



## Kick-starting soccer season

Coach says women's team to come soon



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Jason Copeland and Tyson Moore of the Renegades soccer team fight for the ball at a practice on Sept. 19. Coach Pierre Ramirez plans to start a women's team, so long as enough students are interested.

## Plymouth dorm to undergo renovations

**Student Center, other amenities to be considered**

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Columbia students weren't the only ones hauling boxes in and around the Residence Center this fall; a few of the college's offices also moved into the building. However, those are some of the changes that will happen in the Residence Center, 731 S. Plymouth Court, this year.

In addition to moving offices to more convenient locations, the college will finalize plans to revamp the first and lower floors in the Residence Center, which will lead to the creation of new facilities, including a student center.

In the Residence Center, the office of Residence Life moved down the hall from its previous location to a space that could hold all of the staff members. On the same floor students can now find the office of Counseling Services. The office relocated from its old home in the Wabash Campus Building, 623 S. Wabash Ave.

Mary Oakes, director of Residence Life, said these changes have helped organize the campus since related offices are now closer to one another.

"It's making sense in the logic of how things are set up and where students need to go to get the services they need," Oakes said.

Taunya Woods, director of Counseling Services, agreed and said the move has helped the Counseling staff to become a stronger group of professionals.

Despite these changes, administrators said students have not been confused by the moves. They believe this is because a majority of the students who visit the offices are new to the campus this year.

The changes won't end at office switches. College administrators have proposed a number of renovation projects for the Residence Center that will likely begin this summer.

These plans come after a walking tour of campus that several administrators and student representatives took last spring. The tour revealed several areas that the college felt could be reconfigured to better serve students.

The current lack of student space forced administrators to find these more immediate solutions since the college's approved \$90 million campus center, which will include several floors for a student common area, will not break ground for a few years.

Mark Kelly, vice president of

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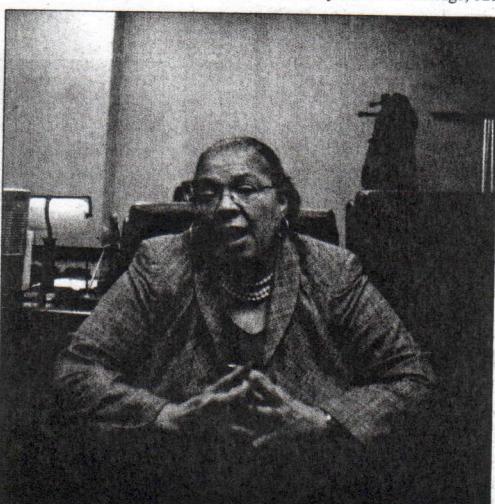
## Getting a closer look at the South Loop's alderman

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Before becoming the alderman of one of Chicago's fastest-growing neighborhoods in 1993, Madeline Haithcock had been living in the 2nd Ward, which encom-

passes the South Loop and much of the West Loop, for decades. However, many students don't even know she exists.

Amanda Campbell, a junior sociology major at Roosevelt University who lives in the University Center of Chicago, 525



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Second Ward Alderman Madeline Haithcock sits for an interview on Sept. 19. In 1993 she was appointed to her office by former Alderman Bobby Rush. She has served ever since.

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Columbia's intramural soccer team changed things up for its new season, which started on Sept. 17. A new team is in the making for the female athletes out there.

After its first season last year the team strayed away from becoming a co-ed team. Coach Pierre Ramirez, a sophomore audio acoustics major, is trying to establish an all-women's team to balance out the strictly all-male team. "A lot of girls showed interest [last year] but didn't show up for practices or games," Ramirez said.

Currently the team is part of the SportsMonster.net league, a website that helps intramural teams connect to compete against each other. Ramirez said in order to follow SportsMonster.net regulations there had to be a certain number of women on the field for co-ed games. With participation lacking, it was hard to keep the team integrated when they had no women players.

"The girls were fun to be with," Ramirez said. "They always had a problem every game but I told them I would help them out."

Jessica Nail, a junior advertising major, played on last year's co-ed team. She said that scheduling conflicts largely contributed to women not being able to show up to practices or games.

"It's not like a university," Nail said. "It's expensive in Chicago and we have jobs."

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S. State St., said she doesn't know who the alderman is because she just moved into the area, but offered an explanation of why most students don't know either.

"You can get kind of immersed in the subculture of being a student, and if you're not forced to go outside of the area, many won't," Campbell said.

Appointed by former Alderman Bobby Rush, now a U.S. representative, Haithcock has served as alderman for more than 13 years, winning re-election three times, and will be running again next February in the citywide aldermanic elections.

Her early experience in the state treasurer's office and work as a banker may have helped shape her perspective regarding the role the student population plays in the 2nd Ward's expanding South Loop.

"I see [the students' role] as an economic asset," Haithcock said. "The students are going to buy from the different places, [they're] going to buy food, going [to] buy clothes."

While overseeing the unprecedented economic expansion and development of the South Loop, Haithcock said having 50,000 students in the area has certainly helped. Despite that, the last time she was on campus speaking with students in area, she felt most were

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