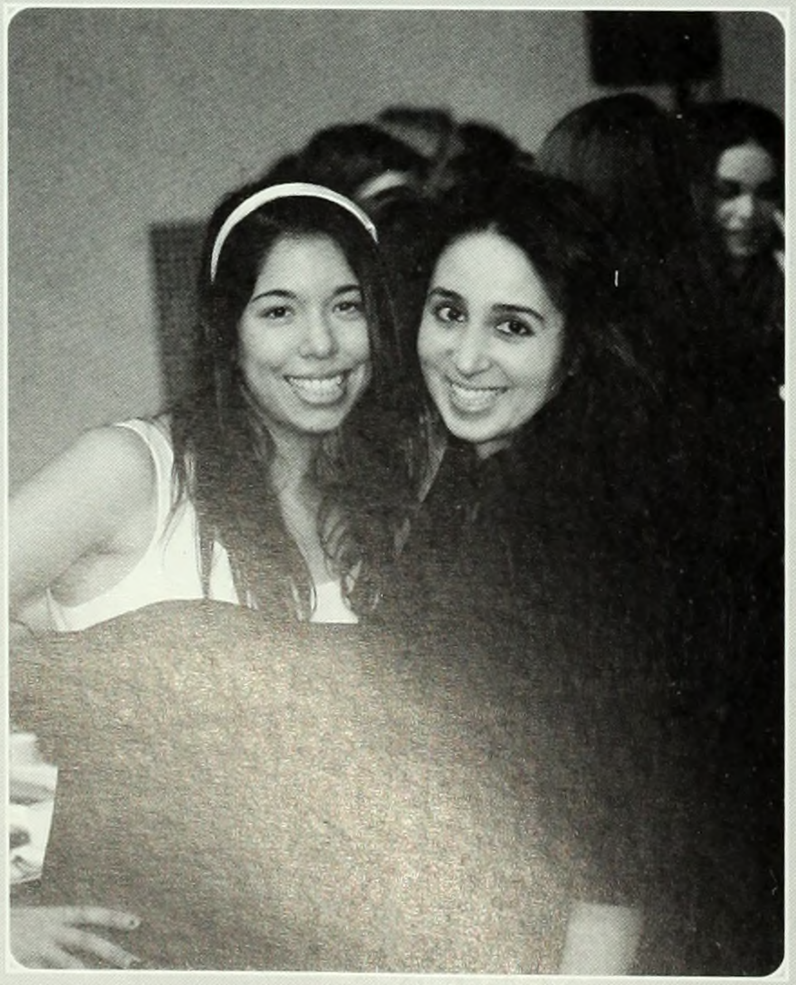
Dena Nachman



"The fabric draped across the ceiling and all the decorations helped transform the room from an ordinary gym to a fancy party.
It was great to see how grown up and mature everyone I met during orientation turned out four years later.
Such a special night!"

Kateri Benjamin

Seniors dazzle up in their best dress for their last class dinner.



"It was fun to dress up and spend the night with my fellow classmates. Everybody looked so nice! The masquerade theme added a little sparkle to the event. I'm sure I'll look back to this night as I leave Barnard."

Melinda Zhu

uhter and chatter fill the room as seniors reminisce about their Barnard years.

Senior Playpen

Replacing the unofficial "40s on 40" event, Senior Playpen gave Barnard and Columbia students the chance to bond as the end of the spring 2009 semester drew closer. On April 7, 2009, Student Development and Activities, who sponsored the event, set up giant-sized board games on Low Plaza. Seniors could play, compete in contests, and help themselves to free food. Dean Kevin Shollenberger, head of Student Affairs at Columbia, wrote about Senior Playpen, "As graduating seniors, you have shaped our communities in countless ways. The events that are planned are a chance for you to celebrate each of these things."

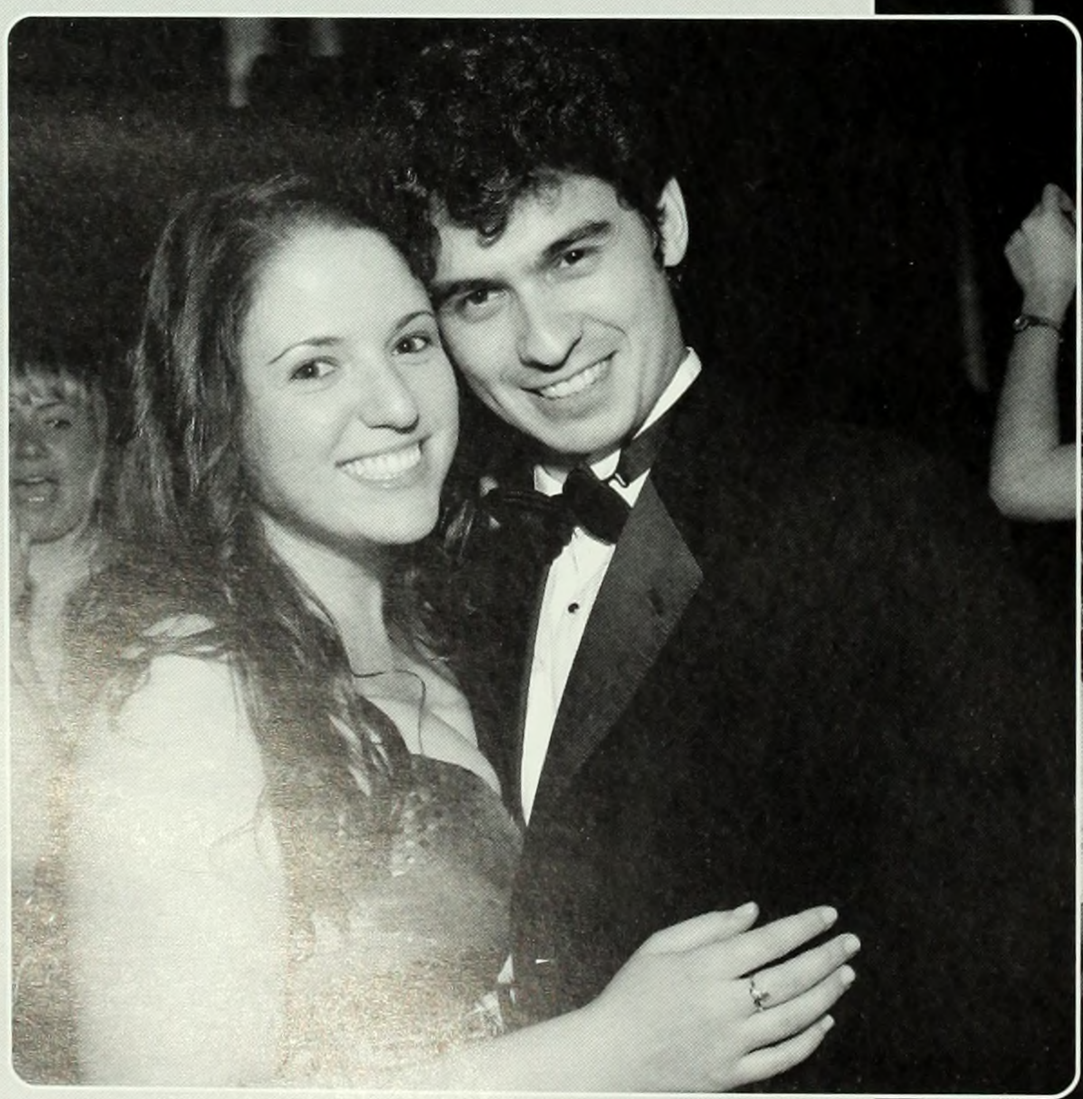
Students compete in a larger than life version of Operation.

"Beer and cotton candy go surprisingly well together at 11 am!"

Sarah DeWitt

Senior Week

Senior Week 2009 gave Barnard and Columbia students one last chance to experience college life together--without the stress of papers and problem sets--before becoming alumni. The week kicked off with the Senior Ball held at Capitale, where sudents danced the night away in their black-tie attire. The next night, they had a chance to mingle with some impressive Columbia alumni at the exclusive Columbia Club Reception. Of course, Senior Week would not be complete without the Moonlight Cruise on the Hudson, where students could dance and socialize against the backdrop of the beautiful New York City skyline. With the BC Dessert Aisle, a dodgeball tournament, and one last Lerner Pub, Senior Week concluded just in time for Class Day and Commencement.

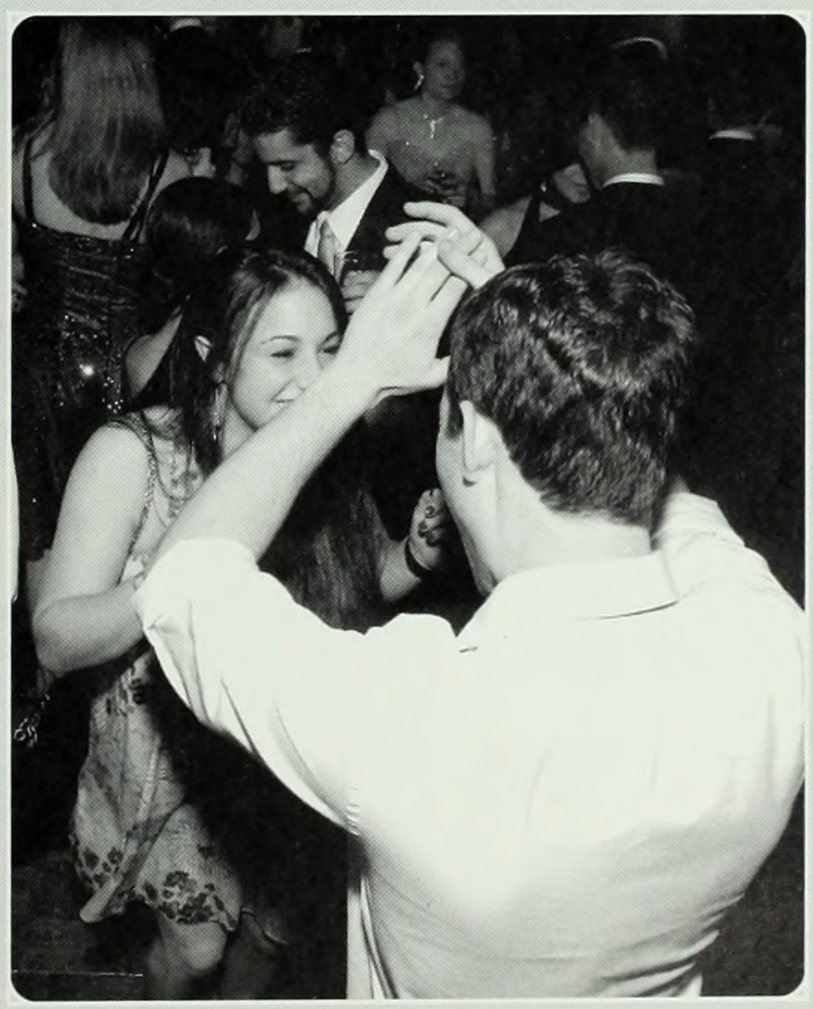


Dressed to the nines, Barnard girls smile and pose at Capitale.

Senior Week 2009

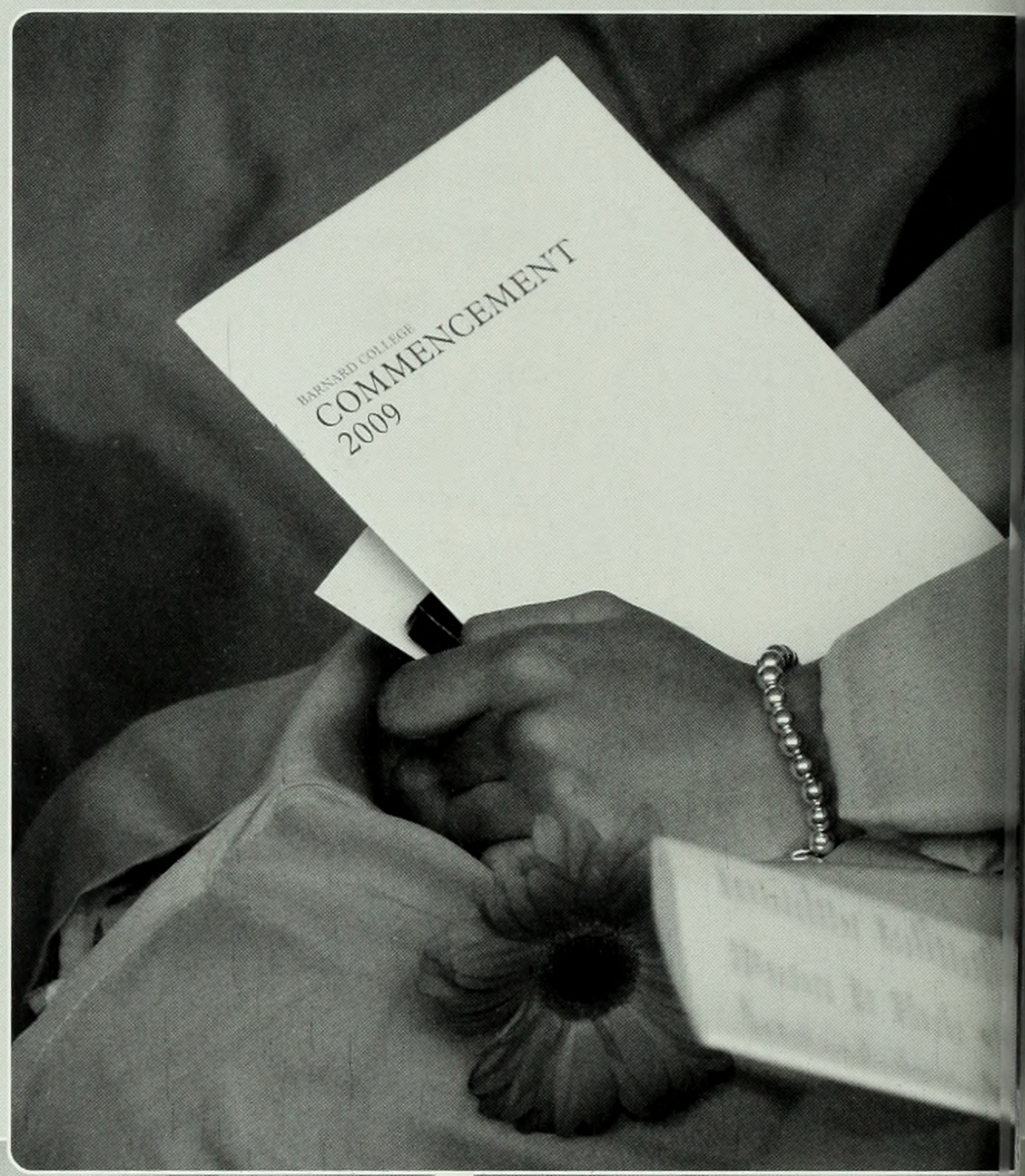
"Senior Week was a great ending to our time as Barnard students. With events meant to promote both Barnard bonding and school-wide unity, you could really feel the school spirit soar!"

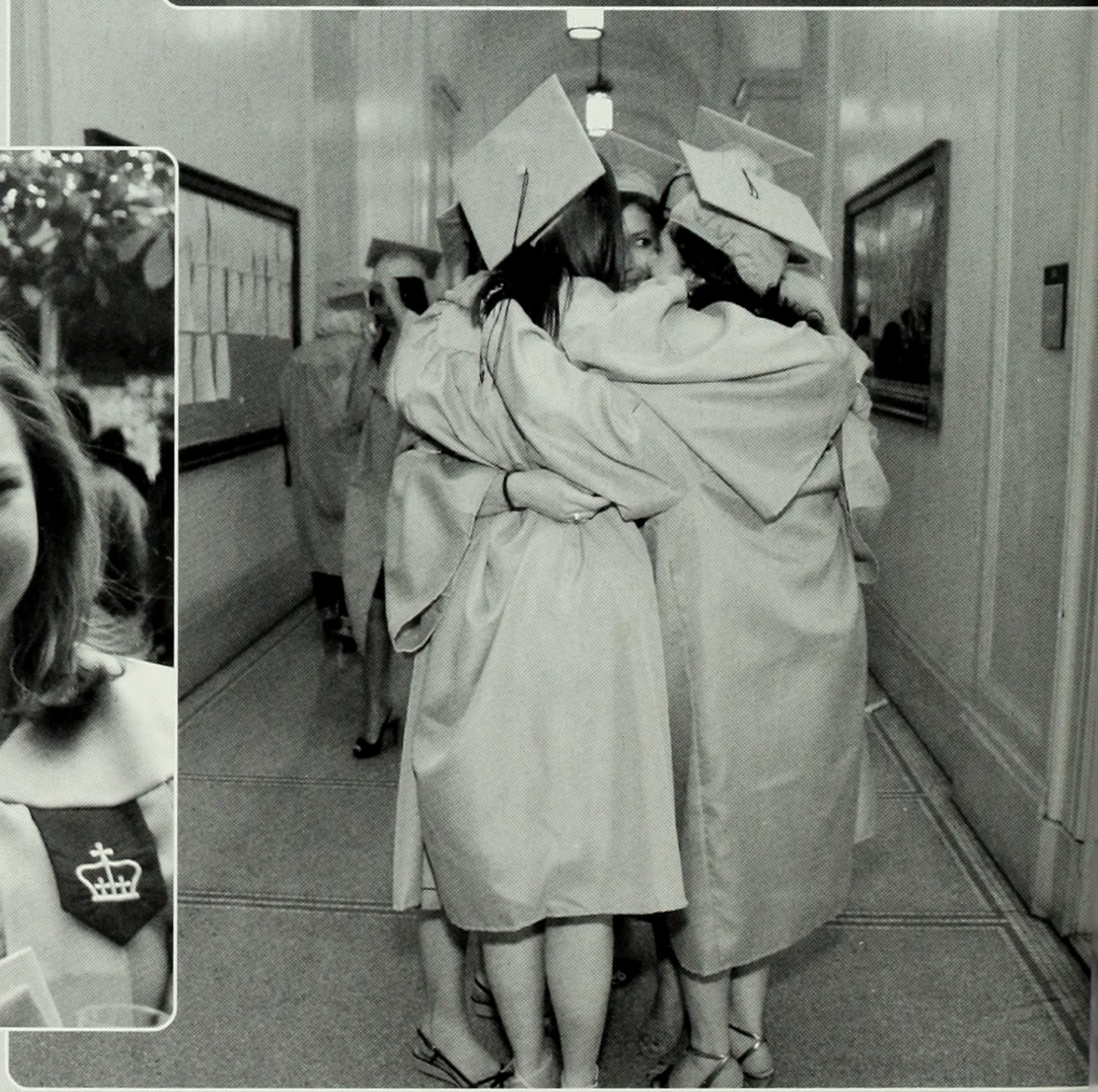
Alexandra Loizzo

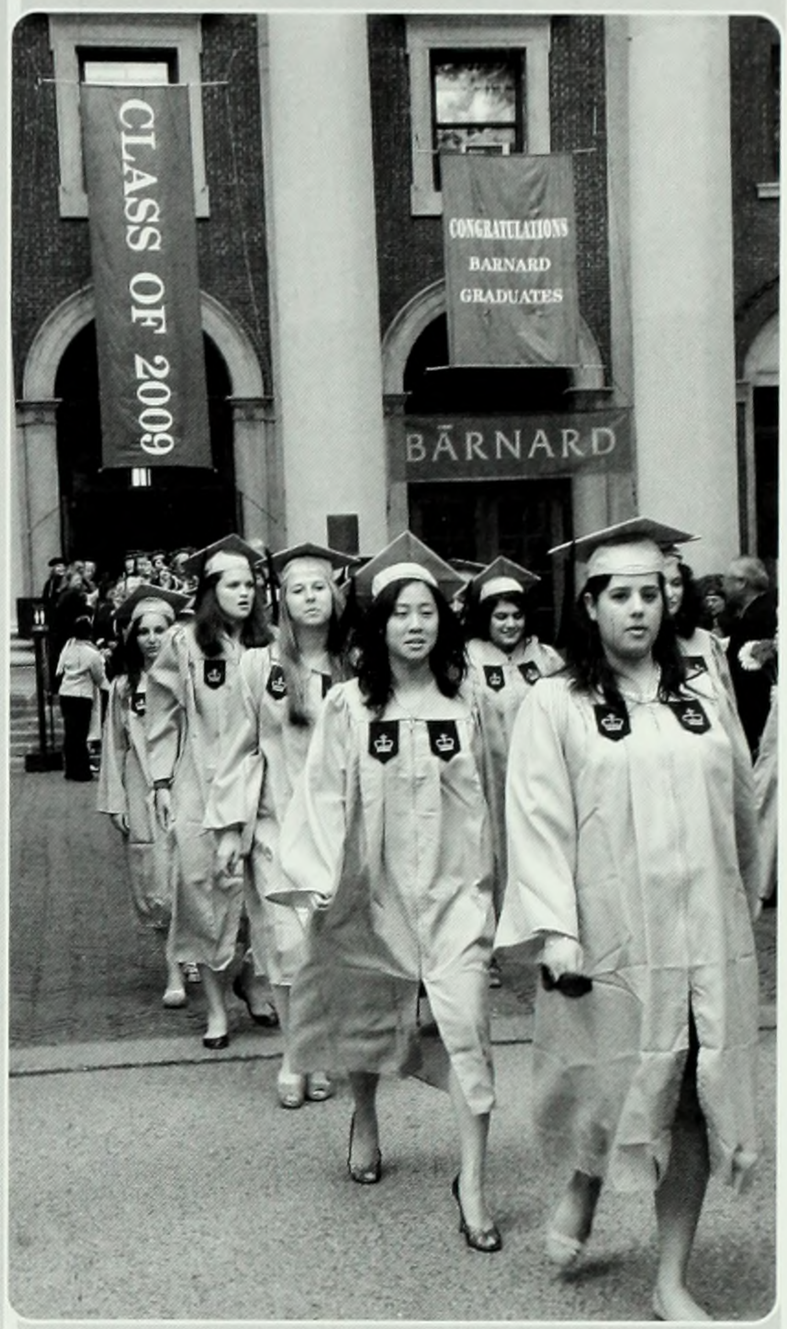


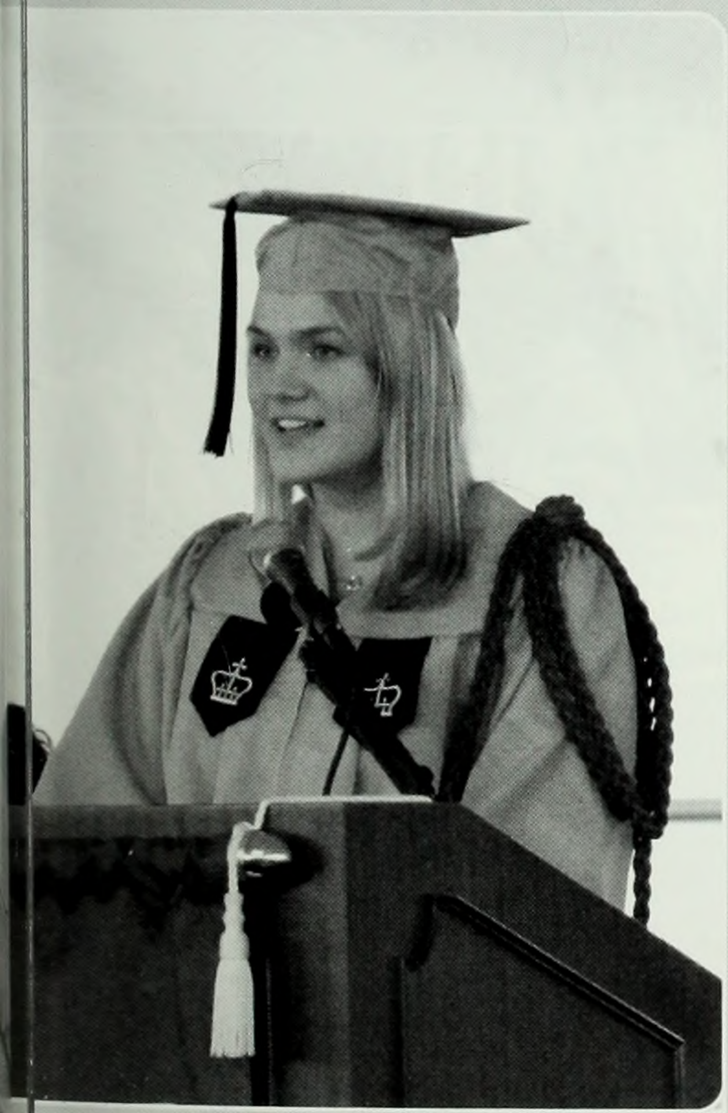
Commencement

Despite the cloudy weather, the Barnard College Commencement Ceremony, held on May 18, 2009, was a meaningful end to the seniors' experience at Barnard. Speakers from the Class of 2009 were Jamie Prem, Class President; Sarah Besnoff, SGA President; Sarah Nager, the Academic Speaker; and Kathleen Goble, Senior Fund Chair, who announced the class' gift of an eco-friendly water fountain for the Quad Lawn. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton addressed the audience after receiving a Barnard Medal of Distinction. The ceremony finished with President Spar's reflection that, "Very few generations have the luck to come of age during a massive inflection point in history, during a time when things move so quickly you can actually see them, and when individuals have the opportunity to change not only the course of their own lives but the course of the world around them. This time, your time, is one of those moments. Seize it."



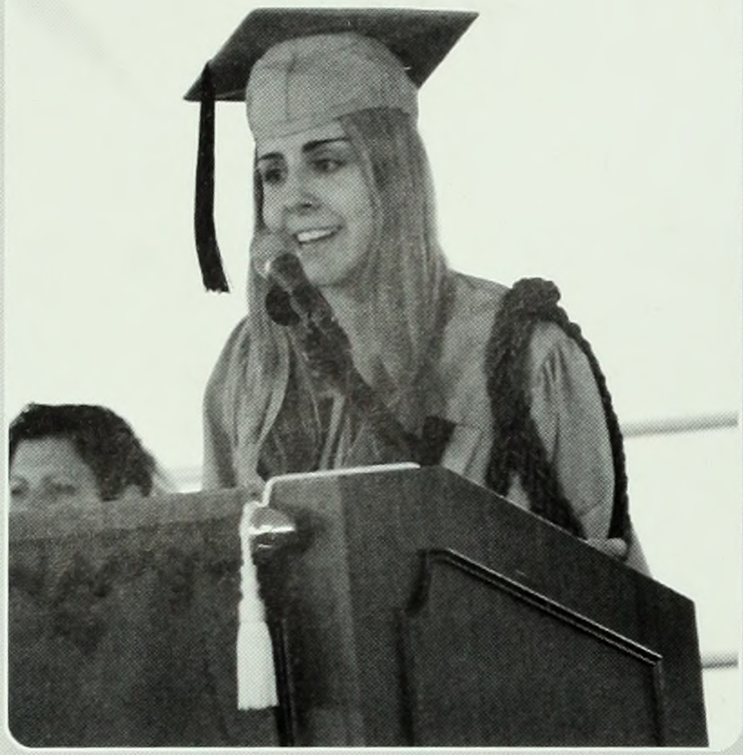


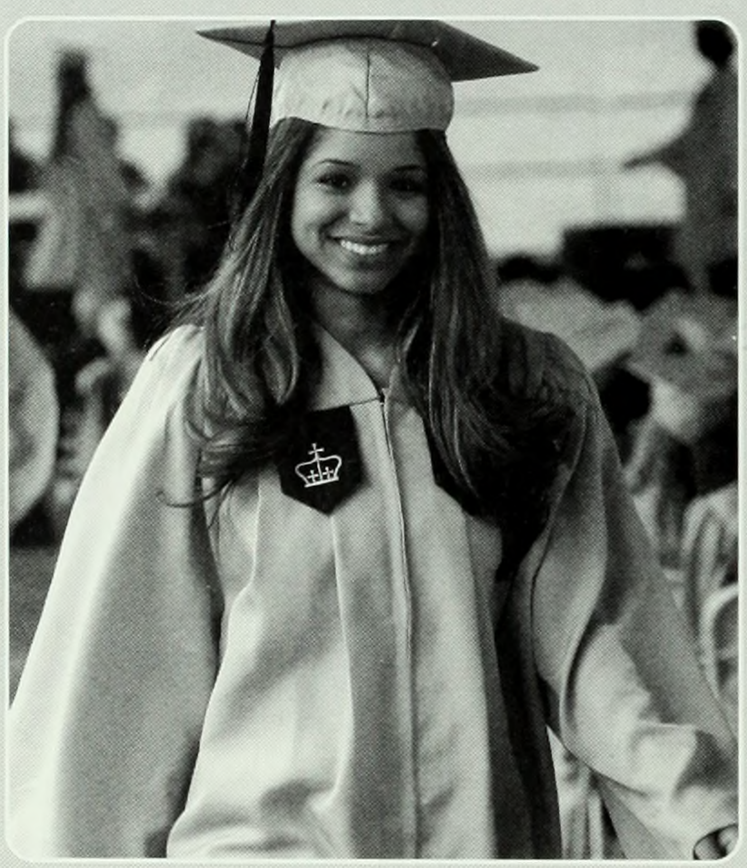


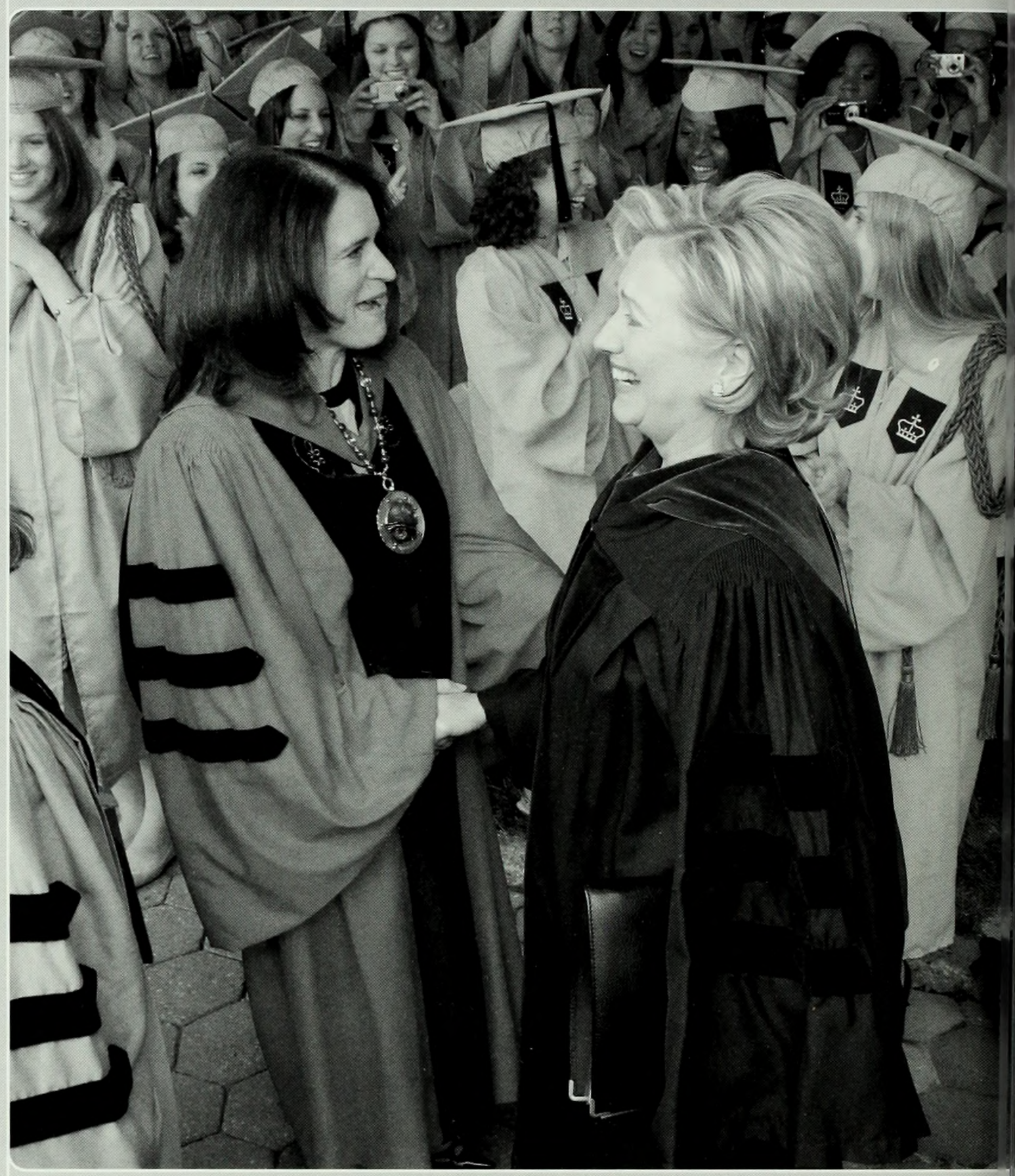


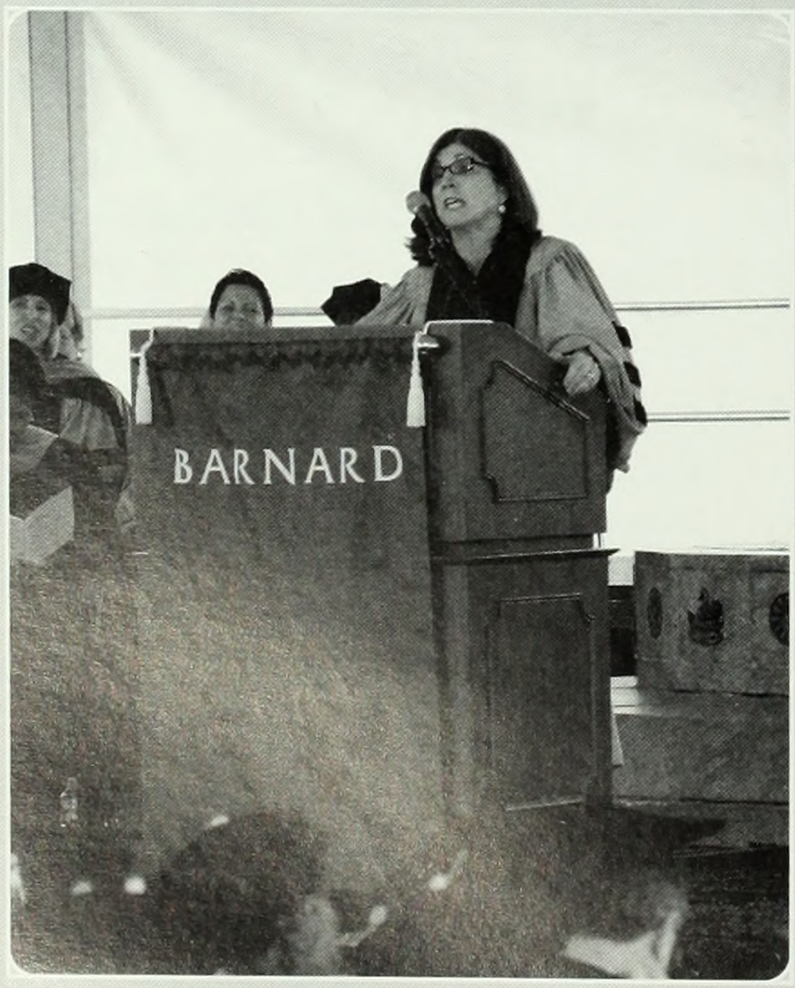
"It is impossible to summarize exactly what Barnard College has meant for the 625 women who sit before me, but one thing is undeniable: Barnard has given us so much.... As we leave this College, ready to enter the world as Barnard alumnae, the class of 2009 will give back to Barnard through the senior class gift. Having exceeded our goal of 80% class participation and $10,000 raised, the class of 2009 is donating an eco-friendly fountain for the recently renovated Quad courtyard. Since the beginning of the construction of the Diana, our new student center, members of the Class of 2009 have experienced a palpable shift in community life here at Barnard, and our gift is a reflection of the importance of our physical campus in building community.... On behalf of the class of 2009, thank you, Barnard, for four extraordinary years."

-- Kathleen Goble, Class of 2009 Chair, The Senior Fund





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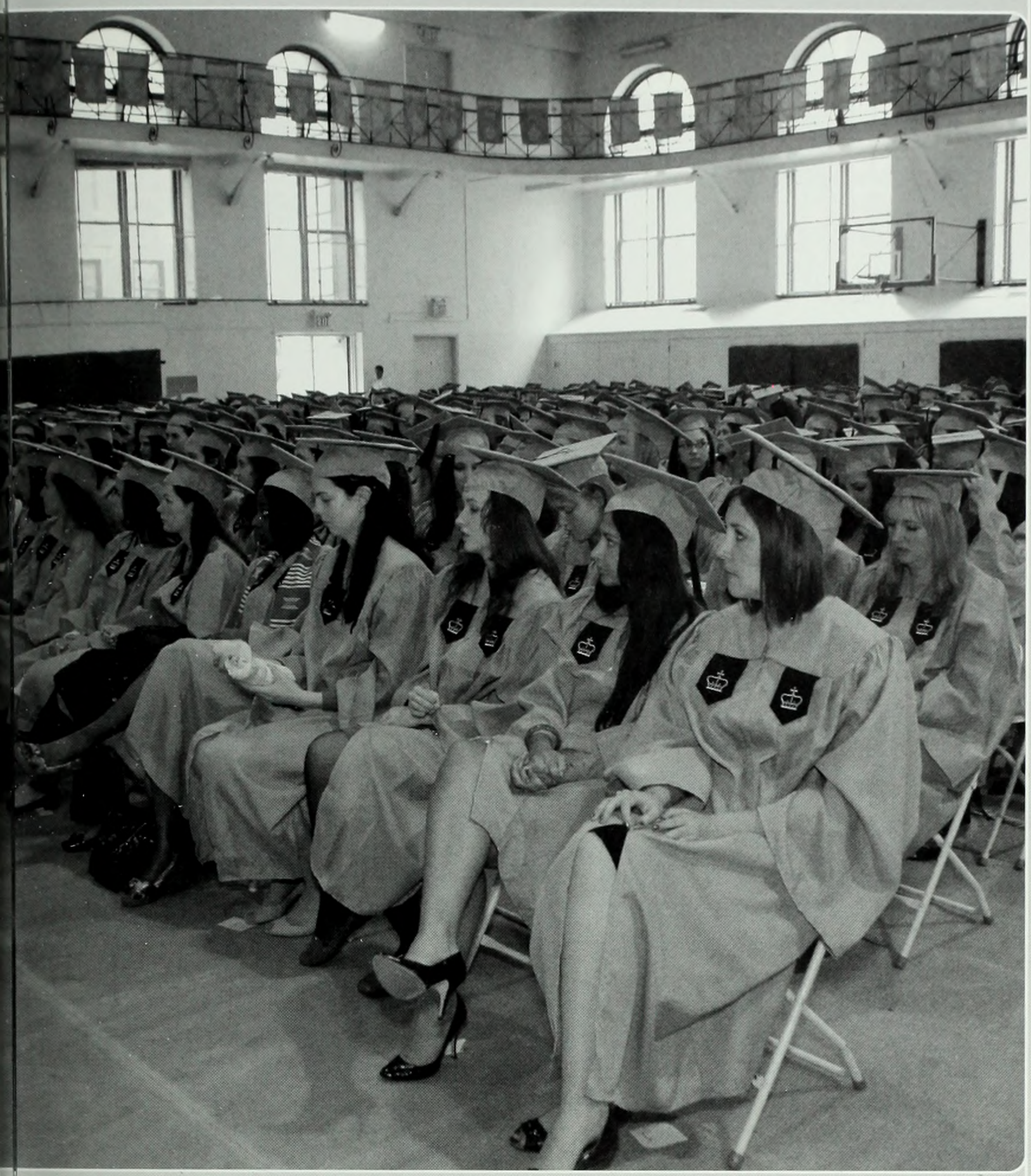
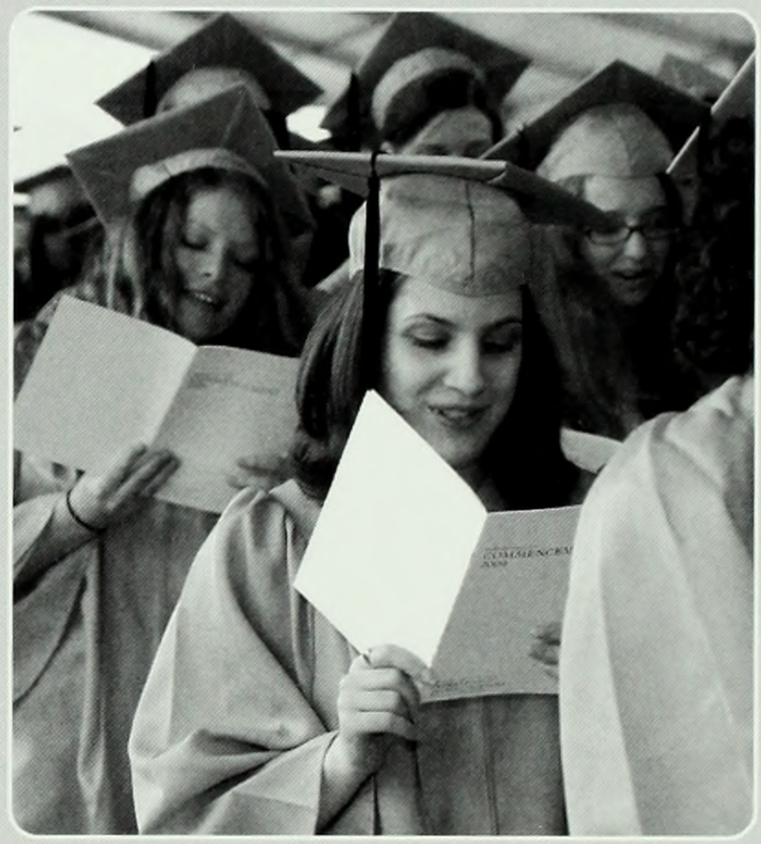
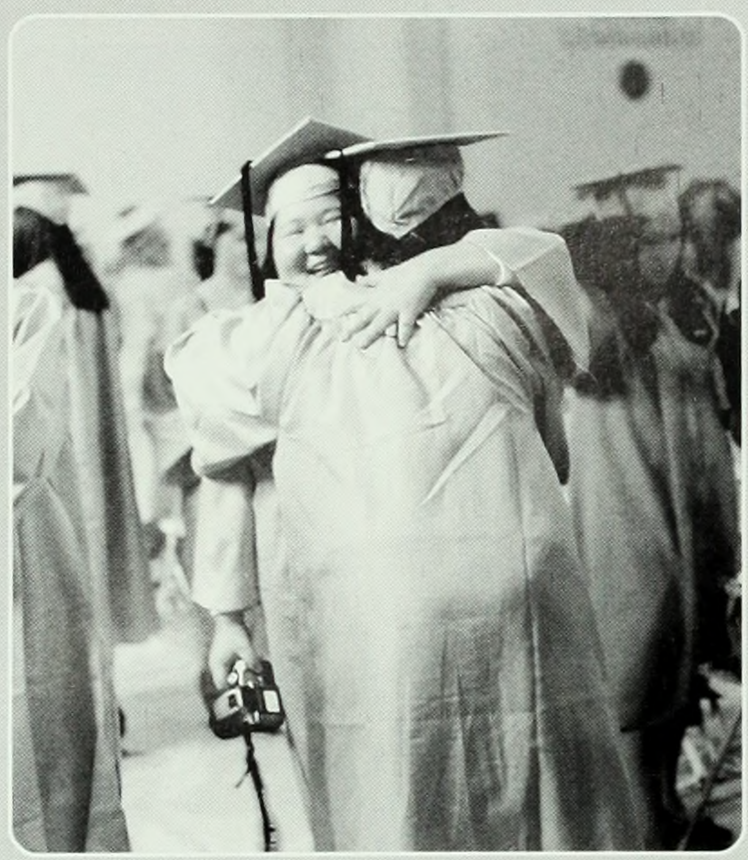
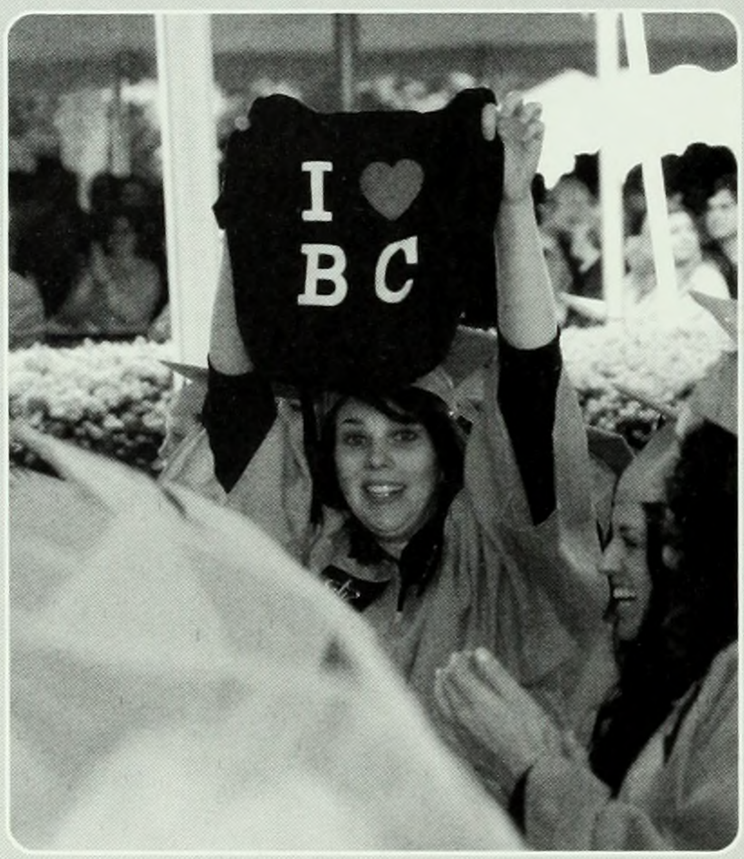


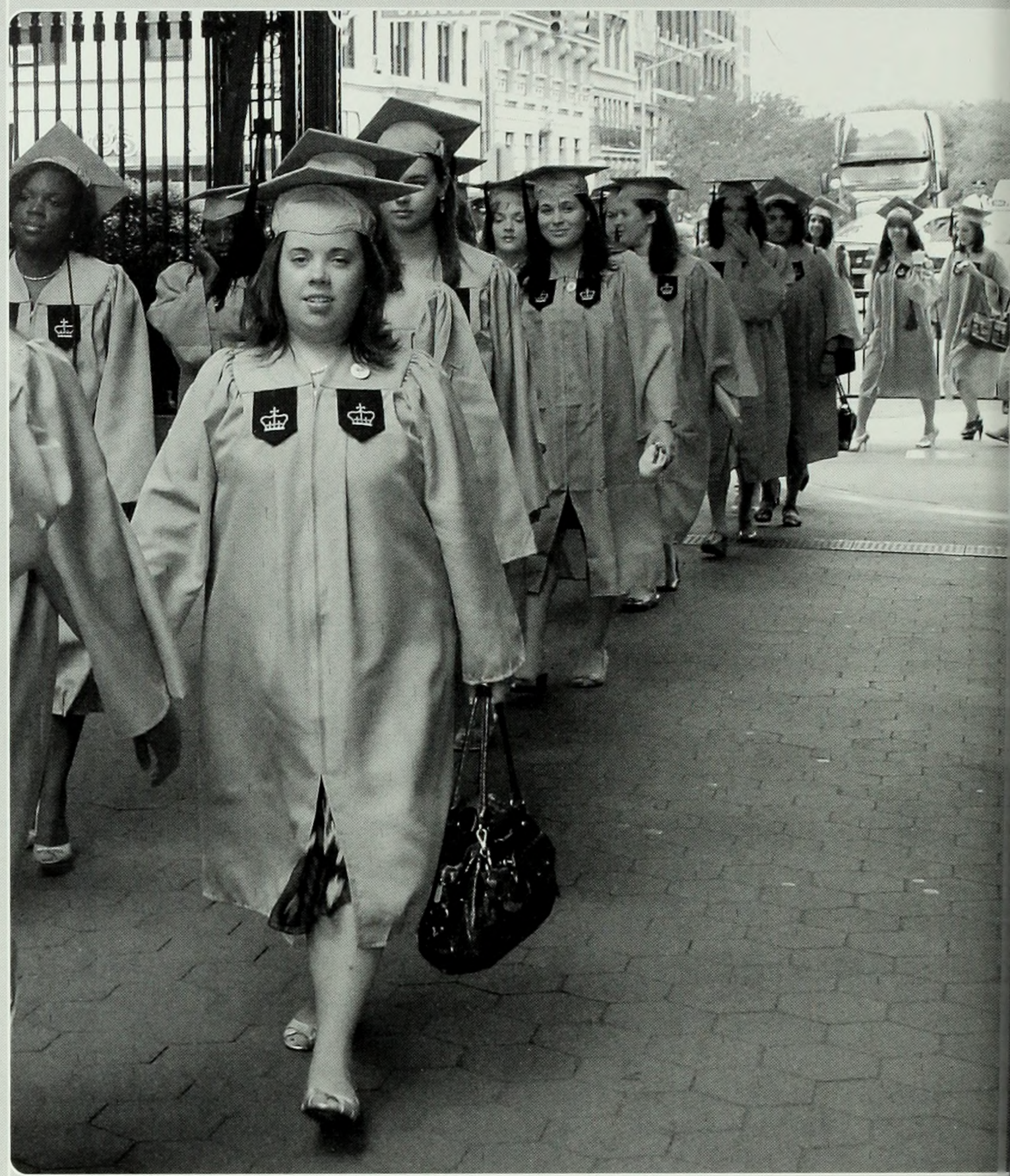


"Aloha auina la kakou e na pua a Barnard College.... It truly has been an honor to be among you amazing women during these past four years, and I am so proud to be your Class President and call myself a member of the class of 2009.... With the support of each other and our families and friends we have proven that you can do literally anything and go anywhere you want to go in life, and as this year has come to confirm, we can endure and even create changes in our community and the world.... You are the Barnard community.... So I have decided that for my last time speaking to you on this, the last day of our college career, that I would like to thank you. I would like to thank you for being the heart and soul of this institution, I would like to thank you for supporting each other and for providing power and strength to women everywhere, and I would like to thank you for sharing your lives and making this experience, college, an experience of a lifetime.... Aloha a hui hou (until we meet again)."

--Jamie Prem, Class President







"...I speak to you today as a graduate of an institution that does anything but limit the amount of space women can take up. Barnard women occupy space in the arts and in the sciences, in politics and education, in New York City and abroad, before we even graduate. I look out at my classmates today and see women who will continue to occupy space on the seven continents and within the 9 Ways of Knowing. How do I know? Well, it's what Barnard women have been doing for generations. But more descriptively, it is because I am graduating with a class of women who ask questions when others fail to see a situation that begs scrutiny. We are women with the courage, knowledge, and desire to question the status quo, even when the status quo may try to restrict the volume of our inquiring voices."

-- Sarah Nager, Academic Speaker

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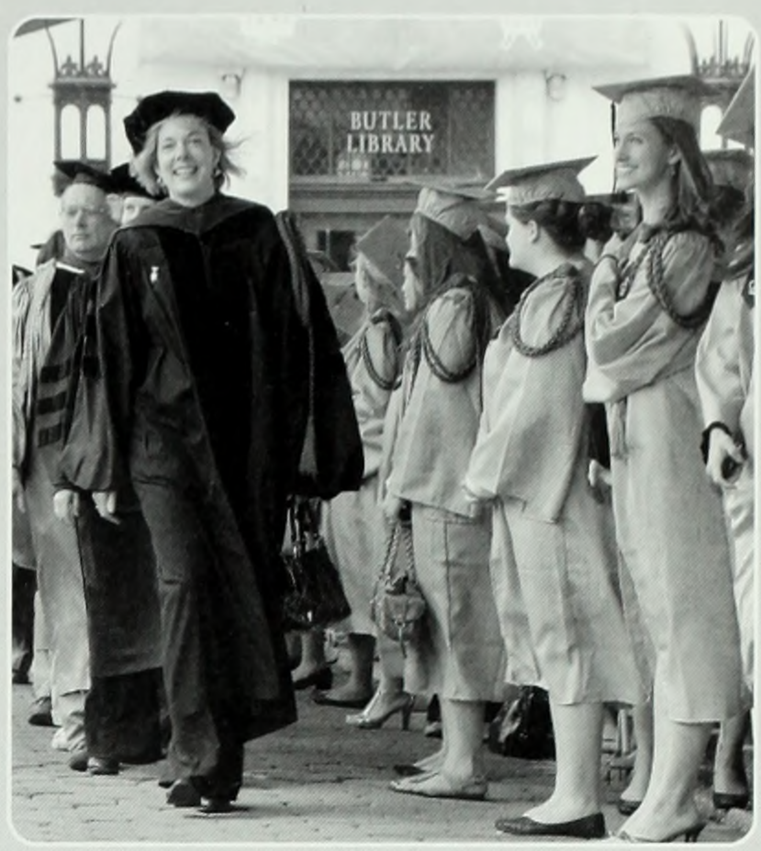
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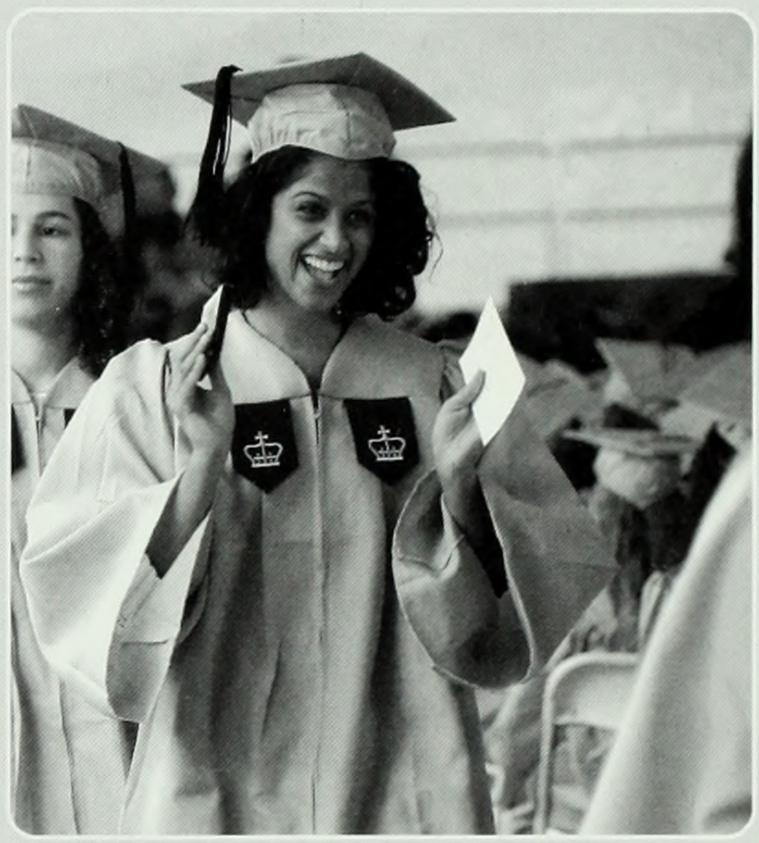

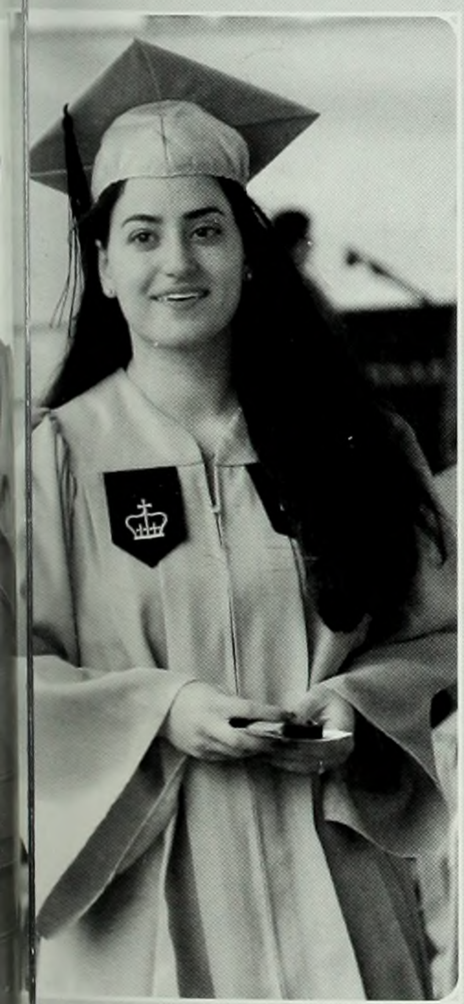

"As women with strong voices and strong values, you are in a unique position to suppo women worldwide who don't have the resources you do, but whose lives and dreams are just worthy as yours and mine. I have concluded after traveling many miles and visiting many plac in the last decades that talent is universally distributed, but opportunity is not.... And women progress is more than a matter of morality. It is a political, economic, social, and secur imperative for the United States and for every nation represented in this graduating class. If y want to know how stable, healthy, and democratic a country is, look at its women, look at girls.... This is an opportunity for all of us to ask ourselves: What can I do? I'm heading off to first job, or I may be going to travel for a while, or I have some other ideas that I'm explorin But no matter what you're doing, you can be a citizen activist and a citizen diplomat. You already begun to make the connections and partnerships that will give you support througho your lives. And therefore, I invite you to forge those connections beyond t class."

-- Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton

Today, as the promise of our past is realized through our promising futures, I'm thinking about ow when I was younger, my mom would tell me, 'When I grow up, I want to be Sarah Besnoff.' tanding here today, I understand that this was a reminder that I have been given opportunities hat she never had. Barnard is the opportunity that I have been given, and today is the day that I row up and become the woman that my mom always wanted to be. It is in this culture of pportunity that an amazing thing happens at Barnard: we forge a sisterhood. So when two oads diverge in a yellow wood and I'm sorry I can't travel both, I'm not concerned. I know that ny Barnard sister who chooses to take the other road will call me and tell me what she saw, who o avoid, and what lies ahead. Her distinct path will not be divergent from mine, but rather, it ill add to the map of our joint experience. We stand here today with a woman [Hillary Clinton] ho put 18 million cracks in the glass ceiling, and we, the Barnard College Class of 2009, have een given the opportunity to break the damn thing. So Mom, if you're still interested in being e when you grow up, I'm proud to present to you: your future. Because when I grow up, I ant to be each and every one of the graduates of the Barnard College Class of 2009."

-- Sarah Besnoff, SGA President

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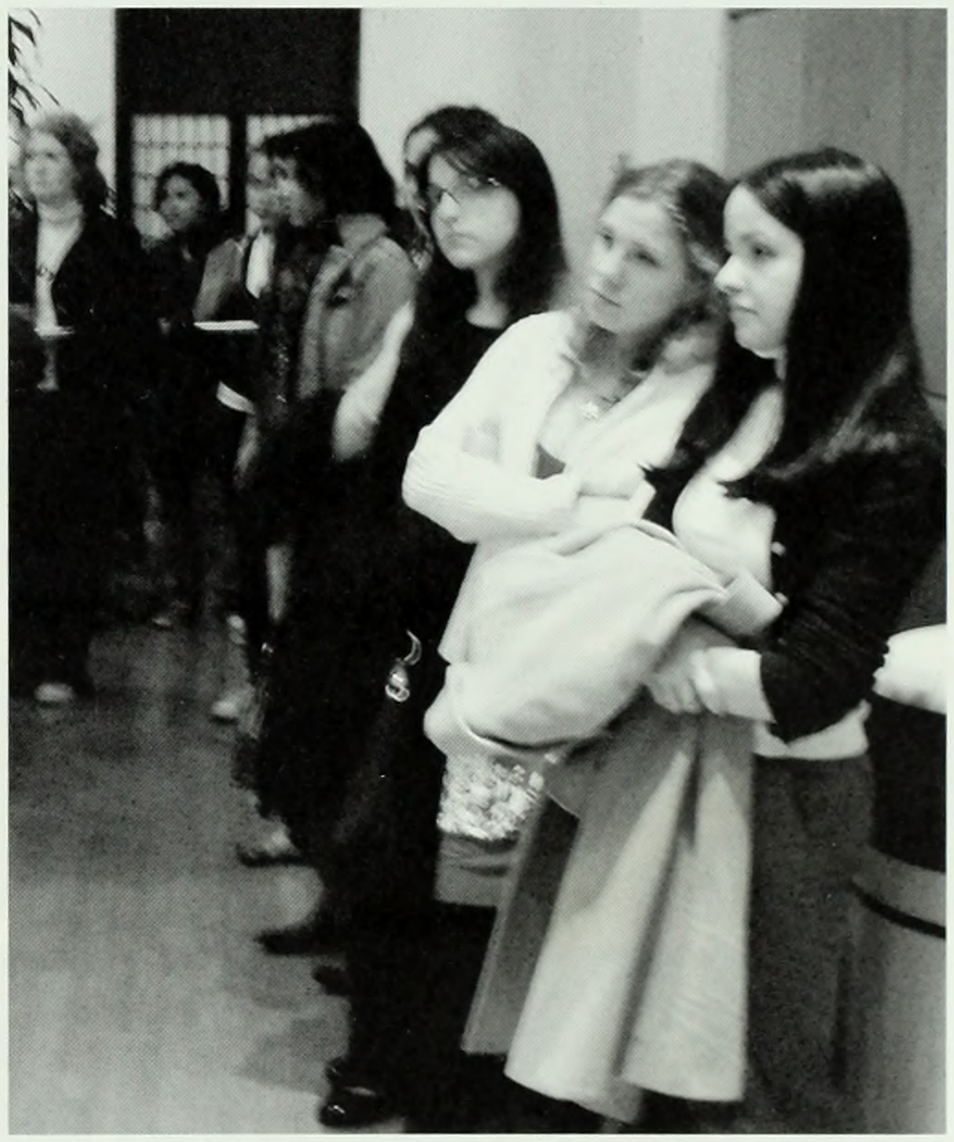

CLUB SPORTS

Barnard Bowlers, 1940

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Ballroom Dance

Figure Skating

Ice Hockey

Kendo

Roadrunners

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Sailing

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Ultimate Frisbee

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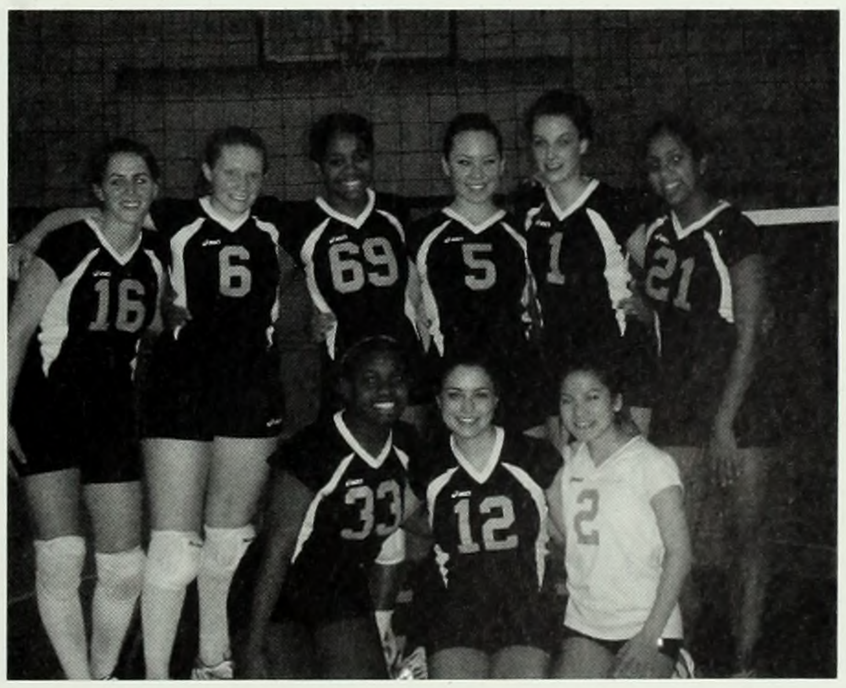


Water Polo

CULTURAL CLUBS

African Students Association

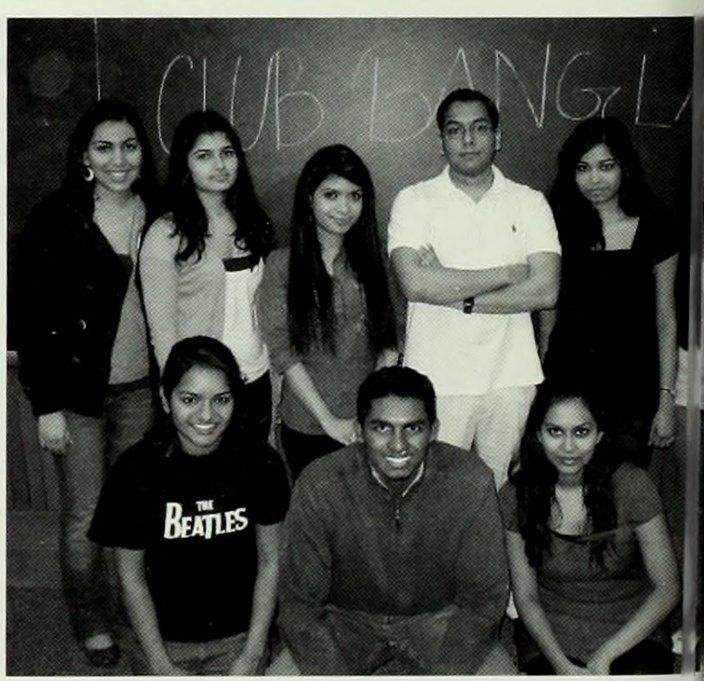
The African Students Association provides a support network for its members and fosters an awareness and appreciation of African culture and heritage. We engage in discussion and education about the political, social, and cultural landscape of Africa, and more generally create a culturally enlightened community on campus by educating people about Africa.

Asian American Alliance (AAA)

The Asian American Alliance represents the Asian Pacific American community at Columbia by creating and maintaining a unified voice. AAA promotes awareness, understanding, and fellowship among Asian American students through cultural, educational, political, and social programming that reflects the diverse Asian cultures within the Columbia community.

Bangla: Bengali Students Organization

Bangla, Bengali Students Organization, increases awareness on campus about the language, culture and social heritage of Bangla (Bengali). By cultivating a close friendship of support and exploring Bangla heritage in a Western environment, we can better understand individual identities in cultural context.



French Cultural Society

he French Cultural Society promotes rench culture and language at olumbia University. We provide an nformal yet supportive environment or students who value French culture nd would like to interact with other tudents who do as well. We hold onversation Nights and dinners eaturing francophone cuisine. We lso coordinate outings to see exhibits nd performances in the New York ancophone community.

Columbia Japan Society (CJS)

The Columbia Japan Society spreads awareness and appreciation for Japanese culture on campus. CJS promotes a positive image of Japan and provides a unique perspective on contemporary Japanese culture. CJS puts on events such as Curry in a Hurry, Sushi Night and Matsuri, our spring festival.

Korean Students Association (KSA)

The Columbia University Korean Student Association promotes an understanding of Korean culture, but more importantly, we want to have fun! Members all have a passion for Korean culture, and to show this, KSA holds events throughout the year such as the Chusuk Dinner Celebration and the Annual KSA Culture Show.

Organization of Pakistani Students (OPS)

OPS serves to represent the Pakistani community on campus and seeks to bring together those members of the Columbia and Barnard community that share an interest in the social, cultural, and political milieu of Pakistan and Central & South Asia. From panel events that raise awareness of political and social issues to fashion shows and cultural celebrations, OPS aims to capture the many faces of Pakistan.

Polish Student Society

The Polish Student Society exists to promote greater understanding of Polish culture, politics, society, and history throughout the Columbia community. We have brought internationally renowned speakers to campus and held traditional holiday celebrations. We also march in the annual Pulaski Day Parade waving a Columbia banner.

South East Asian League (SEA

The Southeast Asian League is a forum for which various Southea Asian groups within the Columbi Community can share cultural, socie and political resources. SE recognizes the distinctive and ri cultural diversity of countries witl Southeast Asia. The league aims t promote cooperation between vario Southeast Asian organizations campus in order sustain long-te interest for the collective good.

CULTURAL CLUBS

Student Organization of Latinos (SOL)

udent Organization of Latinos OL) is a dynamic group dedicated strengthening the Latino/Latin merican community and presenting the complexity of that me heritage at Columbia University. OL acts as a coalition of and nbrella group for more than twenty fferent Latino and multicultural oups.

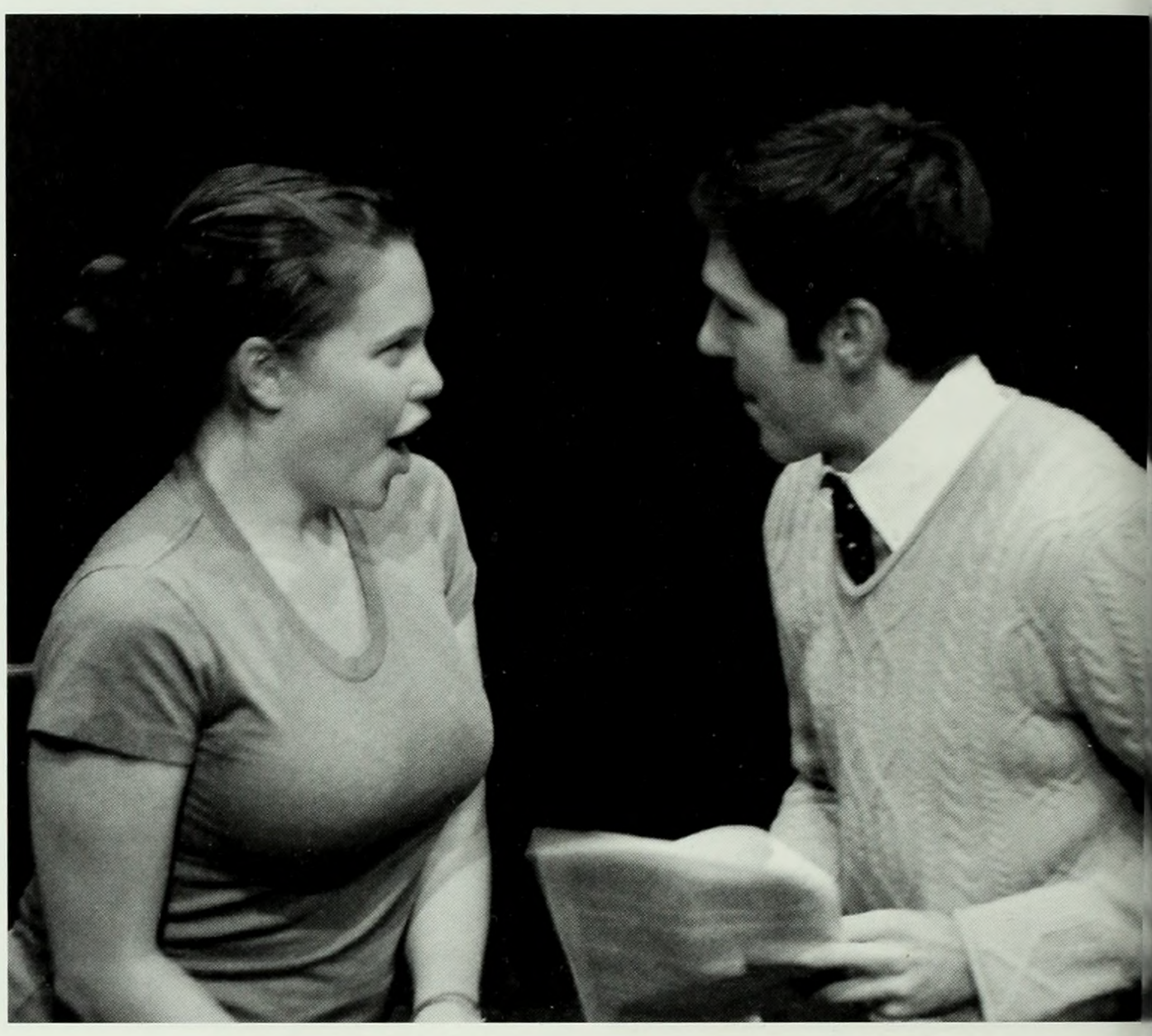
Taiwanese American Students Association (TASA)

TASA, Columbia's Taiwanese American Students Association, is an undergraduate organization dedicated to fostering an awareness of Taiwanese culture, history, and current affairs. TASA strives to build a greater community for individuals of Taiwanese heritage and those interested in Taiwan at Columbia University.

Club Zamana

Club Zamana is the largest South Asian organization at Columbia University and serves as an umbrella for the South Asian groups on campus. It strives to foster harmony, promote cultural awareness, and represent the growing diversity of the South Asian population at Columbia. Our events range from political forums, movie nights, community service days, semi-formals, career panels, and educational activities.

PERFORMANCE CLUBS



Bacchantae

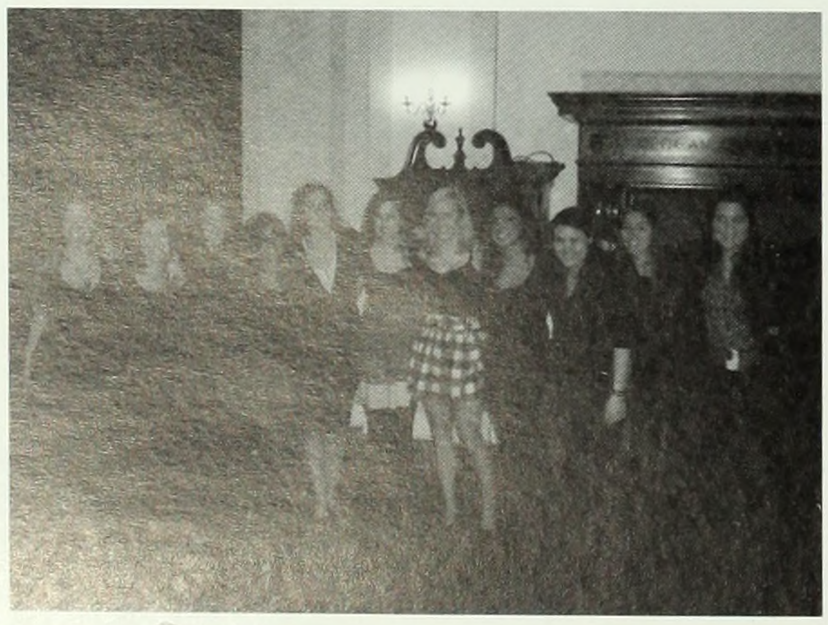
Bacchantae is Columbia University's hot, energetic, dedicated, and fantastically fun group of all-female a cappella singers. We sprang forth to begin a tradition of spunky, soulful, silly, sexy, and stunning self-arranged pop, folk, and R&B. Named after Euripedes' Bacchae, we take our playfulness, dramatic flair, sensuality, and mischief very seriously and carry it into everything we do.

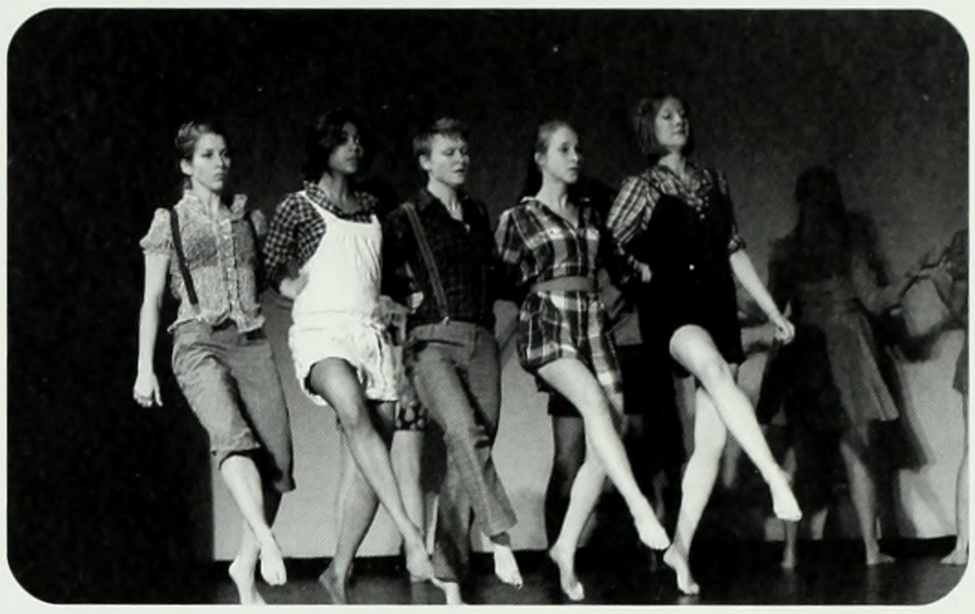
LateNite Theatre

LateNite Theatre was created in 1995 by a group of Theatre and English majors who wanted to produce their own original works. Fourteen years later, LateNite continues to evolve while maintaining its commitment to the student playwright. We offer our playwrights the opportunity to see their work on stage, giving them freedom to experiment, to take artistic risks, and above all, to have fun in a non-competitive artistic environment.

Orchesis

Orchesis is the one and only student-run dance organization at Columbia University. We host master classes, both by professional dance teachers and by our own dancers from the Columbia University community; plan affordable field trips to concerts in New York City such as Alvin Ailey, The New York City Ballet, and The Donny Show; and produce major dance concerts of our own every semester.





Raw Elementz

Raw Elementz is a hip-hop dance troupe that dishes out crowd-pleasing performances to get any event going. As waves of dancers join on and graduate from the troupe, Raw constantly gets a little taste of everyone's backgrounds: hip-hop, breaking, popping, jazz, even ballet. Dance is our outlet, and we love to share it with you, the community!

Sabor

Since its establishment in 2003, Sabor has evolved into more than just a Latino dance troupe. Venturing into different styles of dance, Sabor lives up to its Spanish name--flavor. Sabor aims annually to evoke the interest of high school students to seek a higher education through its Relevé program, which is funded by Sabor's annual fall show.

CU Wind Ensemble

The Wind Ensemble strives to provide an outlet for musicians to perform the best of the wind ensemble repertoire and to meet other musicians in a social environment. Members are very involved, suggesting concert repertoire and taking opportunities to compose and guest-conduct. The Wind Ensemble performs two concerts each semester.

PUBLICATIONS and MEDIA

What are we going to do about our deadlines?!

Barnard Bulletin, 1954...

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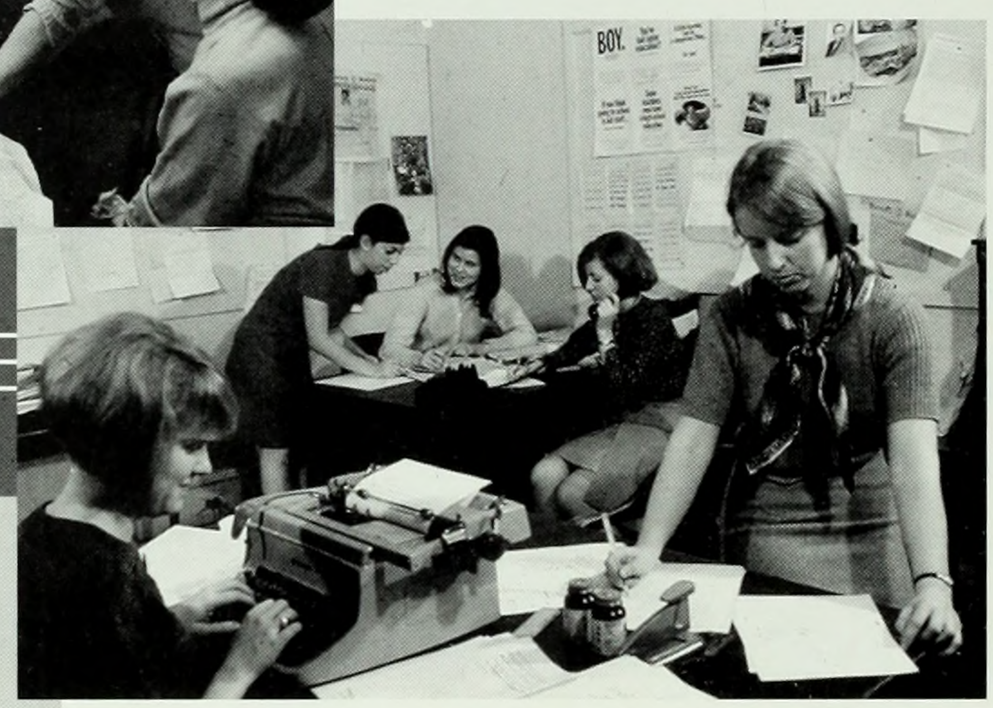

Focus, 1951

Barnard Bulletin

The Barnard Bulletin is a bi-weekly student run magazine serving Barnard students. It creates a forum for student coverage of campus, New York City, and world issues, including opinion of all kinds. Started in 1901, the Bulletin is the oldest continuously published voice on a women's college campus in the US.

Echoes

Barnard's Literary Magazine, Echoes, was founded in the fall of 2006 in order to foster the free expression by any Barnard student in all visual and literary arts. Twice a year, Echoes publishes select works of original creative writing and art by talented Barnard students.

Mortarboard

As Barnard's yearbook, t Mortarboard seeks to capture aspects of campus life wh preserving memories from ea graduating class. The editorial st strives to represent current camp activity, school changes, a student sentiment. Every year, t yearbook is creative and unique: year is quite like another!

Mortarboard, est. 1894

You may have known that Mortarboard is Barnard's oldest publication. But did you know it was originally called the Barnard Annual?

from 1949...

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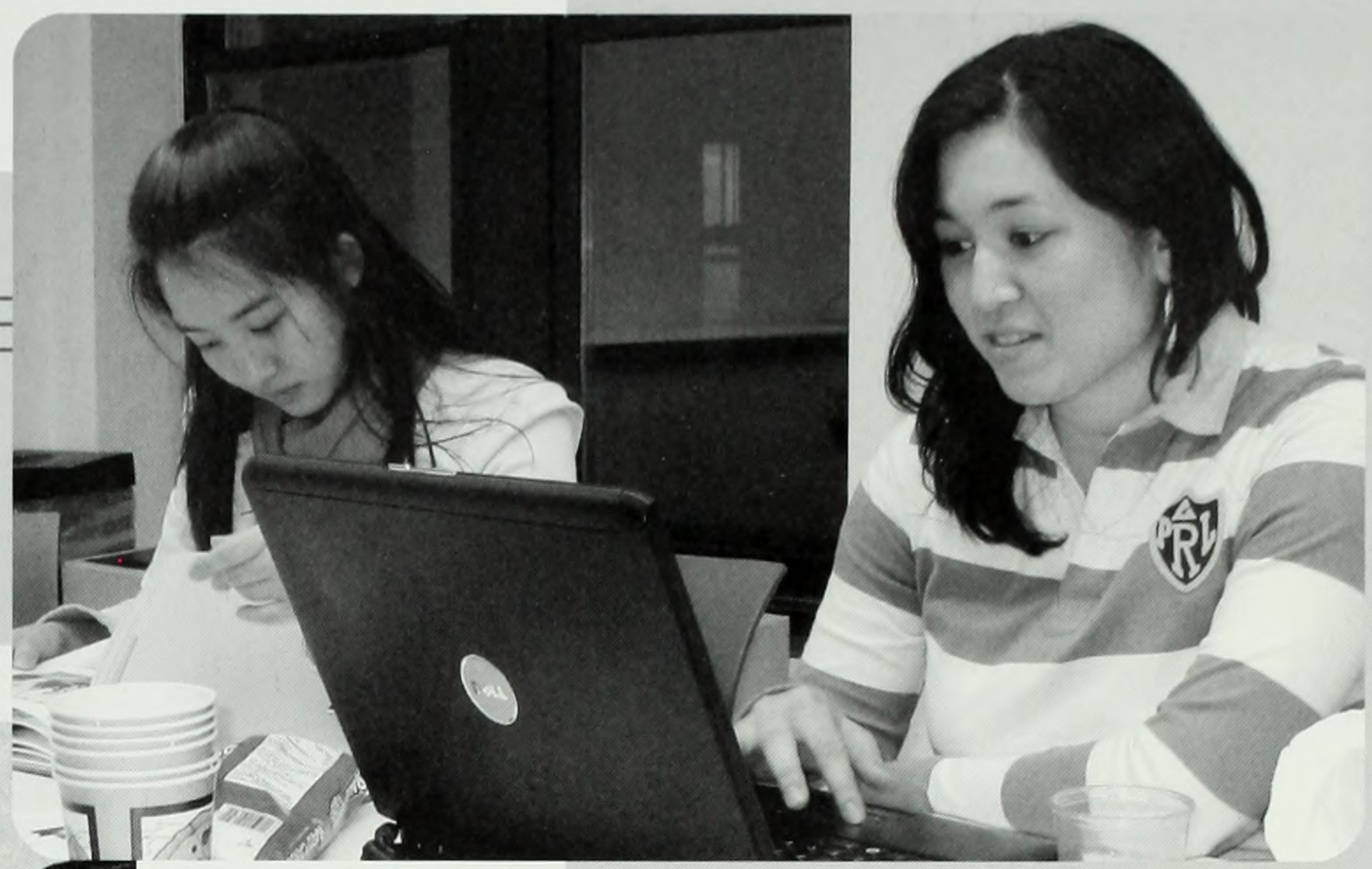

... to 2009

"Working on Mortarboard has been such a challenging yet rewarding experience. It feels good to know that I have left a mark on Barnard in my own way."

-Carly Katz,
Mortarboard Co-Editor-in-Chief

Tablet

Tablet is Columbia University's only multi-cultural literary and art magazine. Published each semester, Tablet reflects the diverse community of Columbia and New York and is geared towards providing an open forum in which various cultural issues can be discussed in a literary context. Our goal is to enrich the Columbia community with a mix of cultural expressions.

WBAR

WBAR is an independent, free-form, non-commercial, non-profit radio station broadcasting from the Barnard College campus. All of our programming is generated entirely by on-campus DJs, with a new show spinning every two hours. WBAR's mission is to provide an outlet for the music that you won't find on mainstream stations. We put on some of the best shows in New York City.

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Barnard College Literary Magazine

"I created Echoes because I felt that the Barnard community needed its own general literary magazine. What I didn't realize was that I also ended up creating a wonderful community of writers, poets, artists, and photographers; of friends who are as passionate about this project as I am."

- Alexandra Loizzo '09, Editor-in-Chief

Did YOU know...?

Literary magazines in Barnard's past have included Barnard Bear (1903-1922, 1944-1948); Barnard Barnacle (1923-1927); Barnard Quarterly (1926-1944); Focus (1948-1969); Emanon (1969-1973); and Barnard Literary Magazine (1974-1985).

CLUBS: WHAT'S NEW?

in 1932...

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Deny Union Injunction Against CU

Supreme Court Votes 'No' to Union Request

By Sandra Perlmutter

A temporary injunction against Columbia University for its denial to mediate in the strike dispute concerning the unionizing of cafeteria workers was denied the Transport Workers Union by the New York County Supreme Court Thursday.

Michael Quill, International President of TWU, filed the motion against the Trustees of the University for their action in the current strike issue.

Dismisses Suit

Justice Botein dismissed the $100,000 damage suit against the University for alleged violations of the employees' civil rights. In his decision Botein said: "The Constitutional provision is shaped as a shield; the union seeks to use it as a sword. No violation of the Constitutional provision by Columbia University is shown to have occurred."

Justice Botein said that there was sufficient precedent to support his ruling that Columbia as

119 Street Becomes Barnard Property at Public Ceremony

Phebe Ann Marr, senior class President and Renee Madesker, Undergraduate Association President, turn the key locking 119th Street against traffic.

Charles Horowitz, Deputy Mayor of New York City, hands the deed of 119th Street to Dean Millicent C. McIntosh.

Photos by Walter Klek

Deed Gives Colleg Right to Use Stree For Improvement

By Isabel Casso

119th Street became offici Barnard property at a public cere mony last Thursday. At that tim Deputy Mayor of the City of Ne York, Charles Horowitz, tendere the deed, giving Barnard the righ "to use the street for the enhance ment of the campus for all time. to Dean Millicent C. McIntosh.

In presenting the deed Mr. Horo witz asserted that New York proud of the cultural contributio made by Barnard to the city. H said that the deed represents token of best wishes for "a gre future and continued success Barnard."

Demonstrate Confidence

Dean McIntosh accepted th deed in behalf of the Trustee students and the faculty while de claring that by giving us this gi the city officials demonstrate their confidence in the colleg She then pledged that we "will d

Plan Student Gov't Meeting At Indiana U.

Student government leaders and

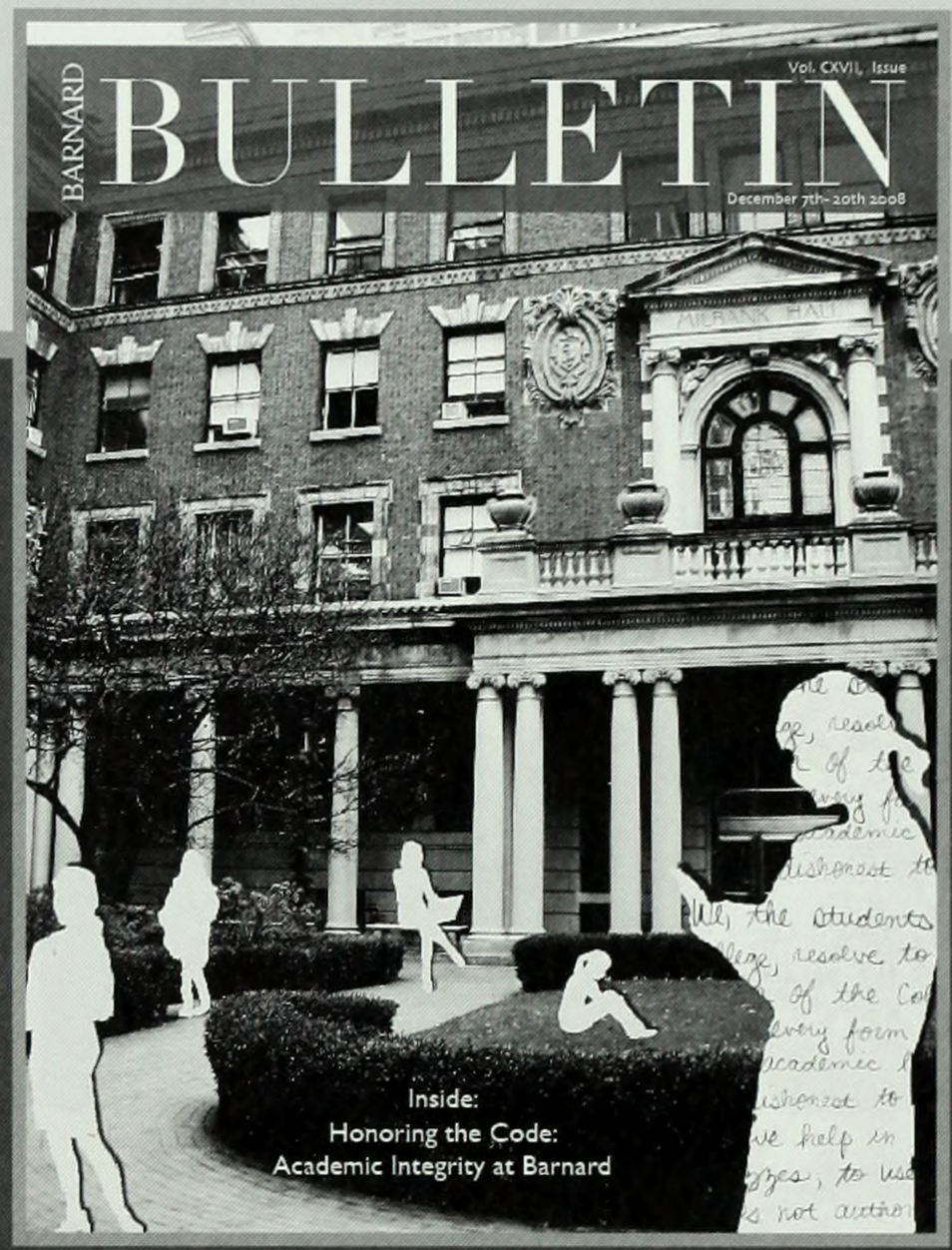
Building on Street Depends On Economy, Palmer States

By Judy Ross

Plans for the use of the 119th Street property will be governed first by actual need, next by economy and finally by the College's money raising ability, Miss Jean T. Palmer, General Secretary of

The Barnard Bulletin is the oldest continuously published voice on a woman's college campus in the country! Today, it has a revamped look in the form of a magazine instead of a newspaper.

...and in 2008



Barnard Bulletin: est. 1901

Barnard students have always been actively involved in club life. In 1901, some of the organizations that made headlines in the Bulletin included intercollegiate sports, sororities, and theatre performance groups. Elections for the Undergraduate Association (the predecessor to the Student Government Association) were reported on, and plans to solidify school policies were made.

Clubs: 2008-2009

This year, clubs that make the news are political organizations and pre-professional clubs. The presidential election and inauguration marks a significant change in 2009; it is no surprise that Barnard women want to be a part of the activism. Barnard students embrace the motto of President Barack Obama, "YES WE CAN!"

SORORITIES: GREEK LIFE

Delta Gamma

Delta Gammas enjoy volunteering their time at Recording for the Blind and Dyslexic and helping out at the events for Lighthouse International. On campus, DGs are involved in the Dance Marathon and participate in Relay for Life.

"From girls night out to playground fairs to watching movies, we always enjoy the company and support of our sisters." -Rebecca Walker, Alpha Chi Omega President

Alpha Chi Omega

The Theta Psi chapter of Alpha Chi Omega is a sisterhood of strong independent women. We participate in social, philanthropic, and sisterhood events.

Delta Gamma

Established in 1989 at Colum University, DG continues its lo standing tradition of sisterhood le service. The sisterhood is based u principles of personal responsibil integrity, and intellectual honesty

Kappa Alpha Theta

Kappa Alpha Theta exists to nurture each member throughout her college and alumnae experience and to offer a lifelong opportunity for social, intellectual, and moral growth as she meets the higher and broader demands of mature life.

Sigma Delta Tau

Kappa Alpha Theta

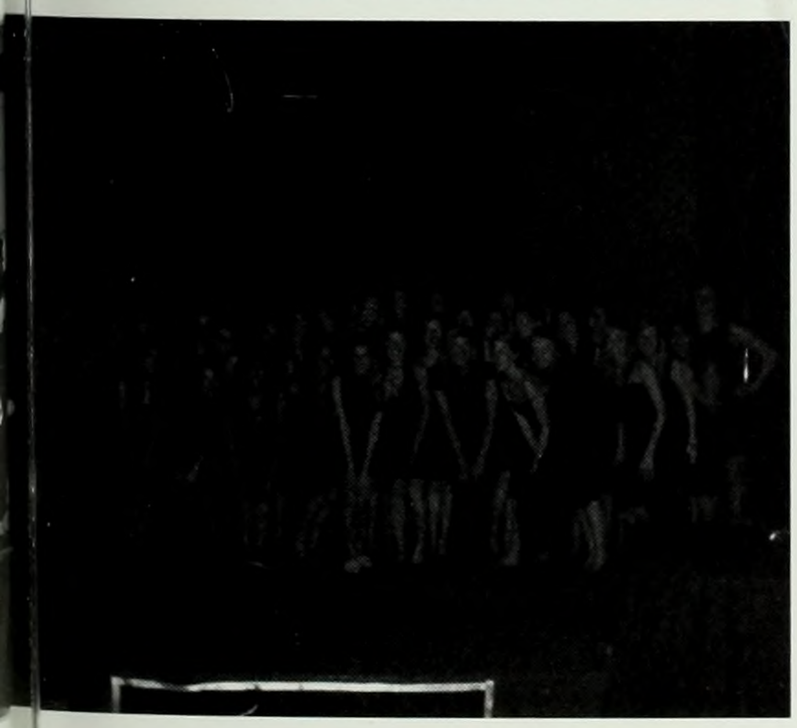
Established in 1870, Kappa Alpha Theta strives to promote academic scholarship, diversity, and sisterhood. These sisters nurture, protect, and support each other every day, whether academically or personally. This sense of community and companionship is inseparable from the idea of being a Theta.

Kappa Phi Lambda

Established in 2003 at Columbia, Kappa Phi Lambda is an organization that focuses intently on aiding the community and expanding awareness about Asian American issues. Kappa Phi Lambda exists to further educate individuals about Pan-Asian culture.

Sigma Delta Tau

The mission of Sigma Delta Tau is to enrich the college experience of women of similar ideals, to build lasting friendships, and to foster personal growth. SDT provides intellectual, philanthropic, leadership, and social opportunities within the framework of mutual respect and high ethical standards.



Athena Pre-Law Society

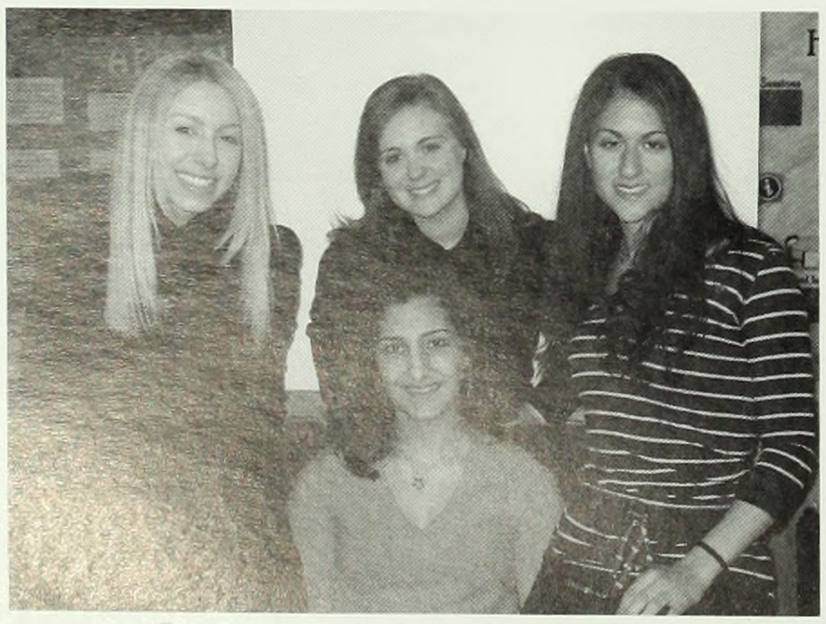
The Athena Pre-Law Society is a pre-professional club that fuses information about the field of law with informal, enjoyable activities to foster a pre-law community. This year, we got together to watch a documentary about applying to law school. Our members come from a variety of different majors, but the one thing we all have in common is our passion for law!

Barnard Biology Club

The Barnard Biology Club seeks to be an alternative to pre-health clubs, having a predominantly non-medical perspective, encouraging graduate school, teaching, and other biology-related professions. As a new club in 2008, BBC has been working to create new, engaging events to bring this science to the forefront.

Barnard Chemical Society

The Barnard Chemical Soci strives to engage chemis biochemistry majors and enthusias in their community thro fundraisers and participation science workshops. The BCS bo works hard each semester to ins chemistry between scientists non-scientists. Our Periodic Tabl Cupcakes will surely light y Bunsen burner!



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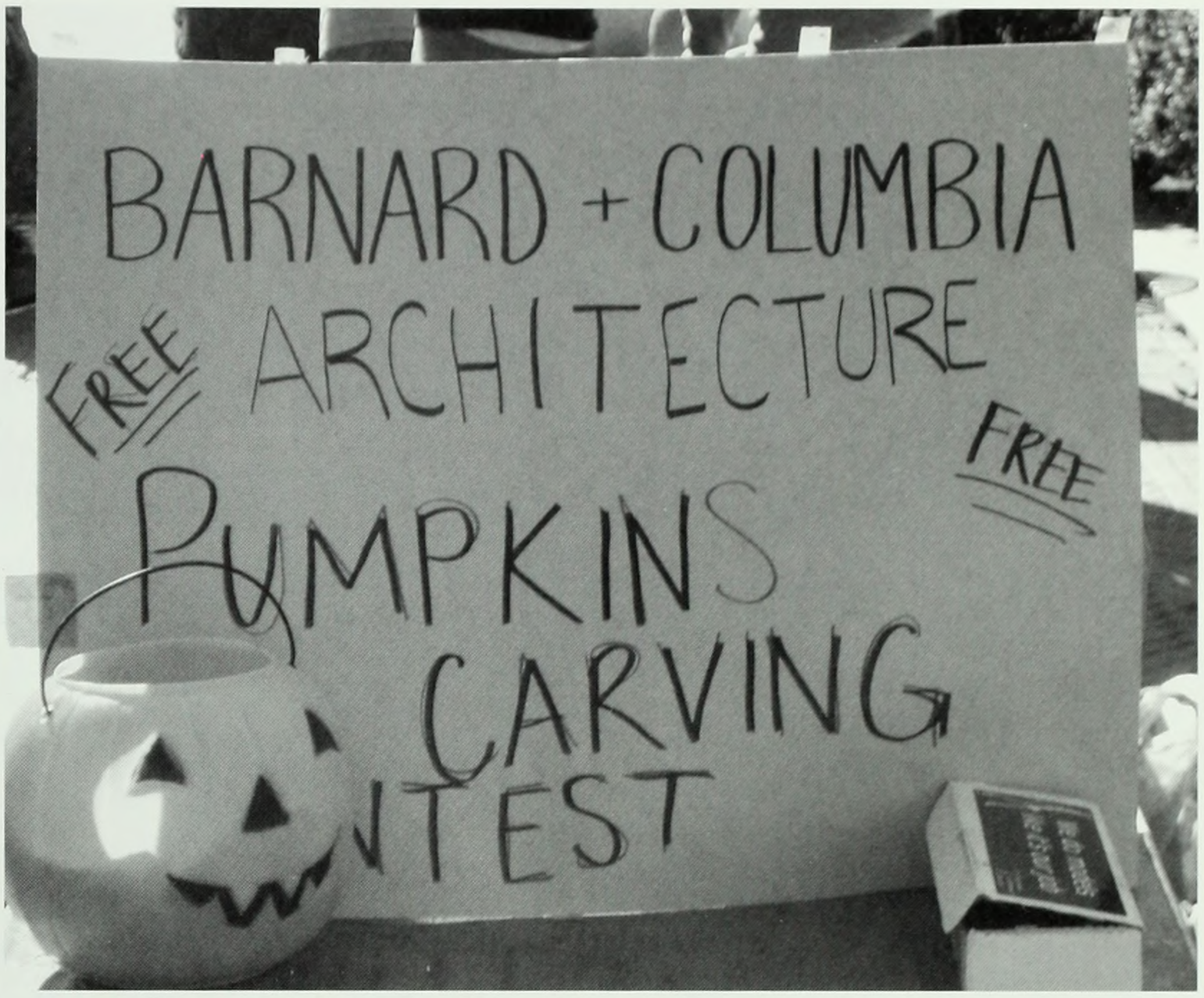


McIntosh Activities Council (McAC)

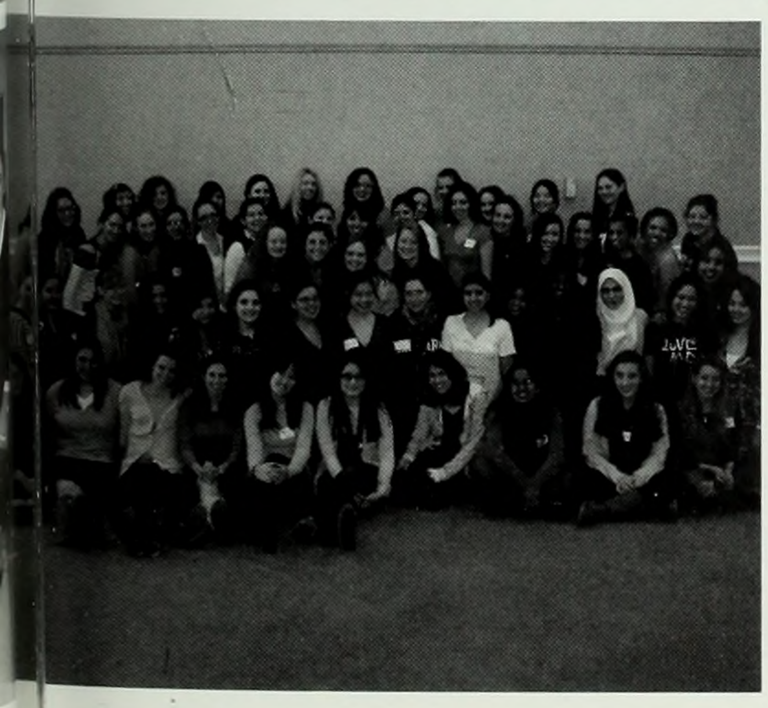
McIntosh Activities Council is the Student Events Programming Board of Barnard College. McAC is composed of five committees: "Community," "Time-Out," "Network," "Multicultural," and "Action." McAC's primary goal is to foster a sense of community on Barnard's campus. We are completely dedicated to promoting a sense of school spirit and celebrating Barnard.

Skip Stop: Commuter Organization

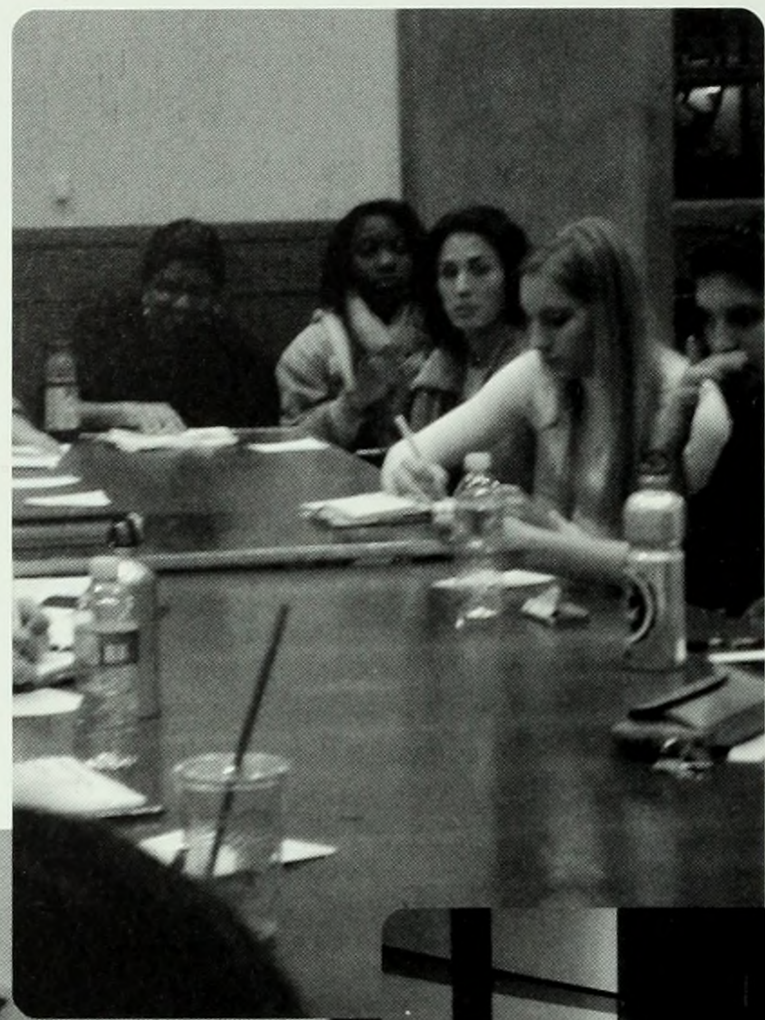
Skip Stop is committed to building community among commuters. We serve as a resource for commuters to help them fully participate in campus life. We provide opportunities to engage with other students and also offer commuter-specific activities. Skip Stop maintains a commuter lounge and has a bi-weekly newsletter about upcoming events in the Columbia community and around the city.

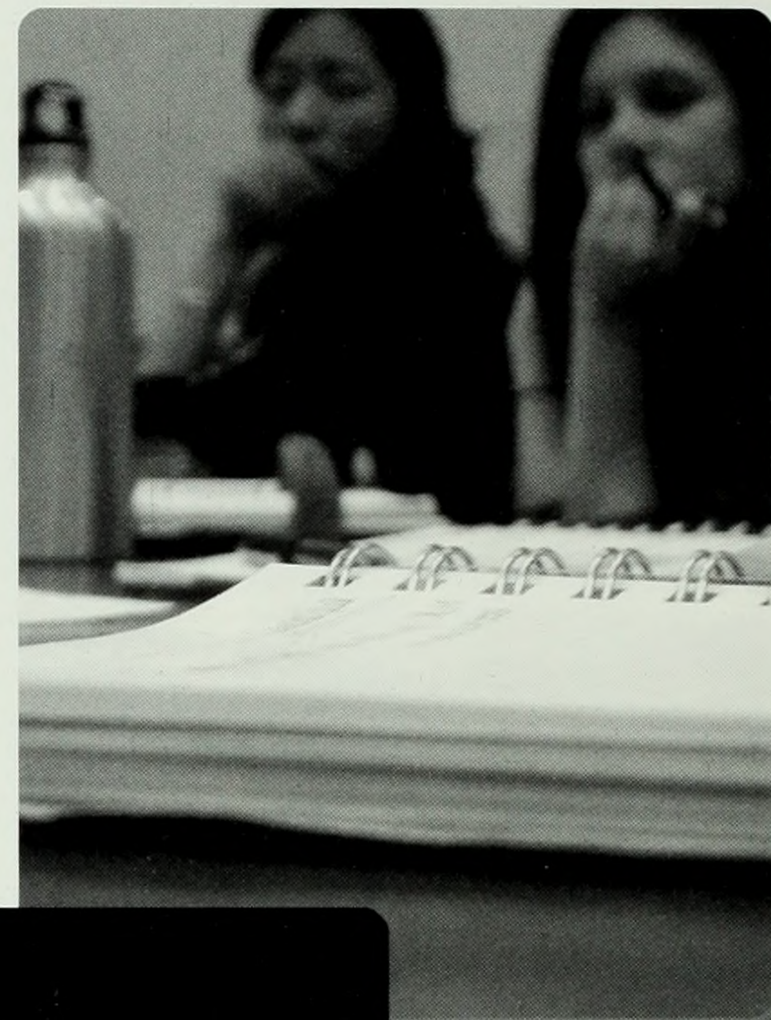
Women's International Business Council (WIBC)

The Women's International Business Council seeks to expose, educate, and empower women who wish to pursue careers in the fields of business and finance. We serve to motivate and prepare young women in the Columbia University community for careers in all types of business. There is nothing a strong Barnard/Columbia woman can't do, and the WIBC is a true testament to that notion.



STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION





Representative Council

Sarah Besnoff, President SGA
Amreen Vora, VP SGA
Maria Morad, VP Student Activities
Amy Chen, VP Finance
Katie Pallilo, VP Communications
Emily Kenison, University Senator, BC

Representatives

Muzna Ansari, Academic Affairs
Emily Kan, Community Affairs
Deborah Ma, Senior Rep. to The Board of Trustees
Daphne Larose, Junior Rep. to The Board of Trustees
Jackie Bundock, Student Services
Sophie Soares, Diversity
Shalini Agrawal, University Programming
Cassandra Spodak, Rep. to CCSC
Rebecca Shao, Rep. to GSSC
Ashanka Chhabra, Rep. to ESC

and CLASS COUNCILS

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from 1916 to 2009...

Class Council Representatives

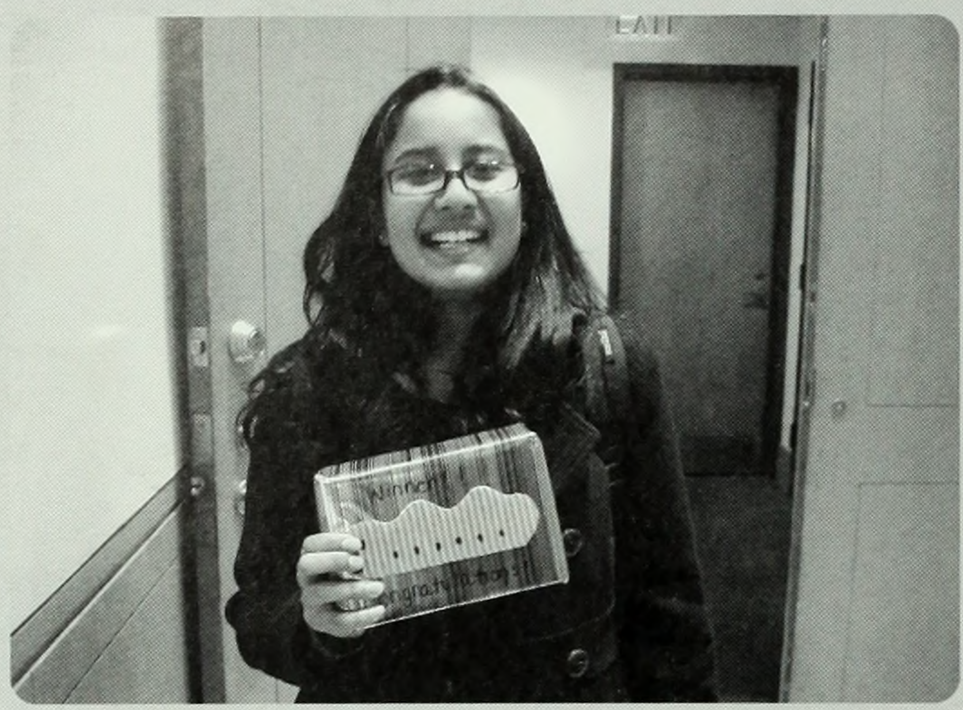
Senior Class
Jamie Prem, President
Katie Goble, VP

Sophomore Class
Reni Calister, President
Lara Avsar, VP

Junior Class
Chelsea Zimmerman, President
Stephanie Velasquez, VP

First-Year Class
Charlie Dinkin, President
Bo Yun Park, VP

CLUBS will always have FUN!



"I joined the Barnard Biology Club because I think it's a great way to make biology seem fun, while also participating in activities that allow me to learn as well."

- Jenn Perusini BC '10

"The BBC is a way to establish more programs on campus for Barnard students interested in science, from panel discussions to fun study breaks. We provide encouragement for science majors studying abroad and support for biology majors who do not intend to apply to medical school. In the future, we will reach out to the community to engage young students in science."

- Haley Zamer BC '10

Barnard Biology Club: Manduca Party

The Manduca Party was a joint effort of the BBC and the Department of Biological Sciences to inform students of a department grant that allowed for the purchase and maintenance of a population of Manduca sexta, commonly called the tobacco hornworm.

Lunar New Year Festival

Barnard students have always loved to dance!

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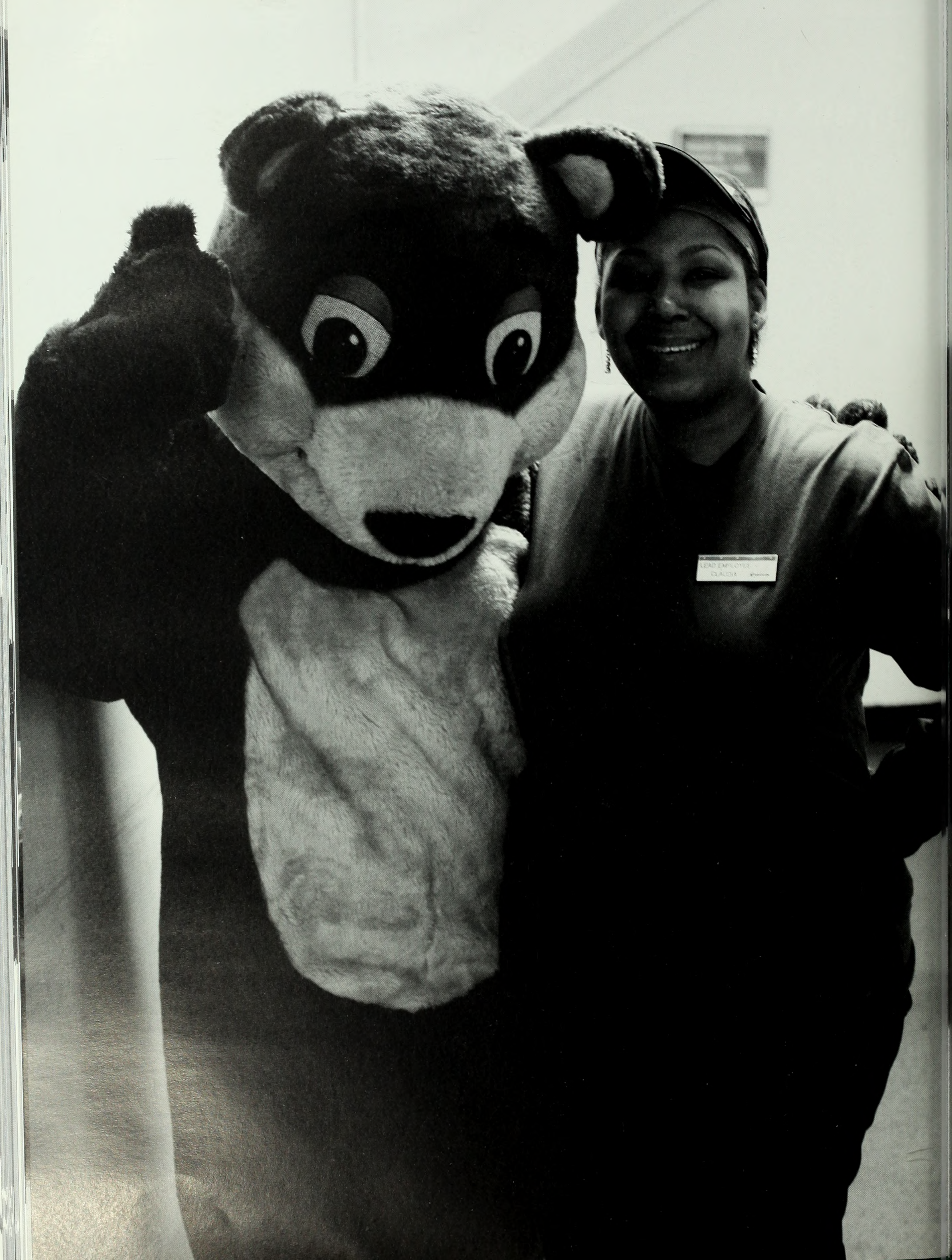
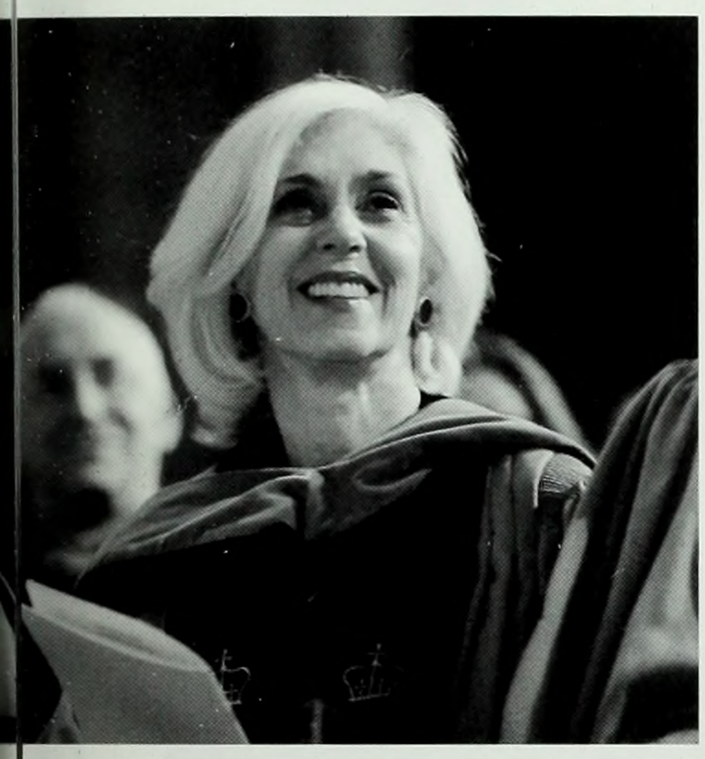
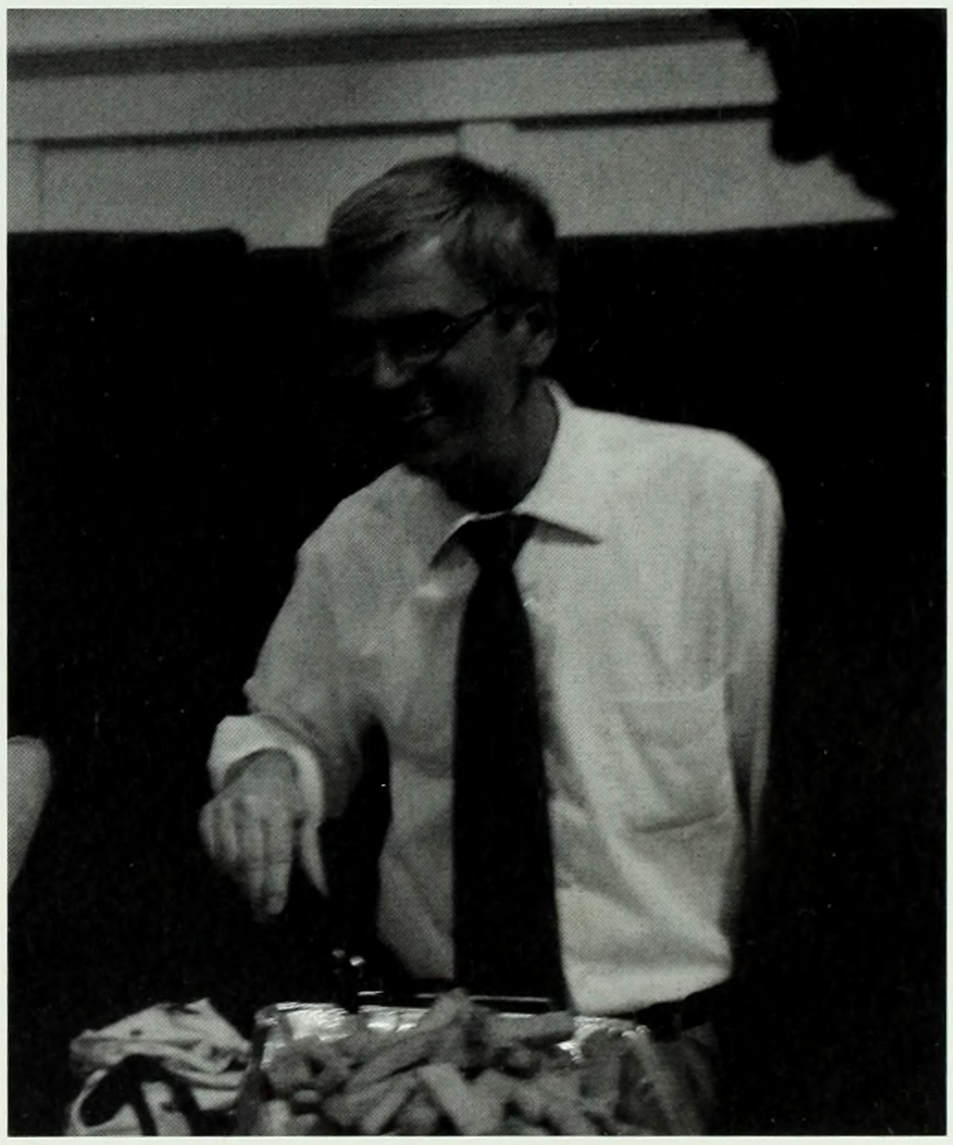
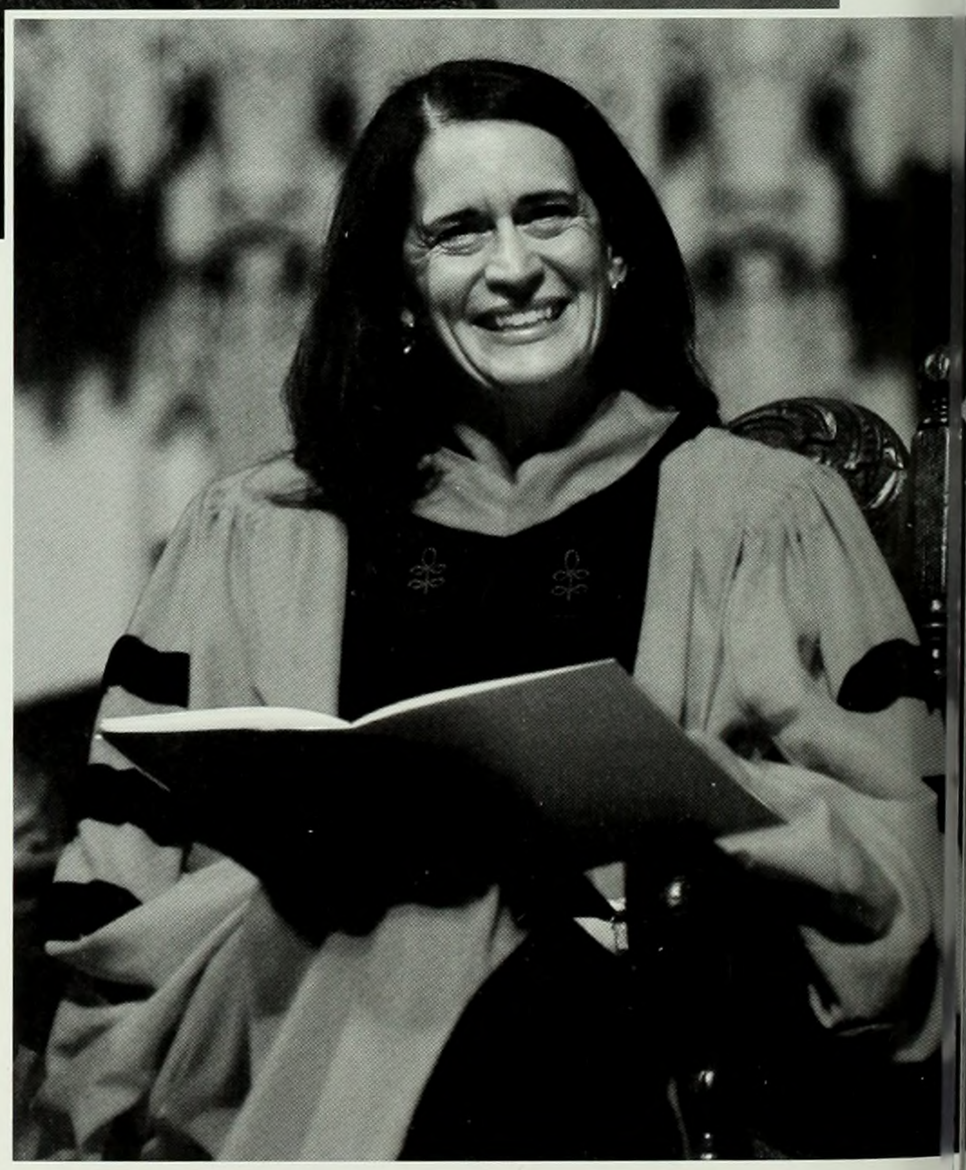

LEAD EMPLOYEE
CLAUDIA

2009 Faculty & Administration





President Debora Spar



Dear Members of the Class of 2009,

Congratulations! You have reached this important milestone with grace, intelligence, passion, and hard work, and you should be very proud of yourselves.

This is, no doubt, a fascinating time to be going out into the world. All the rules around you are changing, in ways that are not yet clear but will almost certainly be profound. As you try to figure out how the world works and what role you want to play in it, you have the chance not only to experience this sense of change but to live it and affect it, to alter the course of your own lives and of the community that surrounds you. This time, your time, is an unprecedented moment. I know that you will seize it.

I hope you will forgive us for deconstructing the campus during your final years here. And I hope you will all come back a year from now, when we unveil the Nexus and see that it was well worth it. Because the Barnard you leave behind is the Barnard that you will return to; a campus and a college that will remain yours long after you physically walk through those gates on Broadway and head off to your next great adventure.

Your memories of Barnard and the ways in which you reflect upon your years on this campus are, like the Nexus, essentially constructed. They are open to interpretation and will almost certainly shift over time. That is why the Mortarboard is such a treasure. It is a wonderful snapshot of your Barnard experience--a collection of faces, candid encounters, and thoughtful writing to remind you of all you did here. I hope will enjoy looking through it for many years to come.

And I hope you will return often.

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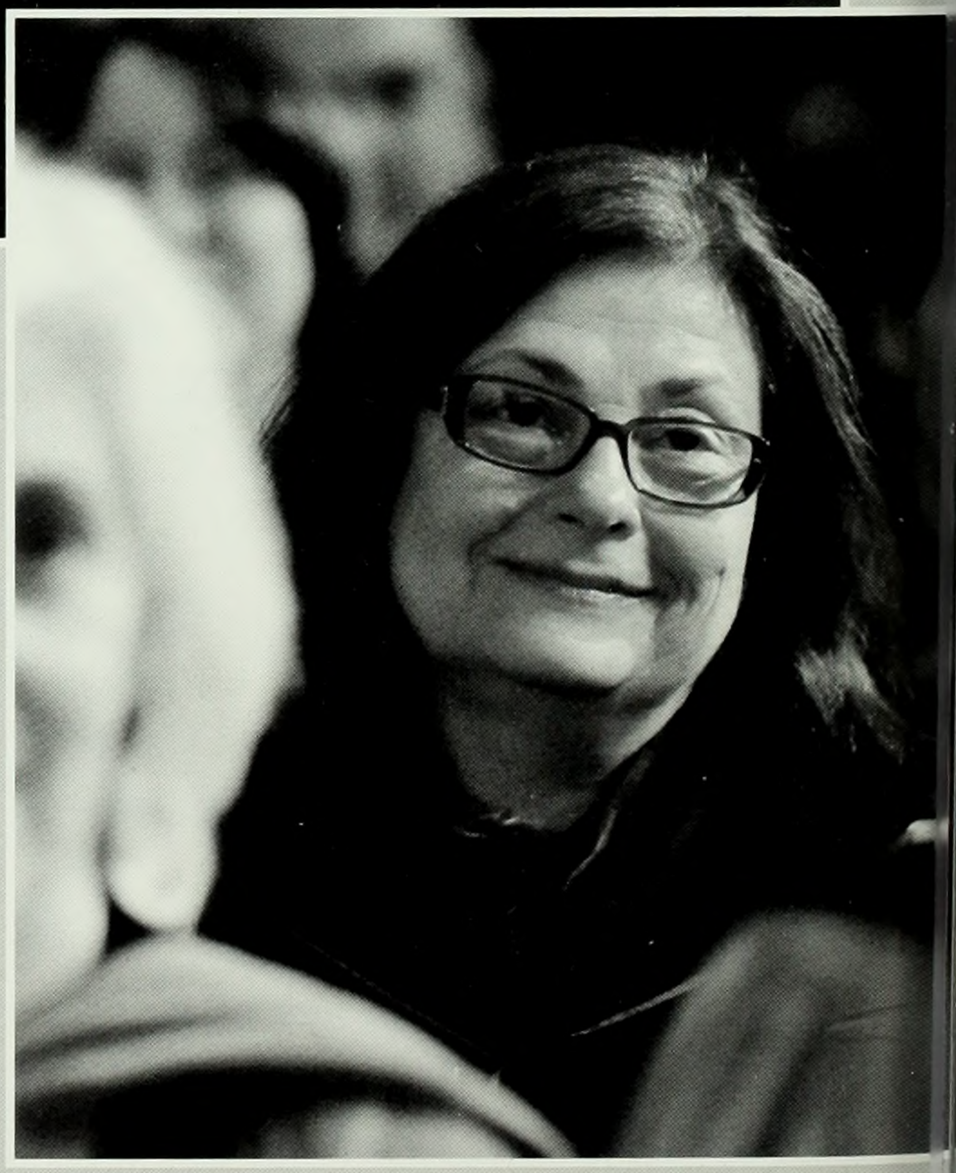
Dean Dorothy Denburg



Dear Members of the Class of 2009:

As dean, I had the pleasure of sharing many Barnard moments with you. The passage from welcome to good-bye has been marked by all of the events and memories that have formed your Barnard experience starting with your Orientation, favorite classes, perhaps even the class you shouldn't have taken, friendships, late night conversations, inspiring faculty, class dinners, shared laughter, Nine Ways of Knowing, senior theses, basking in the sun on Lehman Lawn, and, of course, Midnight Breakfasts. Together these experiences have transformed you, as we foretold when you arrived.

Your time at the College has been unusual in many ways. Yours was the class that saw McIntosh tumble; when you return for your first reunion, we promise you prime space in The Nexus for your reunion dinner. You saw the end of years of waiting on long lines for L course sign up. You said good-bye to and toasted Judith Shapiro and marched in the inauguration of Debora Spar as the College's seventh president.

I have had the pleasure of getting to know many of you well. I have marveled at your achievements and at the contributions you have made to campus life; and I have watched your growth into confident, competent Barnard women. Recognizing that there are risks in committing my doggerel to print, I will take some lines from my toast to the Class of '09 at your Senior Dinner.

As you know, I've been at Barnard as student and dean,
With many thousands of students that I've known in-between.
Among the decades of classes to graduate,
The Class of '09 is one to celebrate.
Together you have left your lasting marks on this College.
In SGA, BOSS, or NSOP, your work I acknowledge.
Bulletin, Mortarboard, McAC, the Spec,
W-B-A-R, or Help Desk tech.
Barnard-Columbia Chorus and Barnard knitters,
Barnard bartenders and Barnard babysitters,
Managing the student agencies and the student store,
Volunteering in presidential campaigns and more.
NYCCEP, eco-reps, Take Back the Night, Night Line,
Cultural months, fashion shows, and program design.
Mujeres, Peace-by-P.E.A.C.E., Smart Women Lead,
Community Impact, teaching kids to read.
Bacchantae singers and athletes--intramural and varsity,
Dancers and actors--there's no end to your creativity.
Honor Board, Skip Stop Commuters, and RAs,
Research assistants and producers of plays.
MISA, M.S.A., Triple A, and C.S.A.,
C.O.I., BSARS, CAVA, and V-Day,
A veritable alphabet soup of activity.
You astonish me with your sheer productivity.
CUE, as in C-U-E, and Q as the letter,
You've done all that you can to make things better.
Religious group leaders in the Kraft Center and Earl Hall,
When there was a need in the community, you answered the call.

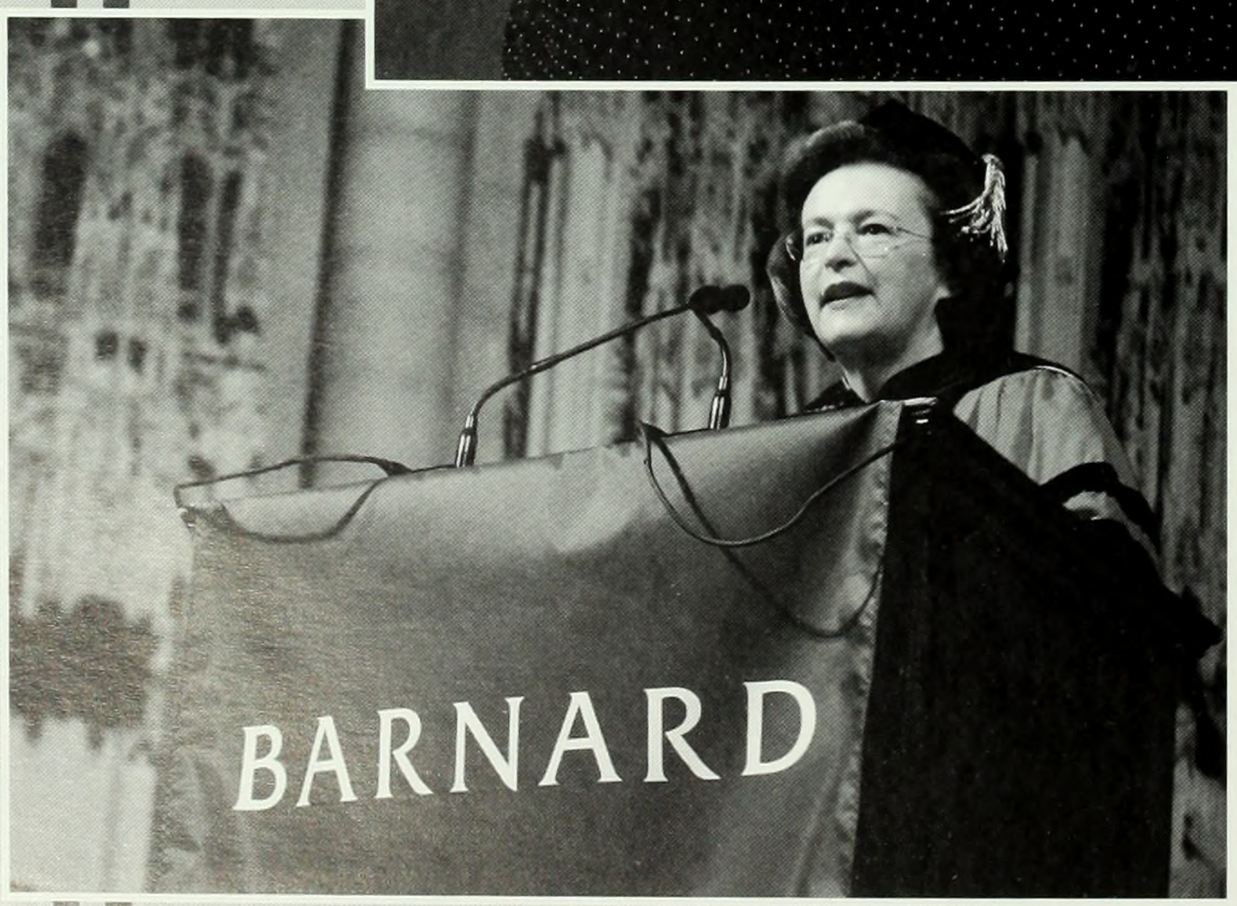
All of us take pleasure and pride in the women of the Class of 2009. I wish each of you happiness in the years ahead. I know you will make your mark on the world as you have here at Barnard.

With warm wishes,

Dorothy L. Denburg

Dorothy Denburg
Dean of the College

PROVOST ELIZABETH BOYLAN



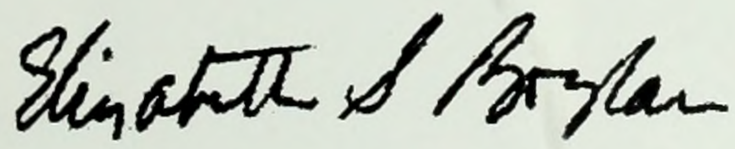
Dear Members of the Barnard Class of 2009,

I wanted to share with you a poem I read to honor Professor Leslie Lessinger last May as he made a big transition in his life to retirement. I hope it brings meaning to you as well, as you reflect upon and apply the fruits of your Barnard education.

A MANIFESTO*
Working with a paradox
defining the elusive
visualizing the invisible
communicating the incommunicable
not accepting the limitations society has accepted
seeing in new ways
living for a fraction of a second and penetrating light years
using intellect and instinct to achieve intuition
achieving total self-consciousness and self-awareness
being creatively obsessive
questioning, reasoning, analyzing, dissecting and re-examining
understanding the finitude of human existence and still striving to create beauty
and provocative reasoning
finding new concepts, recognizing new patterns
desiring to know the importance or insignificance of existence
seeing reality and still being able to dream
persisting in the eternal search

May your search bring you both challenge and joy.

Sincerely,



Elizabeth S. Boylan
Provost and Dean of the Faculty

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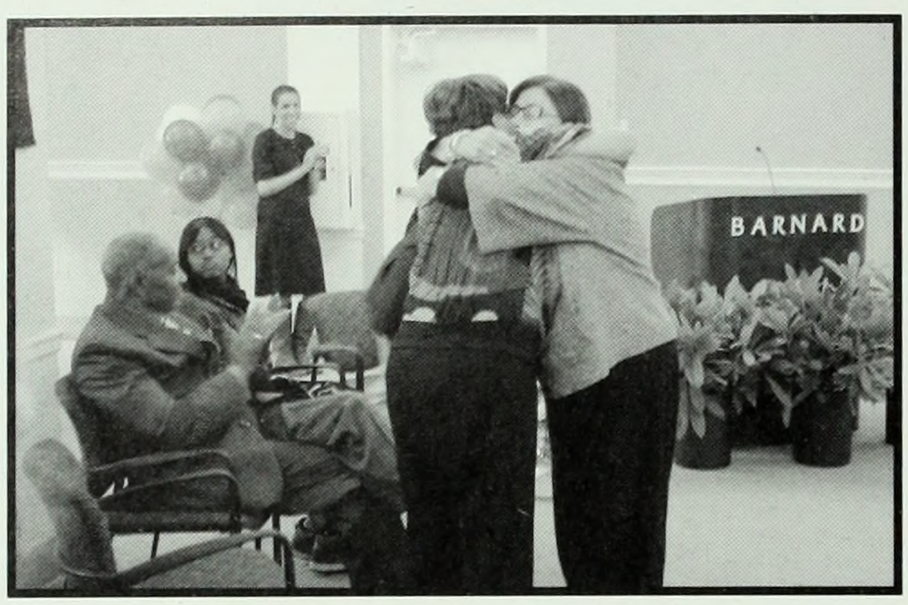
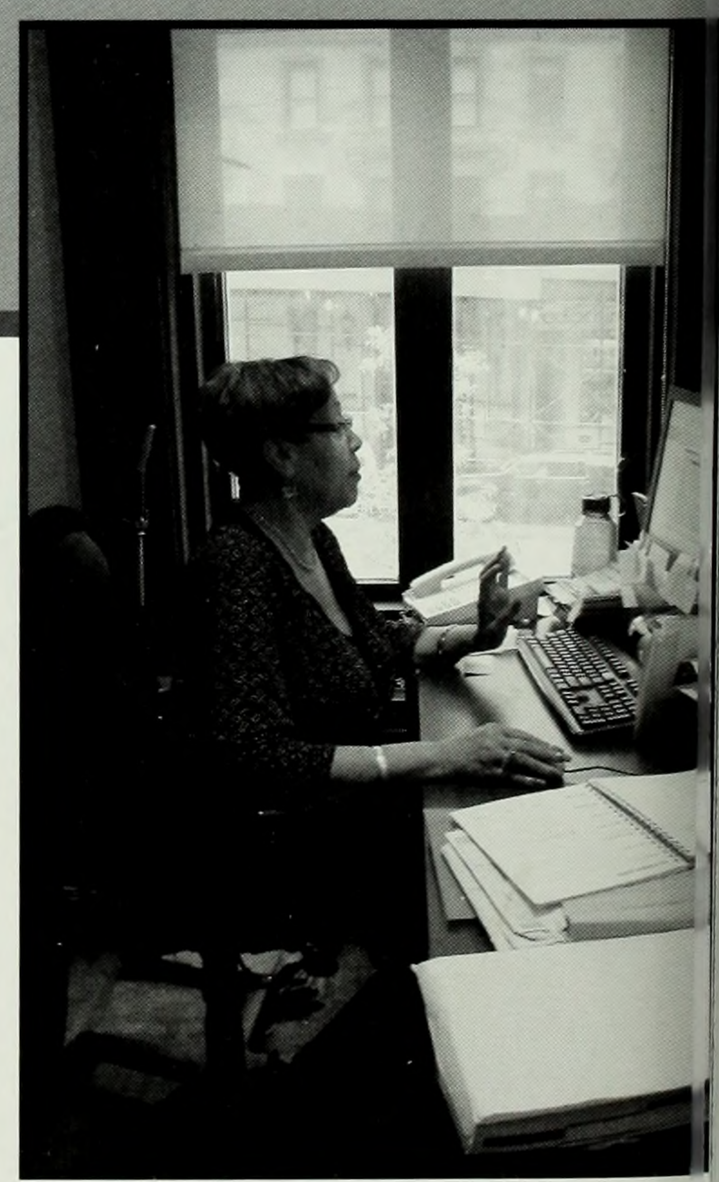
DORIS MILLER



Doris Miller, Assistant Director in the College Activities Office, played an integral role in the Barnard community during her time there. Doris retired in the fall of 2008, after thirty-five years of warm hugs, Broadway tickets, and advice to countless students. Doris' voice is recognizable to many because of the phone messages she left weekly that detailed upcoming ticket offers. These messages always began with the famous phrase she coined, "Good morning, my strong, beautiful Barnard women." After playing such a large role in the Barnard community, Doris will truly be missed.



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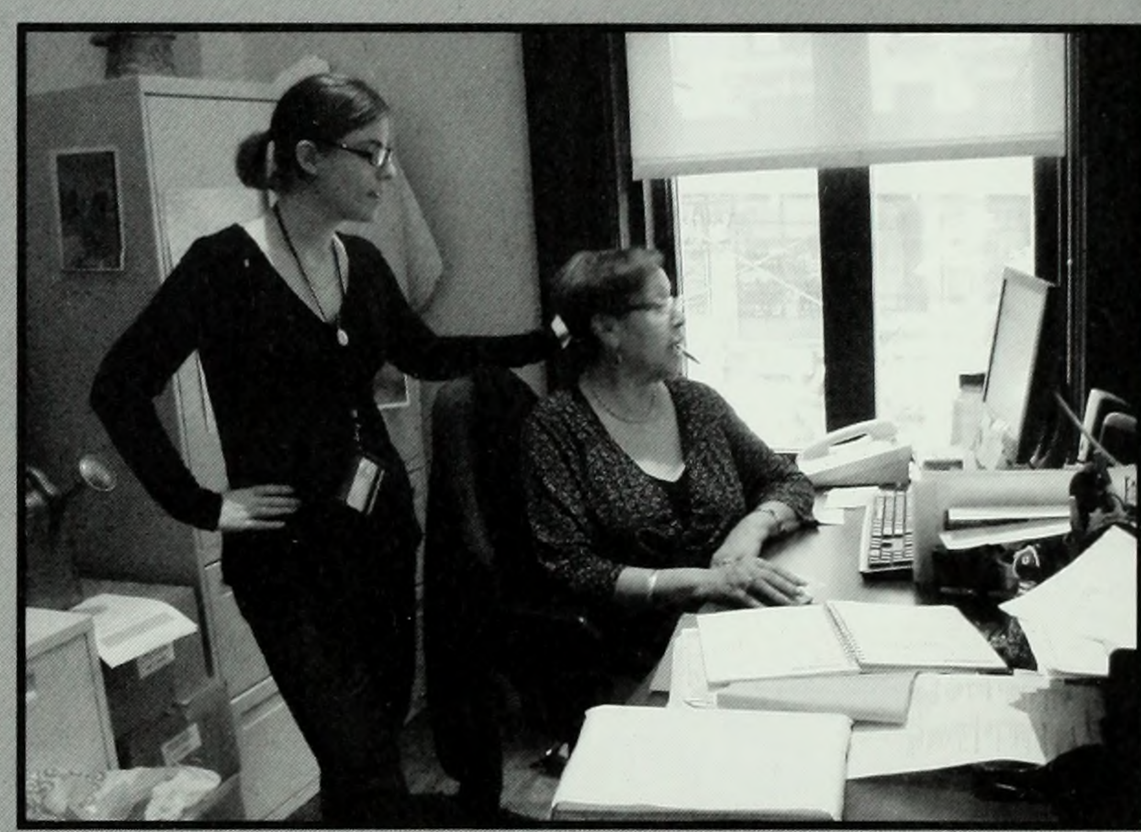
"Good morning, my strong, beautiful Barnard women"



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Past Leaders of Barnard College

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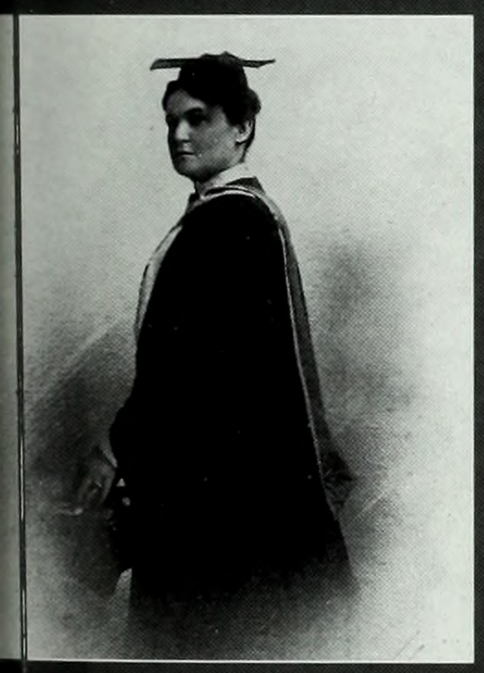
Ella Weed
1889-1894

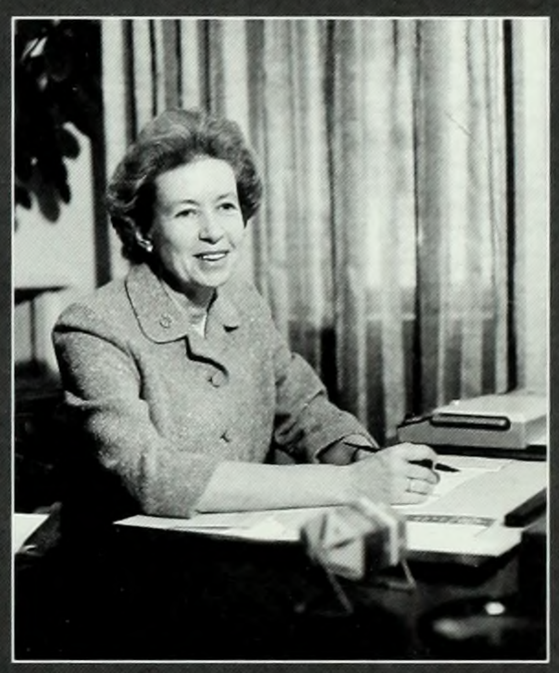
Emily James Smith (Putnam)
1894-1900



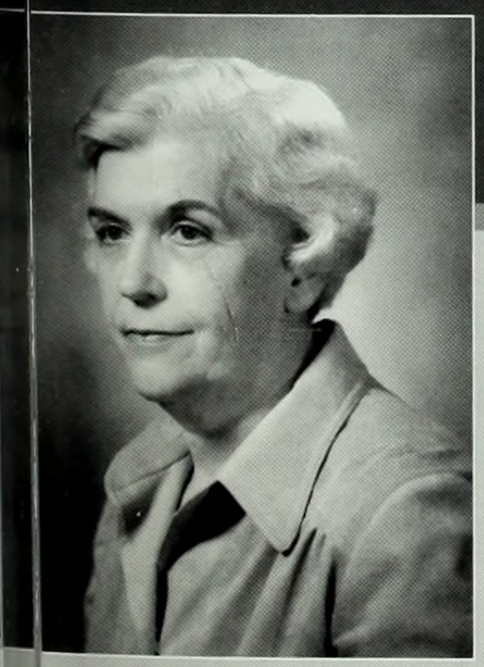
Laura Drake Gill
1901-1907

Virginia Crocheron Gildersleeve
1911-1947

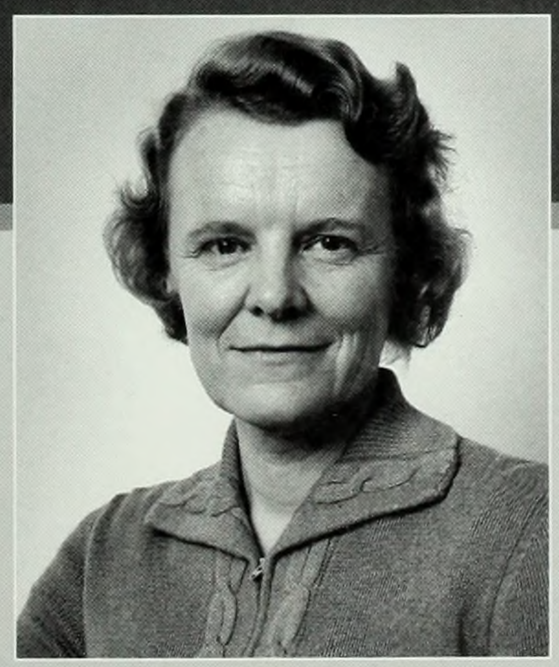
Millicent Carey McIntosh
1947-1962



Rosemary Park
1962-1967



Martha Elizabeth Peterson
1968-1975



Jacquelyn Anderson Mattfeld
1976-1980

Ellen Victoria Futter
1981-1993

Judith Rae Shapiro
1994-2008

FACULTY

What was your favorite class at Barnard?

I loved the Junior Colloquiums and Senior Seminars for English majors--the discussions are always amazing, and it's a great way to foster a sense of community for one of the most popular majors.

--Alexandra Loizzo

Who was your favorite professor at Barnard?

Professor Carlos Riobo. He always managed to incorporate the most wonderful and thought-provoking life lessons and somehow make it seem relevant to the topic of our class.

--Stephanie Zuniga

What was your favorite class at Barnard?

My favorite class was probably the seminar Topics in Neuroethics. It was a small group of women, all scientists, having great discussions about so many things. It really made me think, but it never felt like work.

--Sarah DeWitt

Who was your favorite professor at Barnard?

Pam Cobrin. Even though I've never taken a class with her, she does an incredible job running the Writing Center. I don't know how she manages to do all the things she does with such energy, enthusiasm, and patience. Love her!

--Laura Herron

What was your favorite class at Barnard?

Political Theory with Dennis Dalton. He was inspirational and truly shaped my college experience. I majored in Political Theory because of his classes.

--Juliane Corman

Who was your favorite professor at Barnard?

Professor Catherine Nepomnyaschy: because she really cared about what I was doing and helping me make things happen for myself. She was always looking out for special opportunities for me, and she even came to my wedding!

--Yael Hall

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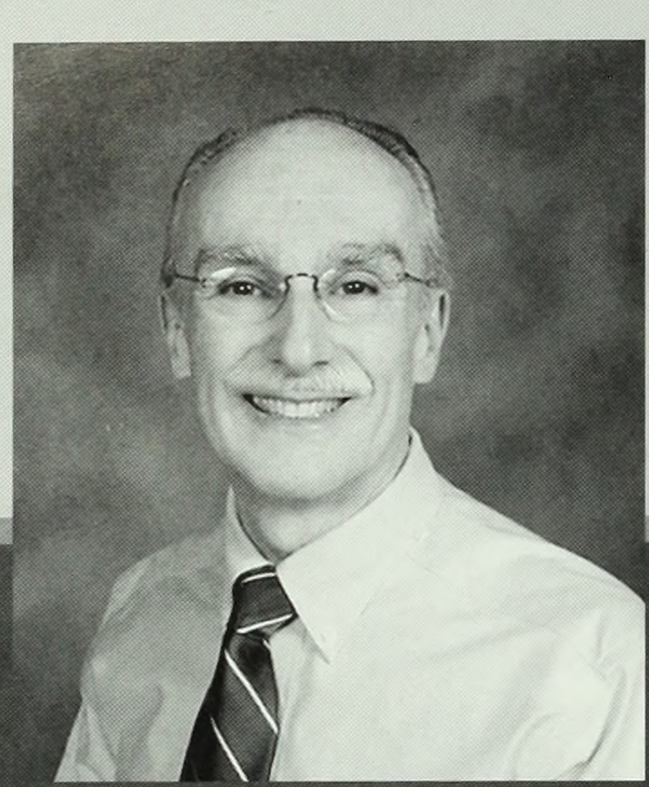

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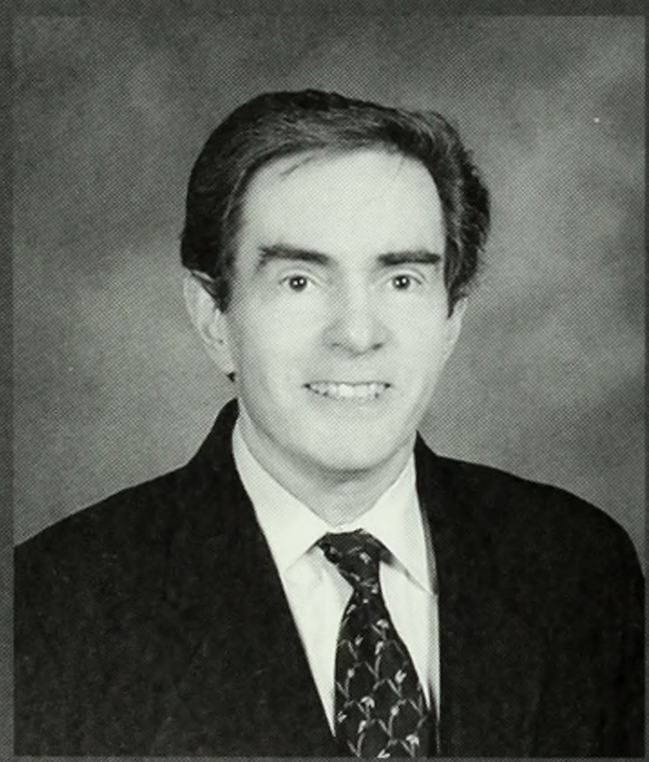

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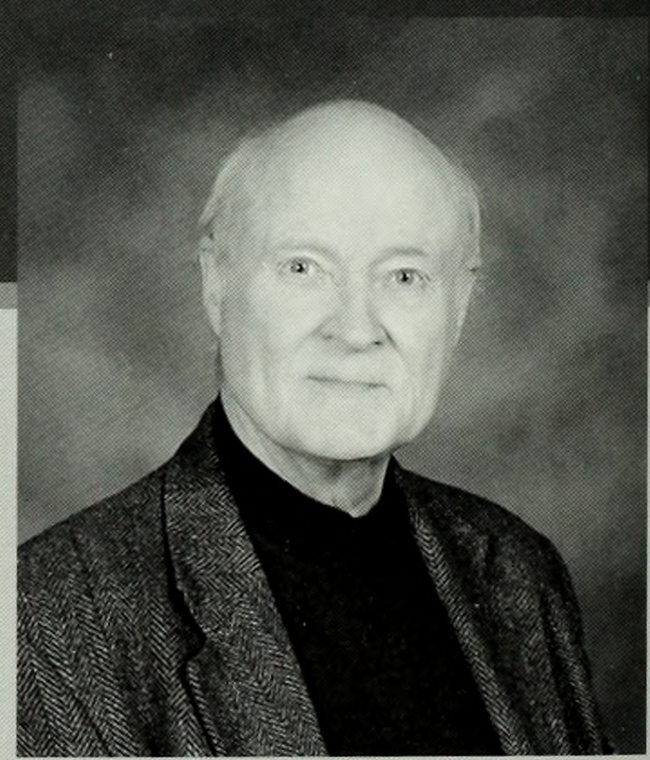


Alan Gabbey
Philosophy

Who was your favorite professor at Barnard?

Professor Emett McCaskill, also my advisor, is one of the most dedicated, beautiful, and supportive women I know. She is knowledgeable of the reality of the world outside academia, and yet she has found a way to live a life she loves while encouraging others to do the same.

--Jessica Romano

What was your favorite class at Barnard?

Political Theory I with Dennis Dalton. He completely changed my life.

--Caroline Silver

Who was your favorite professor at Barnard?

Professor Pious and Professor El Ghobashy. They are amazing. Great teachers and awesome orators. They know how to get their students involved and interested in the topics, no matter how dense and boring the reading.

--Anonymous

What was your favorite class at Barnard?

International Politics with Kimberly Marten...because it kicked my butt! It is still the worst grade I have ever gotten and the most rewarding class I have ever taken! It was the most thorough presentation of contemporary global dynamics possible.

--Stephanie Zuniga

Who was your favorite professor at Barnard?

In all my time at Barnard, I rarely had a professor that I didn't love.

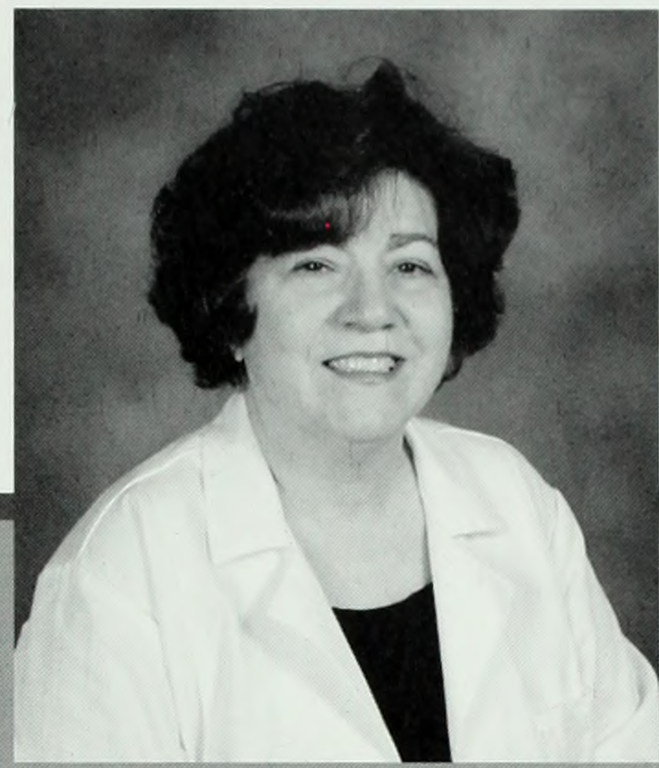
--Rosara Torrisi

What was your favorite class at Barnard?

My favorite class was Russia and the West with Professor Kimberly Marten. I loved how everyone became so involved in the class through our simulation of a European Union Summit meeting. I got to be the Patriarch of the Russian Orthodox Church, which was a very interesting experience.

--Yael Hall

Toby Holtz
Chemistry



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Asian and Middle Eastern Cultures

Mara Kashper
Russian

John Magyar
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Kimberly Marten
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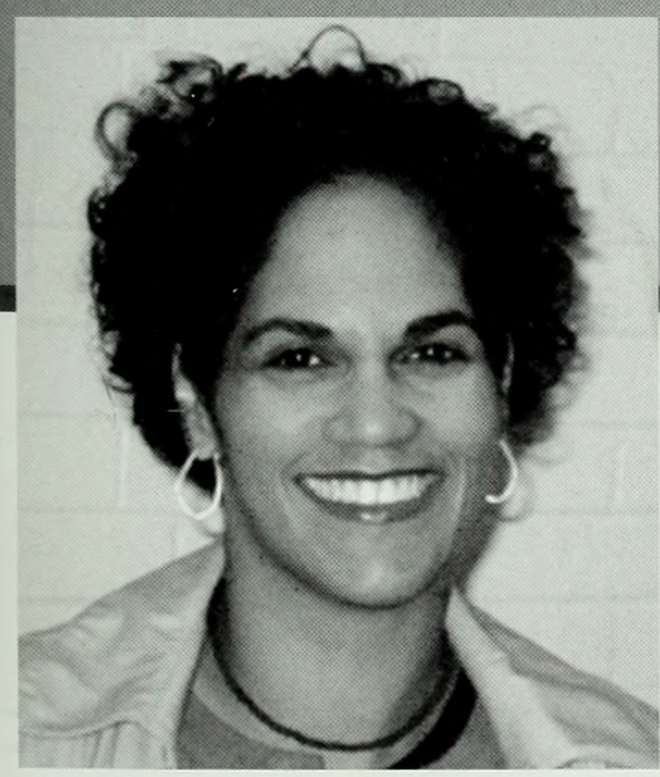

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Reshmi Mukherjee
Physics

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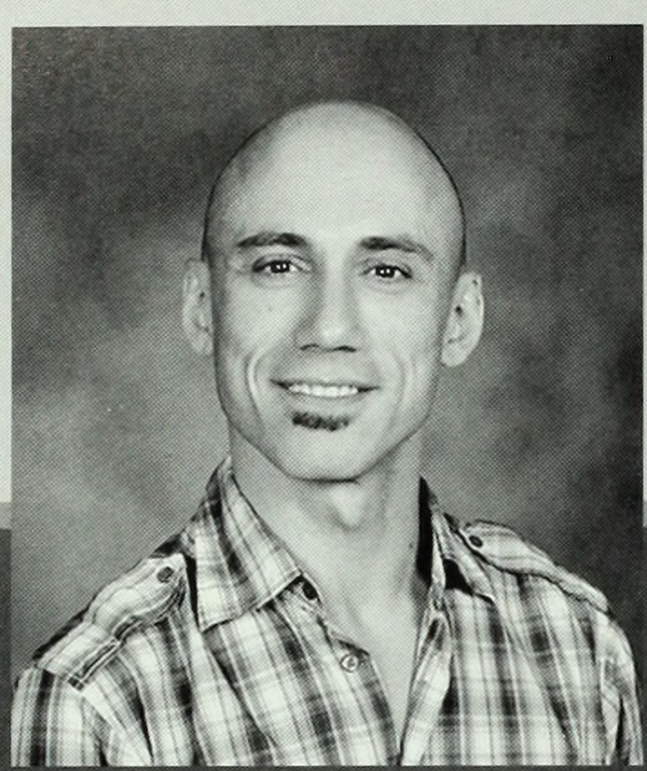

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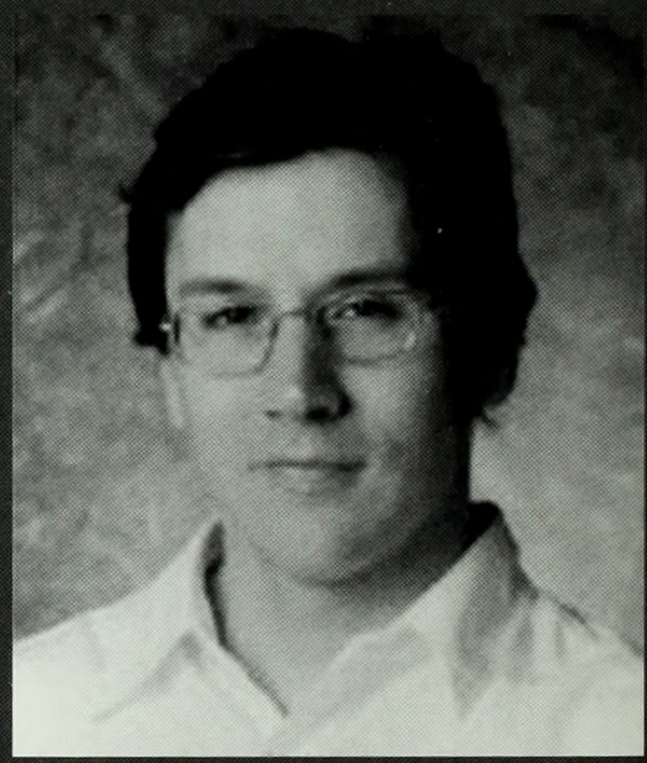

Christian Rojas
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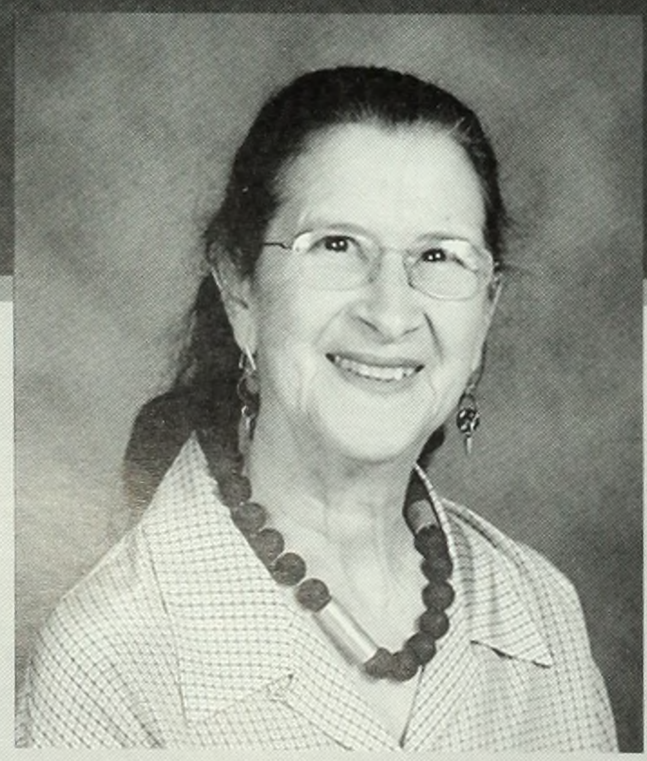

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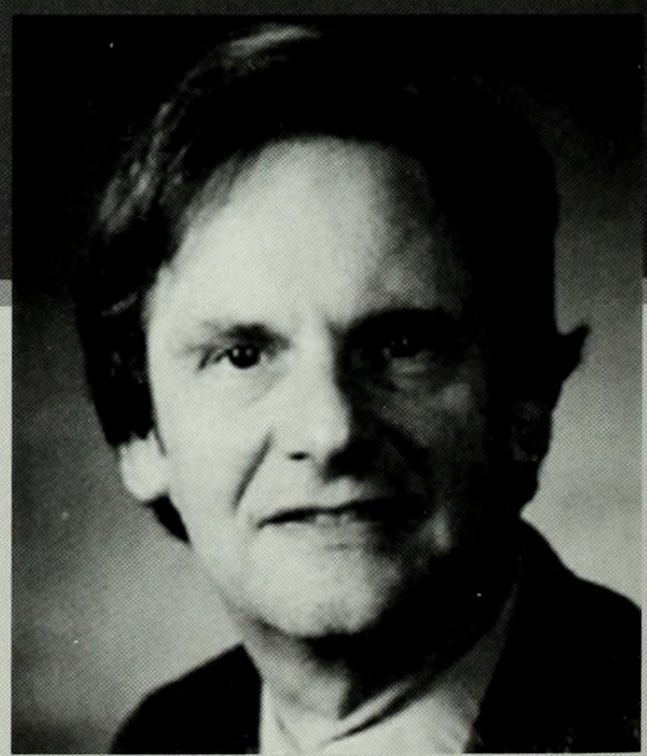


Alan Segal
Religion

Who was your favorite professor at Barnard?

Hilary Callahan, Associate Professor of Biology. I've worked with her for three years at Barnard, and I can safely say she 1) cares about her students, 2) knows what she's talking about, and 3) does not sacrifice personality in order to be constantly PC in class. She's human. I like that.

--Maria Christianna Mattioli

What was your favorite class at Barnard?

The Writer's Process with Nancy Piore. It was the Writing Fellows training course: we talked about writing, dialogue, ideas, and the value of helping others.

--Laura Herron

Who was your favorite professor at Barnard?

Severin Fowles: he is amazing! He connects with his students and wants them to learn. He is also super cool and fun. He will never forget your name, even three years after you take his class

--Anonymous

What was your favorite class at Barnard?

"Classical Waves and Optics with Tim Halpin-Healy inspired my love for physics and opened my eyes to how the world works--I literally learned why the sky is blue. On the other end of the spectrum, Vocal Repertoire with Coralie Gallet was not only enlightening, but also a lot of fun!"

--Elesse Eddy

Who was your favorite professor at Barnard?

"Maire Jaanus, because she made all old things new again and drove me to think well."

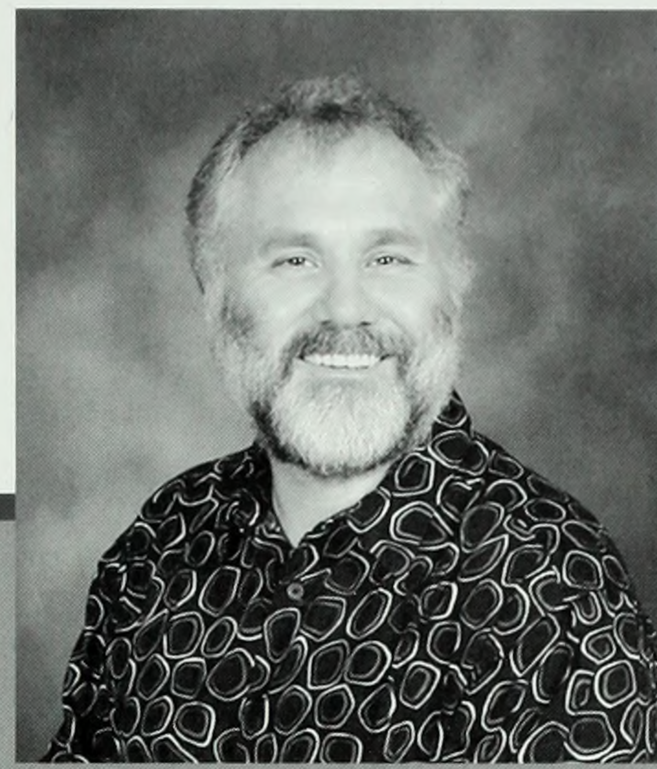
--Amanda MacClellan

What was your favorite class at Barnard?

"Intro to Comparative Politics. The professor was amazing, and the course really opened my eyes to many things happening around the world. The professor took the time to give her students important writing skills necessary for success as a college student."

--Anonymous

Joan Snitzer
Art History



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Lisa Tiersten
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Deborah Valenze
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Barbara Woike
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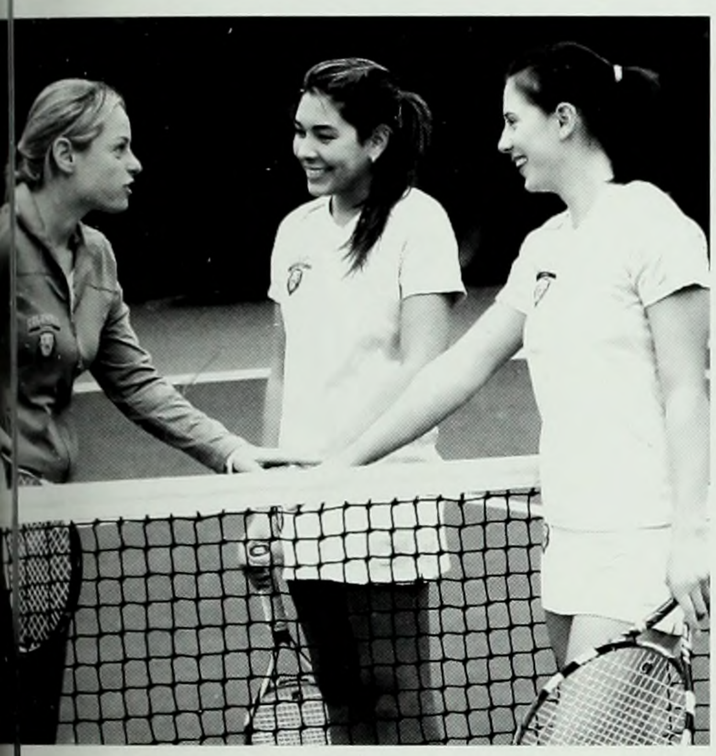
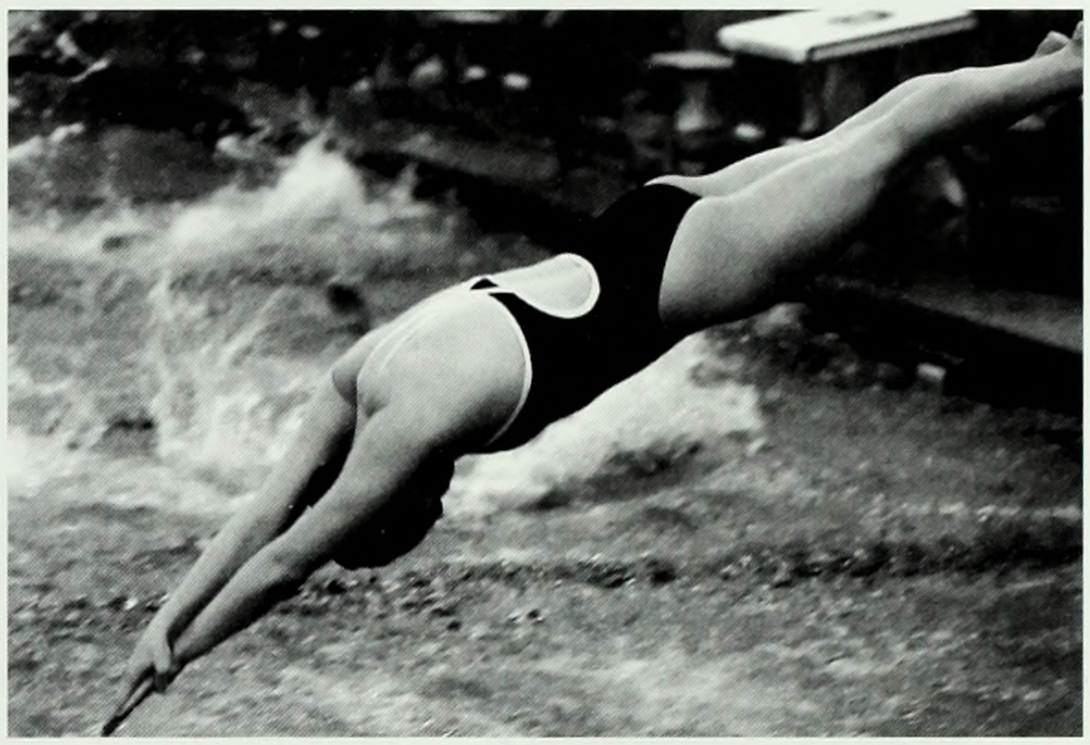
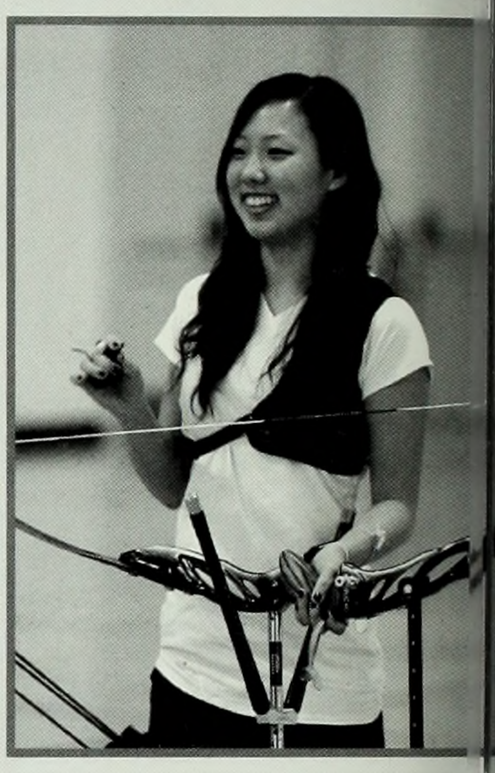
Nancy Woloch
History

2009 Athletics



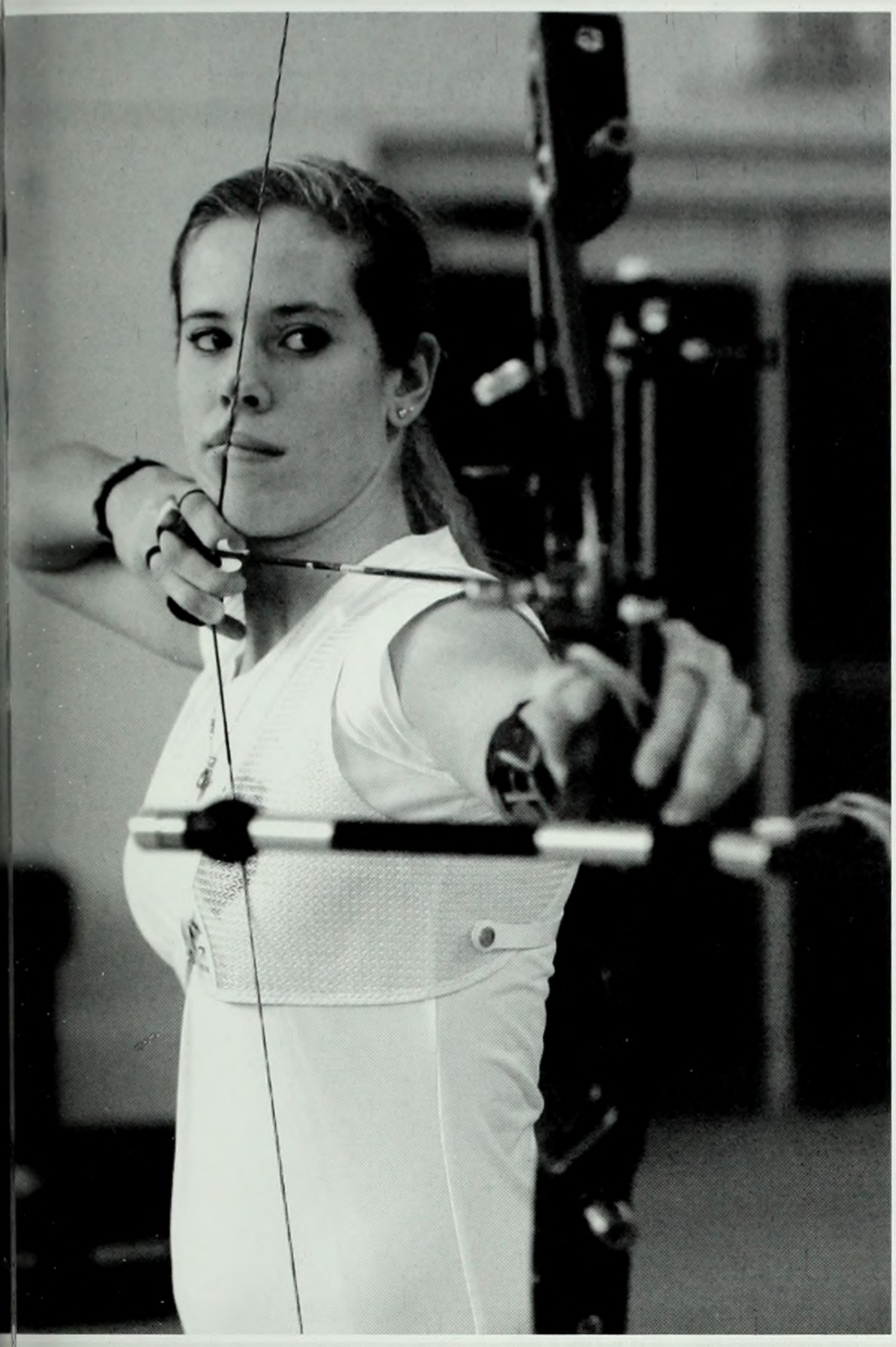


archery



"Having been a competitive archer for nearly ten years, I have never had a more rewarding experience than shooting with the girls on the Columbia University varsity archery team. Archery is an individual sport where each girl shoots against one another, and while it is not exactly 'action-packed,' it can be extremely competitive. As a team, we are always there to support one another, cheer, and to be a source of comfort on the occasional bad day. Last May, we won the national title at the U.S. Intercollegiate Archery Championships, and this season we are determined to bring that title back for a second consecutive year!"

Alex Garyn BC '11



Schedule:

Eastern Seaboard FITA

Pennsylvania State Indoor Champs

Connecticut State Indoor Champs

Ivy League Tournament

US Indoor National Champs

Adam Wheatcroft Memorial

Arizona Cup

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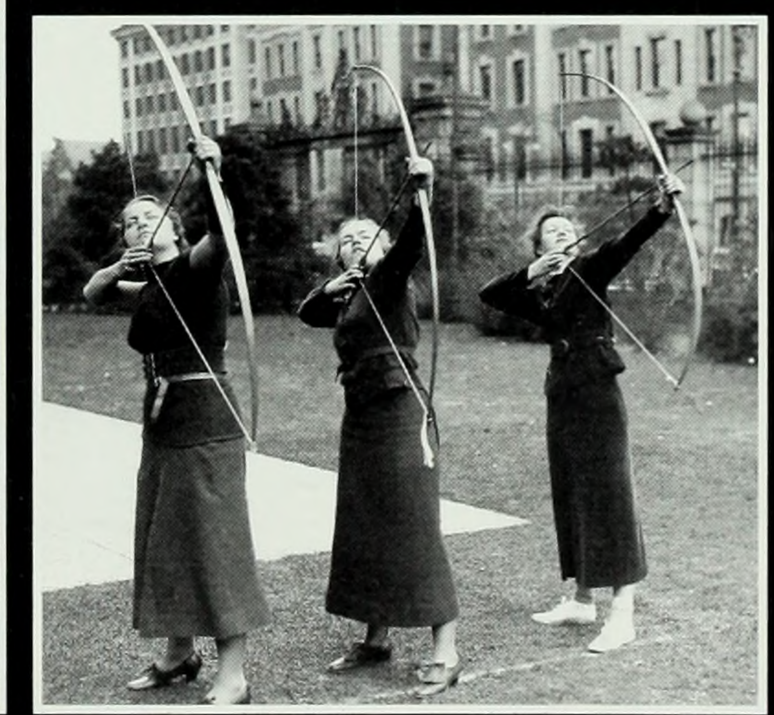
USIAC

2008-2009

"I remember..."

At the 1908 Olympics in London, women were allowed to compete in archery events for the first time.



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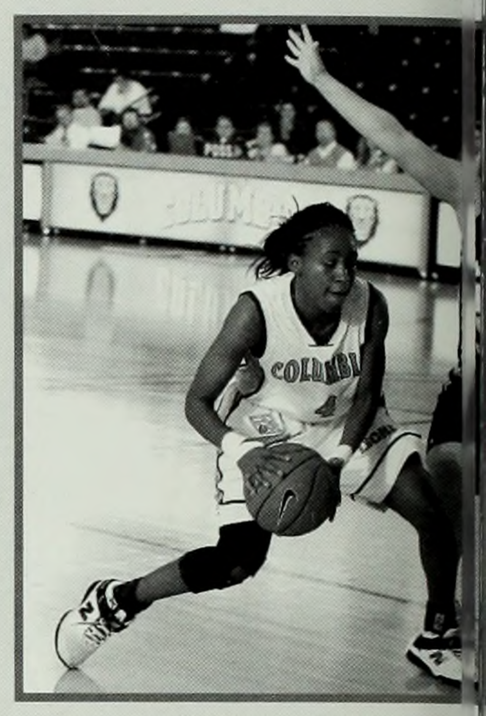
basketball

The basketball team was competitive this season, fighting for every point at every game. At Barnard Night, hundreds of fans showed up to support the women's team and Pink Zone, an organization raising attention to breast cancer awareness. The event helped raise money and the team crushed Brown.

There are four Barnard students on the team this year: Christina Gordon '09, Danielle Browne '10, Judie Lomax '11, and Mary Beato '12. Lomax, who transferred to Barnard this year, was featured in the New York Times in the fall and was named January Student-Athlete of the Month. It looks like the team wil remain strong in years to come.



Above: Junior guard Danielle Browne BC '

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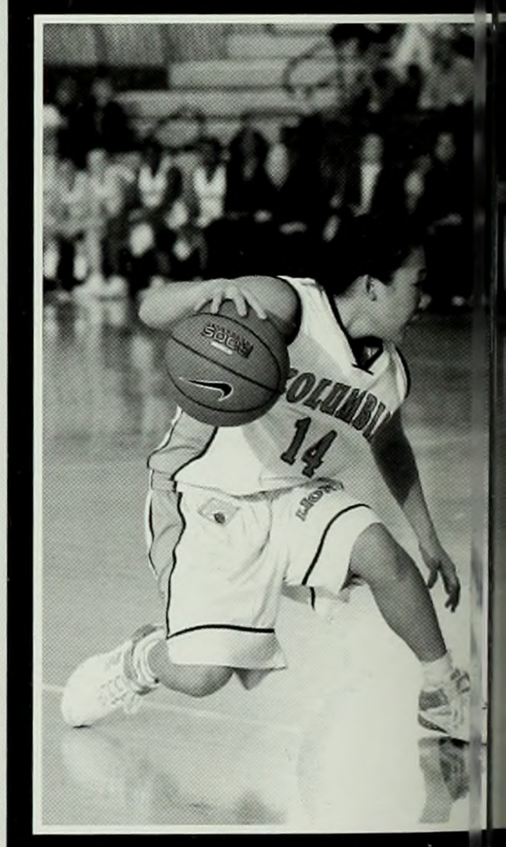


Above; Junior guard Yee SEAS '10

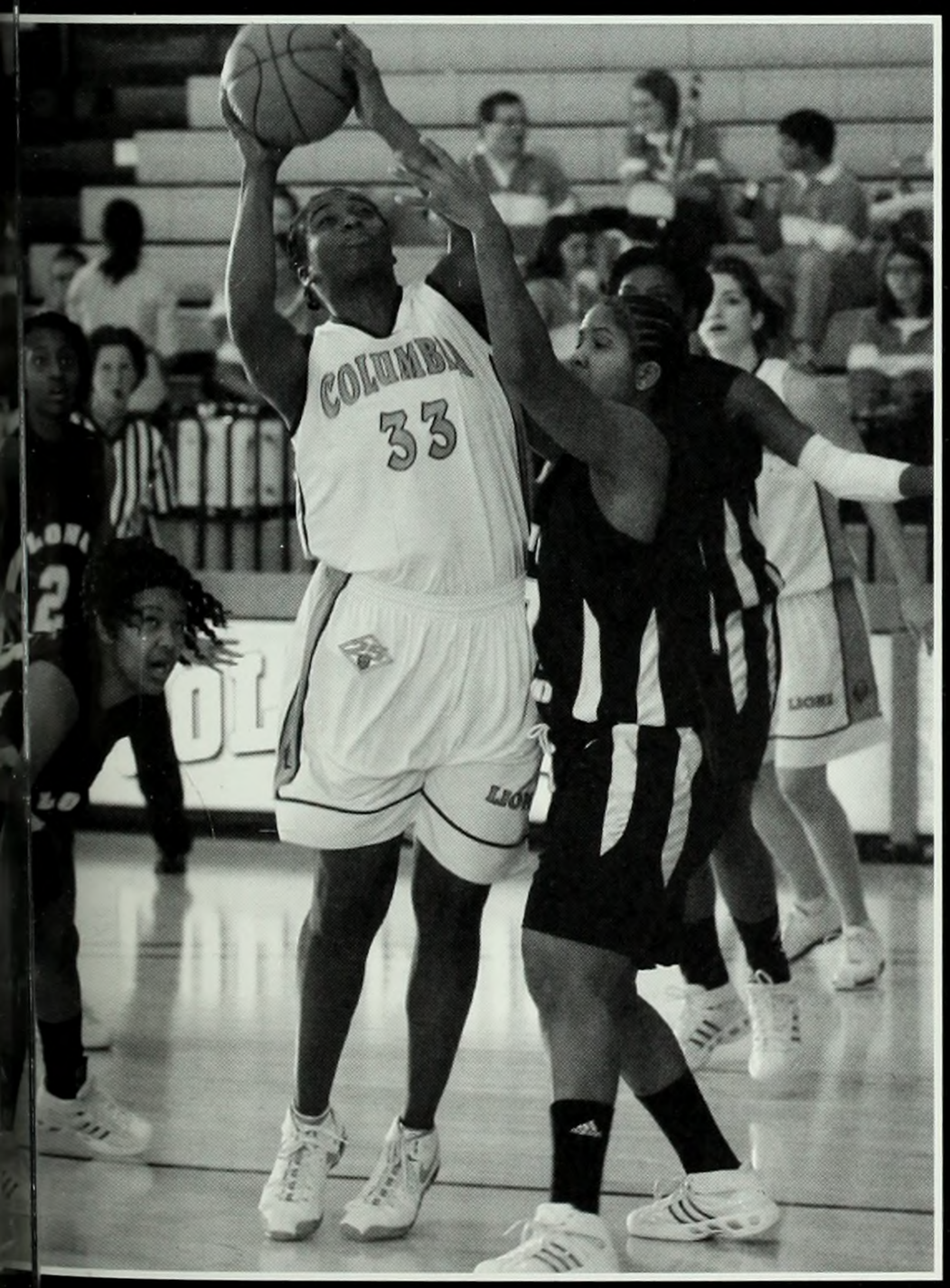
Left: Sophomore forward
Judie Lomax BC '11

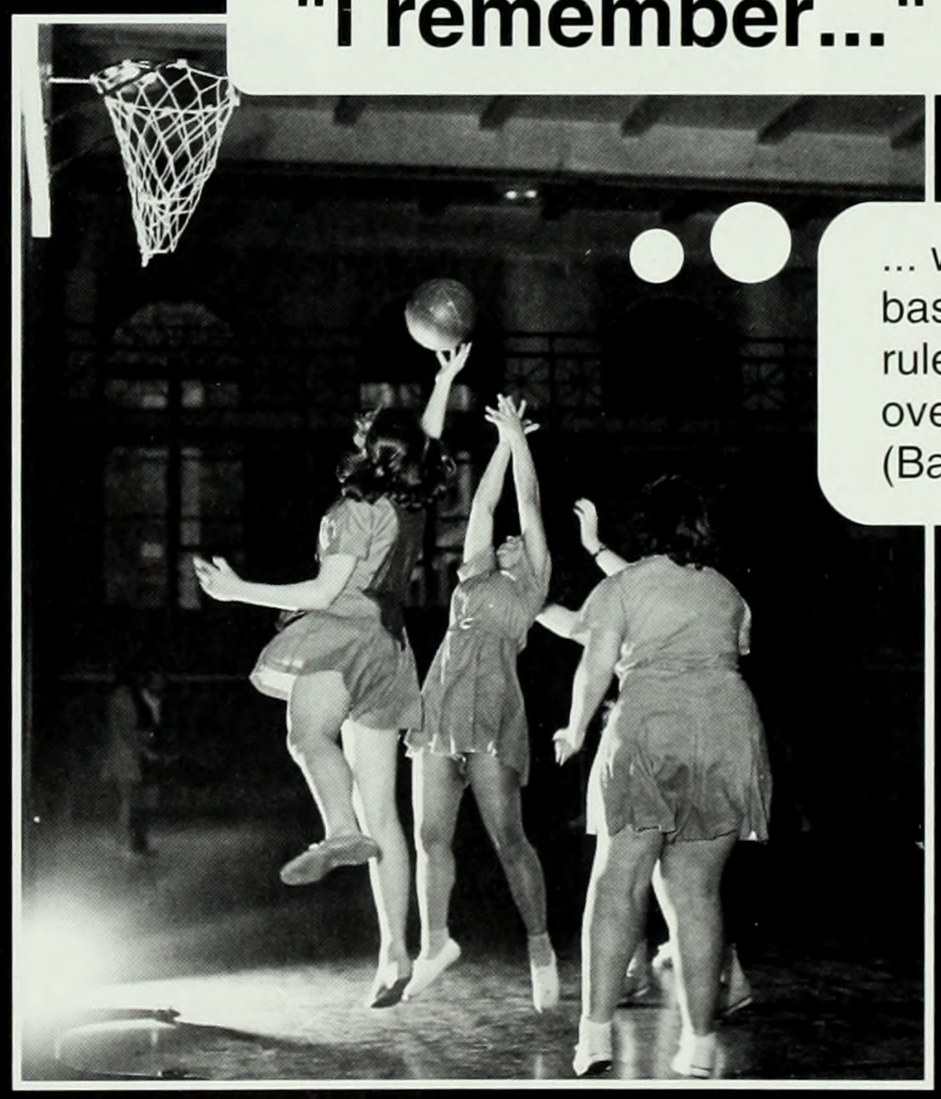
Below: Columbia
Cheerleading squad

2008-2009

Conference games:

Cornell	47-44 **(W)**
Cornell	53-58 **(L)**
Yale	61-63 **(L)**
Brown	76-51 **(W)**
Penn	77-57 **(W)**
Princeton	59-69 **(L)**
Dartmouth	43-55 **(L)**
Harvard	74-71 **(W)**
Brown	88-57 **(W)**
Yale	77-61 **(W)**
Harvard	58-71 **(L)**
Dartmouth	61-63 **(L)**
Princeton	63-68 **(L)**
Penn	64-72 **(L)**





"I remember..."

... when women played basketball by different rules so as not to overexert themselves. (Barnard, 1945)

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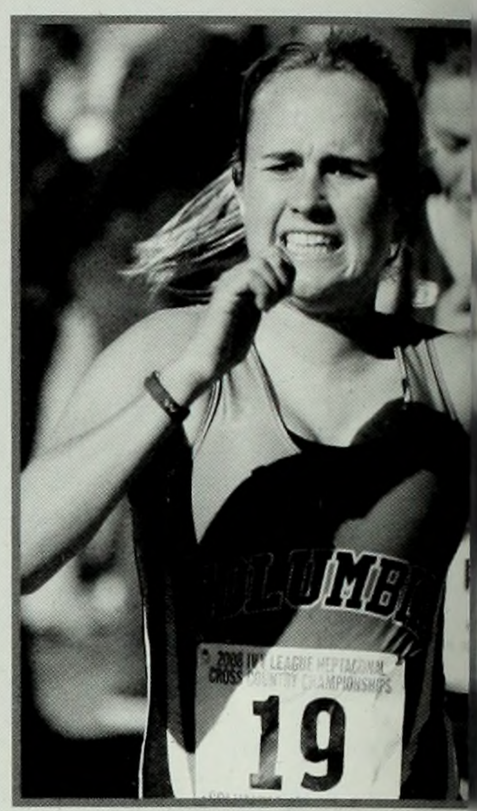
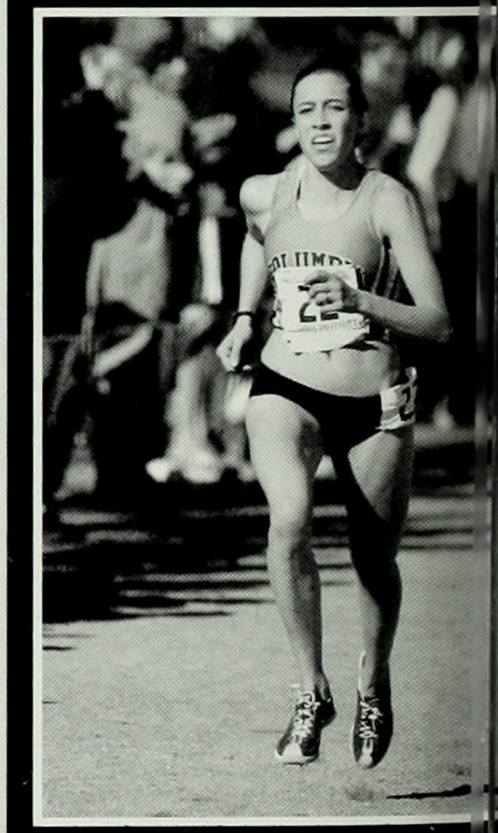
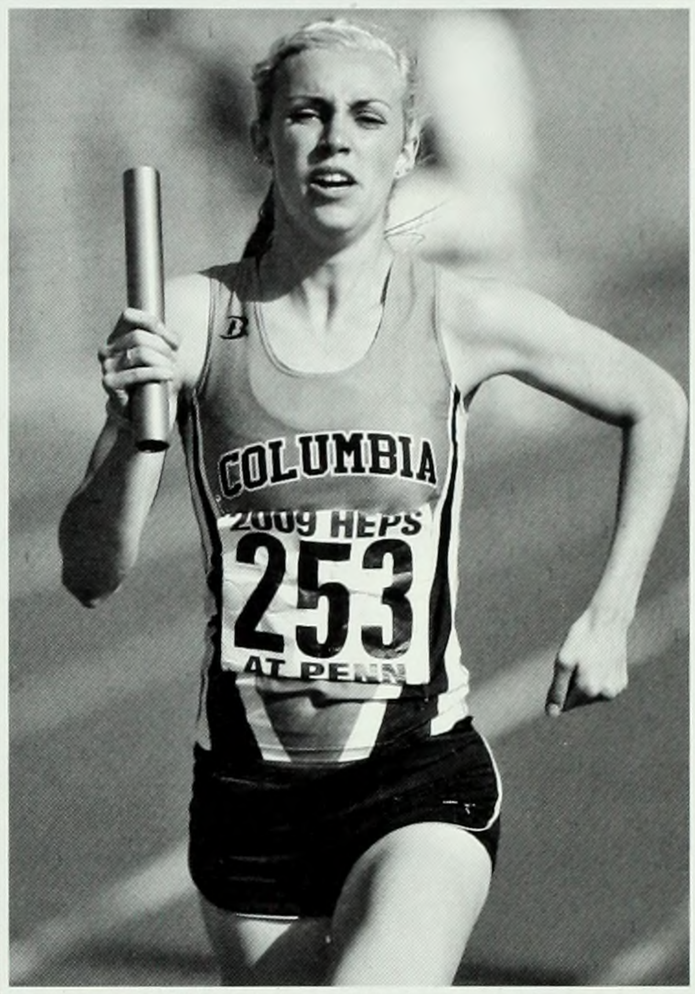
cross country

The women's Cross Country team proudly finished the fall 2008 season by consistently placing in the top five at each competition.



Leading the cross country team to success this year was senior Megan Lessard, who was selected as Columbia University Student-Athlete of the Month for the month of November 2008. When the rest of the team's season was over, Lessard competed at the NCAA National Championships and was named to the All-Ivy League second team.





Fall 2008

Results:

Sept. 13 **Spiked Shoe Invitational @ Penn State**	**3rd** of 14
Oct. 4 **George Mason Invitational**	**2nd** of 16
Oct. 10 **Metropolitan Championships**	**1st** of 9
Oct. 31 **Ivy League Heptagonal Championships**	**2nd** of 8
Nov. 15 **NCAA Northeast Regionals**	**5th** of 34

"I remember... "

... when the NCAA had to figure out what to do about Barnard-Columbia athletes. (Barnard, 1980)

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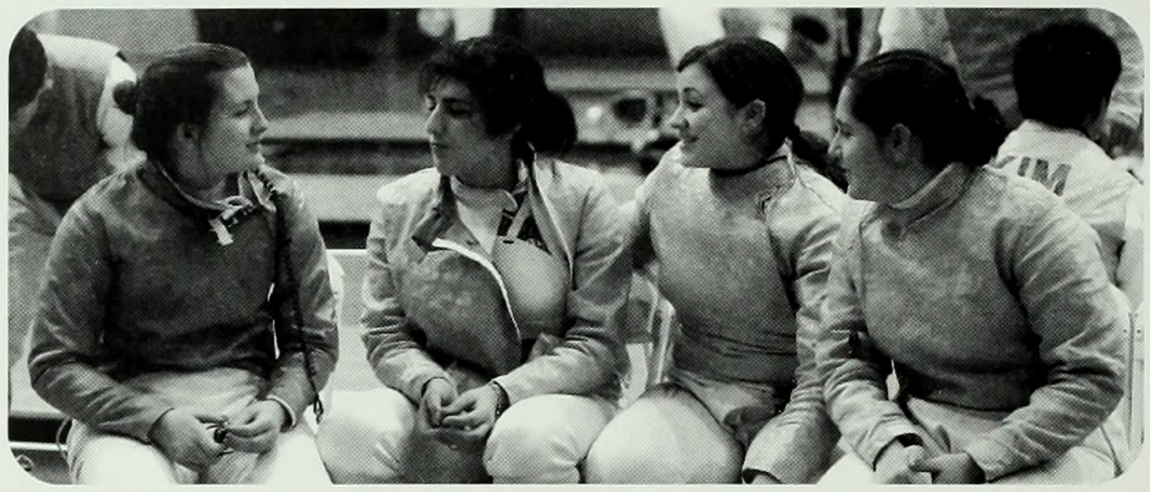
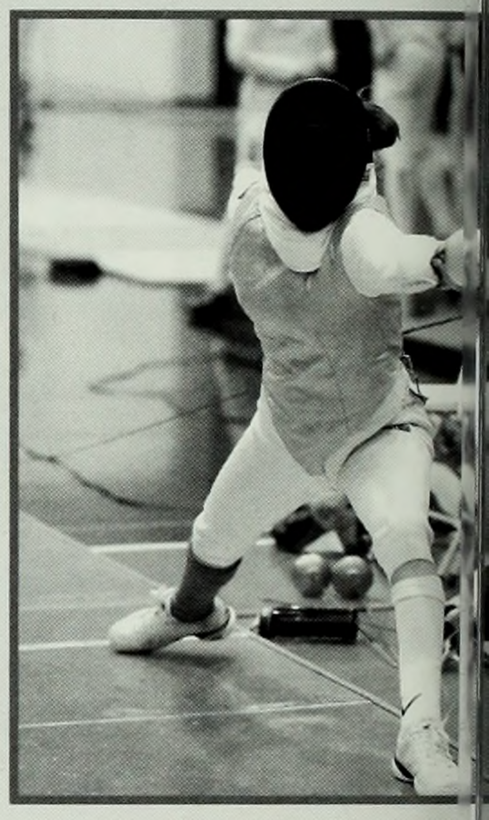
fencing

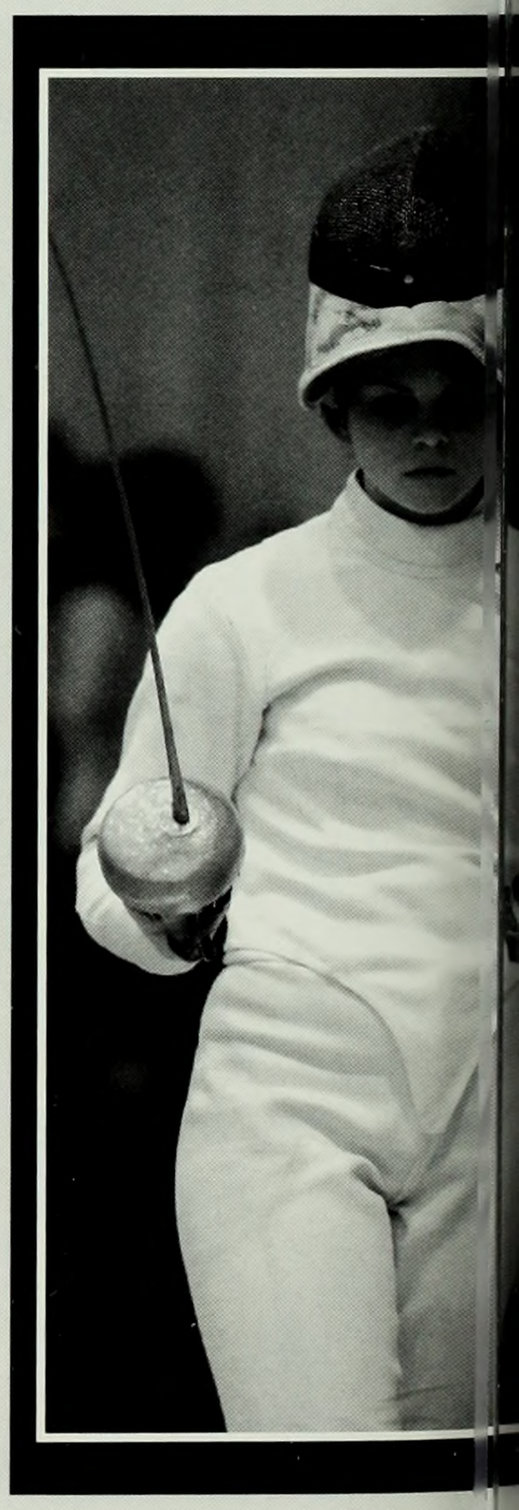


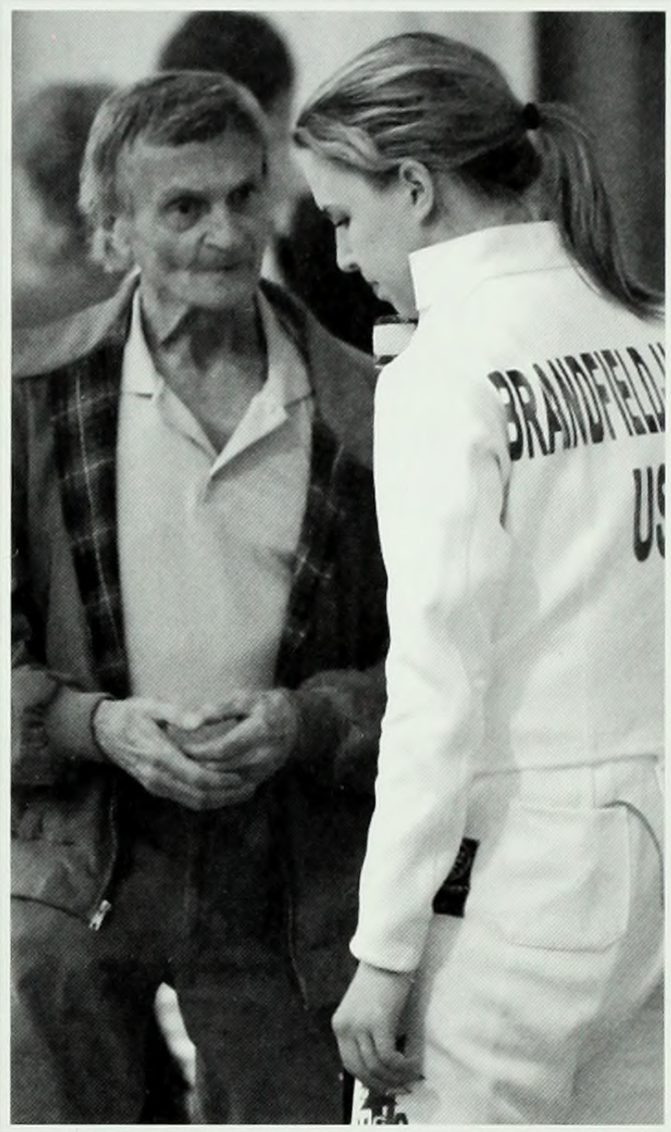


"This fencing season definitely had its ups and downs. Coming off of two straight Ivy League championships, it was tough not winning this year--but that doesn't mean we didn't go down without a fight. During the second weekend of Ivy Championships we had just as much spirit and were able to dominate Princeton and Cornell.

"Being on the fencing team has given me a lot of memories. I will miss the bus rides and speculating about how we will do against different squads. I will miss cheering for my lady lions, but I will not be deserting the team. I have already decided to come to all the Boston area meets with Dani Gordet BC '08, who was captain for two years, so we can cheer on our team at many more Ivy League championships. Go Lions!"

Katie McCully BC '09





2008-2009

Results:

Notre Dame	L
Ohio State	W
St. John's	W
Notre Dame	W
Northwestern	W
Wayne State	W
St. John's	L
Yale	W
Penn	W
Brown	W
Harvard	L
Vassar	W
Sacred Heart	W
NYU	W
Princeton	W
Cornell	W
IFA Champs	1st

"I remember... "

... Fencing uniforms have come a long way. Before the present-day knickers, uniforms consisted of velvet skirts, full-length pants, and dresses. (Barnard, 1961)

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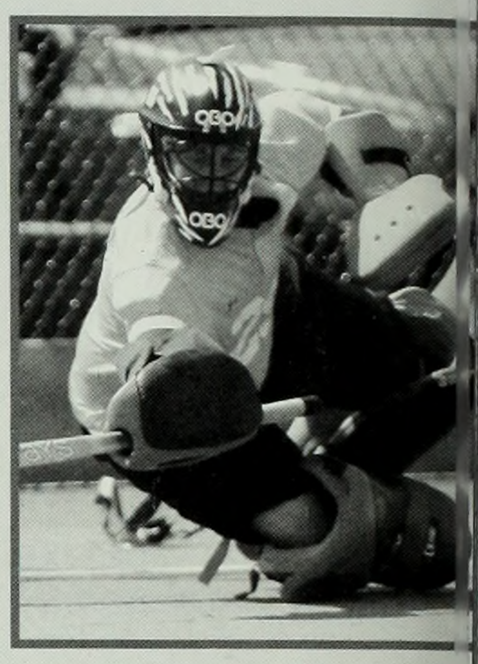
field hockey

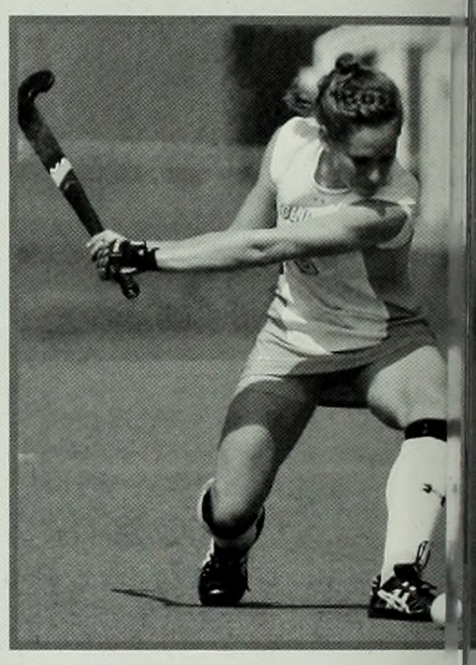
"We started off the season great! We had two big wins down in Virginia against Richmond and William & Mary--teams that are generally ranked in the top 25. Our girls trained hard in pre-season and it paid off. Expectations for this year were high. We are a team that can now vie for an Ivy League Championship. We ask them to compete, play hard and tough, and to have a good attitude--if they do those three things, we will be tough to beat. Go Lions!"

Head Coach Jana Wooley

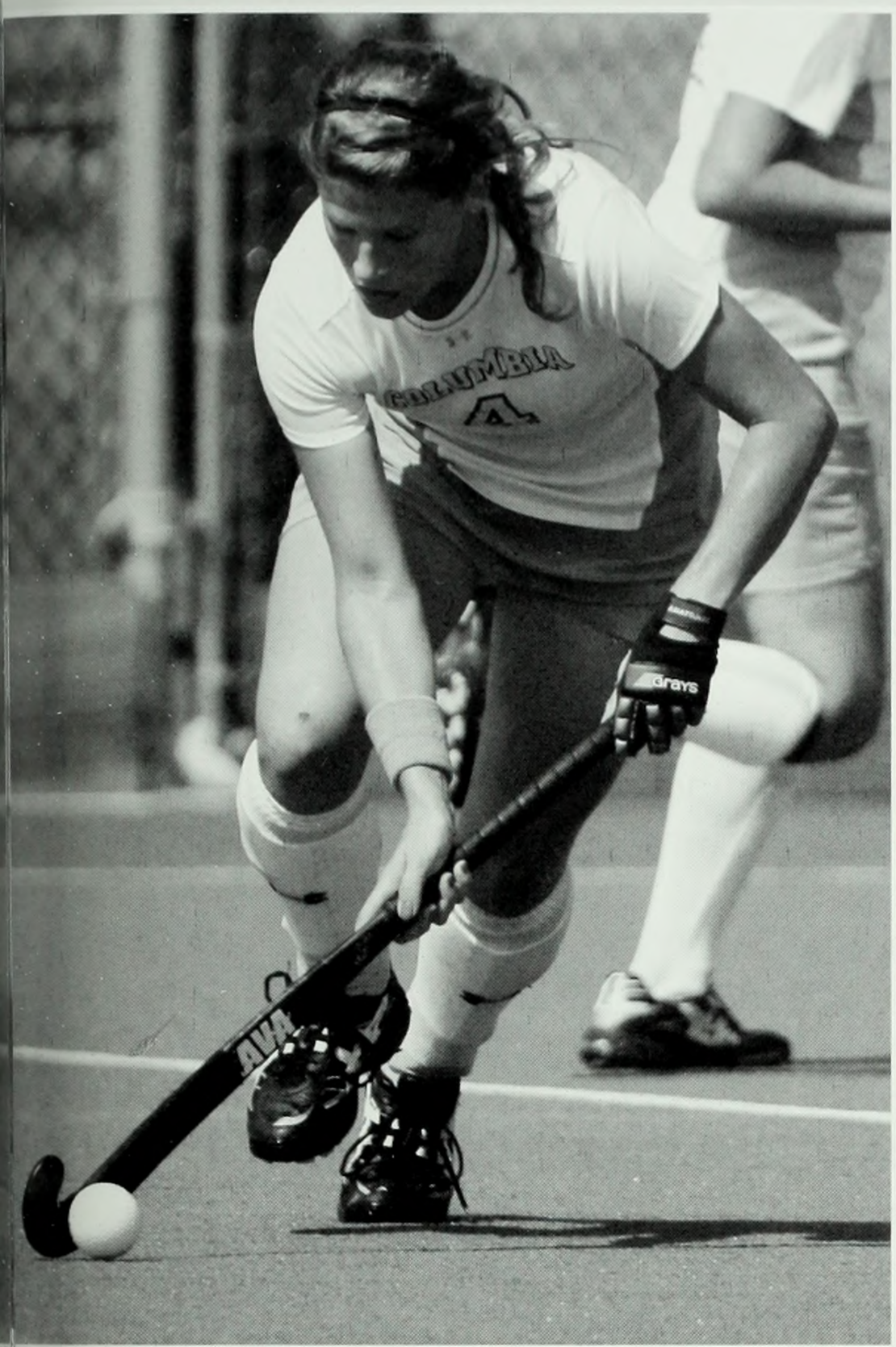


Above: Goalkeeper Miller CC '09

Below: Midfielder M Davidson CC' 09

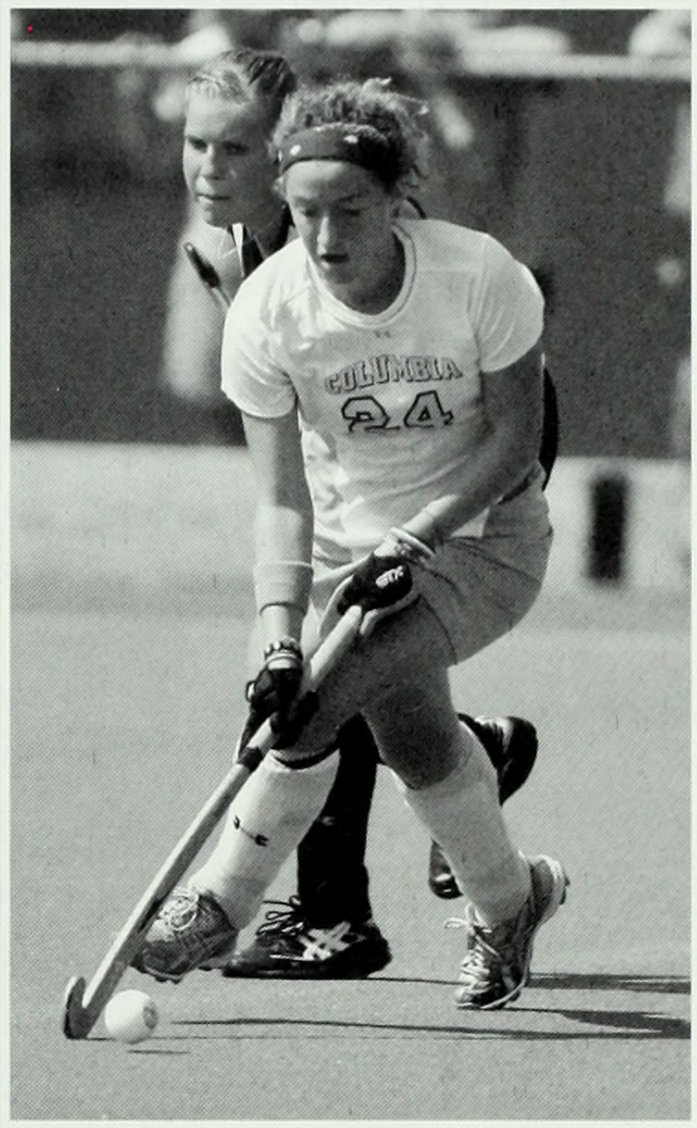


Above: Back Hannah Smith CC '11 played in 17 games, starting 1 of them. Smith finished the season with two defensive saves and one assist.



Left: Forward Carson Christus CC '12

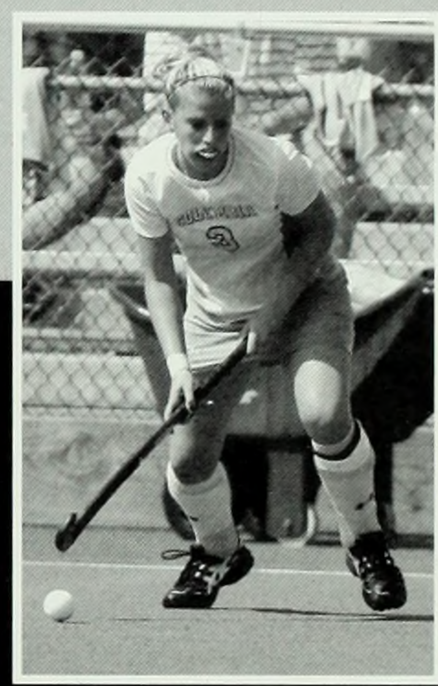
Below: Back Leti Freaney CC '12



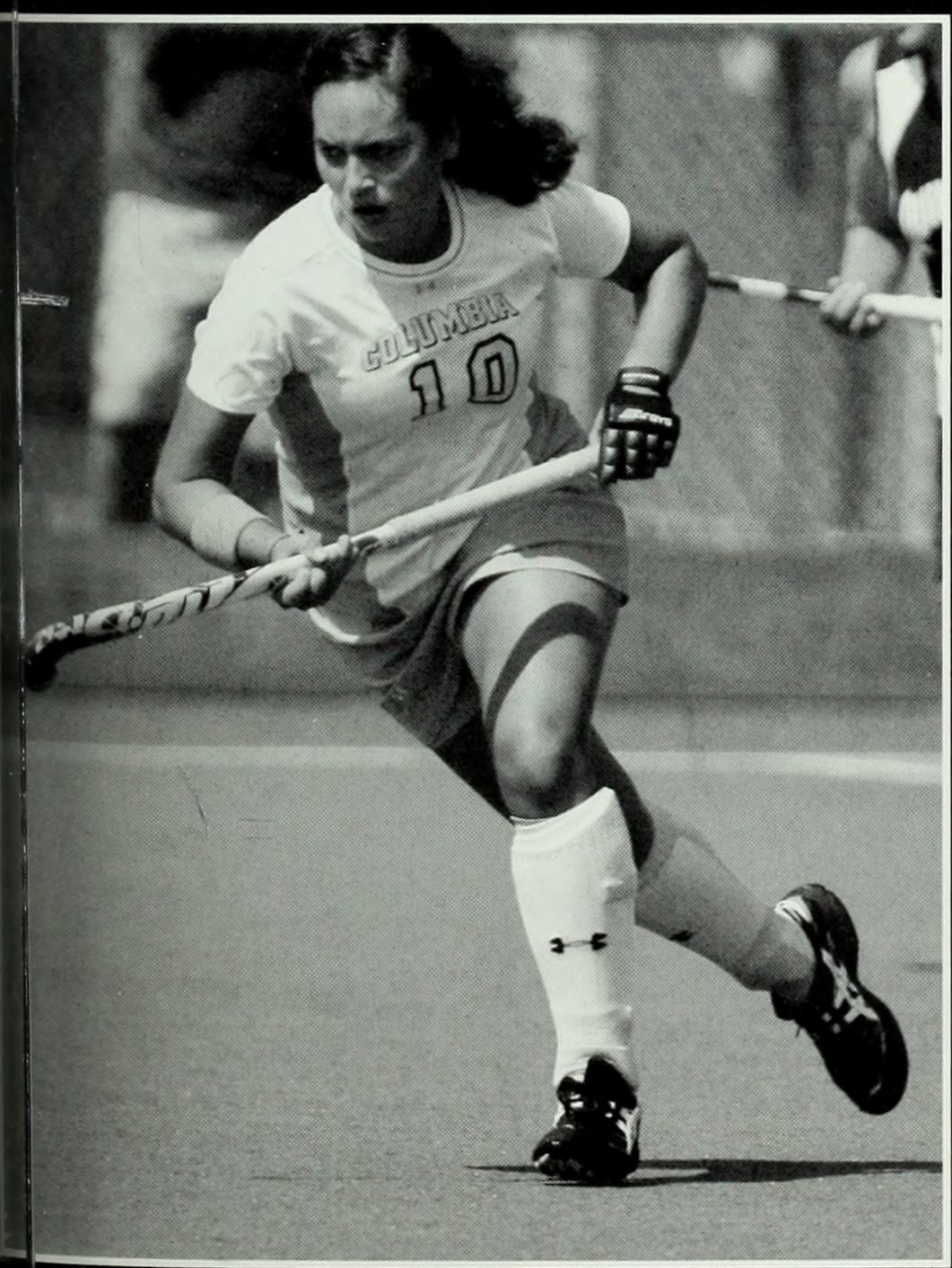
Fall 2008

Results:

William&Mary	2-0 **(W)**
Richmond	2-1 **(W)**
Quinnipiac	3-2 **(W)**
Brown	1-0 **(W)**
Fairfield	3-2 **(W)**
Cornell	3-4 **(L)**
Princeton	2-3 **(L)**
Sacred Heart	6-1 **(W)**
Lafayette	1-0 **(W)**
Holy Cross	2-1 **(W)**
Hofstra	3-0 **(W)**
Penn	1-3 **(L)**
Lehigh	2-0 **(W)**
Dartmouth	2-3 **(L)**
Yale	2-3 **(L)**
Rutgers	0-1 **(L)**
Harvard	3-1 **(W)**



Above: Forward Jackie Klatsky CC '09 finishes her senior season strong by scoring two goals: one against Richmond and a second against Sacred Heart.



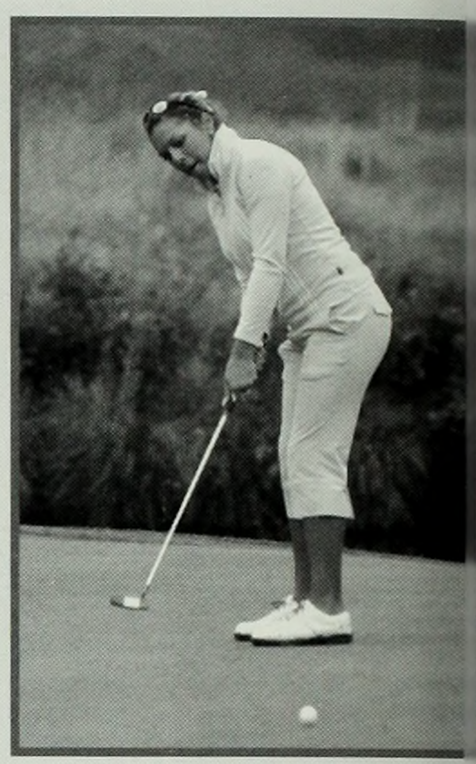
Left: Back Desi Scherf CC '12

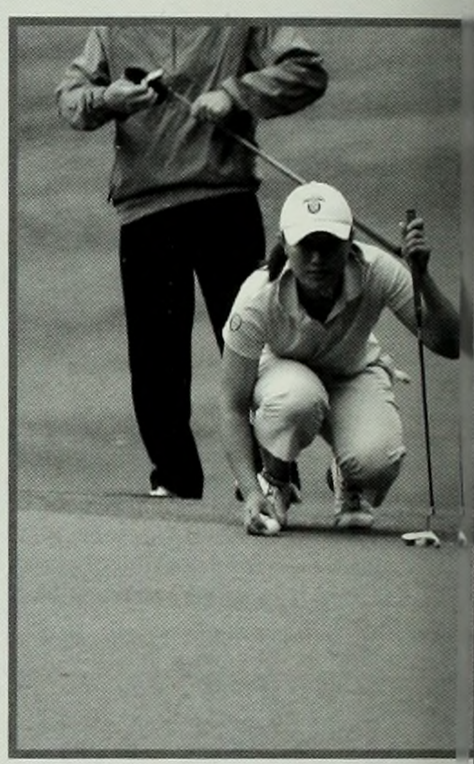
golf

Women were once banned from playing golf. But today, as more women are swinging their golf clubs, the Columbia women's golf team continues to outperform, despite its relatively short history of six years. This year's class includes Monique Kim, the first Barnard graduate to be on the golf team.

"We, the seniors, got to see the program grow to what it is today, and it's amazing how far the program has come. The team truly went from worst to first in the Ivy League, and I have no doubt that the team will continue to be a force in the years to come. The wins were definitely memorable, but the friendships I've made are what I value the most from this experience. I'll never forget the ice cream runs before and after practice and the measures we took to get ice cream and/or anything else we craved. Our team sure can eat."

Monique Kim BC '09





Above: Lynda Kwon (

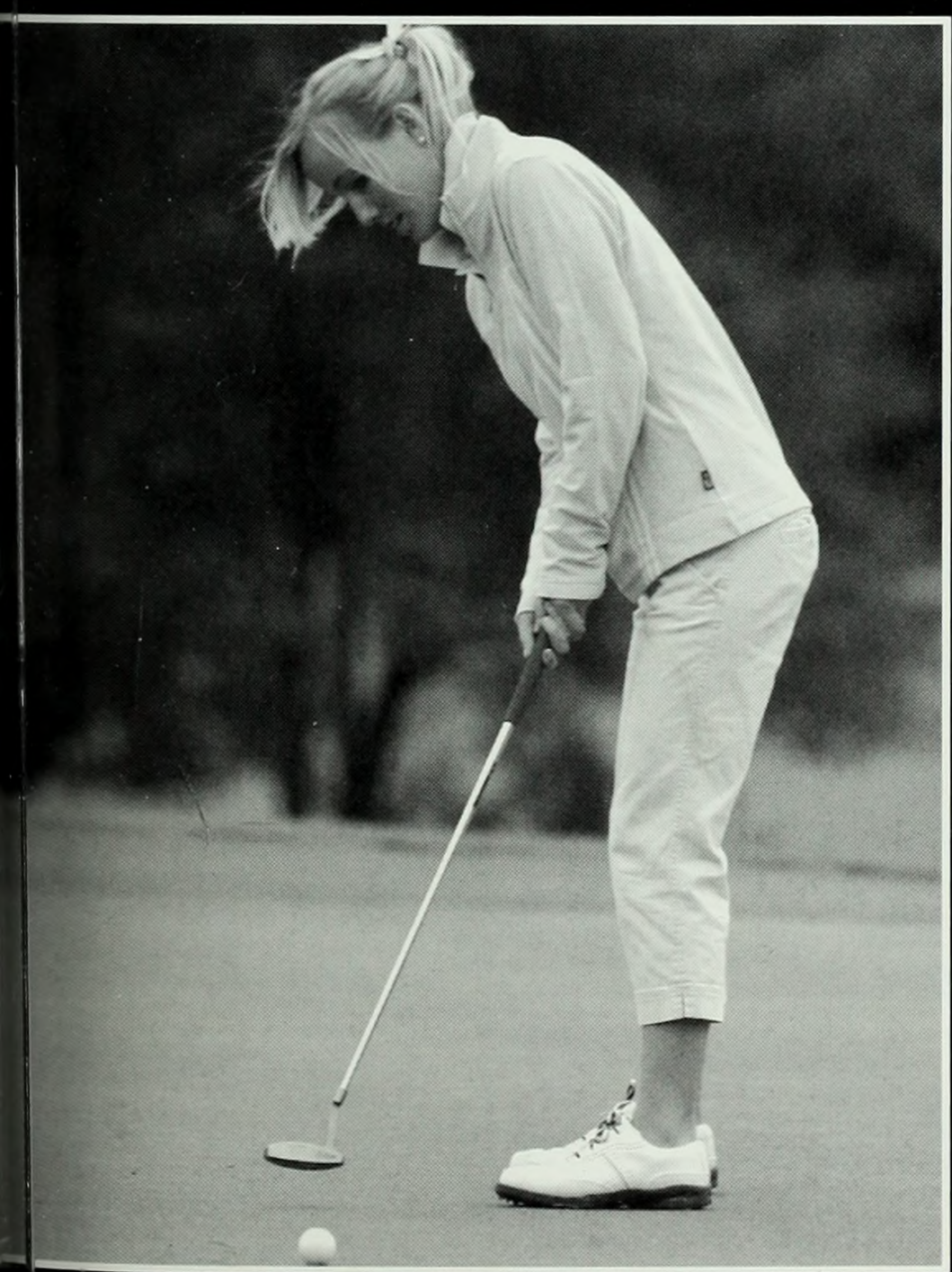
Far Top Left and Left: Jennifer Adyorough CC '11
Far Bottom Left: Stevy Loy CC '10

Below: Lynda Kwon CC '12

Fall 2008

Results:

Sept. 13-14 **Nittany Lion Invitational**	**6th** of 20
Sept.19-20 **Princeton Invitational**	**4th** of 16
Sept. 26-27 **Yale Invitational**	**7th** of 19
Oct. 13-14 **Spider Invitational**	**4th** of 14
Nov. 3-4 **UAB Beach Blast**	**1st** of 14



Left: Katherine Durnan CC '11

"I remember... "

... the days when women wore long skirts and dress shoes to play golf. (Barnard, 1960)

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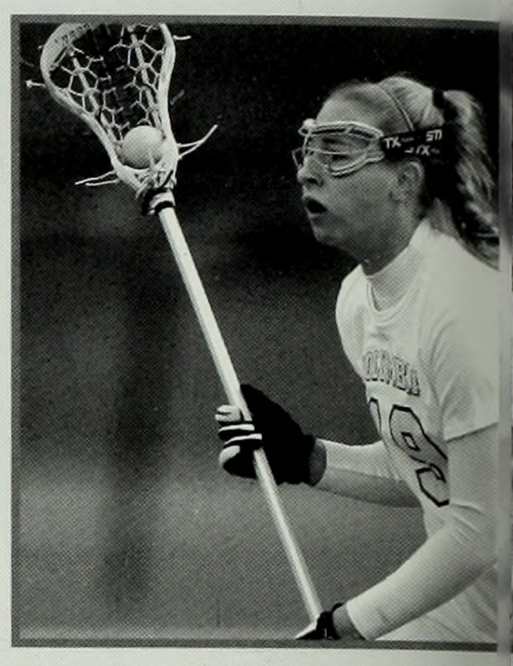
Lacrosse

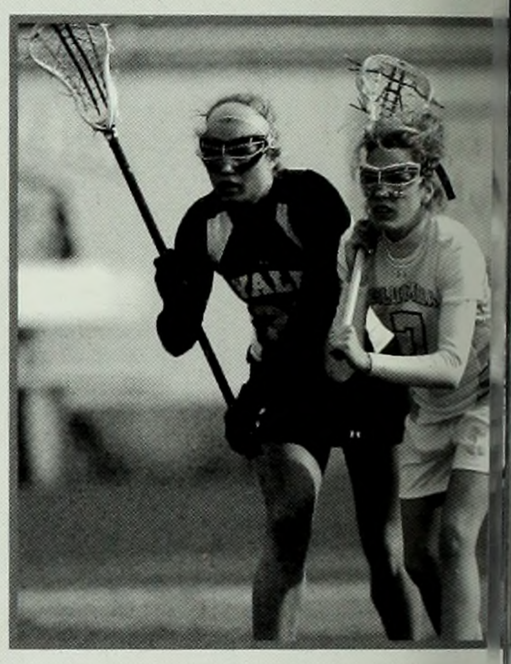
The Columbia women's lacrosse team finished this year's season with a program best 9-7 record. The dedication these women have shown has paid off and will continue to bring about impressive results in the years to come.

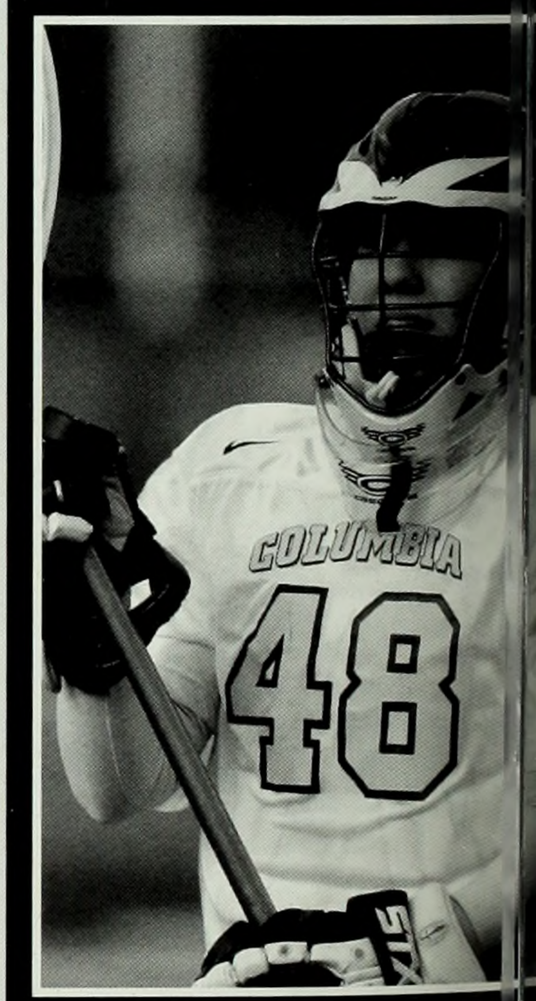
The team had three players receive All-Ivy League recognition. Senior Holly Glynn was named to the second team while fellow senior Rachael Ryan and junior Brittany Shannon each earned honorable mention.



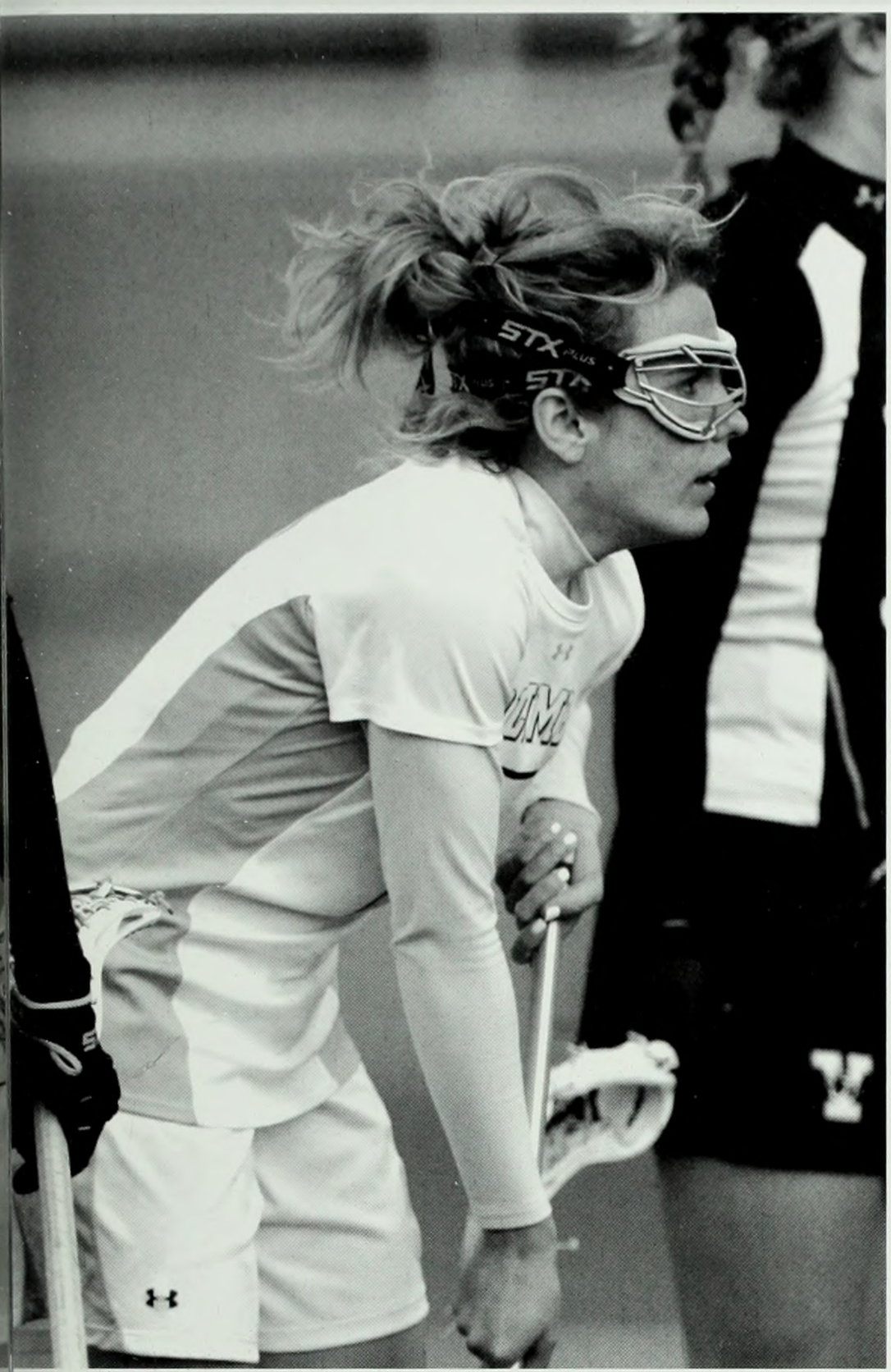
Above: Defender Aman Goodhart CC '12

Below: Midfielder Tayl Gattinella CC '12



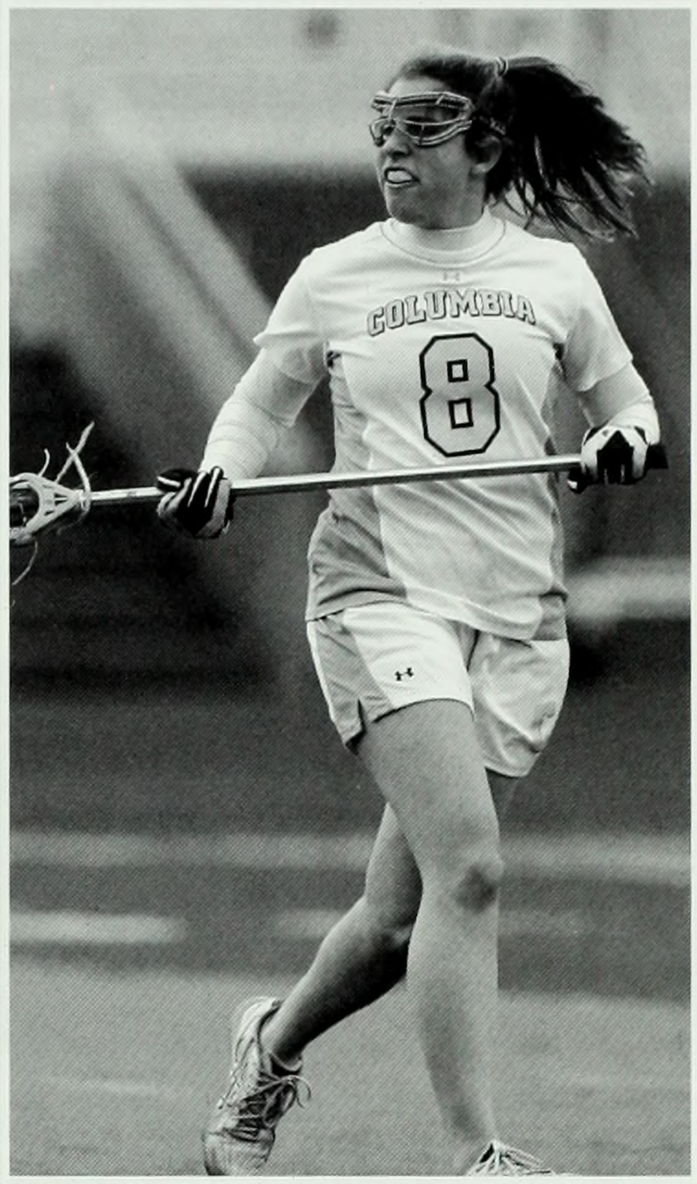


Above: Goalkeeper Ka Blank CC '12



Left: Getting ready for a play.

Below: Krista Giannattasio CC '09 looks for her teammates to make a pass.



Results:

Monmouth	14-10 **(W)**
Lafayette	15-8 **(W)**
Wagner	12-7 **(W)**
Marist	16-5 **(W)**
American	9-6 **(W)**
Cornell	8-11 **(L)**
Lehigh	13-15 **(L)**
Penn	11-16 **(L)**
Princeton	5-15 **(L)**
Brown	10-15 **(L)**
Yale	6-12 **(L)**
Bryant	19-11 **(W)**
Harvard	11-10 **(W)**
La Salle	10-9 **(W)**
Dartmouth	9-12 **(L)**
Bucknell	15-14 **(W)**

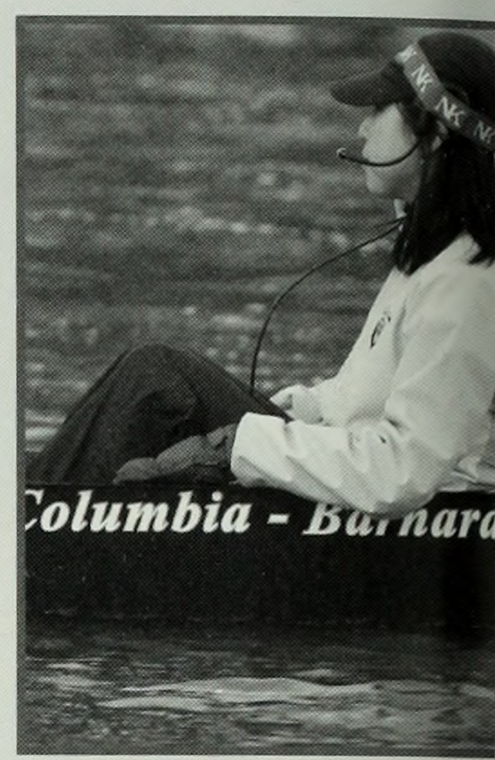
Left: Midfielder Caroline Seery and Lizzi Lee, both CC '11

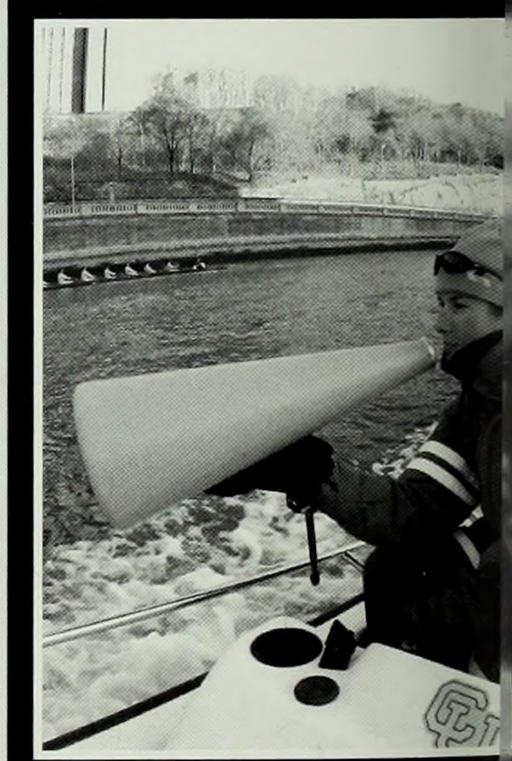
Below: Attacker Gabrielle Geronimos CC '11

rowing

The athletes on the women's rowing team sure can fight. The crew this season has kept pushing themselves until the last competition, demonstrating that they can race with the best.

Head coach Melanie Onufrieff gave the women realistic but challenging goals for the 2008-09 season, and they achieved them. The team aimed to beat their seed at every race, from the Princeton Chase to the Eastern Sprints. The Lions blew the other boats out of the water in their final regatta by pulling ahead and placing far higher than expected.





Above: Head coach Melanie Onufrieff

Results:

Princeton Chase	V8: **25th** of 43 V4: **21st** of 41
Governor's Cup	**1st**
Connell Cup	**3rd** of 3
Murtaugh Cup	**2nd** of 3
St. Joseph's & GWU	**1st** of 3
Georgetown	**1st**
Navy	**1st**
Dunn Bowl	**3rd** of 3
Woodbury Cup	**4th** of 6
Eastern Sprints	**2nd** of 6

2008-2009

Below: Preparing for practice by getting oars down the dock

soccer

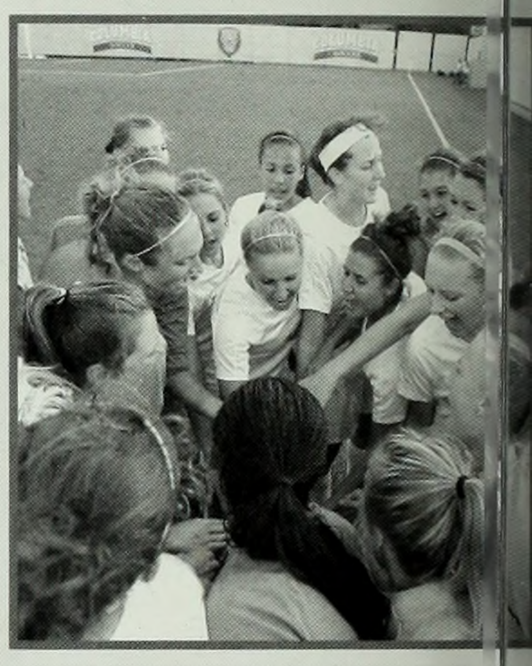
"I've always done athletics as an escape: from school, from social life, from the general anxiety of living in such a chaotic world. But coming to college, I found that a person with honesty of personality, who works hard, and who is loyal, always finds belonging.

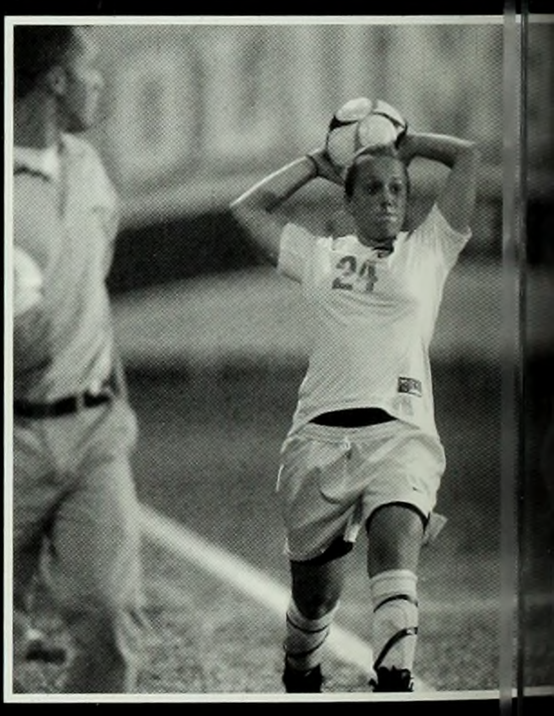
"I had never expected this from sports, but it has changed the way I view the world and myself. Contribution to this team signifies a true bond of family, and having my teammates' trust has given me confidence that I will carry with me after I leave college."

Rebecca Taylor CC '09

Above: Defender Laur Cooke SEAS '11

Below: The team hudd for a pep talk.





Above: Midfield Nora Do y CC '12

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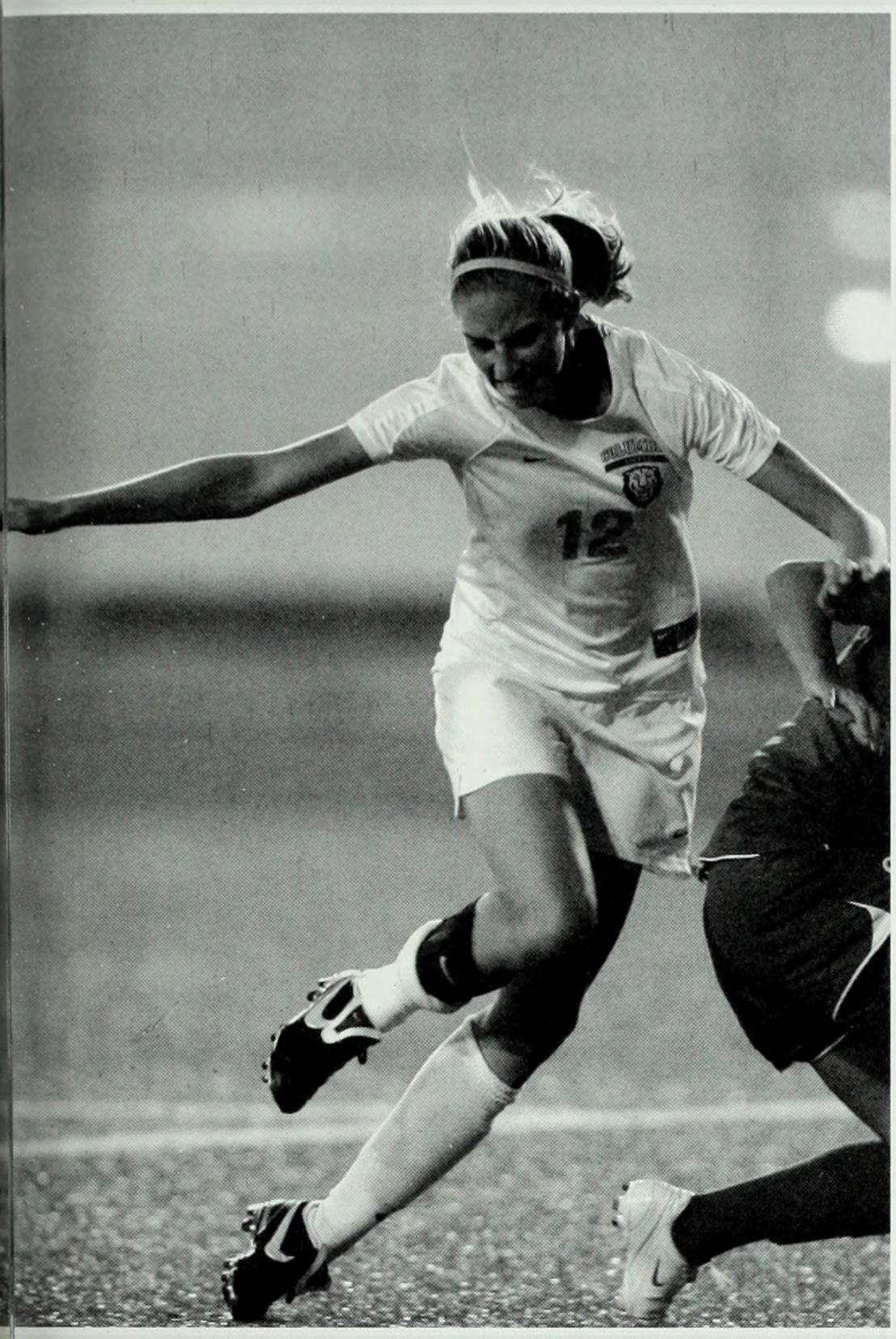
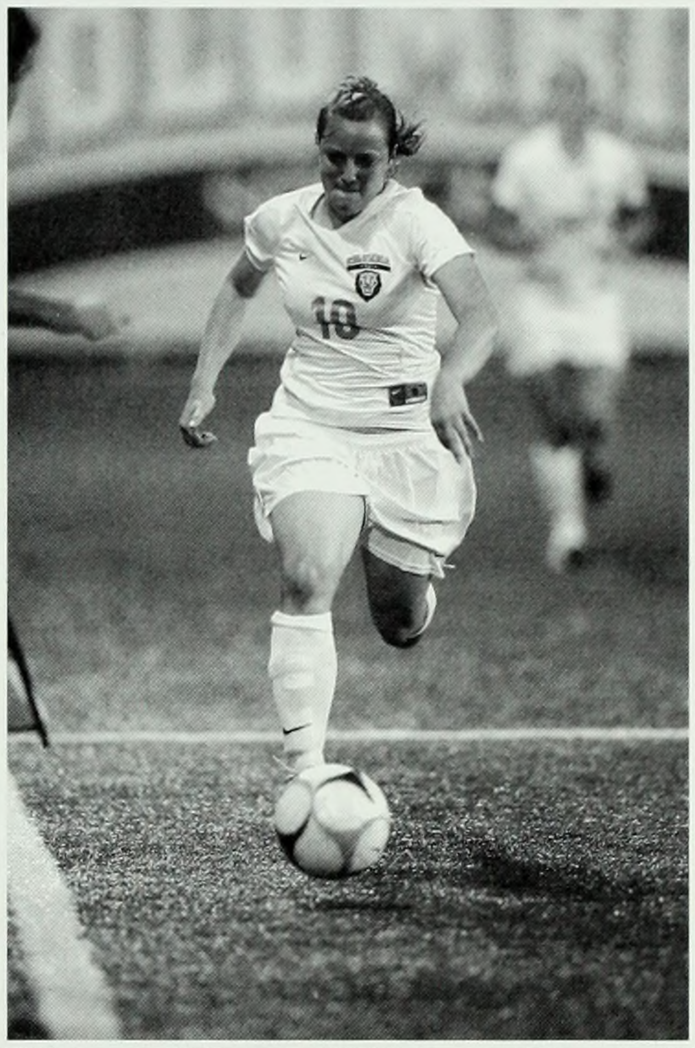


Left: Forward Ashlin Yahr CC '12

Below: Midfield/forward Liz Wicks CC '12



Results:

Hofstra	0-1 **(L)**
William&Mary	1-0 **(W)**
Iona	2-0 **(W)**
St. John's	0-0 **(T)**
Seton Hall	2-3 **(L)**
American	5-0 **(W)**
Stony Brook	4-0 **(W)**
Cornell	3-1 **(W)**
Manhattan	2-0 **(W)**
Brown	2-1 **(W)**
LIU	4-0 **(W)**
Penn	1-1 **(T)**
Marist	6-1 **(W)**
Princeton	1-2 **(L)**
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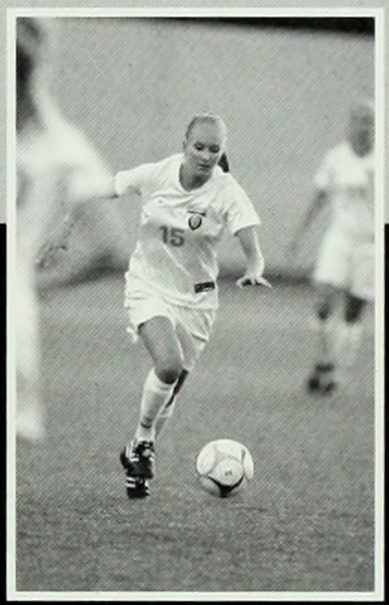
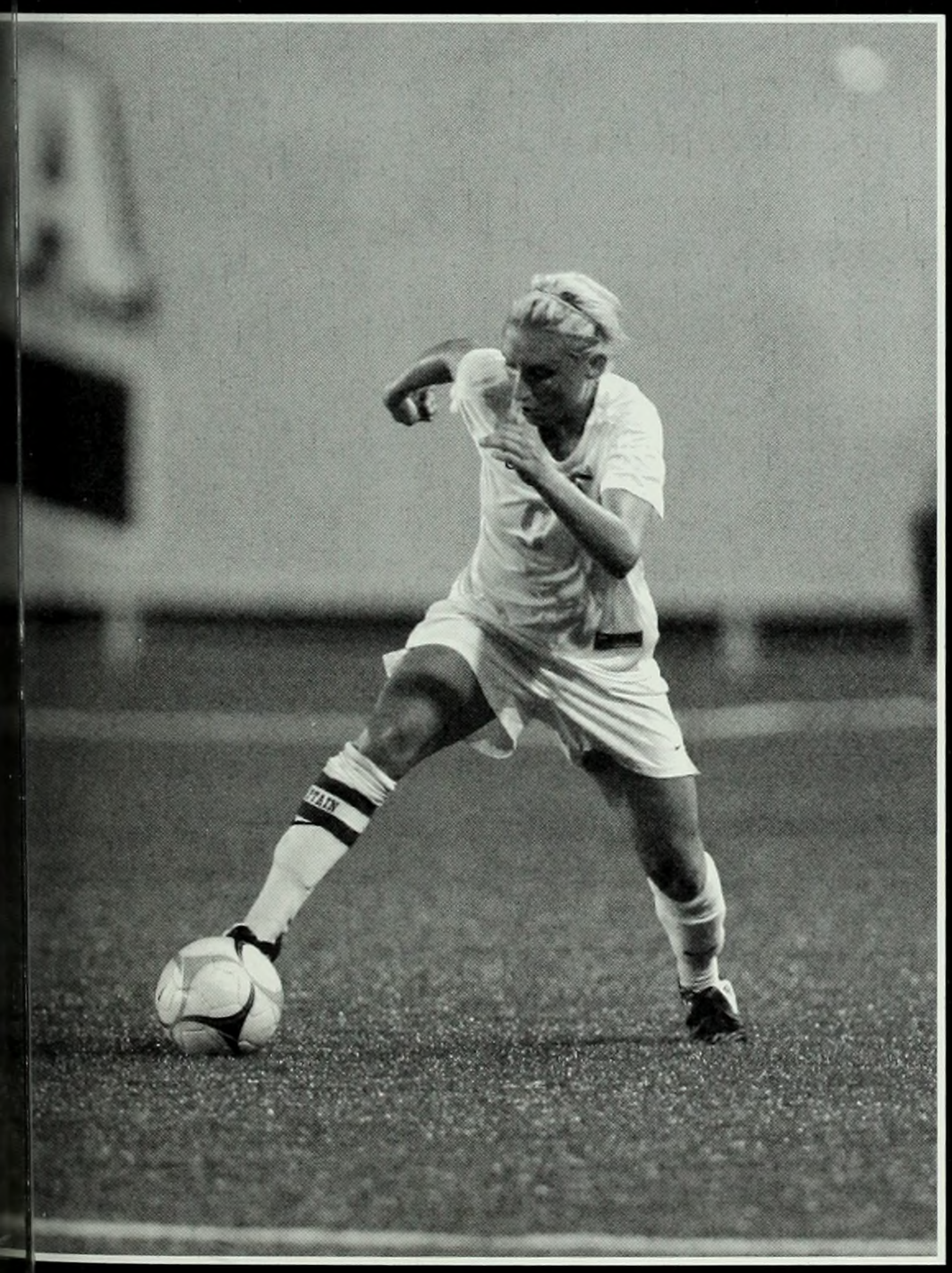
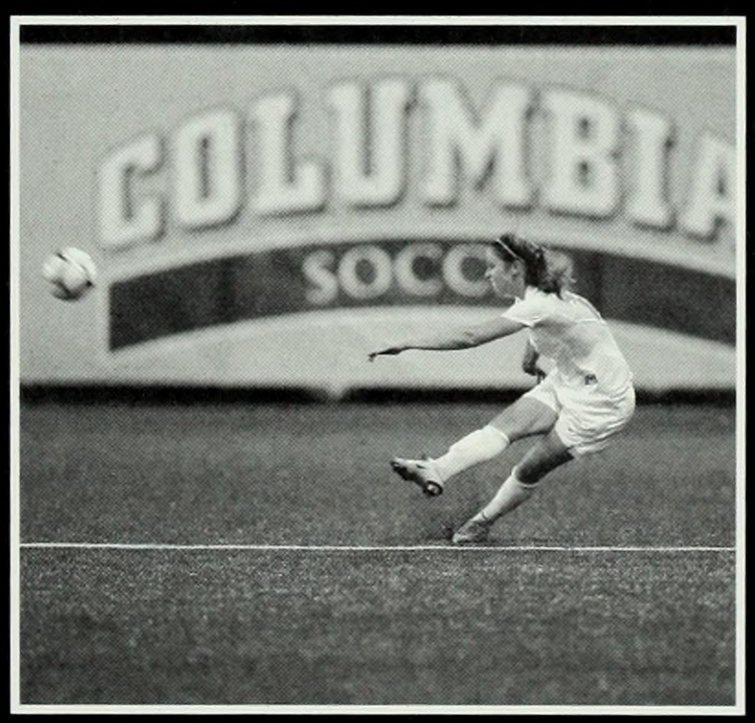
Yale	2-1 **(W)**
Harvard	1-2 **(L)**



Above: Defender/midfield/forward Christina Eckhardt CC '10



Left: Midfield/forward Sophie Rieser CC '10



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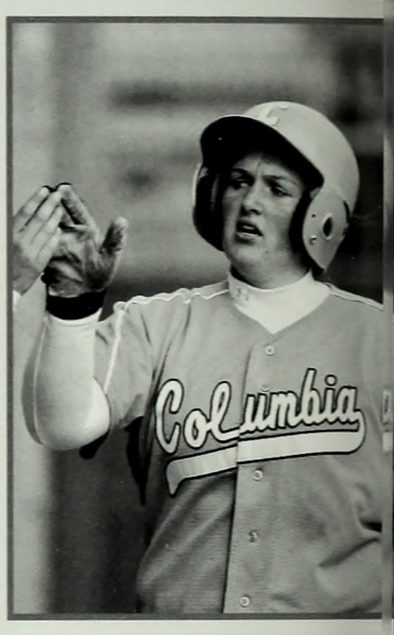

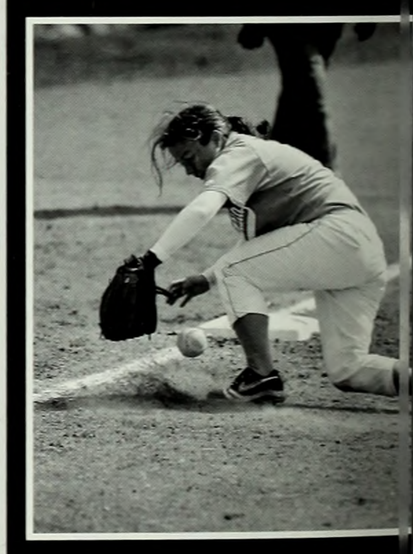

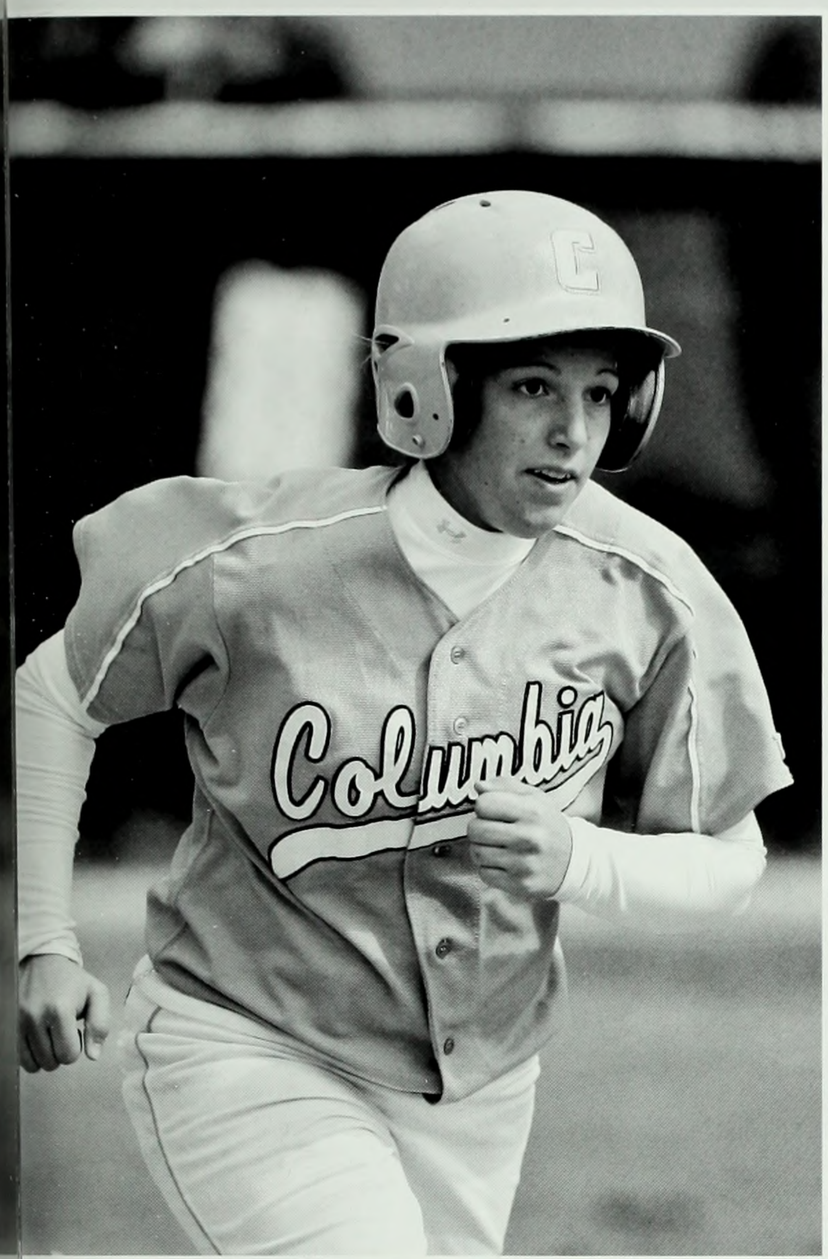

Spring 2009

Conference games:

Harvard	0-5 **(L)**
	0-1 **(L)**
	2-0 **(W)**
Dartmouth	1-8 **(L)**
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Yale	3-4 **(L)**
	0-2 **(L)**
Brown	6-5 **(W)**
	3-12 **(L)**
Princeton	2-4 **(L)**
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Cornell	0-6 **(L)**
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	0-8 **(L)**
	2-14 **(L)**
Penn	3-4 **(L)**
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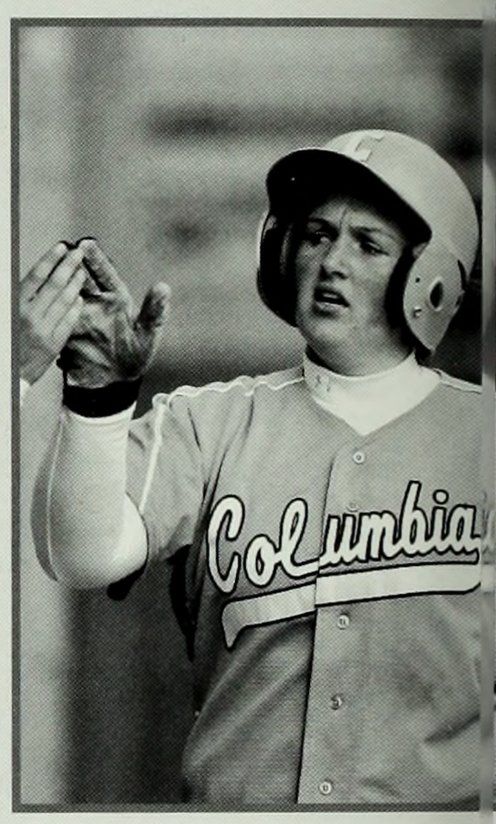

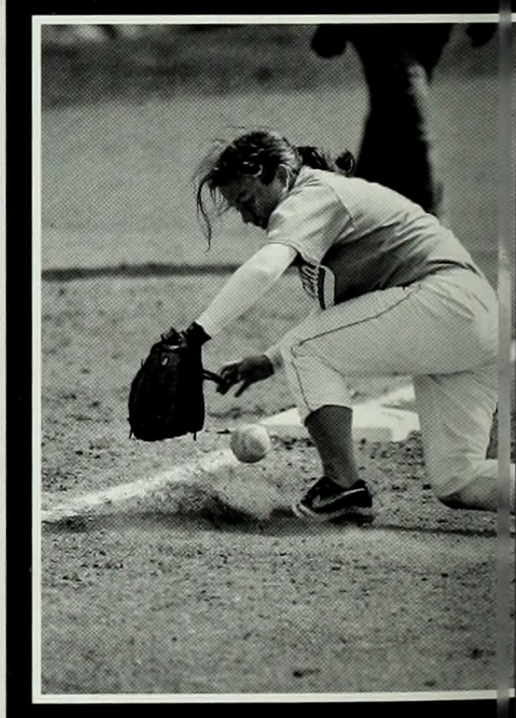

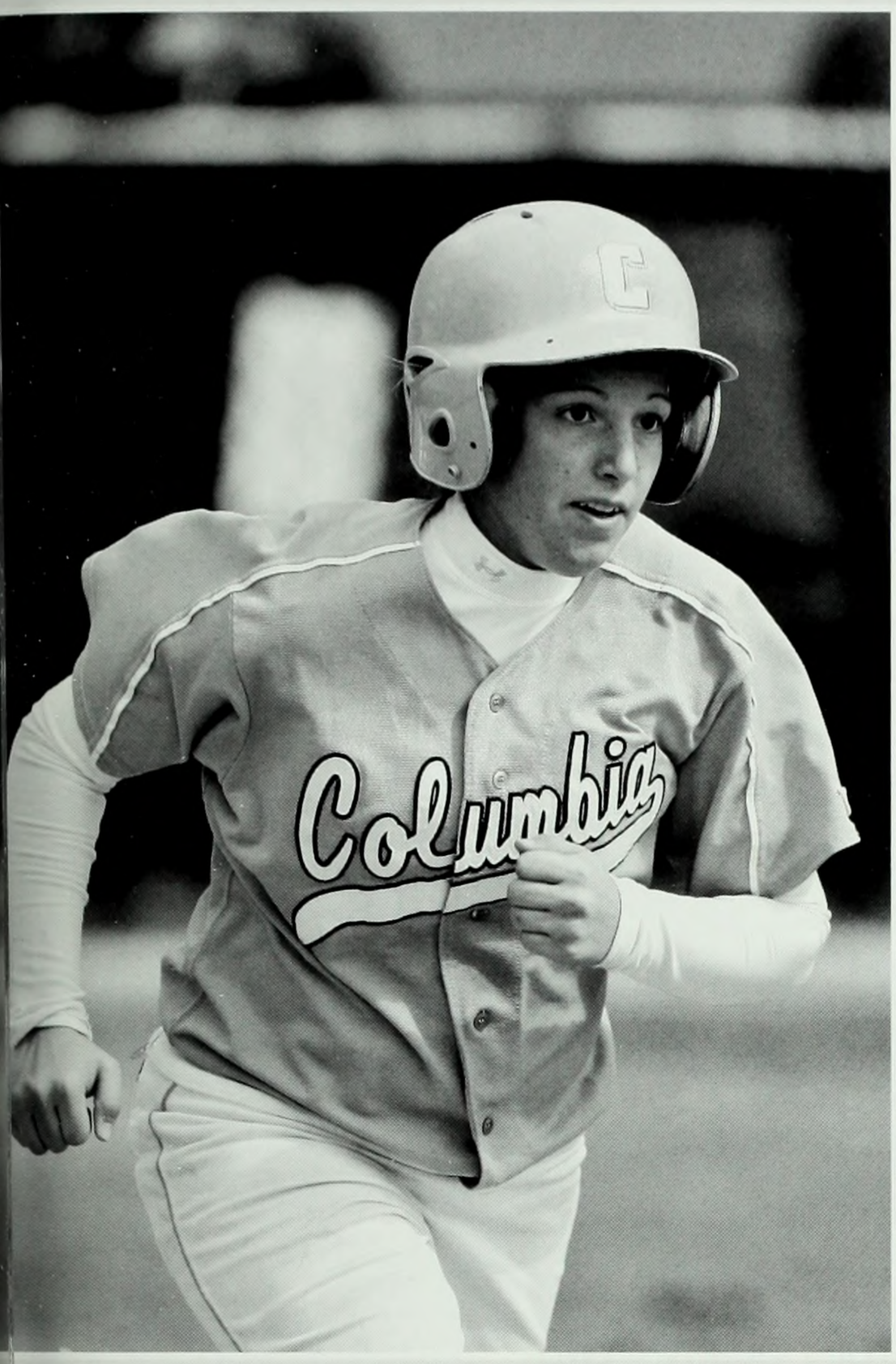

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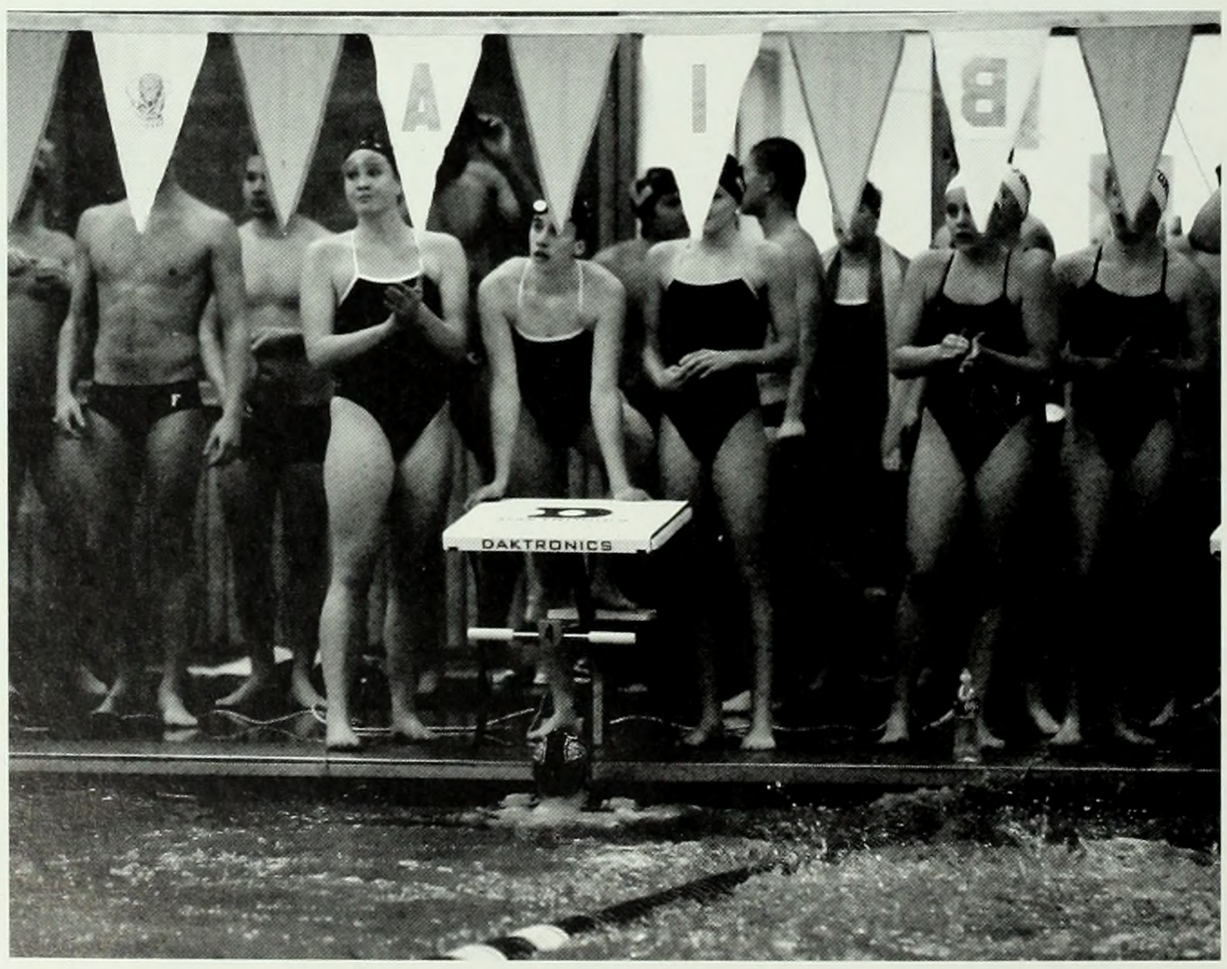
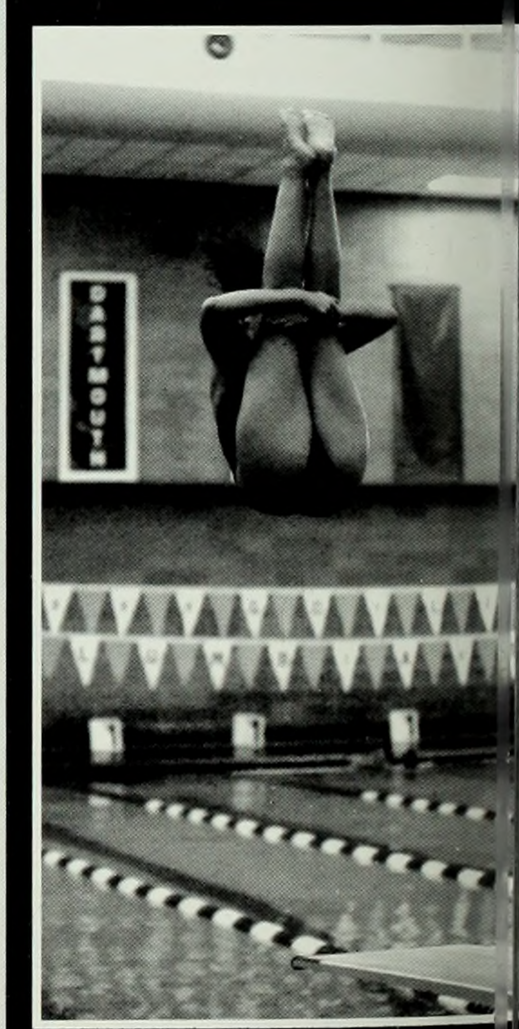
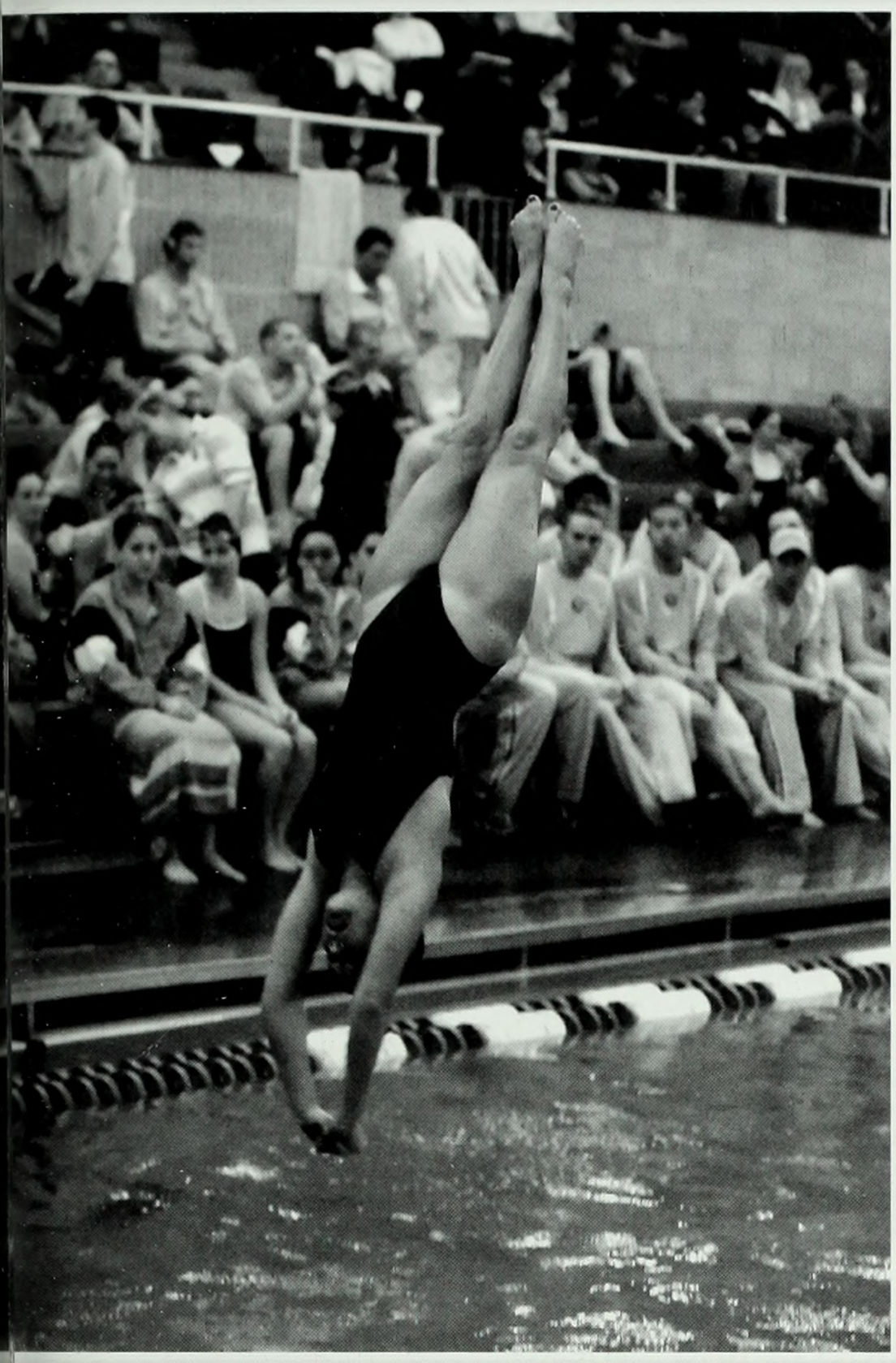
swimming & diving

This season, five members of the swimming and diving team were honored at the 2009 Ivy League Championships. The team stroked their way to success with record-breaking performances and first-time individual Ivy League Championship titles.

Coach Diana Caskey has been training Columbia's swim team for nearly two decades. A former Ivy League Champion and trainer of two past Olympians, it is no wonder the swim team boasts a triumphant season.







2008-2009

Results:

Yale	W
Penn	W
Harvard	L
Army	W
Fordham	W
Bucknell	W
Cornell	W
Wagner	W
Brown	W
Princeton	L
Dartmouth	W

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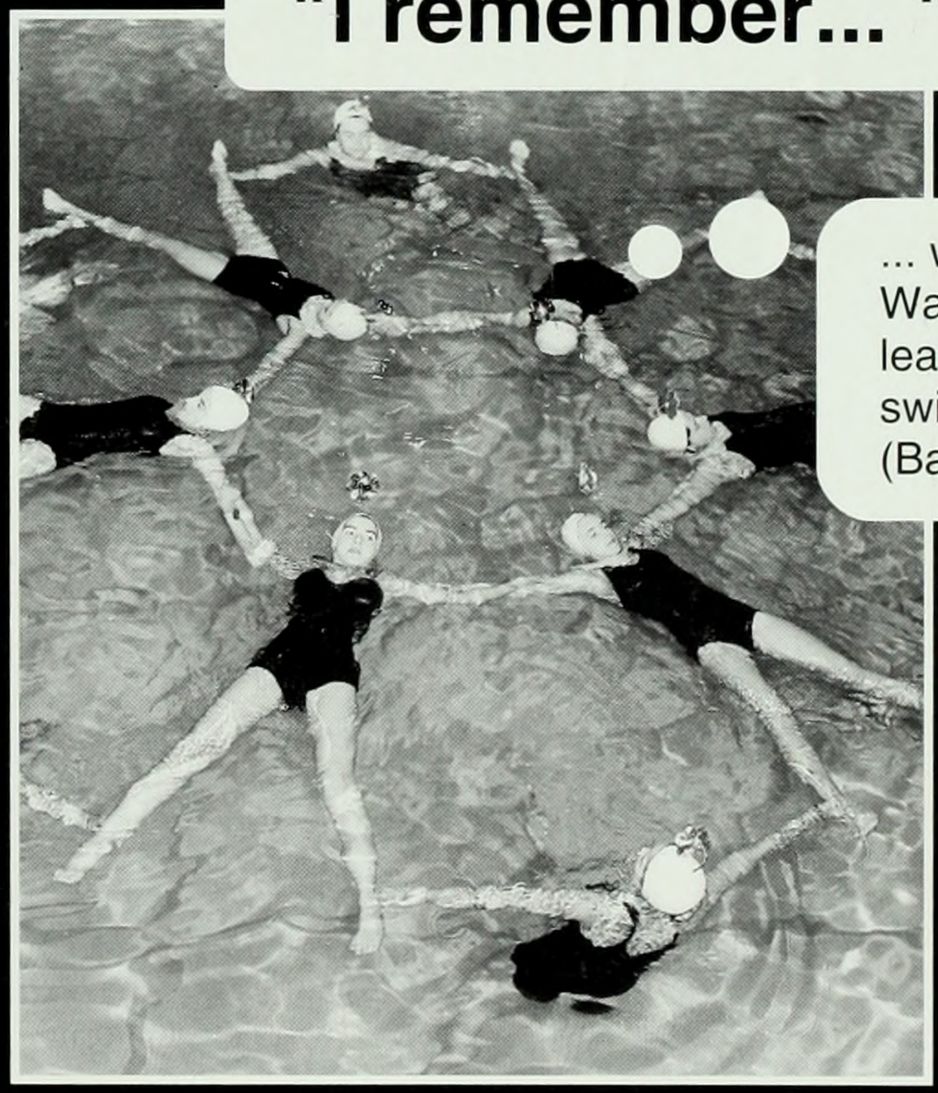

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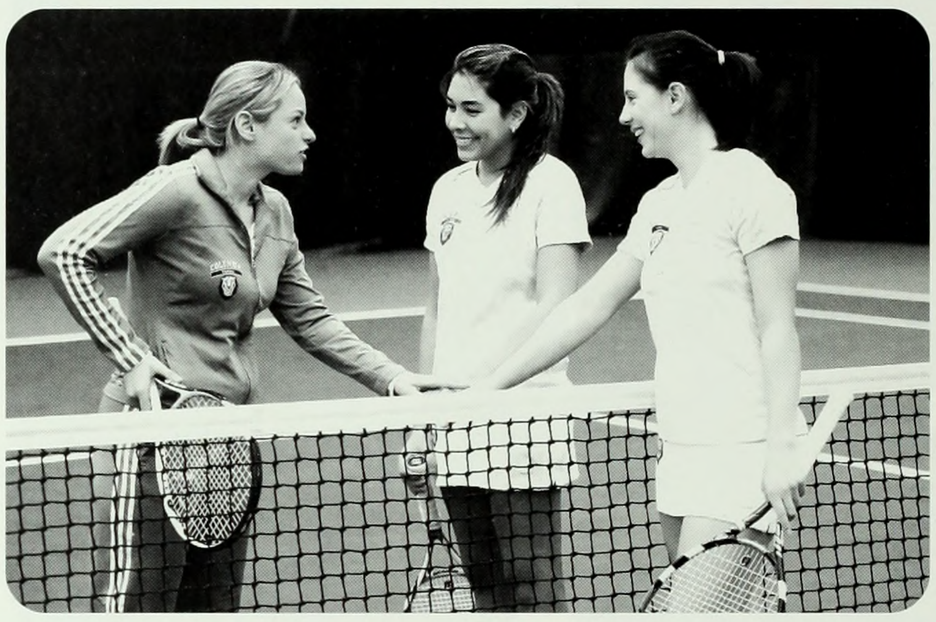

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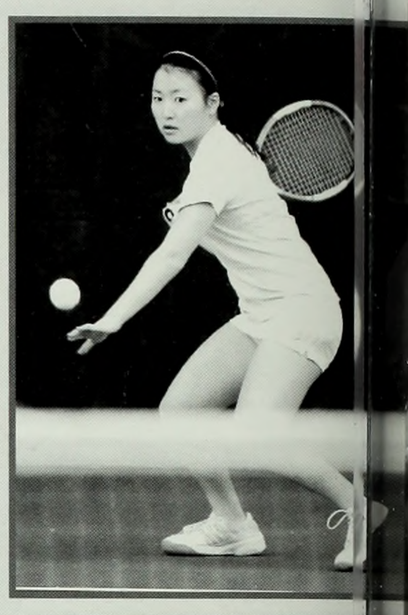

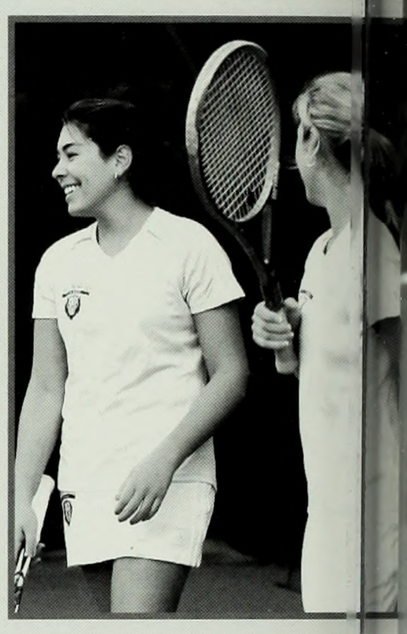

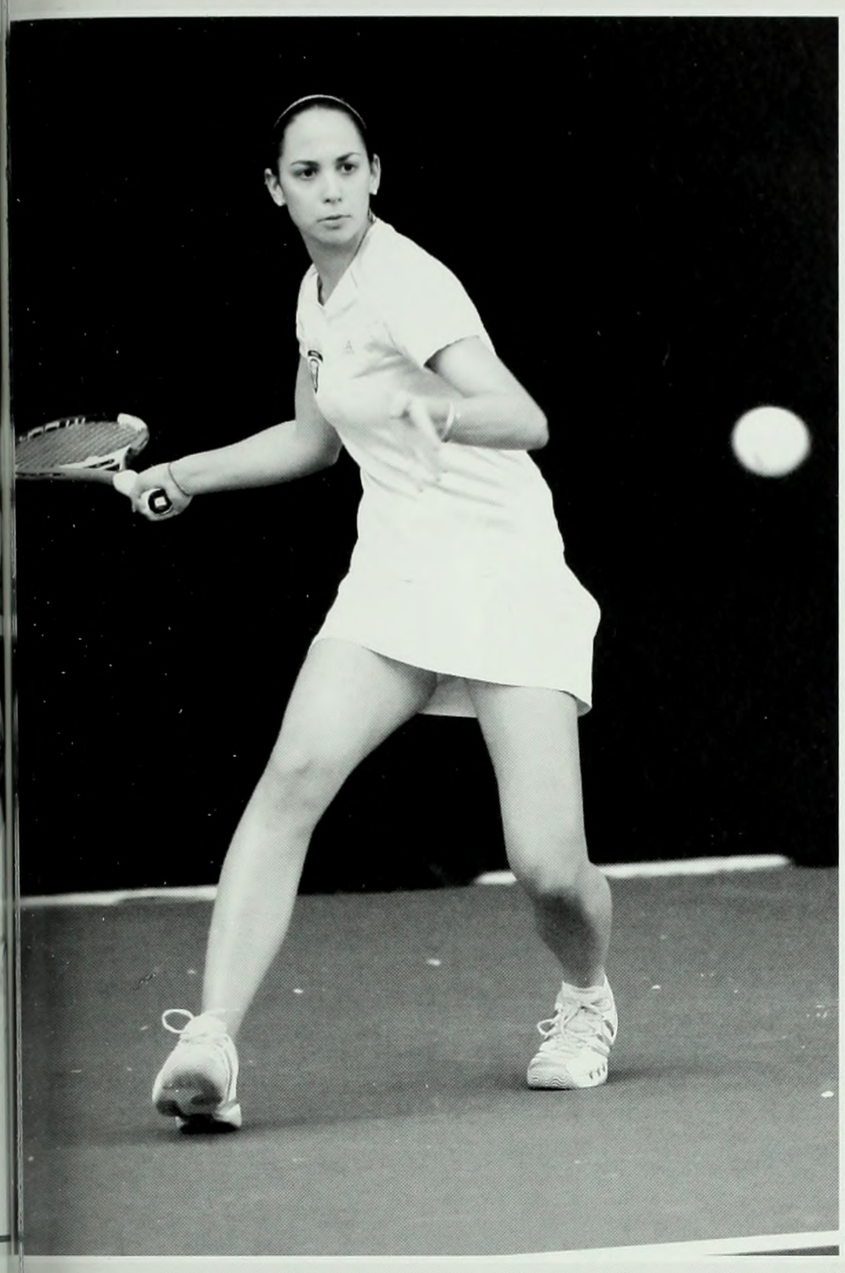

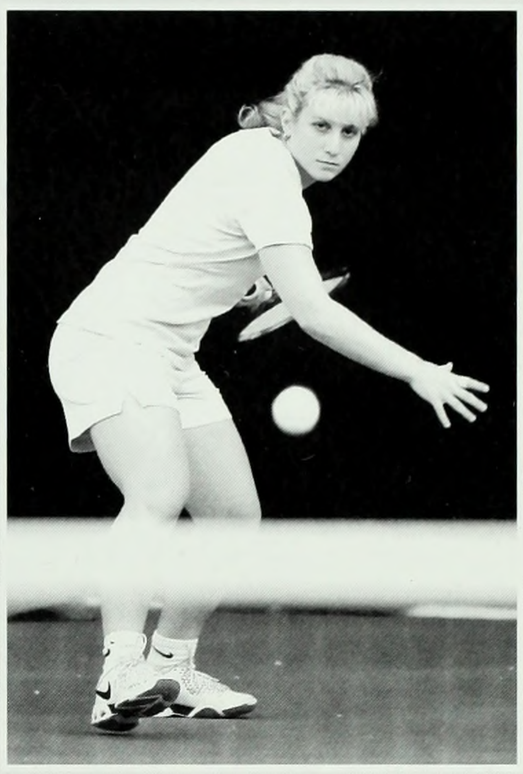

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UMBC	4-3 **(W)**
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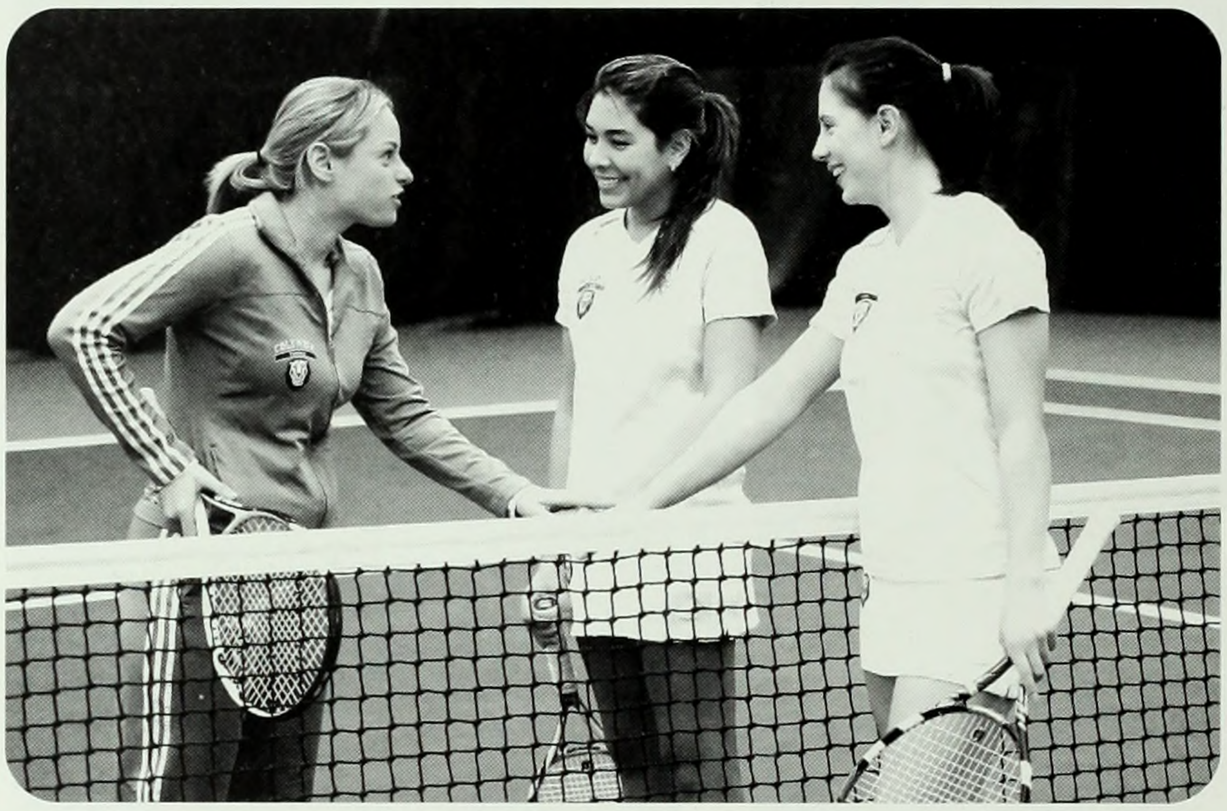

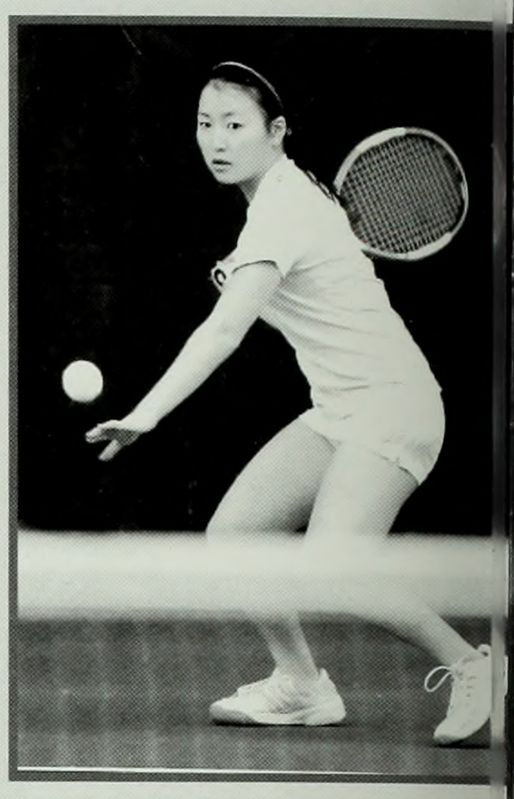

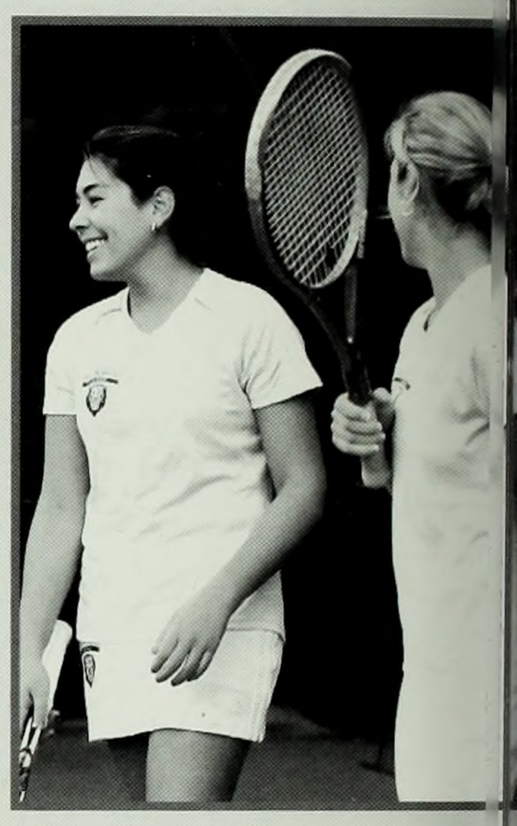

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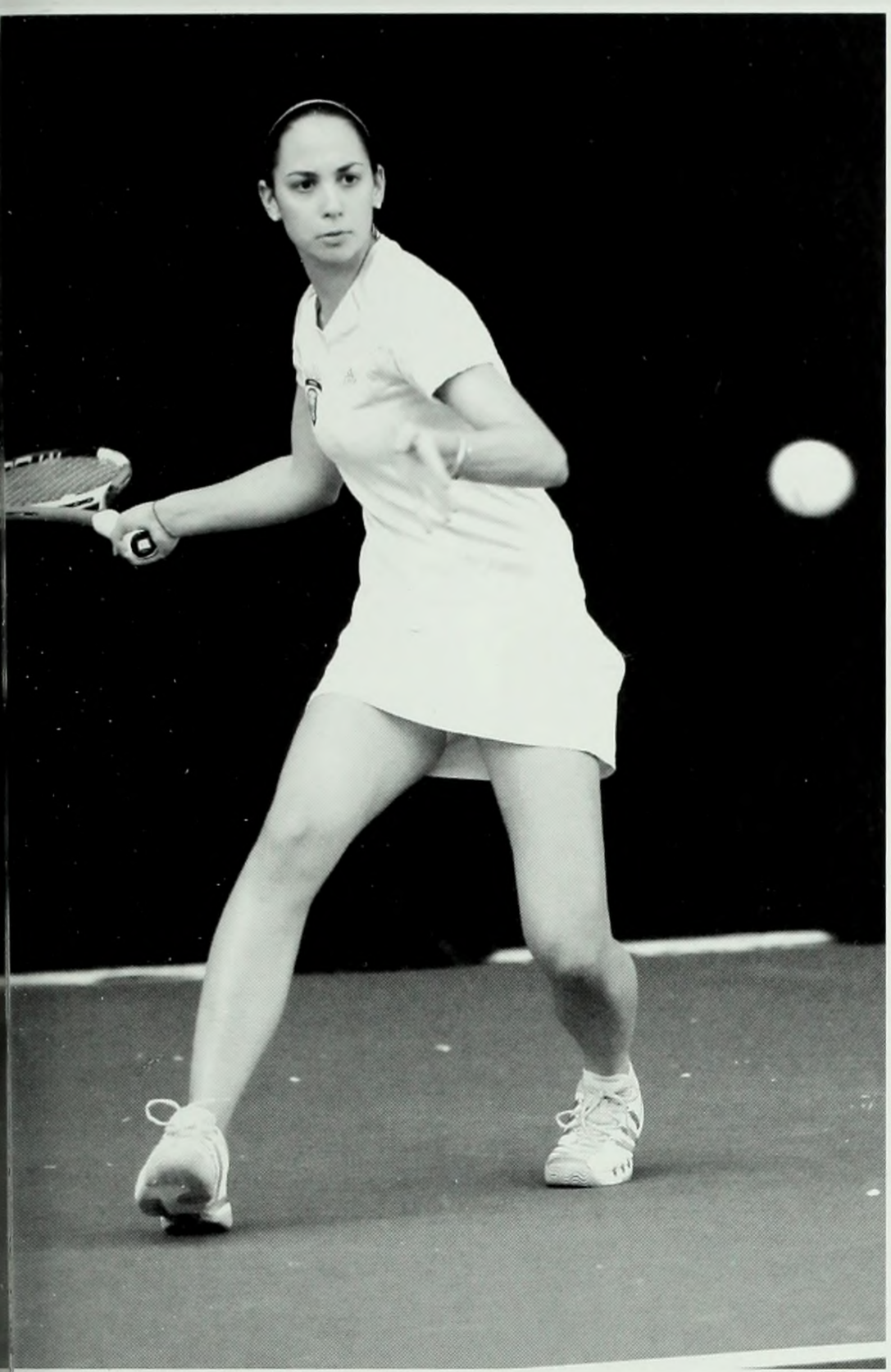

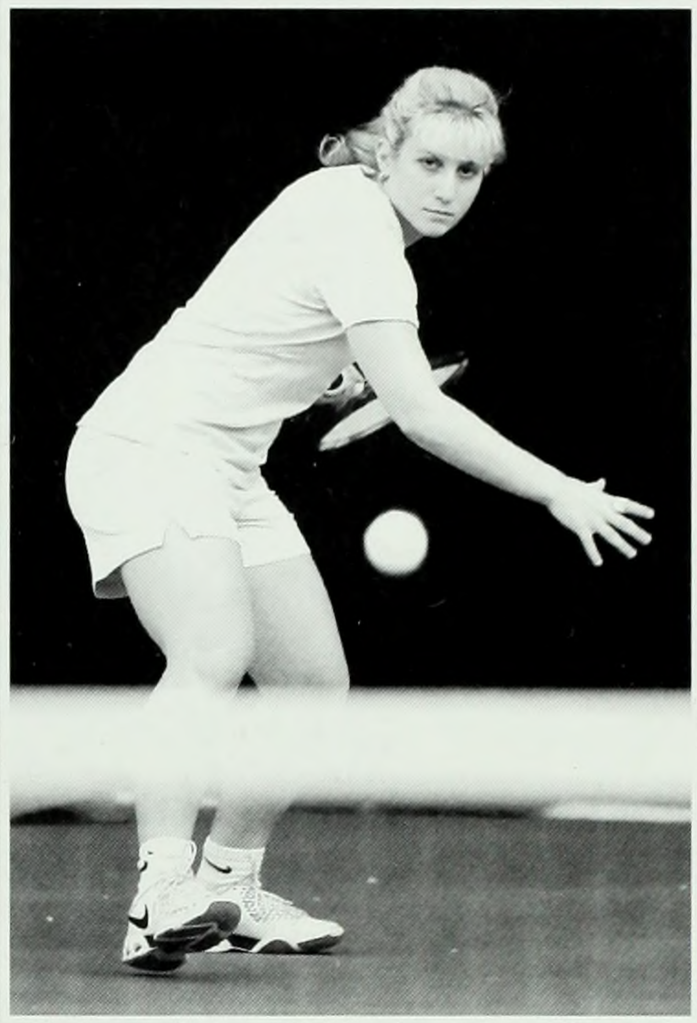

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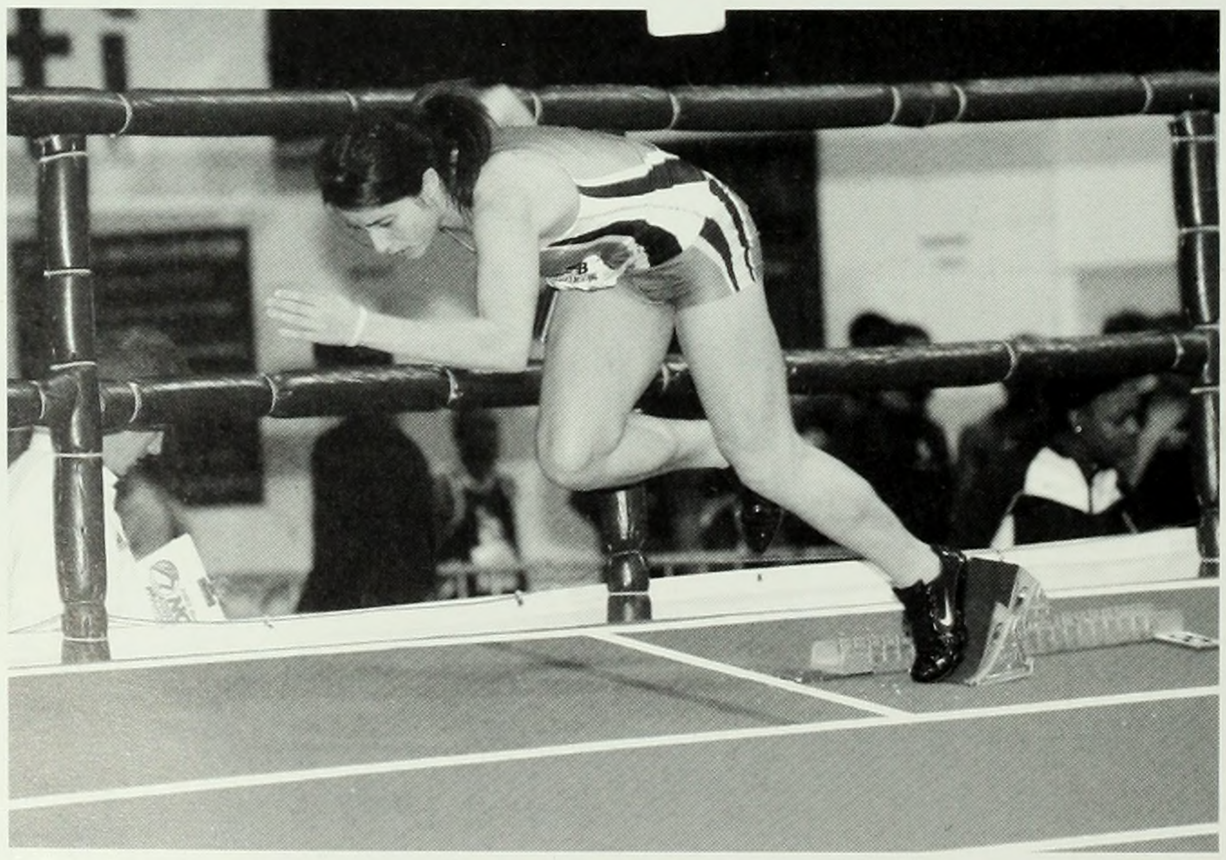
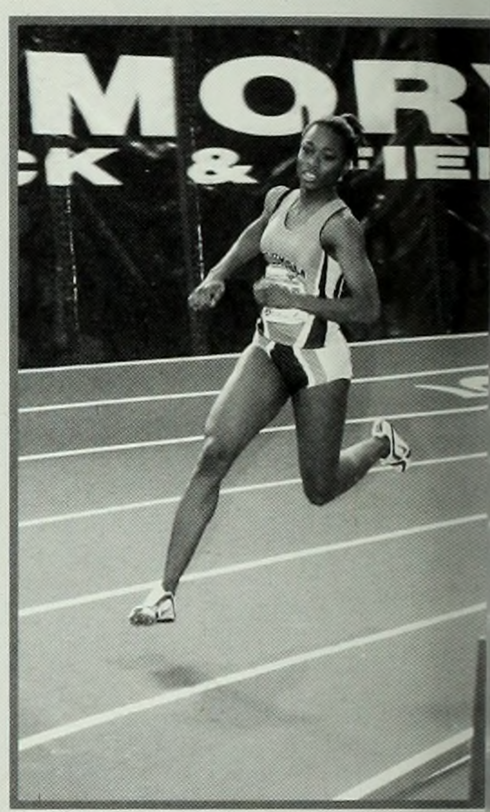
track & field

This year's women's track and field team has proven to be a strong competitor in its league. Six Columbia women were chosen to be part of the 2009 Division I All-Academic Track & Field team: Jacqueline Drouin, Kari Higdem, Serita Lachesis, Megan Lessard, Alaina Miller, and

Julianne Quinn. In addition to those stars, the team is lucky to have promising underclassmen as well. First-years Monique Roberts and Sharay Hale broke records this year; Roberts set a school record in high jump, and Hale is the Ivy League champion in the 400 meter dash. Next year should prove to be highly successful with the addition of twenty newcomers to the women's track and field team.





2008-2009

Results:

Jan 18:
Yale Tri-Meet **3rd**

Jan 23:
Great Dane Classic **8th** of 30

Jan 29:
Metropolitan Championships **4th** of 14

Feb 28-Mar 1:
Ivy League Indoor Heptagonal Championships **5th** of 8

May 9-10:
Ivy League Heptagonal Championships **4th** of 8

"I remember... "

... when track & field events were the basis for the Greek Games!

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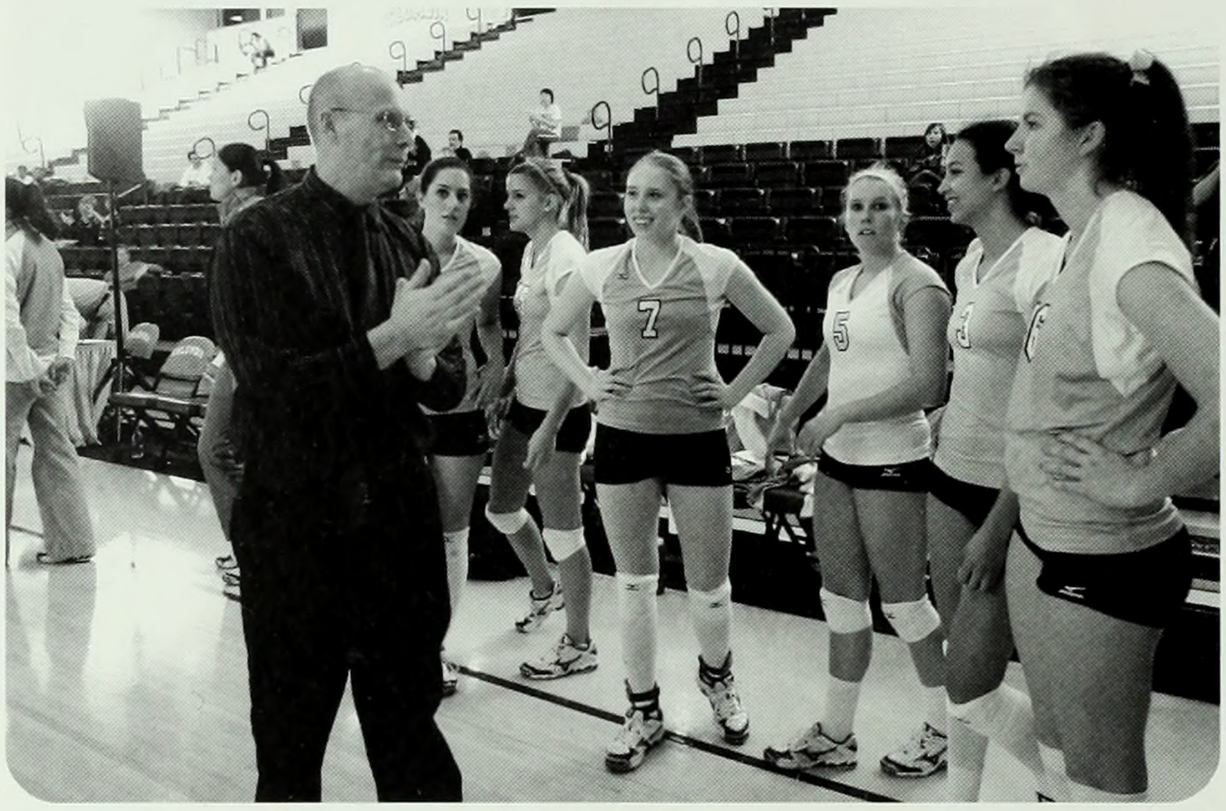
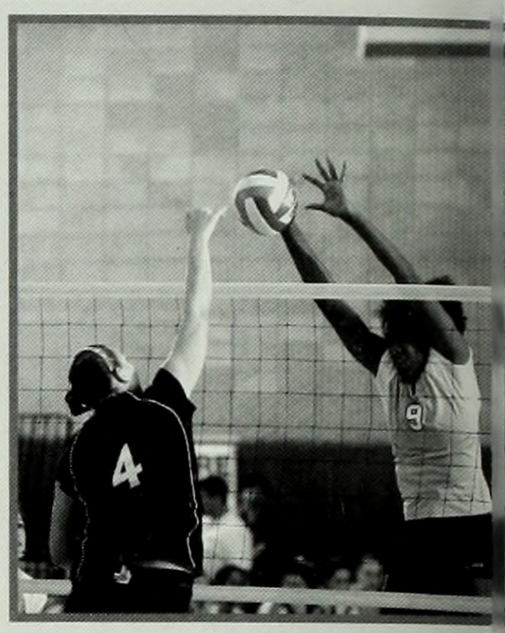
Volleyball

The volleyball team wraps up the season with a new record and high hopes for next year. All but one of these Lions will return to ace, dig, and kill on the court.

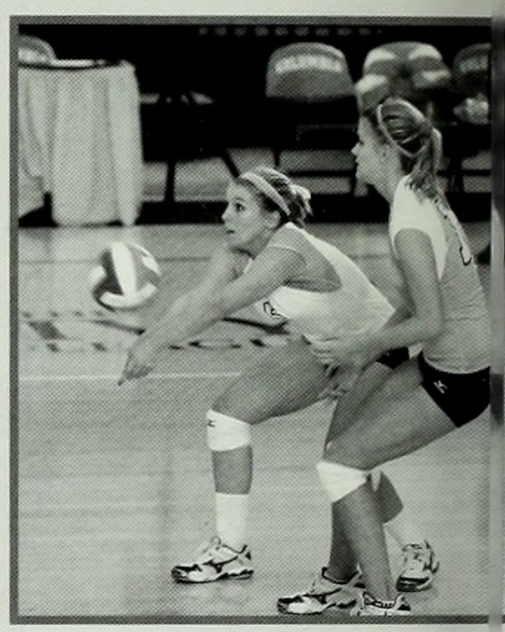


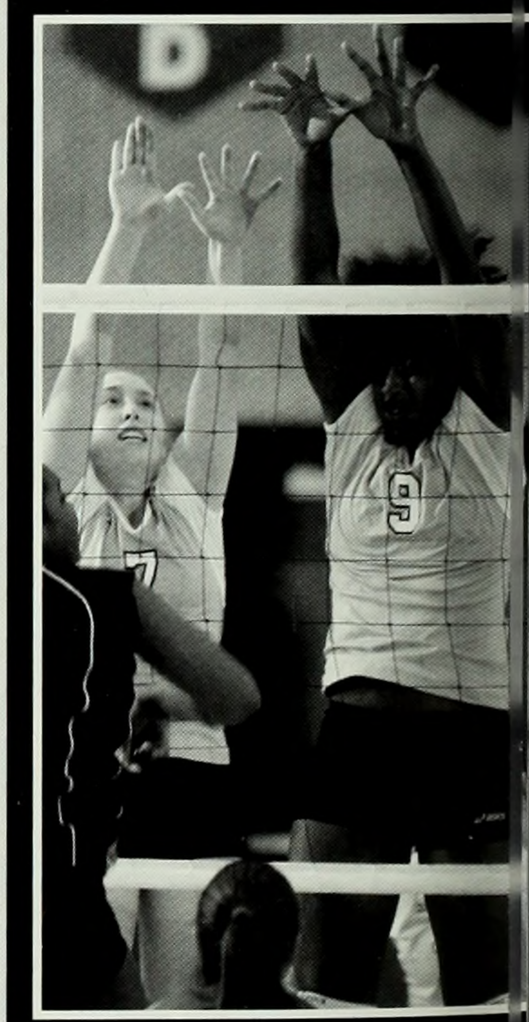
The only senior on the volleyball team this year, Amalia Viti SEAS '09 will leave a significant mark on the team: she set a record of all-time kills with 1,256 kills in her career. Co-captain Viti was also named second-team All-Ivy, and, with 353 kills this year alone, she had the most kills in the Ivy League in 2008.



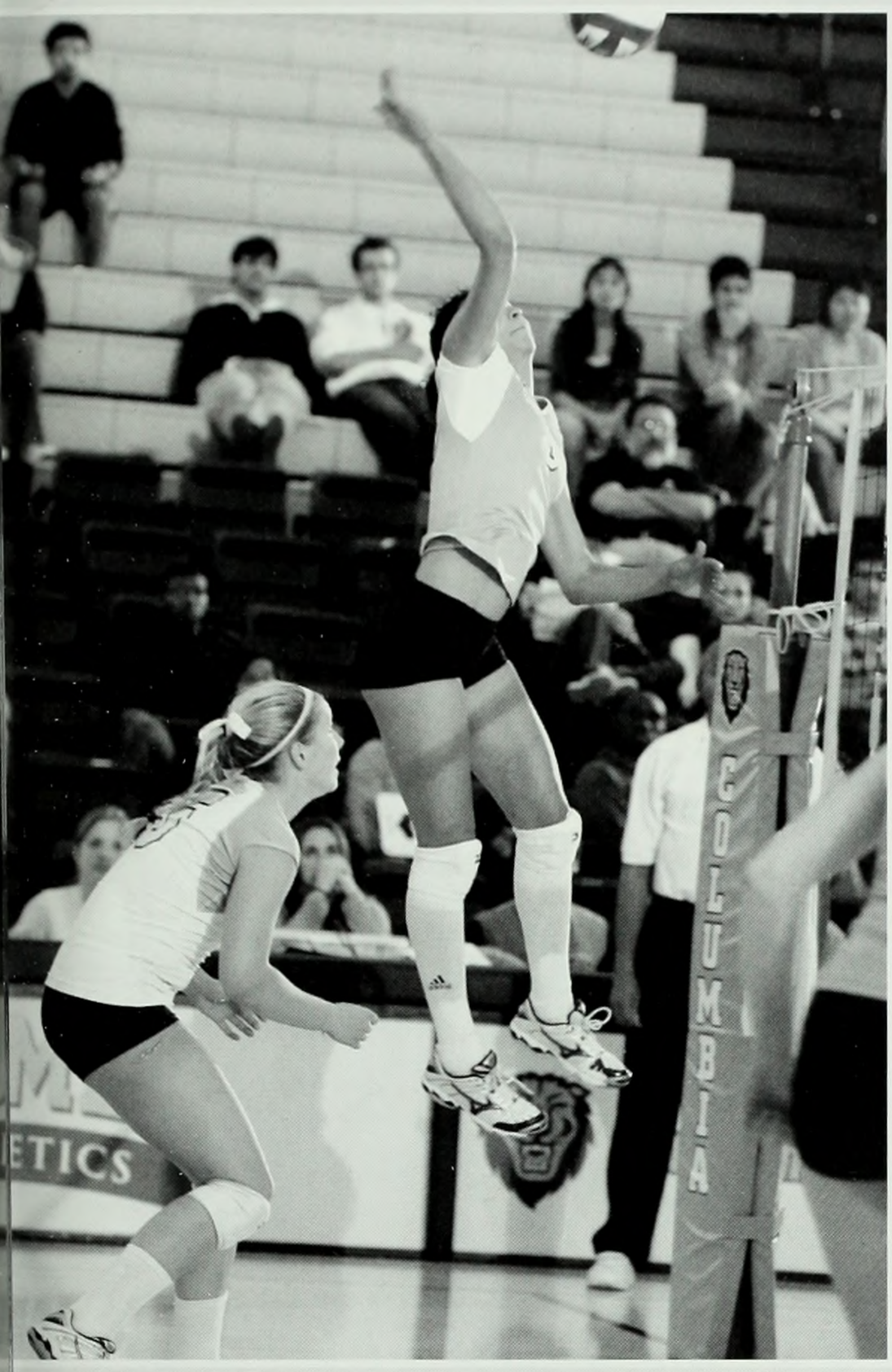
Above: Monique Roberts '12 gets high over the net to block the opposing team.

Below: Katie Mitchell CC receives a pass.

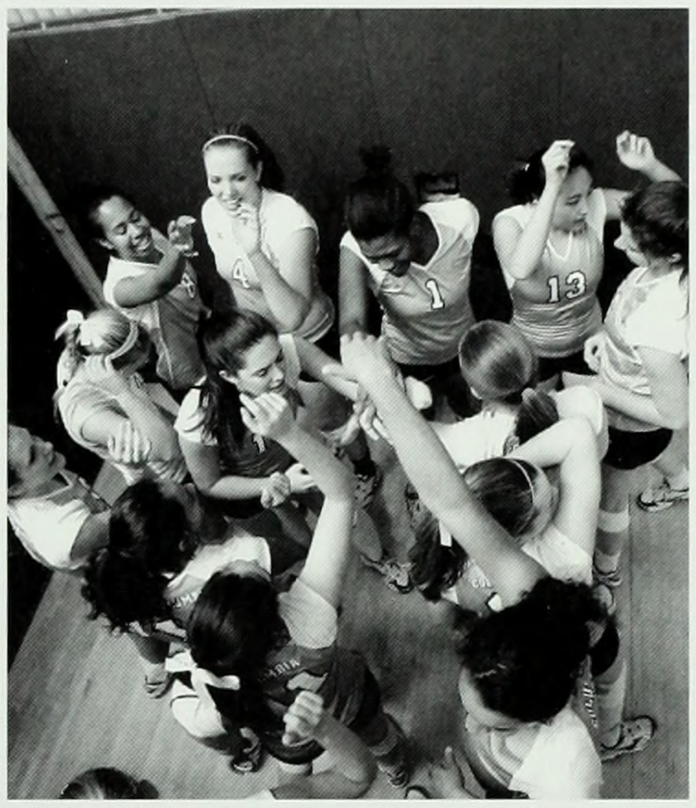




Above: Middle blocker Monique Roberts BC '12 rejects an opposing spike.



Left: Outside hitter Amalia Viti SEAS '09 makes a kill.



Fall 2008

Results:

Coppin State	3-0 (W)
Lafayette	3-2 (W)
Quinnipiac	3-0 (W)
Army	1-3 (L)
NJIT	3-2 (W)
Akron	0-3 (L)
St. Francis	3-1 (W)
Robert Morris	2-3 (L)
Cornell	0-3 (L)
LIU	0-3 (L)
Cornell	2-3 (L)
Princeton	0-3 (L)
Penn	0-3 (L)
Dartmouth	1-3 (L)
Harvard	0-3 (L)
NJIT	3-1 (W)
Brown	1-3 (L)
Yale	0-3 (L)
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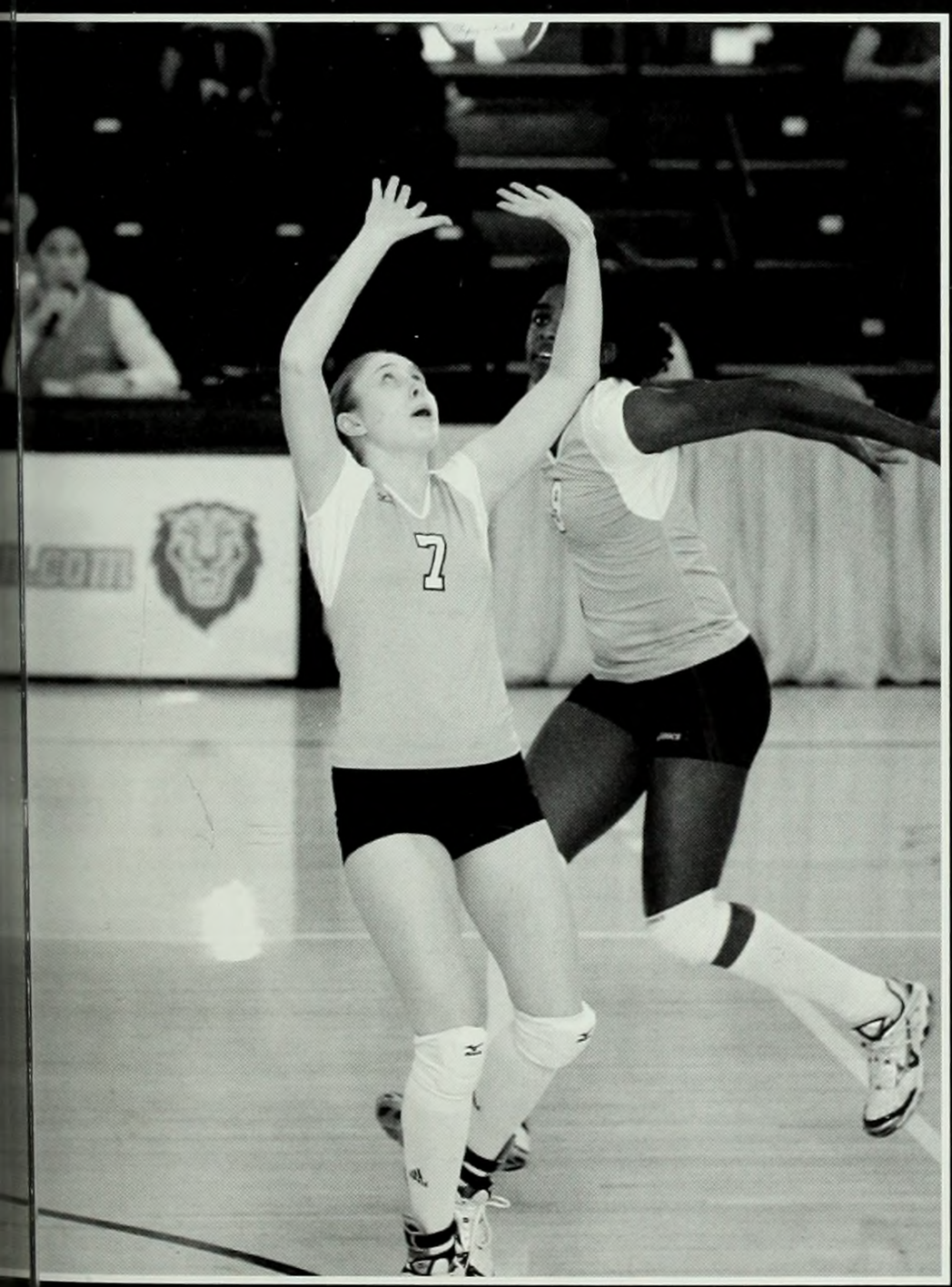

Left: Alex Marchyshyn CC '10 sets the ball to her teammate for a kill.

"I remember... "

... when students played volleyball on the lawn in front of the library. (Barnard, 1960)

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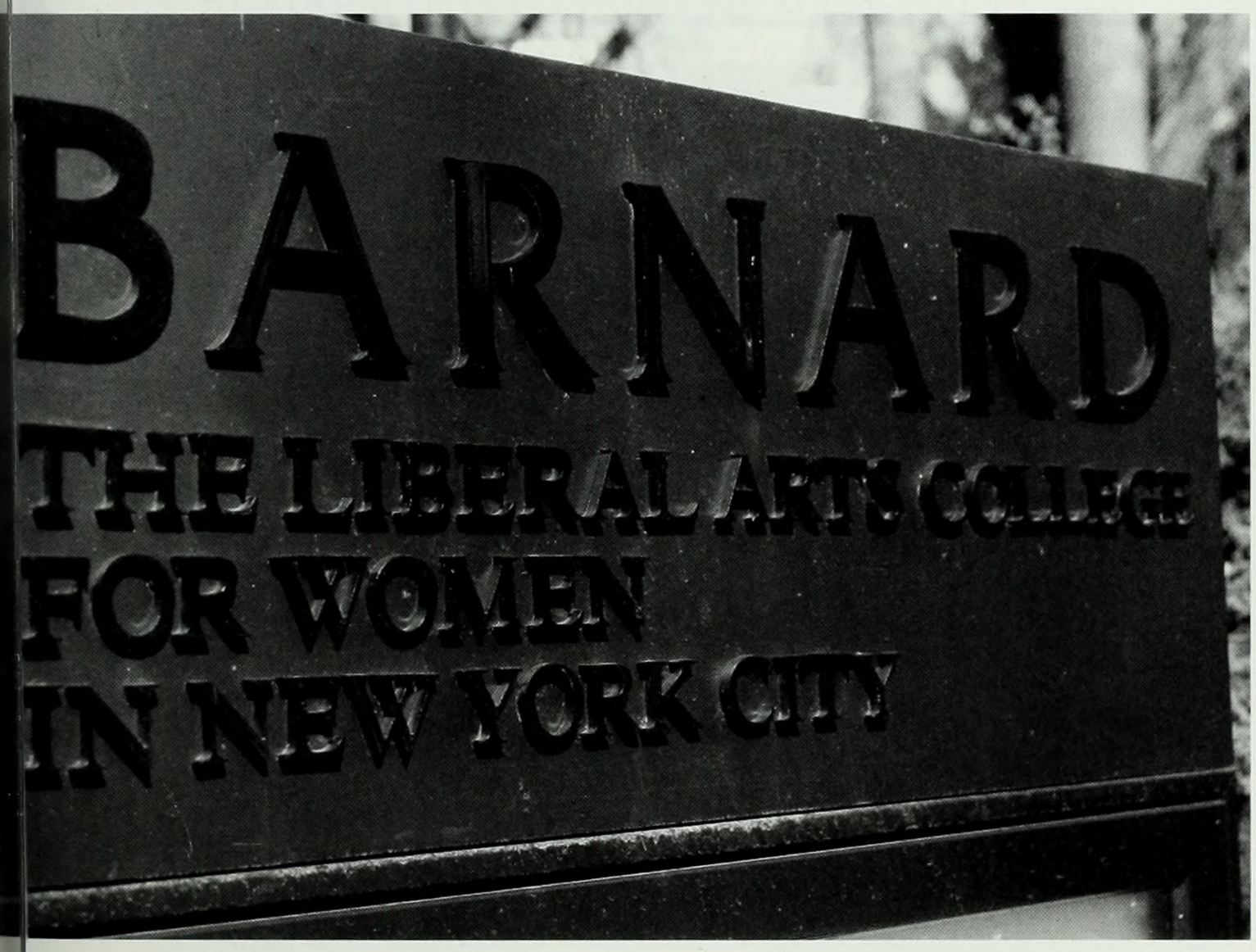

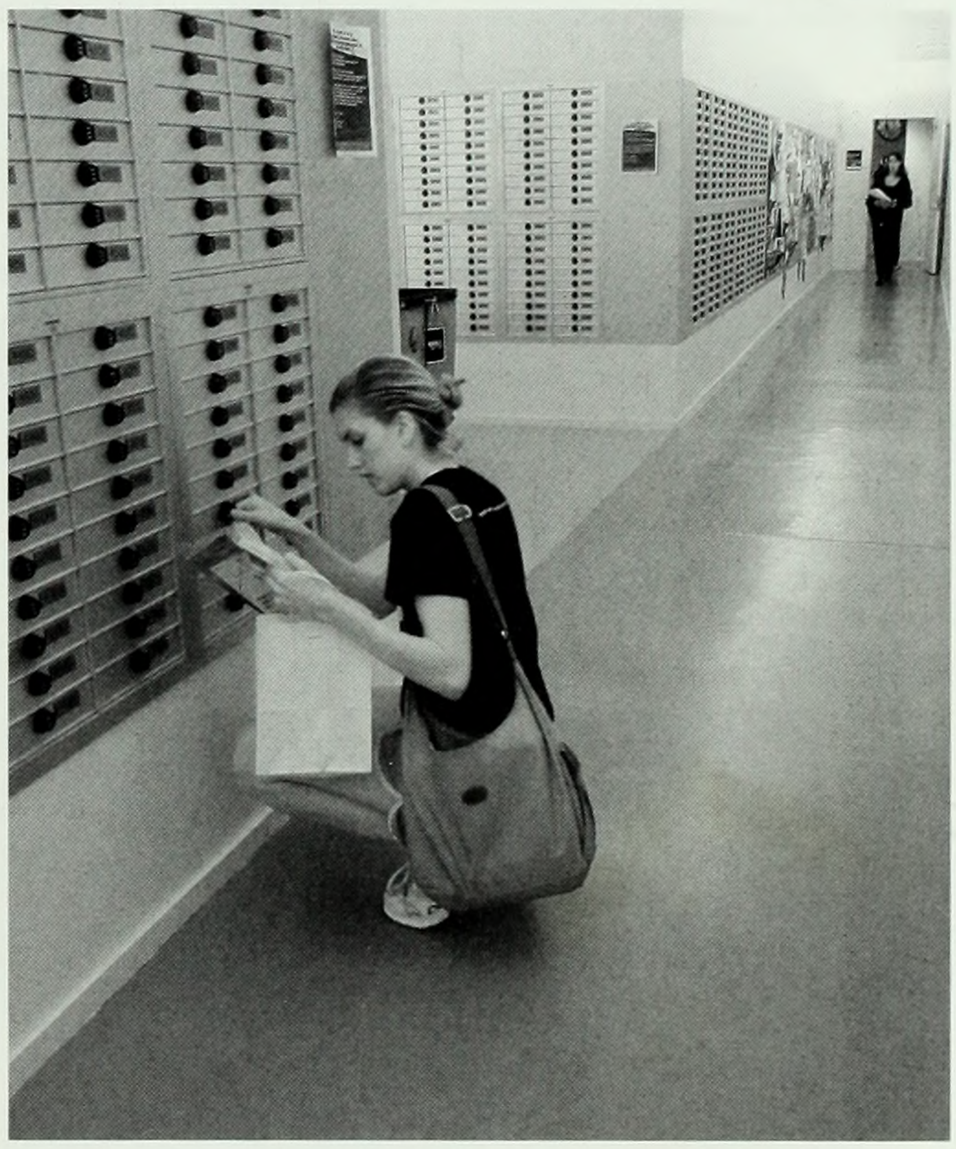

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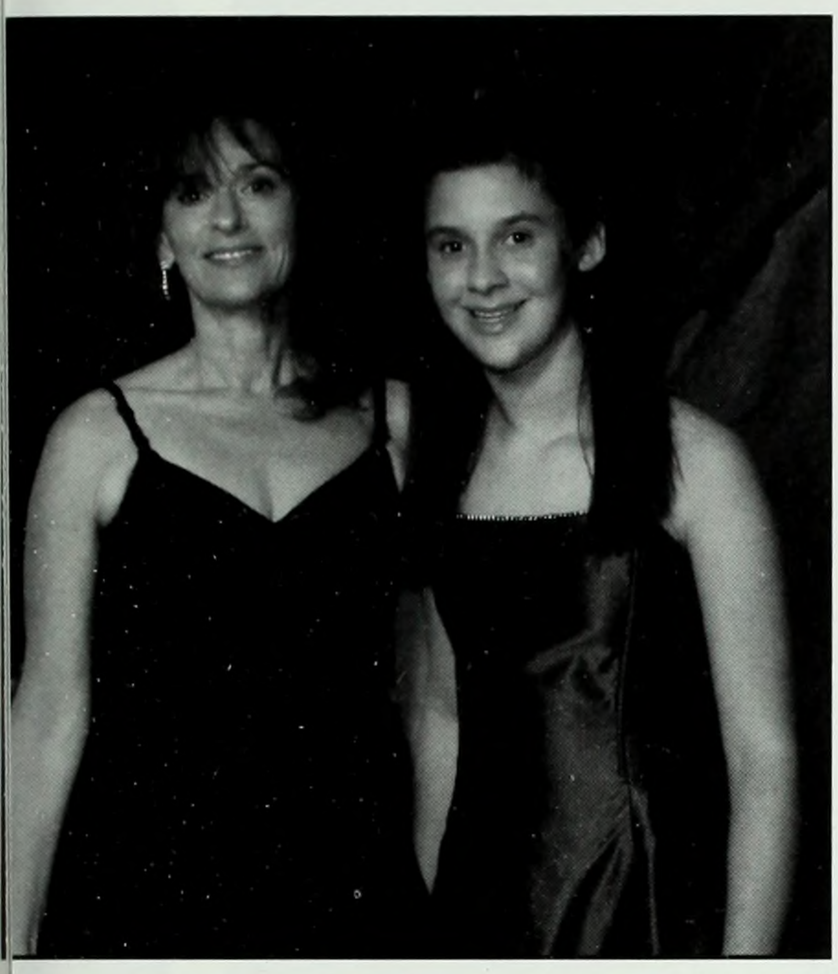
CONGRATULATIONS, CLASS OF 2009!

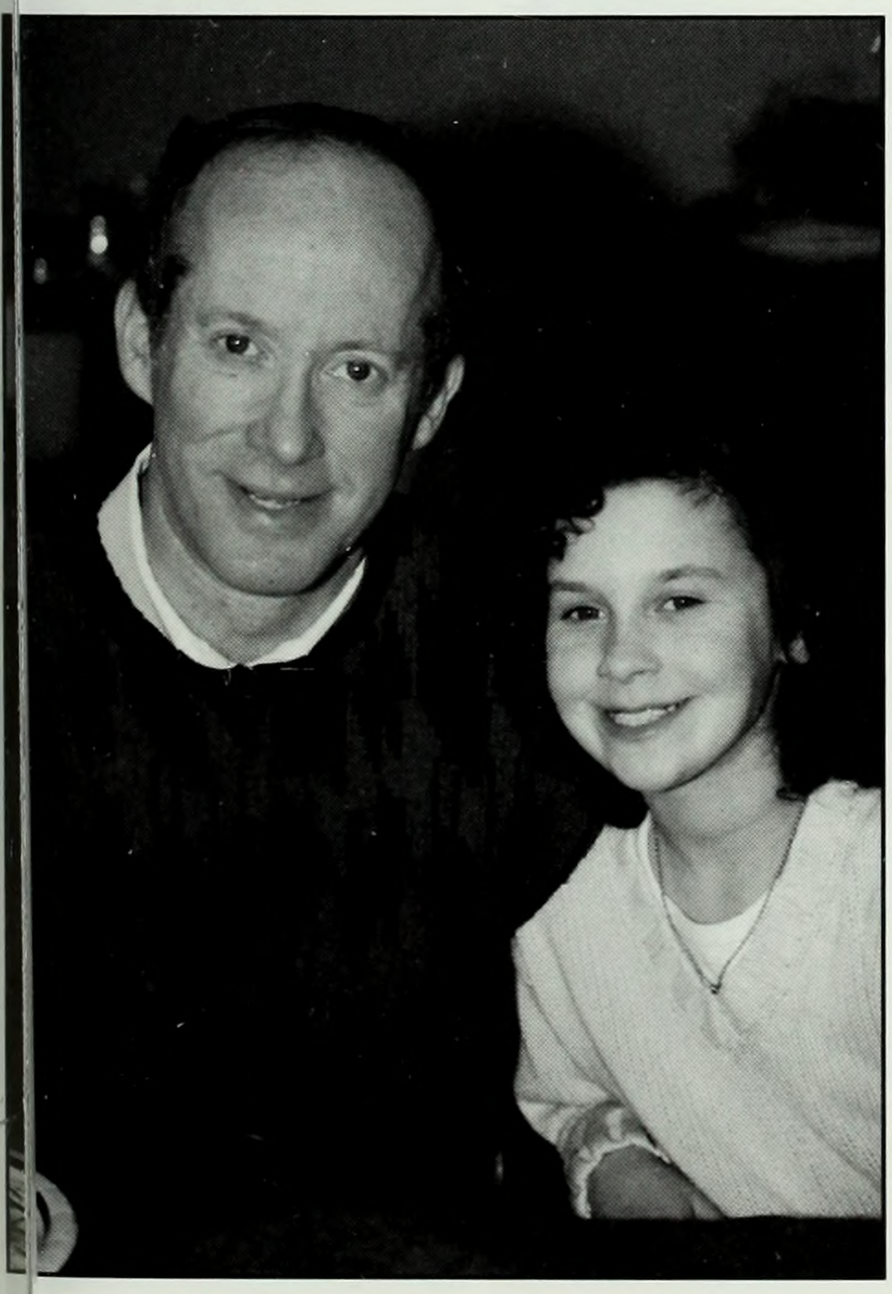
Erica Wolf

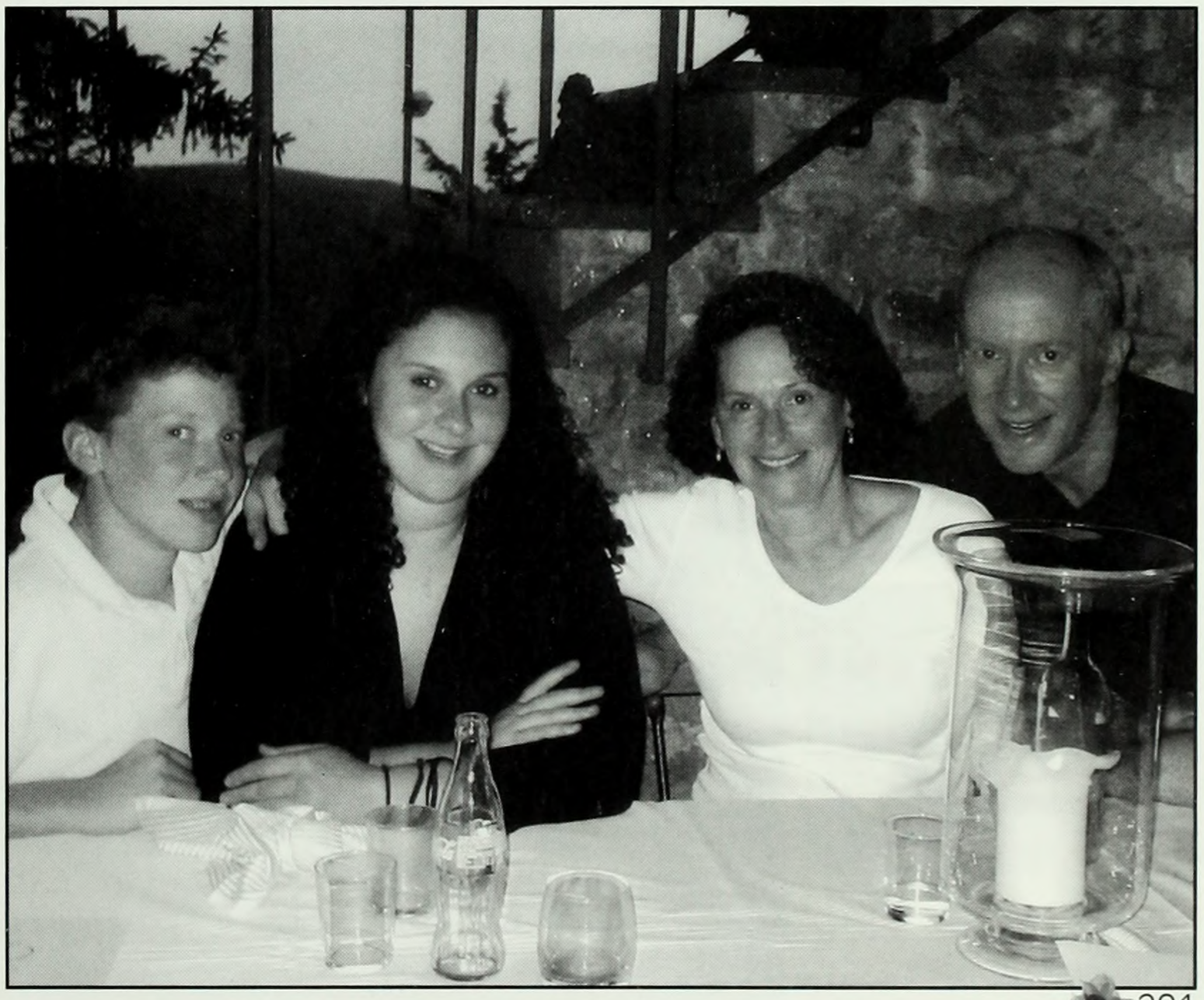


"The great thing in this world is not so much where we stand as in what direction we are moving."
-Oliver Wendell Holmes

Dear Erica: All through your Barnard years, you have kept moving in a great direction, and we know you will continue on that wonderful path. We are so proud of you. Congratulations to our Barnard grad!

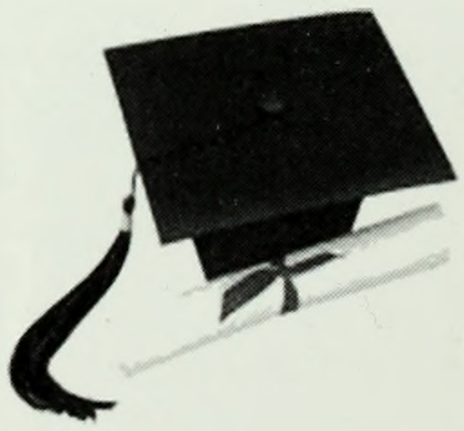
All our love, Mom, Dad and Jonathan





Music has always been your passion

Congratulation!



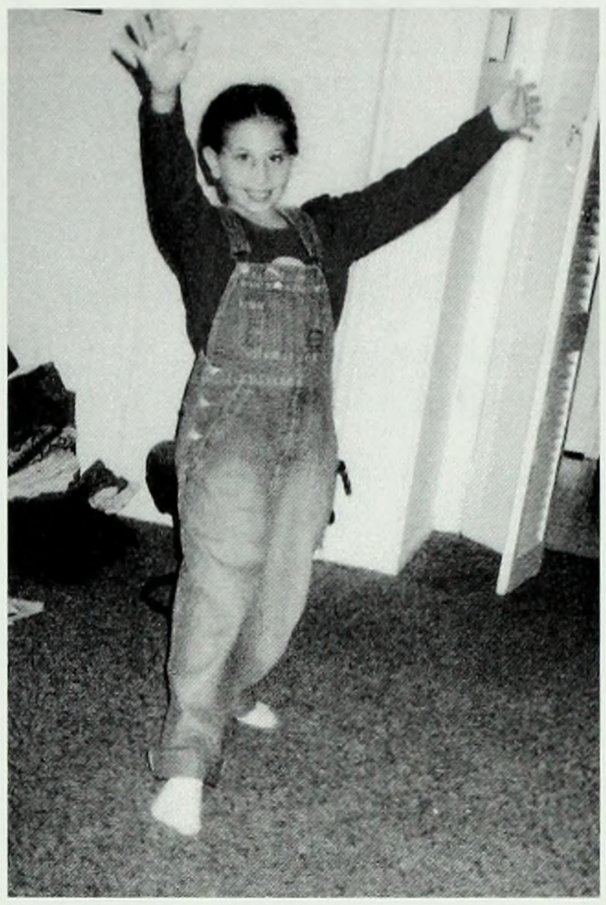
You are loved for the little girl you were;
The special women you are now;
And the precious Daughter you will always be.
Love, Mom & Dad

Shalini Agrawal

Nadia Salina Ahmed

Congratulations from your entire family. You've come this far, and we wish you would continue to go even further. Keep dreaming, and don't forget hard work and dedication is what makes dreams come true. We love you.

Simone Reisman

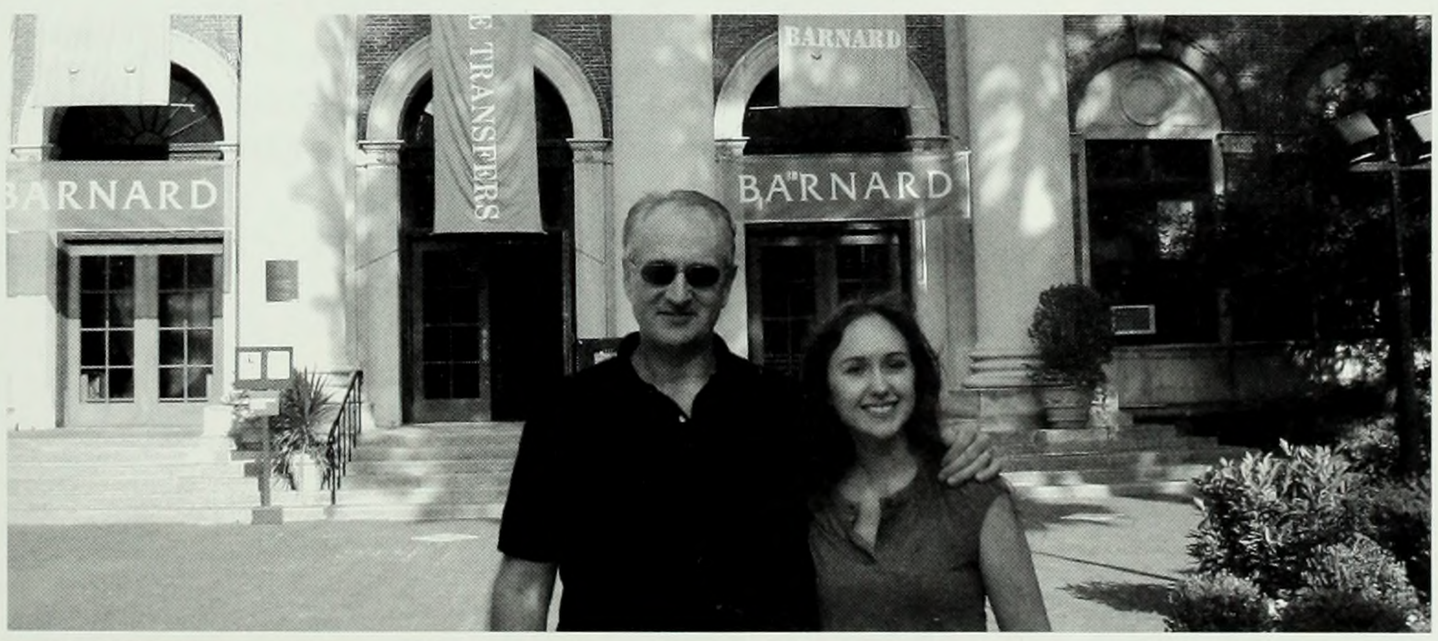


Dear Simone,
"The most precious things become more valuable as they age!"
May your future be as bright as your smile and may all your dreams come true!
You are a very special girl. Congratulations.
Love always,
Mom, Dad & Alena

Charlotte Steinhardt

"Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things that you didn't do than by the ones you did do. So throw off the bowlines. Sail away from the safe harbor. Catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore. Dream. Discover." -Mark Twain

Congratulations, Charlotte! You're well on your way. We're so proud of you and wish you continued fulfillment, happiness and success.
Love,
Mom, Dad & Will



Leslie Skalak

Our love and congratulation to

Leslie Skalak

on your graduation. You have achieved this next milestone with grace and accomplishment. We are so proud of you!

Love,
Mom, Dad, Sarah and Luke

Amelia Linn

To Amelia, friend of animals. We marvel at you and all that you have accomplished. Congratulations on another success and here's to many more, plus a lifetime of adventure, love, laughter and happiness.

The Department of Physical Education Congratulates the Class of 2009

Best wishes to our outstanding student workers:

Caren Abitol
Myriam Alexander-Kearns
Megan Cummings
Heather Fields
Elise Franklin
Leah Forman
Christina Gordon
Yael Hall

FITbear

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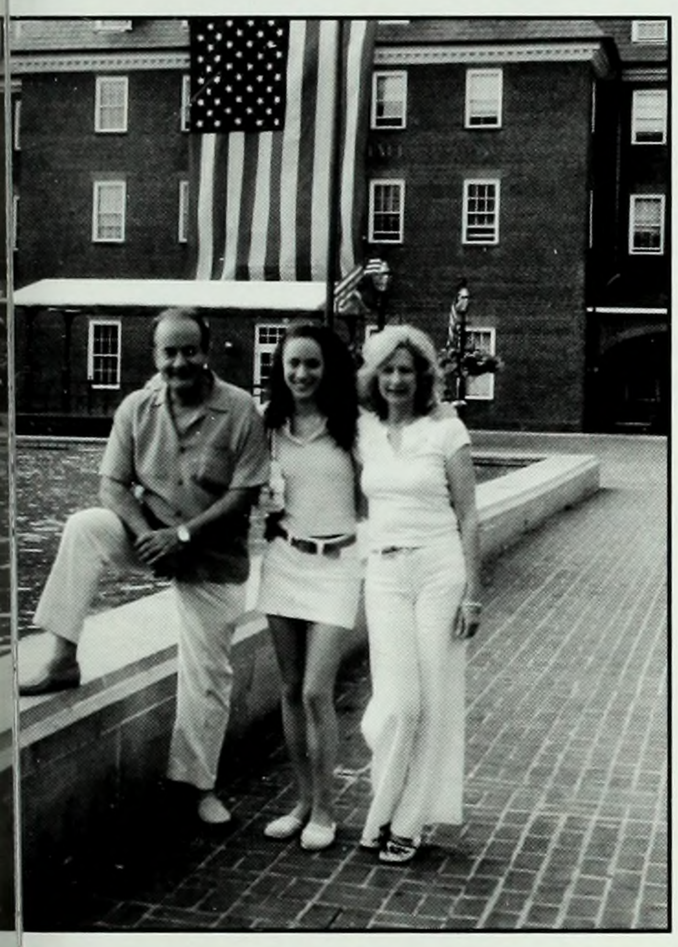
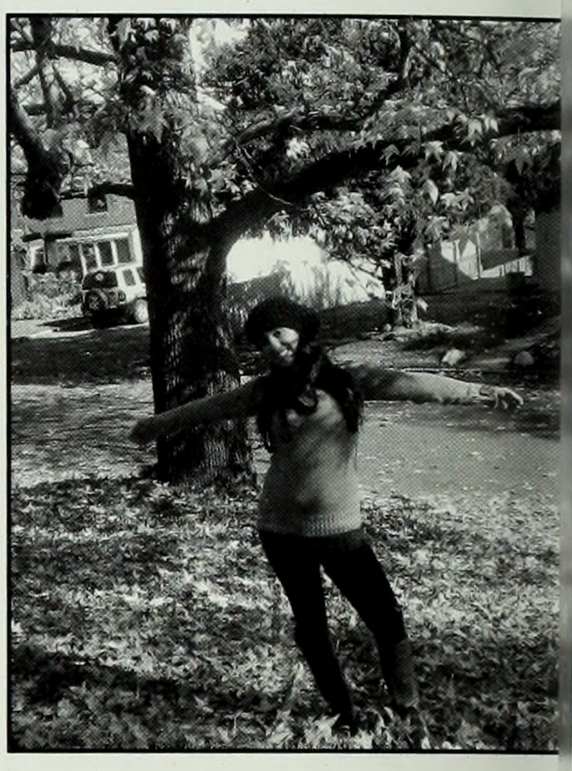


Congratulations, Kristine!
You have filled our lives with tremendous pride and joy.
Now, we share in the joy of your graduation from Barnard.
We are so proud of you, your accomplishments, and the loving young woman you have become--and, so very thankful for your intelligence, your character, and your beauty.
As you begin your new journey, we know that you will succeed in all that you do.
Love you always "Kiki".

Mom & Dad

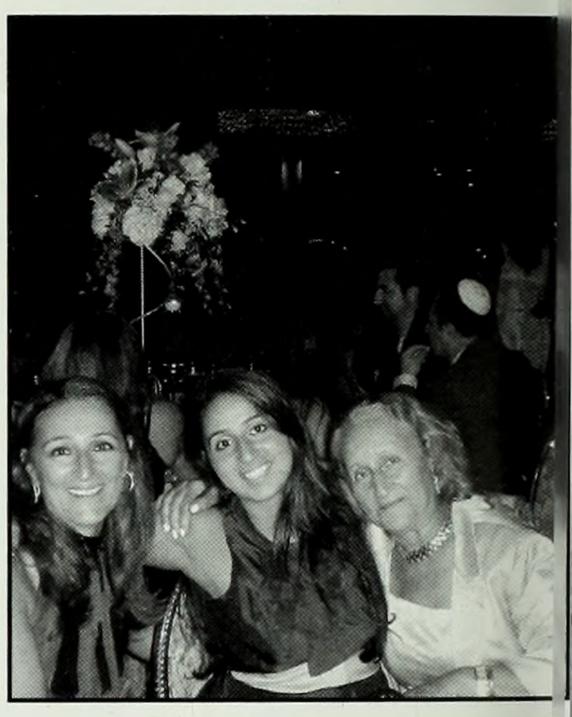
Anita Khalili

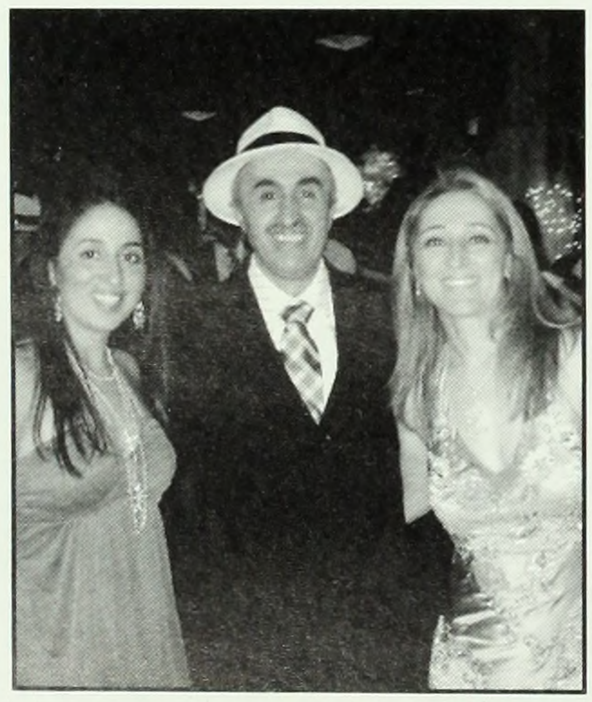


To our Lovely Anita,

May you always achieve your goals with success, and continue to surpass all of life's challenges with grace and ease. Your ambition and drive amaze us each and every day and we are so proud of everything you have accomplished. We look forward to celebrating with you in all of your future endeavors.

Lots of Love from Your Proud & Overjoyed Family,
Mom, Dad, Joseph and Joshua

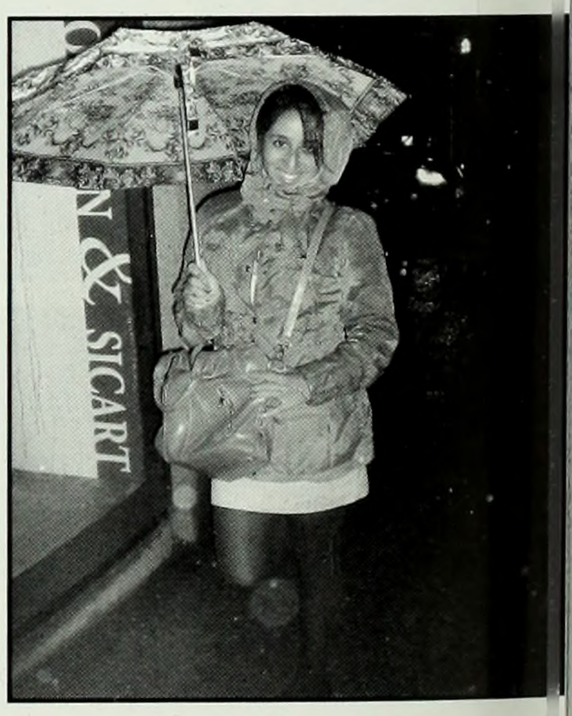




Anita Jooneh Aziz,

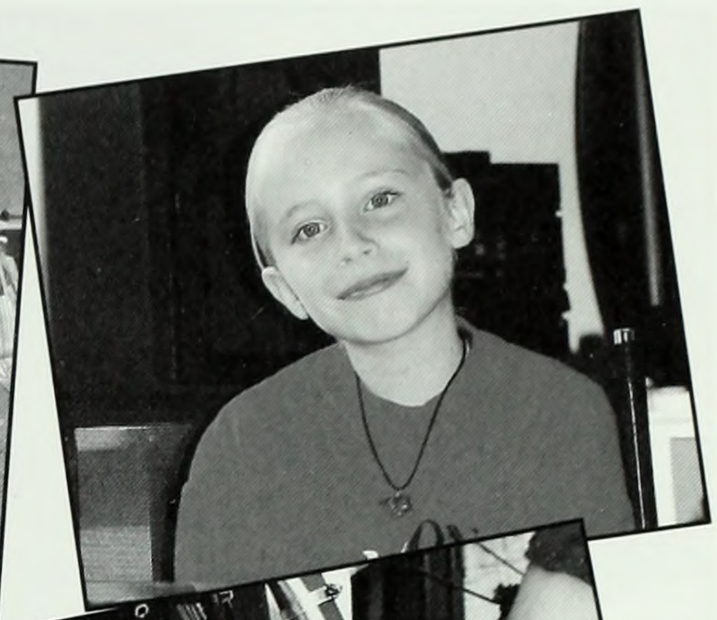
Afareen vah mobarak! We love you so much and are so proud of all you have acheived these past 4 years. We hope all the roads you choose in life lead you to success and that all your hard work will bring you joy. You are forever a winner in our eyes and we are so proud of you.

Mazal Tov, Mamanjoon & Ba



Rebecca Cook

With overwhelming joy, honor and anticipation we celebrate your achievement, Becky! We admire the hard work and joyous spirit behind all your accomplishments. And to your amazing friends and teachers, we say thank you for all the happy times and wonderful education you have received at Barnard!
Love always, Mom and Dad



TAMARA CLARKE

Tamara,

Always smiling

Always reading

Always writing

Always dancing

Always dreaming

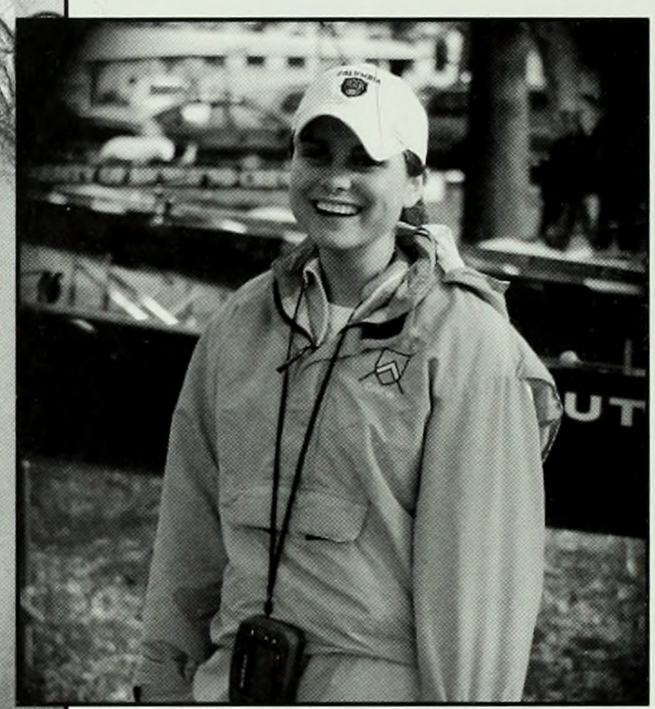
Always in our hearts

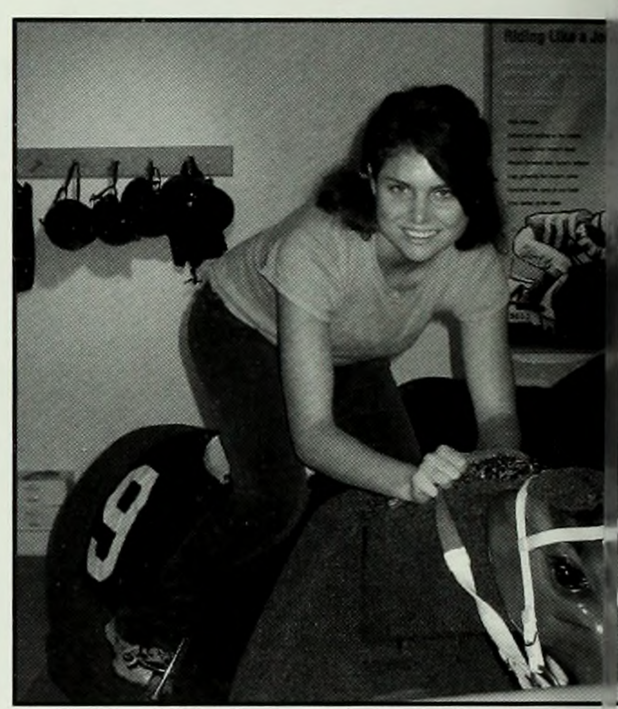
We are proud of your accomplishments and we wish you continued success in all your endeavors.

Love,
Mom, Dad, and Tiffany

Madeleine Desmond

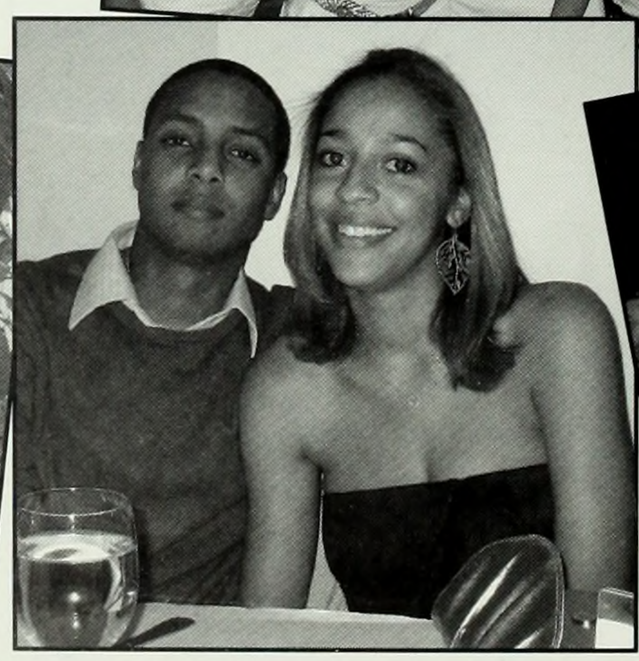
Your family loves you and is very proud of you.
Congratulations on your hard work and accomplishments, and we know that the best for you is still to come!!!!





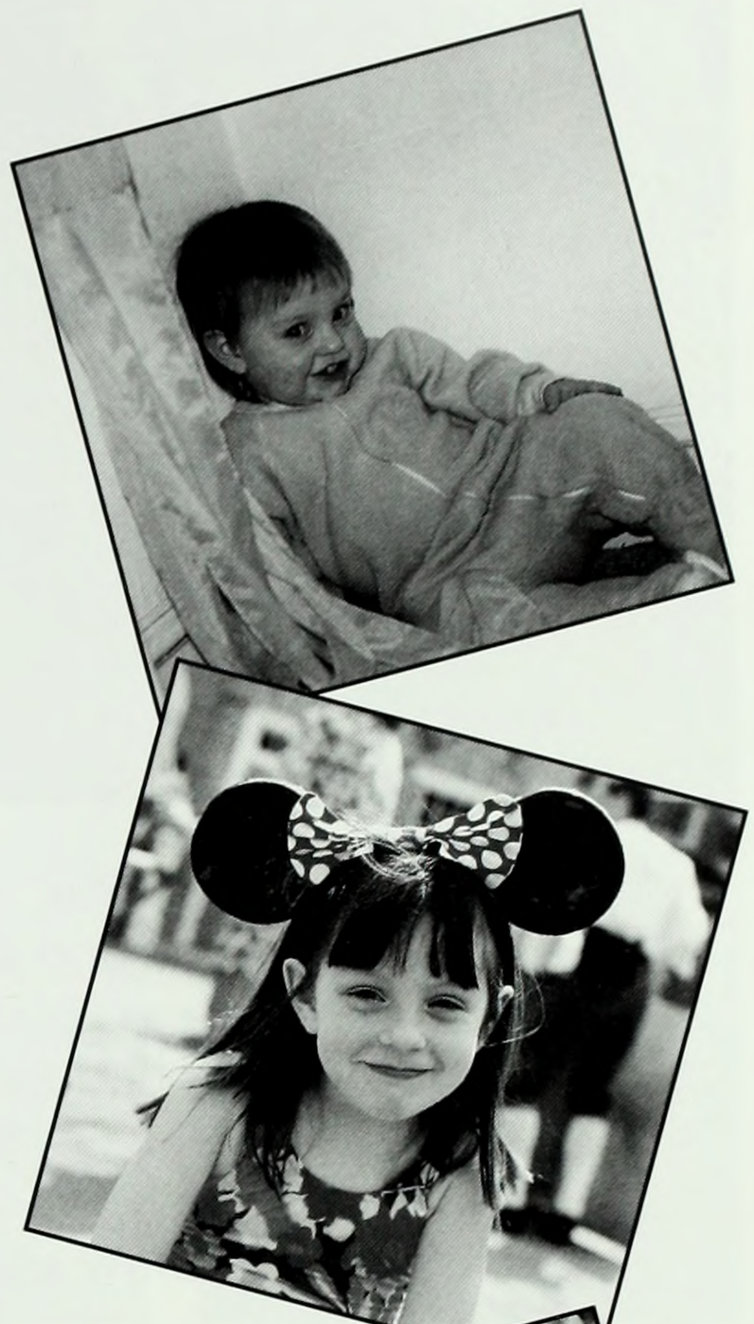
Kira Lauren Carter

Your laughter explodes with joy
and your personality shines brightly.
Take the time to relish all of your
accomplishments as you follow the path
to your dreams.
May they all come true, Kira.
We love you!
Mommy & Daddy



Jaymie Allison Testa

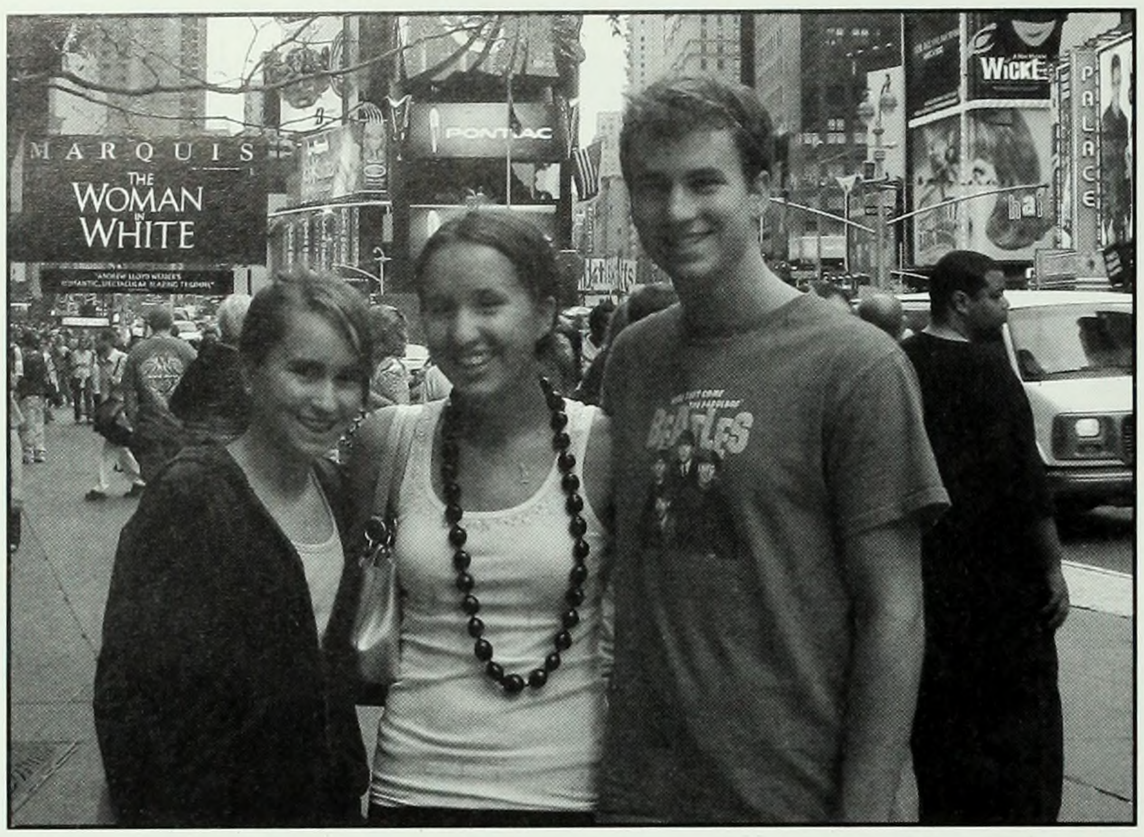
The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams.
-Eleanor Roosevelt



We are very proud of you! We are very excited that you will be living in Massachusetts again soon. Love you lots!

Mom, Dad, Michael and Samantha

Katie Magiera



Dear Katie,
We are so proud of you and all that you have accomplished. Be true to yourself and you will achieve your dreams.
Congratulations!
Love,
Mom, Dad, Drew and Mimi

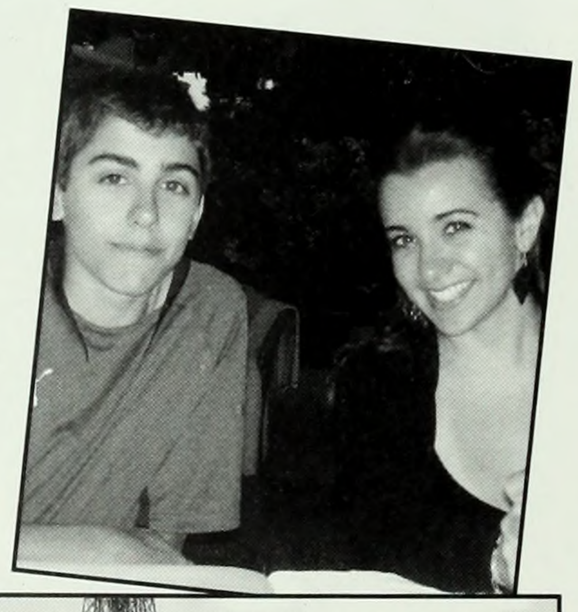
JULIE MALYN

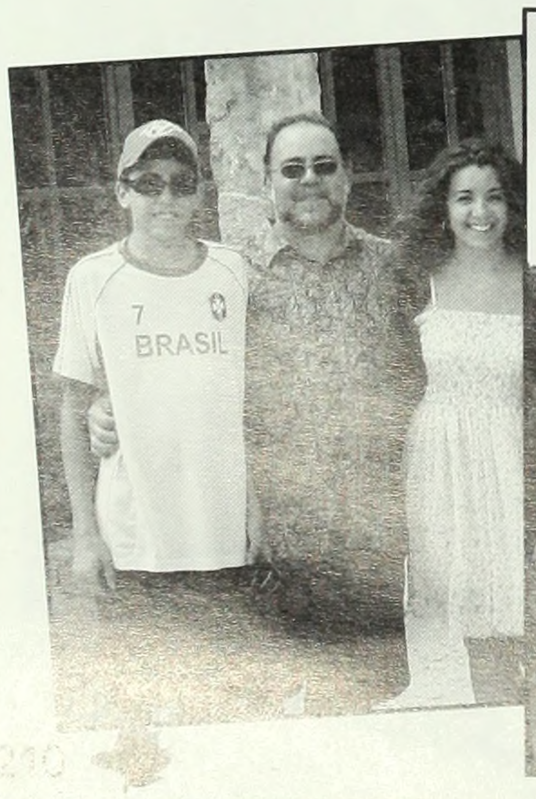
Julie Malyn,
You are "unapoligetically bold and fabulous"!
We love you and the wonderful woman you have become!!

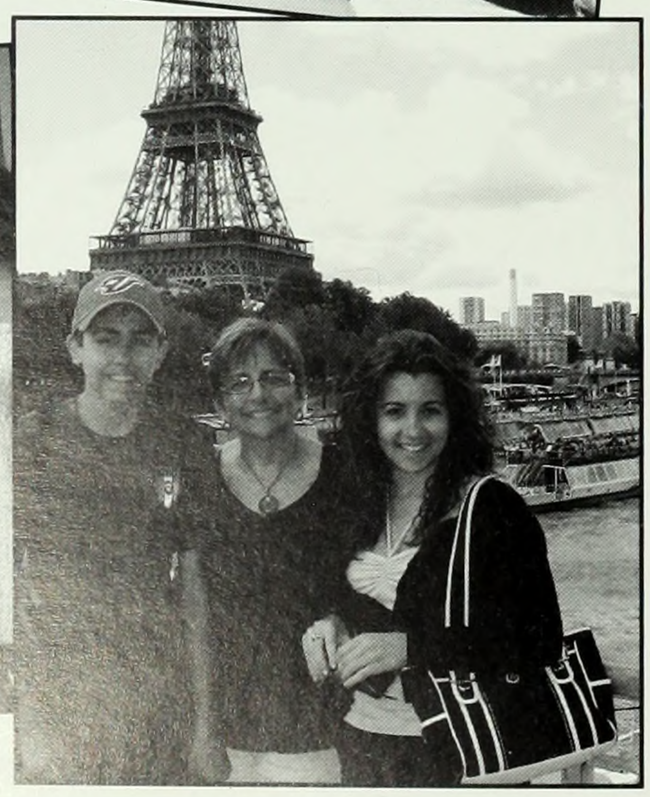
xoxoxoxoxo
Mom, Dad, Jamie, K & B

Sara Mangiapane

Sara,
You're about to step into a big, new, and wonderful world. Live life to the fullest. Be passionate. Make a difference. We are so proud of you. In bocca al lupo! Tanti baci, Mom, Daddy, e tuo fratello Gianluca.



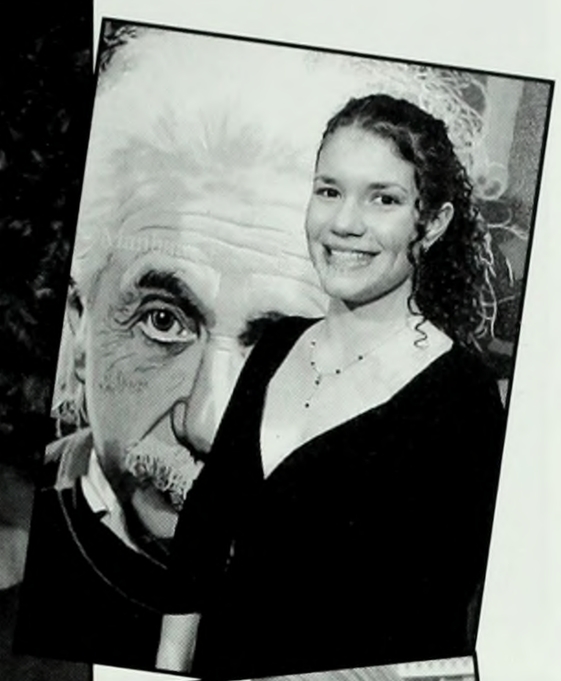




Elana Seplow-Jolley

Dearest Elana,
We have treasured every moment with you and now as you graduate college we are even prouder of you than ever and wish you all the wonderful things in life your profound intellect, soul, and heart deserve. Mazel tov and love and love and more love always on all your journeys through life. You are the light of our lives--love and kisses from Mom and Dad (and Big Muff...)

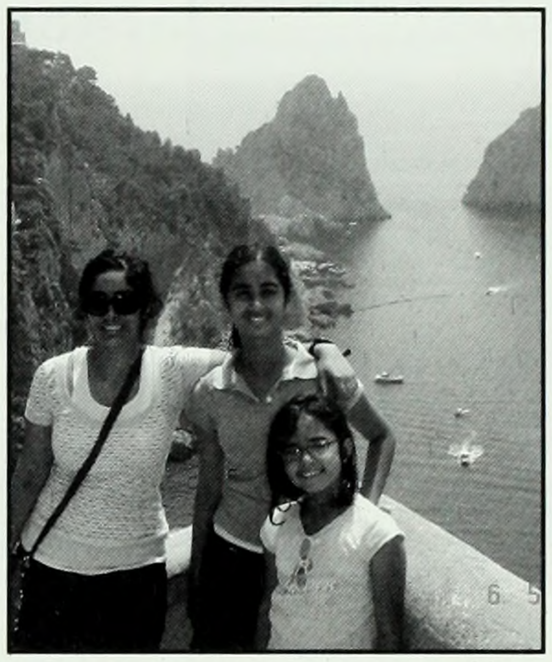
Nikki Economou

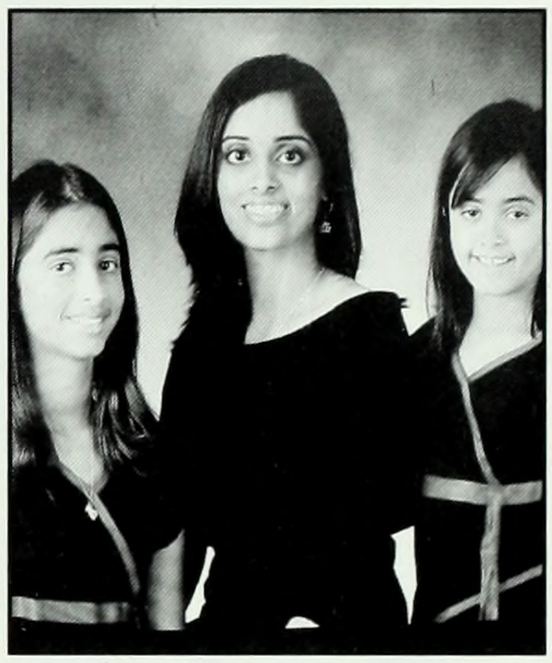


You have grown to be such a beautiful, astute, articulate woman with an unforgettably quick-witted disposition. Your future is unequivocally bright and we await the courageous and selfless feats you will accomplish.
Love Dad, Mom & Steph

Anisha Ashley Steephen

Congratulations! We are very,very proud of you and your accomplishments. Sunila, Anushka, Mommy and Dad





Madeline Renee Kolbe- Saltzman

Congratulations on this wonderful occasion, your college graduation. We are so proud of you and love you so much. We join in your excitement as you begin this new phase of your life.

Love and Kisses From
Mama, Papa and Zena

Heather Spain

We are so pleased and proud of your accomplishments. Your hard work and perseverance are to be admired and applauded. You shall reap the rewards of your efforts, and are well prepared for the next step in your life. We look forward to watching the future unfold, and hope for nothing but the best for you.
With Much Love and Admiration,
Mom and Dad

Grace Robinson-Leo

HOW TO WORK BETTER.

1 DO ONE THING AT A TIME
2 KNOW THE PROBLEM
3 LEARN TO LISTEN
4 LEARN TO ASK QUESTIONS
5 DISTINGUISH SENSE FROM NONSENSE
6 ACCEPT CHANGE AS INEVITABLE
7 ADMIT MISTAKES
8 SAY IT SIMPLE
9 BE CALM
10 SMILE

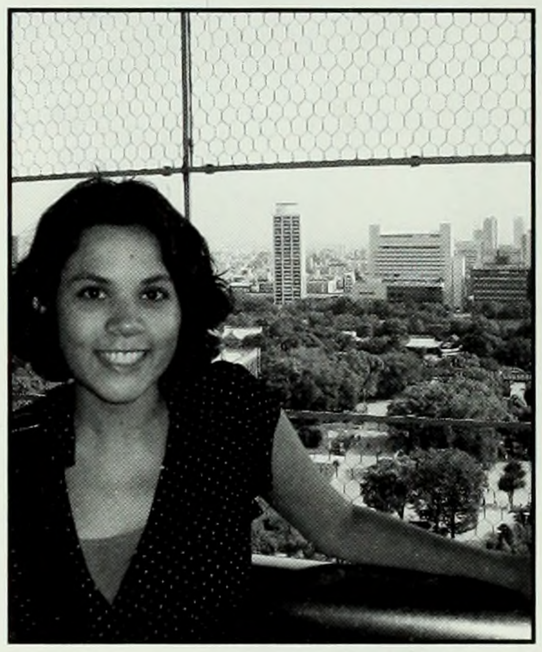
Congratulations Gracie!

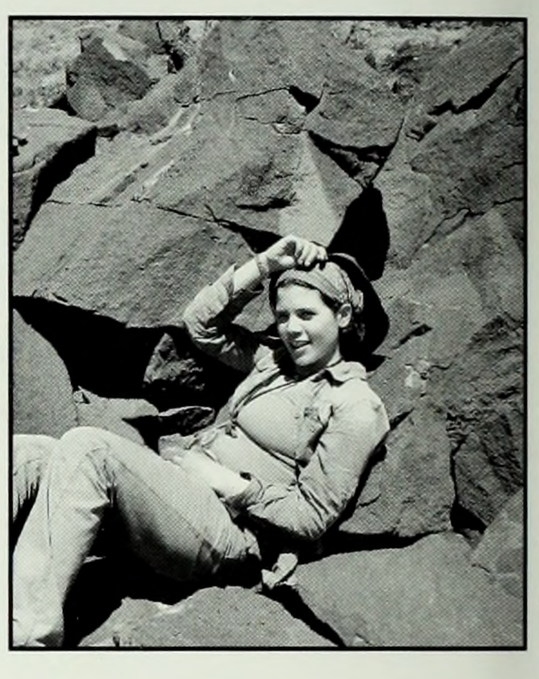
You make everyone who loves you proud and happy!

Christina Perry

The river delight to lift us free, if only we dare let go. Our true work is this voyage, this adventure.

-- Richard Bach





Katie

Love and special wishes for much happiness and success in your life after Barnard!

Love,
Mom, Dad and Sean

Marissa Christina Nardi

Dear Marissa,

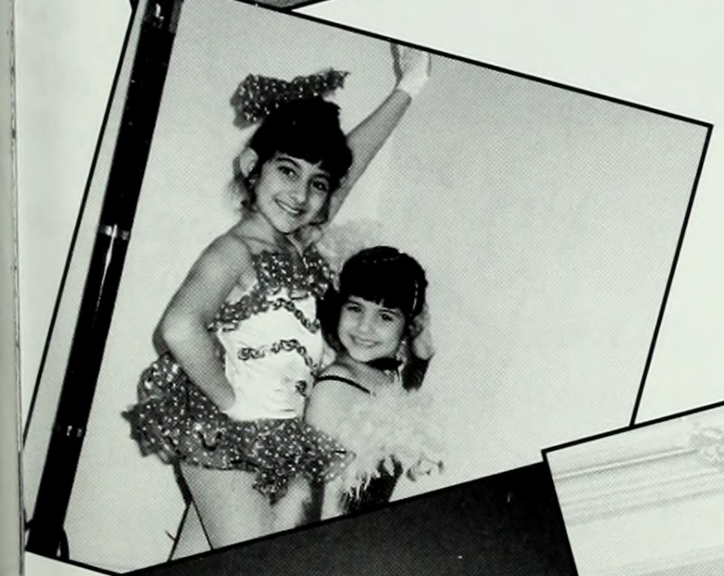
As you look back at the happy times at Barnard,
the interesting people you've met,
the great friends you've made,
and the astounding things you've learned . . .

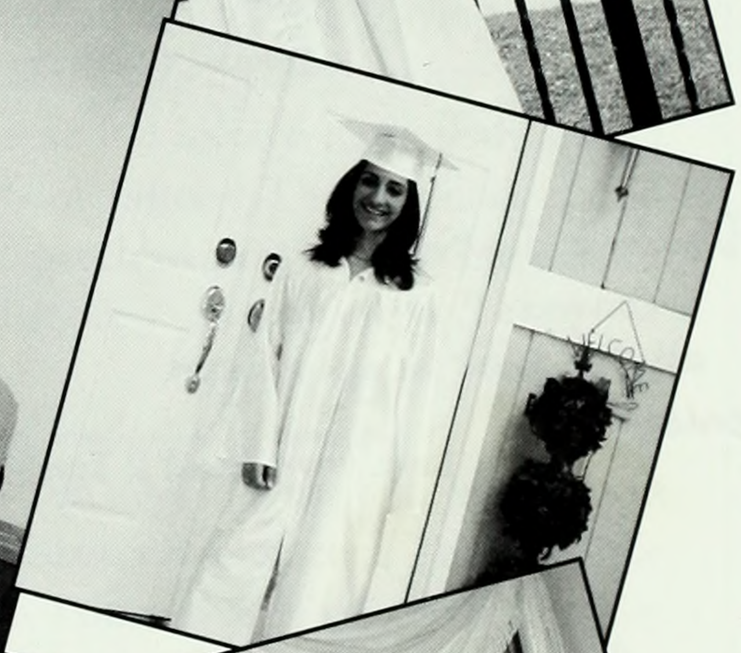
As you look ahead to law school,
to a future full of bright promise,
to magnificent opportunities,
and more astounding things to learn . . .

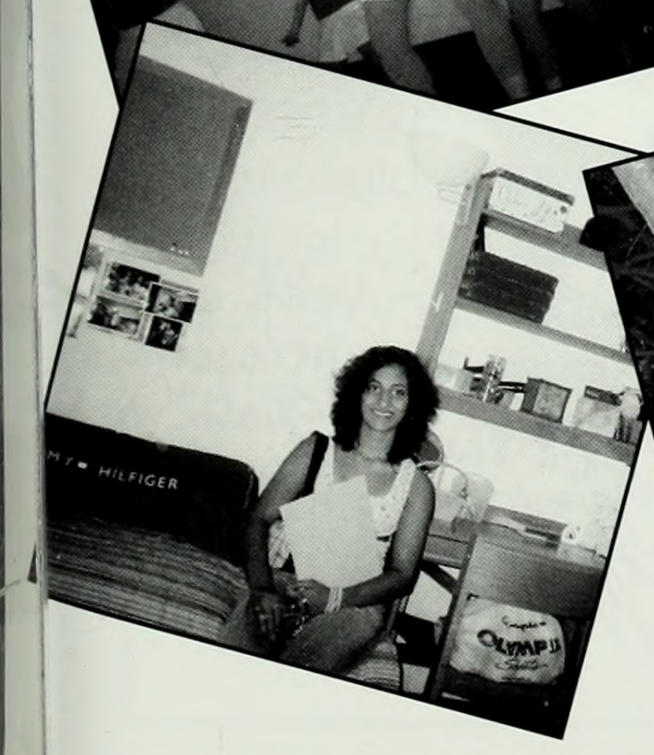
Our best wishes go with you.
May success, health, happiness, and love be yours.
May you always find time to dance.
And may all of your dreams come true!

"Go confidently in the direction of your dreams. Live the life you have imagined."
Henry David Thoreau

Congratulations!
Love,
Mom, Dad, & Amanda







Justine Lai

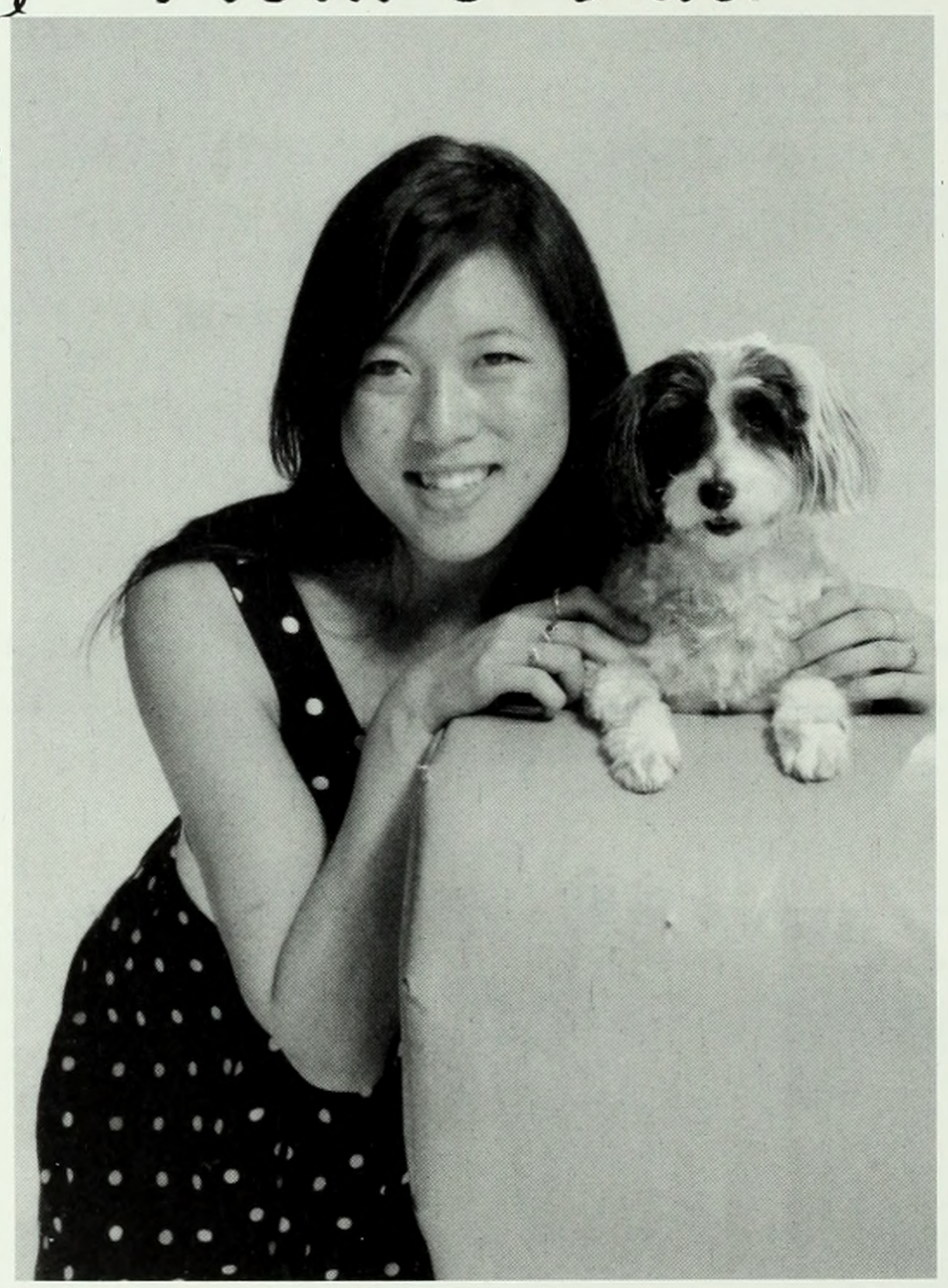
Justine,
It has been a joy to watch you growing up and I am so proud of the way you've evolved. I can't ask for a better daughter! Congratulations! The world is your oyster and I know you'll make it a better place. Much love,
Mom

Congratulation!

Justine

We are *so* proud of you!

Mom & Dad



Dear Justine,
Congratulations!
You are always cheerful & loving.
Aunt Chris & Uncle Edward.

Dear Justine,
Our heartiest congrats! May this be the first of many more success to come.
Warmest regards,
Sachi & Sam.

Dearest Justine,
Congrats!! Wish you all the best in your future endeavors!
Love from Janet & Ian.

My dear Justine,
So happy to learn about your achievements. Keep Going!
Auntie Winnie + Uncle Tony.

Justine:
Muchas Felicidades por tu "Graduación". Estoy muy orgullosa de ti.
Que Dios te Bendiga siempre.
Te quiero mucho.
Elsa Castillo.

Justine,
Green comes from Blue but BETTER than Blue!! — A Chinese saying
You proved it right!
Wilson

Justine,
You are everything I want in my daughter. As you move into next stage of your life, feel free to pursue your dream. You are very capable. Make a difference in the world and make the world a better place.
Dad

Dear Justine -
Congratulations!
Great love & achievements involve great risks!
Love, Auntie Elise
Uncle Carlos

Hey Justine! Congrats and get ready for the next awesomest time of your life. Have fun!
- Jason, Kevin, Dev

Justine,
Fantastic. The world is at your feet.
Yvonne, Ken, Michelle, Jan

Justine.
Go out and save the world & Conrad

Watch out world. here comes Justin to keep you same
Julie

on campus

Leda Ward

The First Ten Days

By Leda Ward '09

How big is my room? What will my roommate be like? Can I squeeze in a theatre class? Incoming first-years face lots of choices and challenges when they get to Barnard. Leda Ward of Washington, D.C., shares some of her experience of the first ten days.

Leda Ward is settling into life at Barnard.

Monday, August 29

I officially entered Barnard's Class of 2009 today, joining hundreds of anxious students and parents as we made our way through Barnard's gates. I arrived with two duffel bags, four storage boxes, a mini fridge, five posters (I couldn't leave Bob Dylan at home), and, temporarily, my parents. We found my new room: Reid 230. It's spacious, it overlooks the quad, and it's hot. Is there air-conditioning? My roommate showed up shortly after us. I'm familiar with the area because my older brother goes to NYU. It's nice to have him close by.

Saturday, September 3

Our resident assistant, Julie Singer, planned a night out for us. We walked around the Columbia campus. Then we went to McIntosh for sundaes and to watch "Friends." There are about 40 of us on the floor. We're from all over: New York to California, the United States to Russia. It was great to bond over ice cream and television. We're starting to feel connected as a hall.

Monday, September 5

Classes start tomorrow so there was a lot to get done today. My roommate, Madeleine, and I bought a throw rug, some cushions, a door prop (we figure propping it open will make it more inviting), and an extra fan. At a hall meeting, we drew up a contract for everyone to sign: we agree to clean up, stay quiet after certain hours, etc. Then laundry. I'm a bit nervous about tomorrow.

Tuesday, September 6

Today was my first seminar class. The seminar uses role-playing as a way of learning history, which is cool because it'll involve more than a strict study of history: There's public speaking, speech writing, debate, and historical fiction.

Wednesday, September 7

Ten days into my first year. It went fast. Classes have started. There's a little stress. I threw myself into some activities today to take my mind off things: two dance auditions (I made it through most of one). It felt good. Then off to a College Democrats meeting; I'd like to work with Students for Hillary.

A whole semester and all the experiences it includes lies before me: homework, schedule, activities, friends, life. It's challenging, but I'm up for the challenge.

Thursday, September 1

I've pinned down my fall classes: anthropology (intro to the study of culture), Spanish (with a focus on women like writer Isabel Allende and artist Frida Kahlo), calculus (a break from humanities), and first-year seminar, "Reacting to the Past" (my first choice).

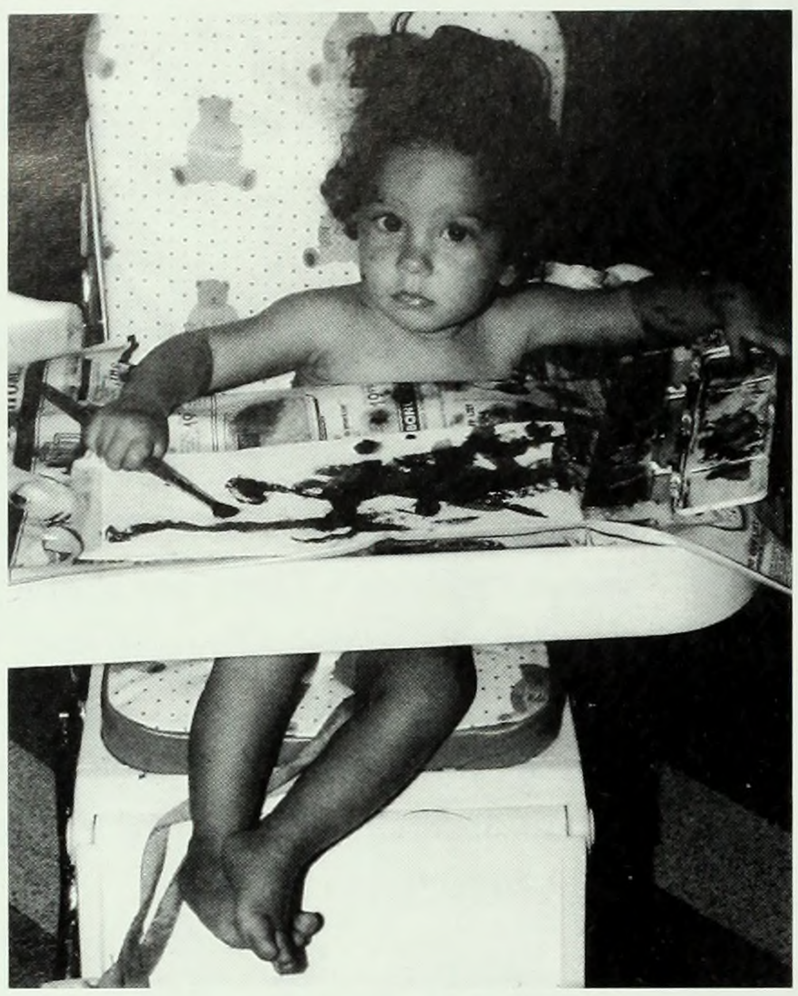
Night brought a swing-dance party some Columbia students. We talked, some tried the hookah (a Middle Eastern tobacco pipe), and danced.

Our dear Leda,
How could it have gone by so fast?
Now, after so many moments of exploration, you are ready
to open your "Guest House".
Congratulations, and remember, as Rumi teaches us:

Be grateful for whoever comes,
because each has been sent
as a guide from beyond.

We love you forever,
Mom, Dad, and Nat

Abigail Lorah



"Life is a great big canvas,
and you should throw on it
all the paint you can!"

Love,
Mom and Dad

Simone Gore

From these days--when you literally devoured books--until now, you have always shown a hunger for knowledge. Your enthusiasm for learning has powered your success at Barnard and List Colleges.

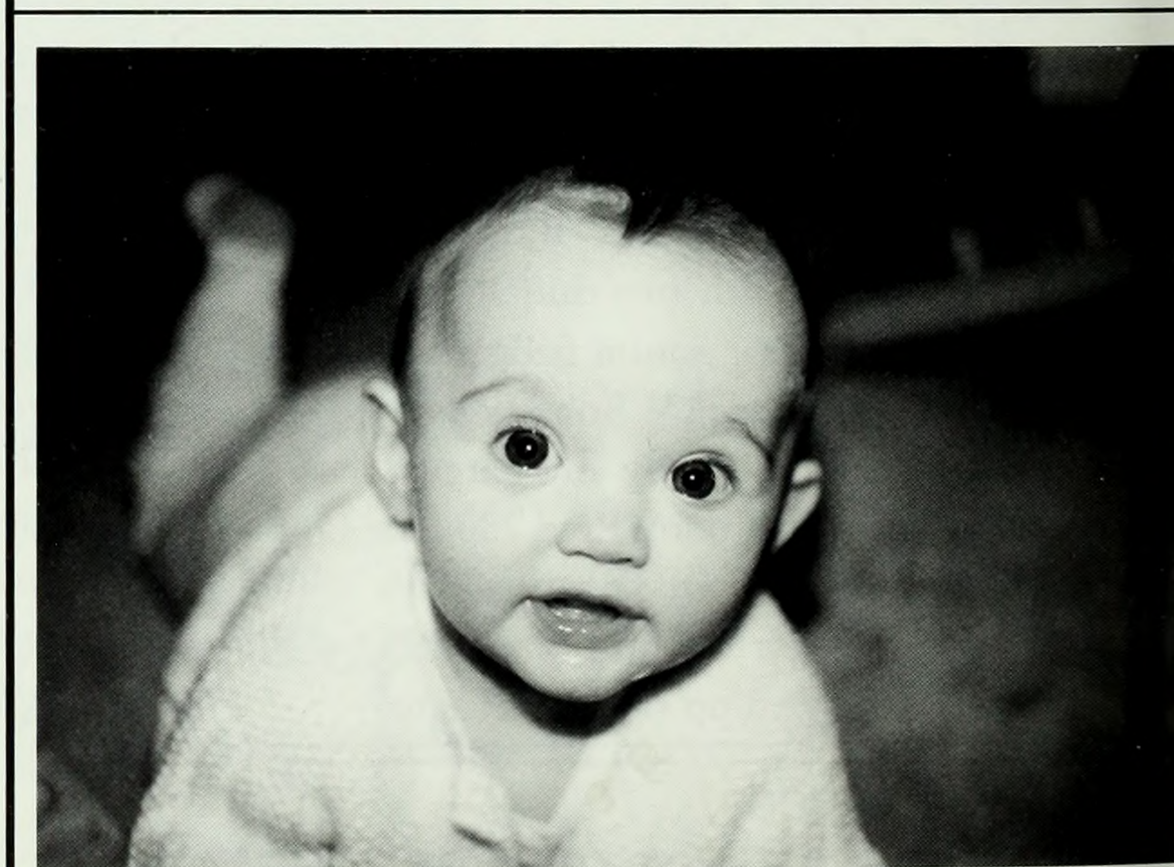
Love, Mom and Dad

Ellissa O. Corwin

Congratulations to the graduates and proud families of the Barnard College Class of 2009. Our best wishes for all future endeavors.

The family of Ellissa O. Corwin

Enrica Ferrero



Congratulazioni, Enrica!
La nostra bellissima bambina
chi guardi il mondo
con. Grandi occhi e grande anima
con tanti baci e abracci da
Papà, Mamma, Francesca, Lucia
Orietta e Sir Nigel Watson

Lauren Kathleen Holloway

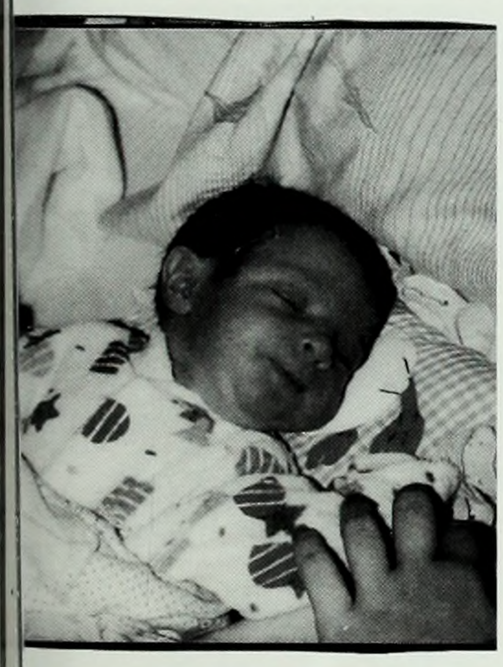
Congratulations, Lauren! As a little girl you were fun, bright and beautiful. You have grown up to be an outstanding, educated and beautiful young woman. We are so proud of all of your hard work and accomplishments during your years at Barnard. An exciting and successful future awaits you!

We love you very much.
Mom and Dad

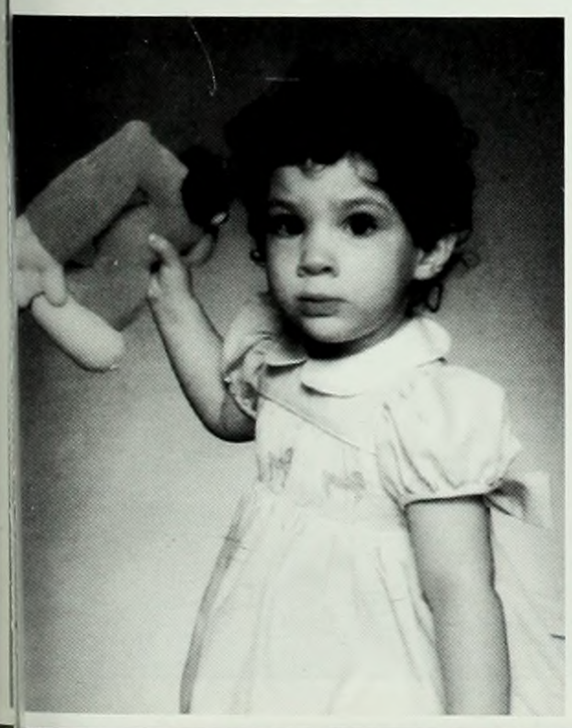
Laura Herron

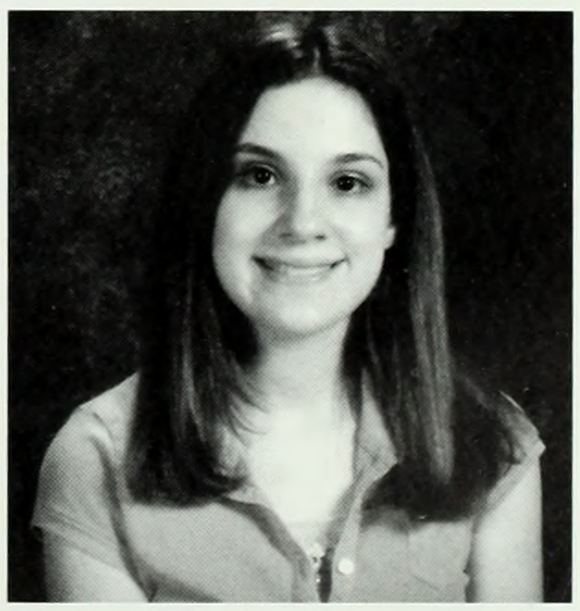
Laura -
You are the epitome of a Barnard woman... intelligent, beautiful and good hearted.
All our love,
Mom, Dad & Seth

Brittany Fishman



To Our Dear, Sweet Brittany,
Congratulations on a job well done. We are so proud of you and all you have accomplished. You are everything we could have wanted in a daughter and more. Best of luck in all you do. Be happy.
Love,
Mom and Dad

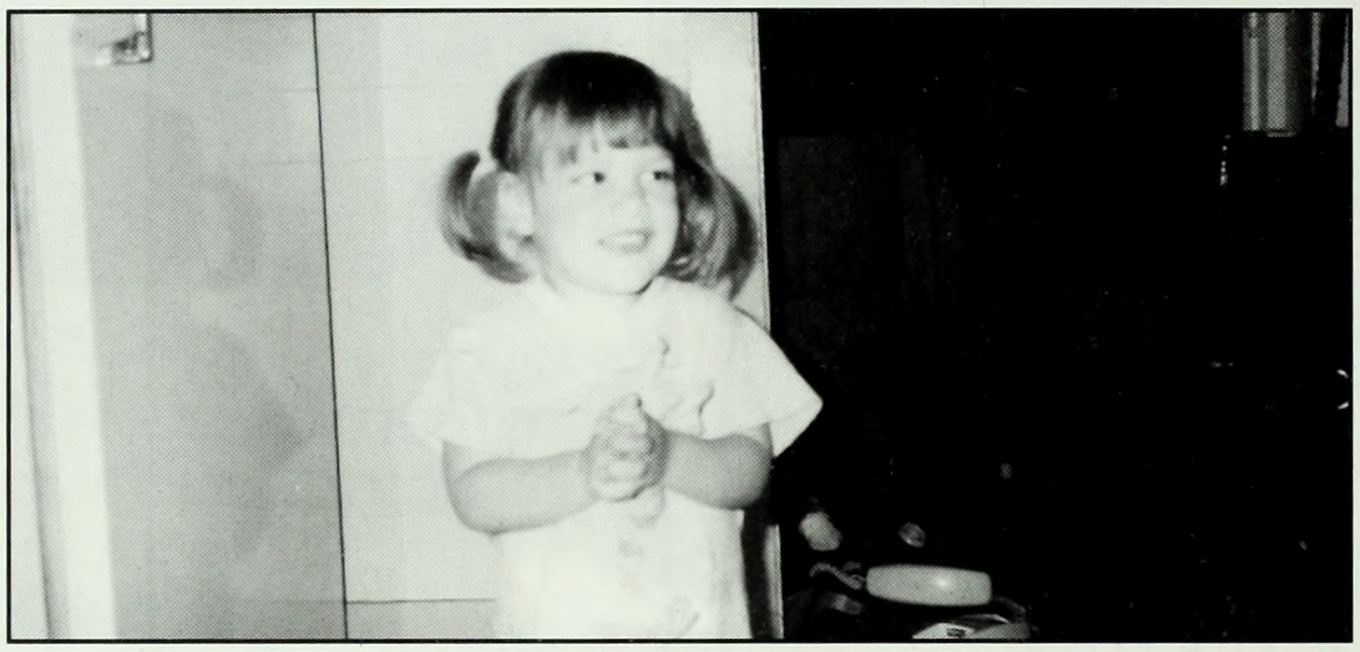


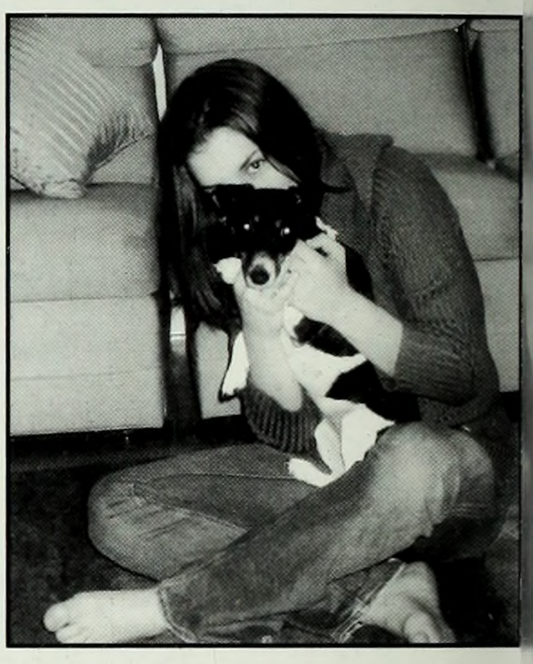


Abby Bernstein

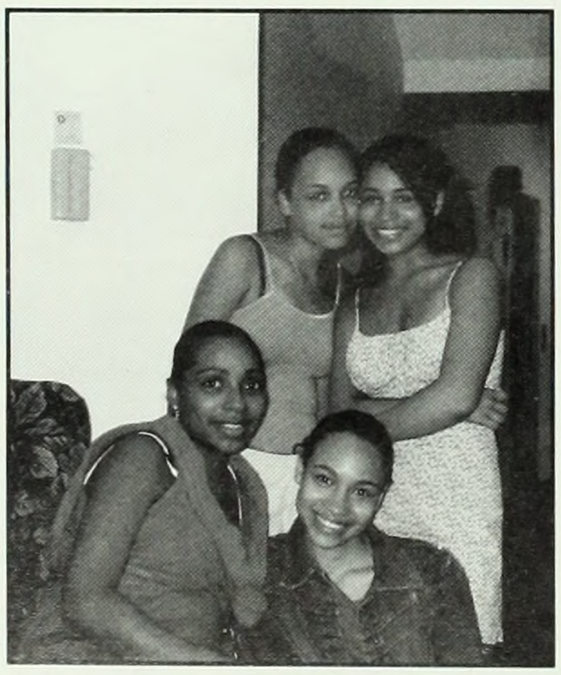
"You can only become truly accomplished at something you love. Don't make money your goal. Instead, pursue the things you love doing, and then do them so well that people can't take their eyes off you."
Maya Angelou

Abby, congratulations on everything you've accomplished. You have so many talents. We are so proud of you and we love you so much!
Mom and Dad



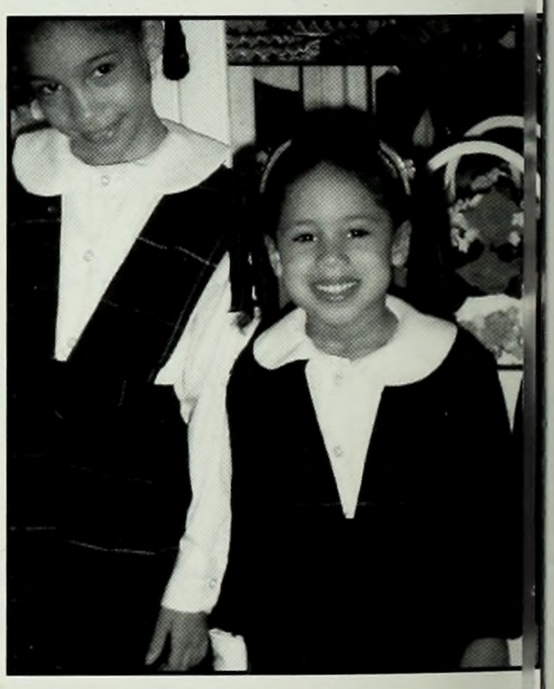


Elizabeth A. Rivera



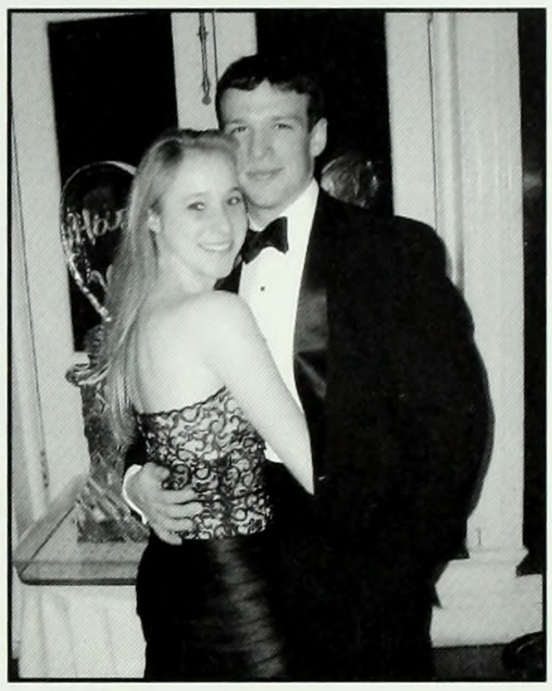
Hail Mary Full of Grace
Behold Our Super Girl
No device conjured by Man
Can Hold Her in This World
Her labors Great
Long she does toil
Her Foot Prints Deep and Sure
Only those whose Labors Loved
The Brave Can Endure

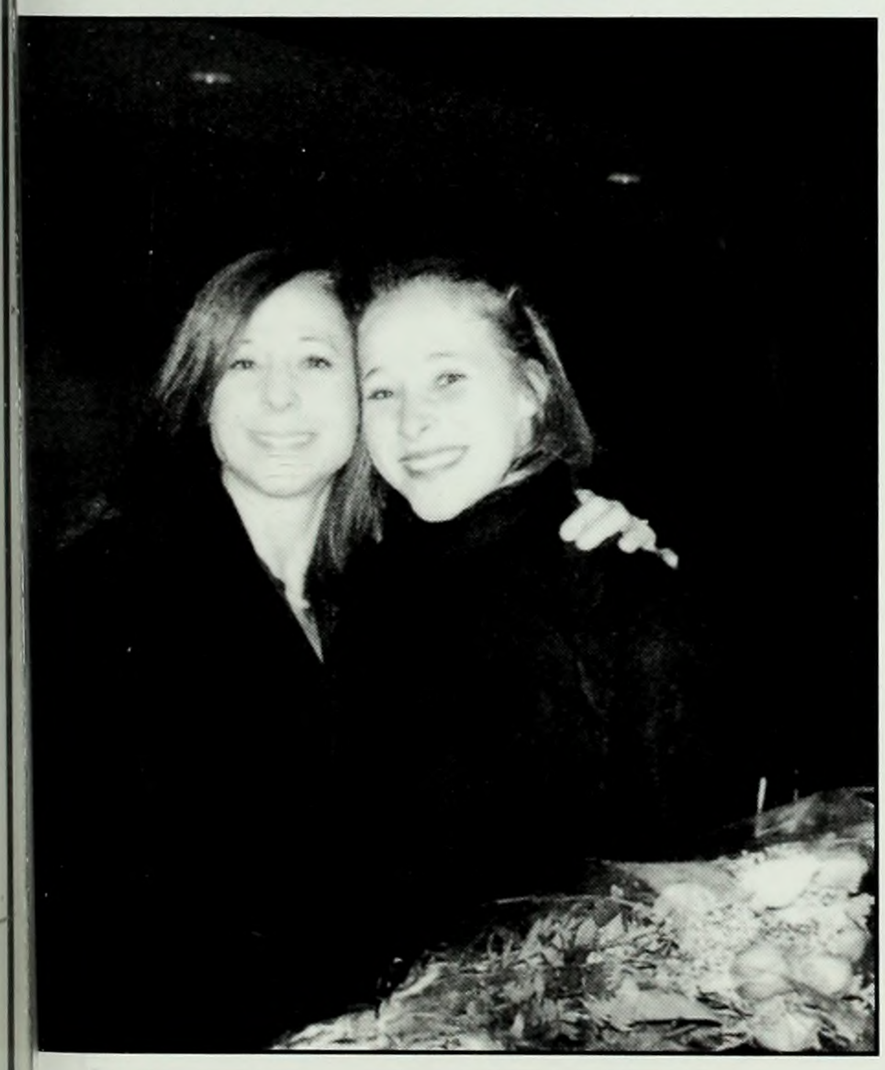
Love Mom & Dad



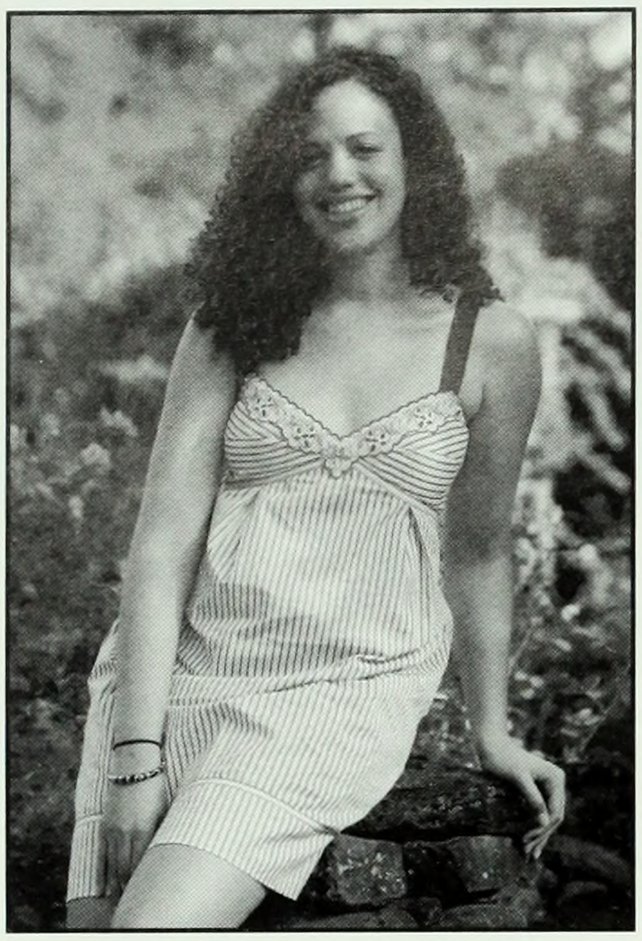
Christine Schantz

God Bless You Christine. Follow your heart and be happy!! We are so proud of you!! Congratulations. We love you. Mom, Dad, Billy, Chad, Tommy, and Jodi xoxo





Kateri Fitzpatrick Benjamin



Raising a daughter
is an infinite gift.

Time is clay;
sculpt your dreams by hand

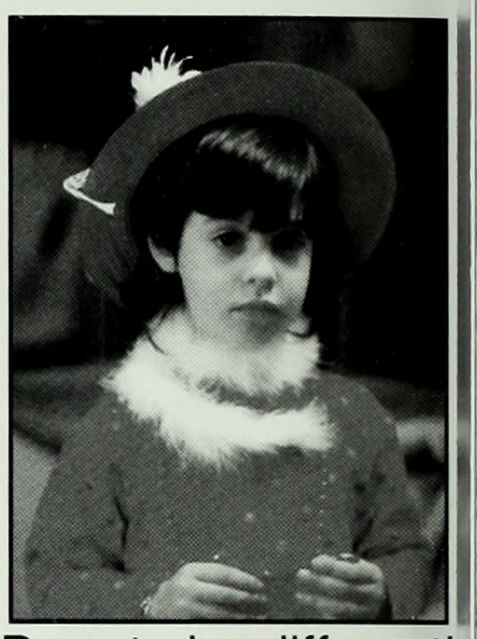
Live always under roof of
the House of Love and Family

Love and more,
Mom, Ed, Joseph & Jenelle

Carly Bea Katz

You consistently amaze us!
From kindergarten to college graduation, we continue to be so proud of you!
We wish you a lifetime of love, laughs and happiness.
Love Mom, Dad & Jana

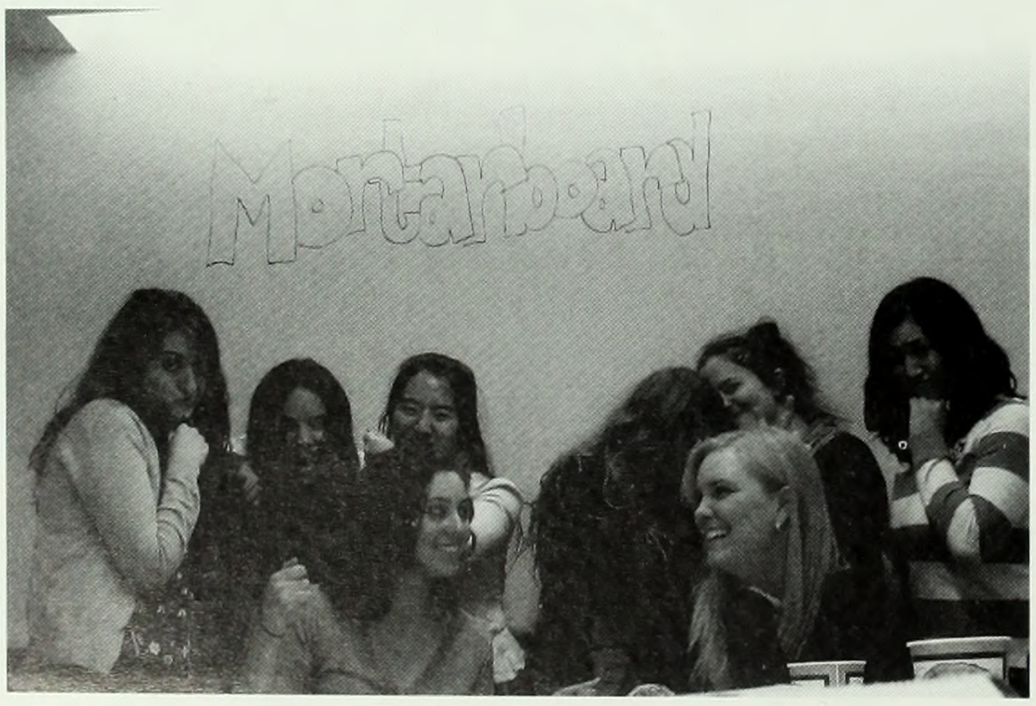
1st day of kindergarten



Dare to be different!

"The purpose of life, after all, is to live it, to taste experience to the utmost, to reach out eagerly and without fear for newer and richer experiences."
-Eleanor Roosevelt

Congratulations to the Class of 2009!



Best wishes for the future,
from the Mortarboard staff

Florence Durney

To Our Beloved
Florence Woods Durney
Anthropology Major & Scholar

It is with great pride and true pleasure that we congratulate you on your achievement of

Graduation from Barnard College/Columbia University this May of 2009.

We think of you in these ways:

Imaginative and Strong, Brave, Candid, Creative, Forward-looking, Pragmatic, Beautiful and Classy, Stylish and Unique, Funny, Playful and Quirky, Loyal and Supportive, Caring, Hardworking and Uncompromising, Proud, Tenacious, Loving, Original, Spunky, Dedicated, Respectful, Intelligent, Generous, Capable and Mature.....
In Short...Glorious

We know you will accomplish wonderful things and lead a full and productive future. We wish you the best!
With love and admiration
Elizabeth and Mary Mom

Congratulations to our student workers:

Kateri Benjamin
Sarah Burns
Sarah Dewitt
Anays Diaz
Carly Katz
Sara Mangiapane
Nicole Velazquez

from the
College Activities Office

Claire Noonan

Congratulations, Claire Noonan!
2009 Barnard Graduate

"The future's so bright,
she's gotta wear shades"

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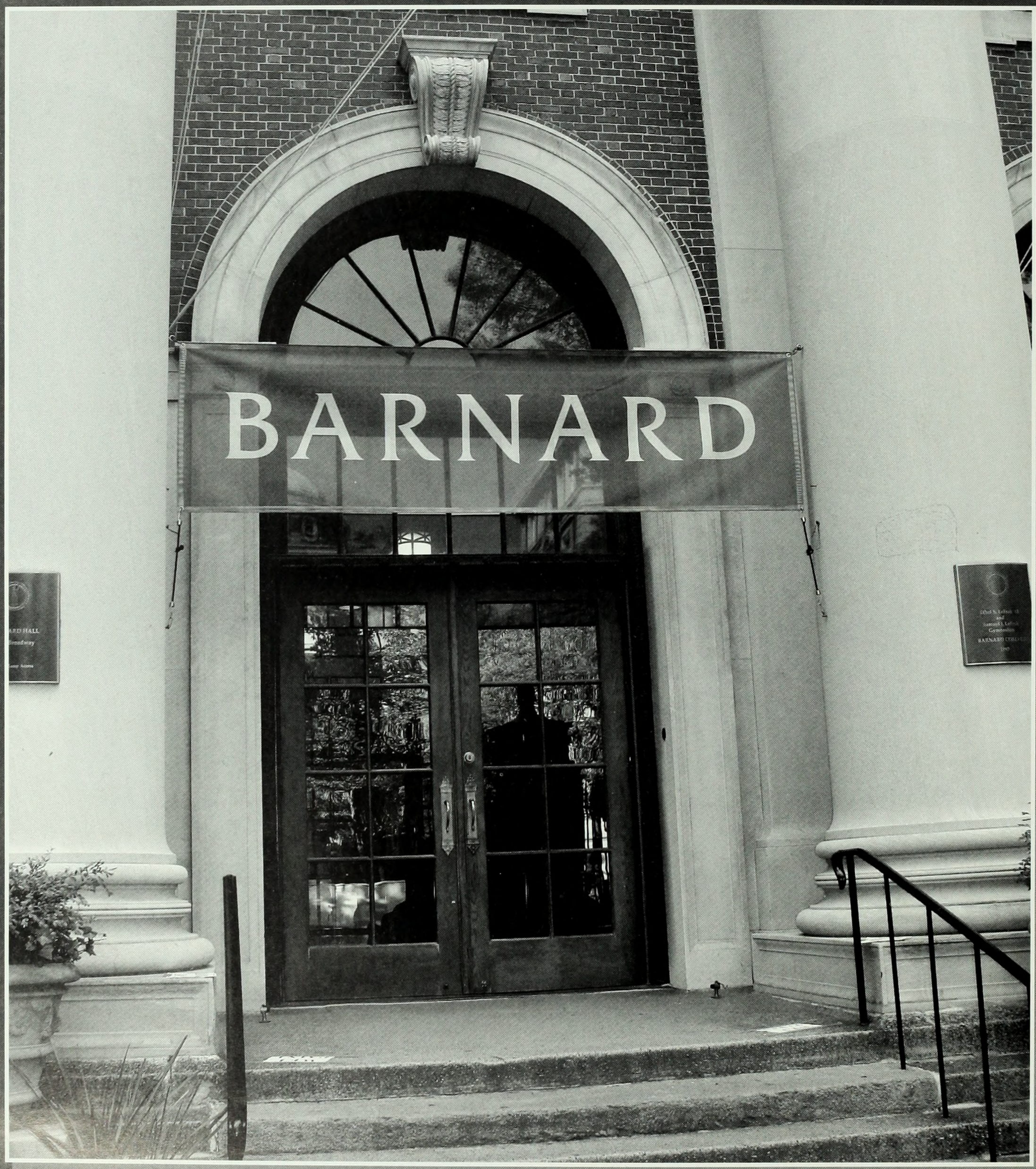
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