

Students face possible expulsion for blockade

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Marking the first time such complaints have been registered since 1987, University administrators have charged several students with six serious violations of Rules of Conduct which could lead to suspension or expulsion, following the Dec. 14 blockade of Hamilton Hall.

More than 20 other students allegedly involved in the demonstration received letters requesting an appearance before Associate Provost and Rules Administrator Stephen Rittenberg, who will determine whether charges will be filed or dismissed.

The students who have charged come from various divisions of the University, including Columbia College, Barnard College, the School of General Studies, and the School of International and Public Affairs.

Rittenberg has additionally charged individual students with as many as seven simple violations of University rules, bringing the total for a single student up to 13 in at least one case.

According to University procedure, serious violations of the Rules of Conduct call for a hearing to be conducted by a lawyer from outside

the University, chosen by the Executive Committee of the University Senate. Appointees may be Columbia alumni.

The most severe punishment for students found guilty of a simple violation is censure.

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Debate marks Columbia plan for Audubon

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Community activists and local politicians have opposed plans by the University to construct a biomedical research center on the site of the Audubon Ballroom in Washington Heights, the location of Malcolm X's 1965 assassination, since 1982, when the project was initially conceived.

Columbia purchased the ballroom, located on Broadway between 165th and 166th Streets, for \$450,000 from the city in 1983.

Since University officials proposed to build on the site, the project has drawn criticism.

Two groups in particular have opposed the plan: members of the Landmarks Preservation Committee, who want the building designated as a landmark and undisturbed, and members of the Save the Audubon Coalition (STAC), who fear that a biomedical research center poses an environmental hazard to the community and believe that a

Dean of Columbia College Jack Greenberg addressed a crowd of students protesting the University's plans to construct a biomedical research center on the site of the Audubon Ballroom.

commercial laboratory is an insult to the memory of Malcolm X.

Although the theater is not a landmark, it has one of the most unusual terra cotta facades in the city, and some believe it should be preserved for its architectural value.

"We would really like to see some significant part of the building preserved, and I don't just mean fragments of terra-cotta," said Edward Kaufman of the Municipal Art Society.

Initially, Columbia administrators contemplated preserving the entire theater, but found this option, with additional costs estimated between \$10 million and \$15 million, economically infeasible. Instead, the University decided to demolish the building and replace it with a six-

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Hamilton blockaded in protest of Audubon plans

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Approximately 100 students blockaded Hamilton Hall for several hours on Dec. 14 to protest the

University's plans to construct a biomedical research center on the site of the Audubon Ballroom, the location of Malcolm X's assassination in 1965.

Dean of Columbia College Jack Greenberg, who was the target of the blockade, claimed not to be

phased throughout most of the seven-hour ordeal. "I went on to the first wave of Iwo Jima," he said in a phone interview while trapped in his office. "This is nothing."

The University has been planning the research center's construction on the site between 165th and 166th Streets on Broadway for the past decade. While many community leaders in Harlem and city officials have shown support for the plans, construction has been stalled by protests and lawsuits challenging the legality and safety of the center, as well as claims that the center would denigrate the memory of Malcolm X.

Among the complaints made by the protesters were allegations that the biomedical research would produce toxins dangerous to the resi-

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Mohammad debate stalls speech report

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The release of a University report dealing with questions of free speech and civility on campus has been delayed due to University-wide concern about condemnatory statements made last semester after a speech by Nation of Islam Spokesperson Khalid Mohammad.

The report, tentatively titled "Guidelines for Civil Speech and Conduct," was scheduled to be released early last semester by the Committee for the Promotion of Mutual Understanding and Civility, also known as the Civility Committee.

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Man shot and killed in front of Plimpton Hall

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A Harlem resident was shot and killed near Plimpton Hall, a Barnard dormitory located at 1235 Amsterdam Ave., on Sunday night.

According to police reports, the victim, 18-year-old Dileleo Reyes, was driving his car north on Amsterdam Ave. at about 12:50 a.m., when he was shot once in the chest in front of 1310 Amsterdam Ave.

Reyes' car then continued north on Amsterdam Avenue for almost

four blocks, before veering into the southbound lane and hitting another car head-on. There were no injuries to the passengers of the other automobile, which was operated by the Seaman car service of Manhattan, according to police reports.

After a short investigation, police arrested 20-year-old Anthony Delgado, a resident in Reyes' apartment building, who was in the vicinity at the time of the shooting. He was charged with second-degree murder and criminal possession of a deadly weapon. Police said they are unsure of Delgado's motive.

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