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***Columbia Political Review* released on Friday**

The Columbia Political Union is proud to announce the release of the October 2002 issue of its flagship magazine, the *Columbia Political Review (CPR)*. The magazine hit the streets on Friday afternoon and can be found in students' mailboxes and at Lerner Hall.

The current issue features extensive articles about Mayor Bloomberg's business-style governance, the San Fernando Valley succession campaign, a regional roundup of electoral races, and an exclusive interview with Rep. Charles Rangel.

"Each issue has been better than the last, thanks to our incredibly able staff, and this is the best issue we've ever put out," said *CPR* Editor-in-Chief Adam Kushner, a senior.

The *Columbia Political Review* is the political opinion magazine of the Columbia Political Union, a non-partisan student organization seeking to enhance involvement in the political process and to foster political discourse. The *CPR*, established in the fall of 2001, has a circulation of 7,500. This is its fifth issue since its founding.

"The *Political Review* has gone from four-person, web-only gamble to a 20-page magazine with a staff of 35 in under a year," said Kushner. "Our content is fresh, insightful, and well-reported, and we've lined up an exceptionally talented group of students, whose political awareness is matched only by their journalistic savvy."

According to Samir Arora, general manager of the Political Union, "The *Review* has become one of Columbia's premier student publications. This is due in no small part to the magazine's extremely talented editorial board and staff."

The Columbia Political Union is a non-partisan undergraduate organization established to promote involvement in the political process, domestic and international, and draw every member of the University community into an ongoing discussion of political ideas. The Union frequently hosts expert panels to explore issues as varied as the evolution of the Bush presidency, education policy, war on terror, media bias, and faith-based initiatives.