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Judith Preninger	Barnard	3001 Broadway

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Mr. De Koff, Sonja Katchman Barnard Reid Hall 2:00  
Because of the long wait involved in trying to see you May 11, I have resorted to writing you my complaint, hoping you will give it due consideration.

Besides the points made in the various petitions, there are two other complaints I have personally, be they maybe expansions on comments others have made:

I Having been a member of the demonstration Fri, I personally resent the fact that the administration felt it necessary to summon the police in order to disperse our group. This action only shows me your lack of faith in our intentions to be a peaceful, non-violent group of dissenters. Of course, the safety and

normal function of ~~the~~ University is your prime concern and I can well see ~~why~~ you were disturbed, upset, and excited when we disrupted your business. BUT did your personal concern (which concern being placed only in Law Library and its inhabitants) necessitate a triggering of 20-30 campus and city police? That you seem to think so, only shows that what you wanted Friday was as speedy a dispersion as possible WITH NO REGARD WHATSOEVER TO WHAT WE HAD TO SAY TO THE ADMINISTRATION HEADS who kept themselves cleanly out of the issue by not hearing us out. Were they afraid we were going to mow them down? Either physically or verbally? They might have been right on the second count because we had something to say and they didn't. But afraid they would be brutalized by the non-violent picketers, they resorted to the quickest, most antisepic way out to keep the name of Columbia out of the pink. This was a cowardly action.

2) That you have narrowed down the group of dissenters to a core of two "instigators" is totally unfounded. It is key for you to see that Dave & Mike had no say or control whatsoever over the tiff that occurred with the police. How many times must it be said that any physical violence was NOT PART OF THE TACTICS PLANNED. We are University students capable of discussion, capable of being dealt with intelligently. The administration's narrowing down the "blame" to the two accused is not only unfounded as far as "instigation" goes, but evidence that it seeks an easy way to rid itself of two people who have or have not been afraid to voice their opinions in the past. Needless to say, the past should have no bearing on the verdict passed over the case at hand.

Although I have not signed the student offense list—because I won't give you the pleasure of expelling me—I should like to make it known that if either of the accused are suspended or judged guilty, I will not come back to Columbia University next year, and will make it my responsibility to see that others don't either. The issue, Mr. De Koff, has shifted from the validity of ROTC to freedom of speech, either. Respectfully yours, Soni Katchan

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