

BARNARD JUDICIAL COUNCIL

BARNARD COLLEGE

NEW YORK, NEW YORK 10027

February 28, 1967

Dear Miss Holland,

The Judicial Council of Barnard College has met to consider the case of your involvement in a sit-in demonstration at 606 Dodge Hall on February 8, 1967, in which students and administrators of Columbia University were effectively denied rightful passage through a doorway. The Council has found you guilty of coercing members of the University community by so demonstrating, and of refusing to heed the warning of a University official that you should not so sit-in. We understand that your coercion did not cause physical or material damage, or involve physical force.

As a result of the Council's deliberations, I have been authorized to censure you in the name of the Judicial Council for your actions, and warn you that if you are in the future found guilty of a like infringement of University regulations, you will be suspended or expelled as determined by the established procedures of Judicial Council.

The Council felt that you had taken the liberty of deciding for your fellow students where they should or should not go. The University, in permitting picketing, recognizes your right to have an opinion in this regard, but refuses to permit you to force your opinion upon others in the University. We feel that this refusal is the very essence of the regulations: that they permit freedom of expression to such an extent that the University will

prevent by disciplinary action any infringement of this freedom.

The fact that only three students had planned to attend interviews does not decrease the seriousness of your offence. The Council felt that what was at stake was the larger issue of the implications inherent in your actions for the rights of the whole University community.

We hope that you will appreciate the seriousness of our decision, but more important than that, our intention to impress upon you the reasons for and importance of the University regulations. This decision stands effective pending only the approval of President Park.

Sincerely yours,

Margaret Emery
Chairman

Miss Jessica Holland
Barnard College
Student Mail

cc: President Park ✓