

On Campus

100+ Years of Columbia's Van Amringe Memorial

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A postcard sent in 1933. (Courtesy of Brewster Moseley '76TC)

This issue's cover art celebrates the Van Amringe Quadrangle and Memorial, located between Hamilton and John Jay Halls. The structure honors mathematics professor John Howard Van Amringe 1860CC, 1890HON, the first dean of Columbia College. A much beloved figure, Van Amringe enjoyed a fifty-year career at Columbia, and upon his death in 1915, alumni started a campaign to build the memorial. The site, dedicated on Commencement Day 1918, has been a popular gathering place ever since.



Left: graduating seniors of the College's first coed class in 1987. Right: a student-orientation picnic in 2001. (Columbia Archives)

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