

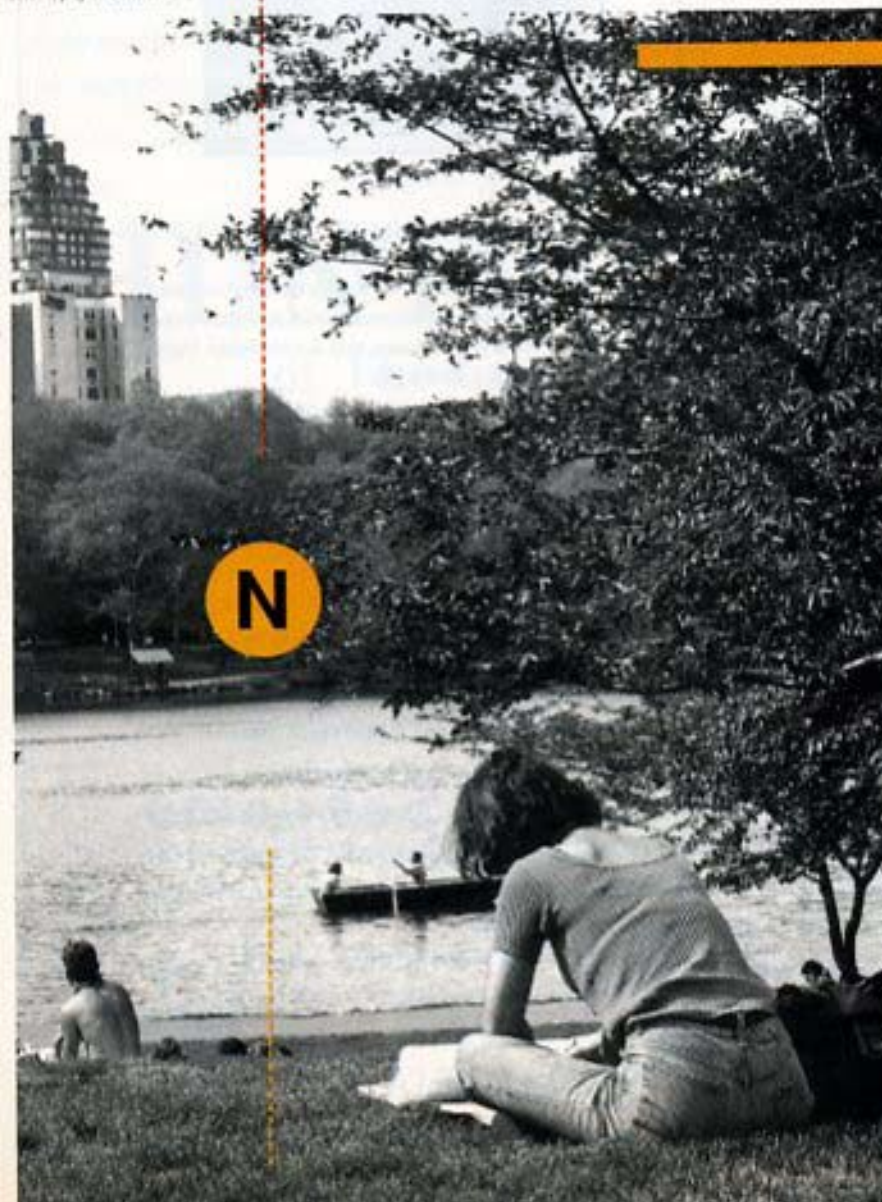
Where They Hang Out

From the Strand Book Store to Benny's Burritos...

'It's the big things, like going to the Met, and the little things, like walking around the Village. Sometimes I just have to pinch myself to remind myself I'm here.' *Laura Alexander, Barnard Junior, Independence, Missouri*

Forget institutional "cuisine" and cabin fever. NYC is quick to provide a cure for both. From exotic fast food to cutting-edge music to window-shopping therapy to people-watching, there is a multitude of options to suit every student's R&R needs, no matter how uncommon your interests. Your downtime is never such a good time as in NYC.

Serendipity in Central Park



It's all a matter of taste

If the idea of college meal plans grosses you out, dining in or out in NYC can be a highly delectable, multi-cultural adventure—no matter how small the wallet or picky the eater. Street vendors around the city offer the gamut, from hot caramelized nuts, knishes, franks, soft pretzels, and sloppy gyros to Italian ices. Of course, every school has its designated coffee shop. If you're a student at Barnard or Columbia, you might find yourself late night at Tom's Restaurant at 2880 Broadway, the diner that appears on *Seinfeld* and in a song by (Barnard alum) Suzanne Vega. Some downtown picks of NYU and Cooper Union students include Dojo at 14 W. 4th or 24-26 St. Marks Place, which offers a hip and quick

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One of the many java joints where students recline and dine.

variety of Japanese and American health food; and for pirogi and borscht cravings, Kiev at 117 Second Avenue will happily provide relief. Students at the College of Aeronautics in Queens refuel at Galaxy Cafe at 25-98 Steinway or Amnesia at 3203 Broadway. And F.I.T. students get their java fixes at the kitschy Big Cup on Eighth Avenue between 21st and 22nd Streets, in the heart of Chelsea (where you can catch Dante doing tarot card readings on Tuesday and Wednesday nights). Ever the economical favorites are the four Ollie's Noodle Shop & Grilles—the Columbia branch even offers bacon and eggs along with your Chinese food. Another student hangout is Noodles on 28th Street and Third Avenue, the local noodle-provider catering

to Gramercy Park-area colleges like the American Academy of Dramatic Arts. Benny's Burritos are considered worth traveling for; their delicious, but impossible-to-finish bur-



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Singles mingle at the Metropolitan Museum of Art on Friday and Saturday nights.