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No action to be taken against Lit Hum profs

By Jodi Pulver

No disciplinary action will be taken against preceptors who revealed the topics of the departmental Literature Humanities (Lit Hum) final examination to their students, according to Columbia College Associate Dean Michael Rosenthal.

Over half of the 1,000 undergraduate students taking the required course may have known the topics and some of the questions

covered in the May examination. A copy of questions that were supposed to be on the exam was posted on the third floor of Carman Hall.

Following revelations that exam topics were widely distributed among the student body, Lit Hum Department Chair James Mirolo said that he would fire any teacher he found to have given out the exam.

However, according to Mirolo, students didn't actually have the questions that appeared on the examination. He said that he had determined that students were just given guidelines of topics that might be asked on the test.

"We discovered that several instructors had inadvertently, indiscreetly told students what some of the topics would be, but none actually had the exam, which I think was suggested in the previous (May 13) *Spectator* article," Mirolo said.

"If the exam was actually given out, I would have fired [the faculty member who distributed it]," he added.

However, according to several students, the essay questions that

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Michael Rosenthal

CU charges local resident with assault

By Jodi Pulver

The University charged community resident and former Columbia student David Burstein with trespassing and assault of a Columbia security guard last Monday night, according to Director of Security Dominick Moro.

However, Burstein claims that he was the victim of unwarranted brutal treatment by several security guards who accosted him on College Walk at about 7 p.m. Monday.

According to Burstein, following a verbal altercation with security guard Marion Neally, another security guard, Robert Irrizary, grabbed his shoulder from behind. Burstein said he hit Irrizary "in self defense", and was subsequently thrown to the ground and pummeled.

Burstein alleges that as he walked onto College Walk through the main entrance on 116th and Broadway, he removed a chain from between the

gates placed it on the opposite side.

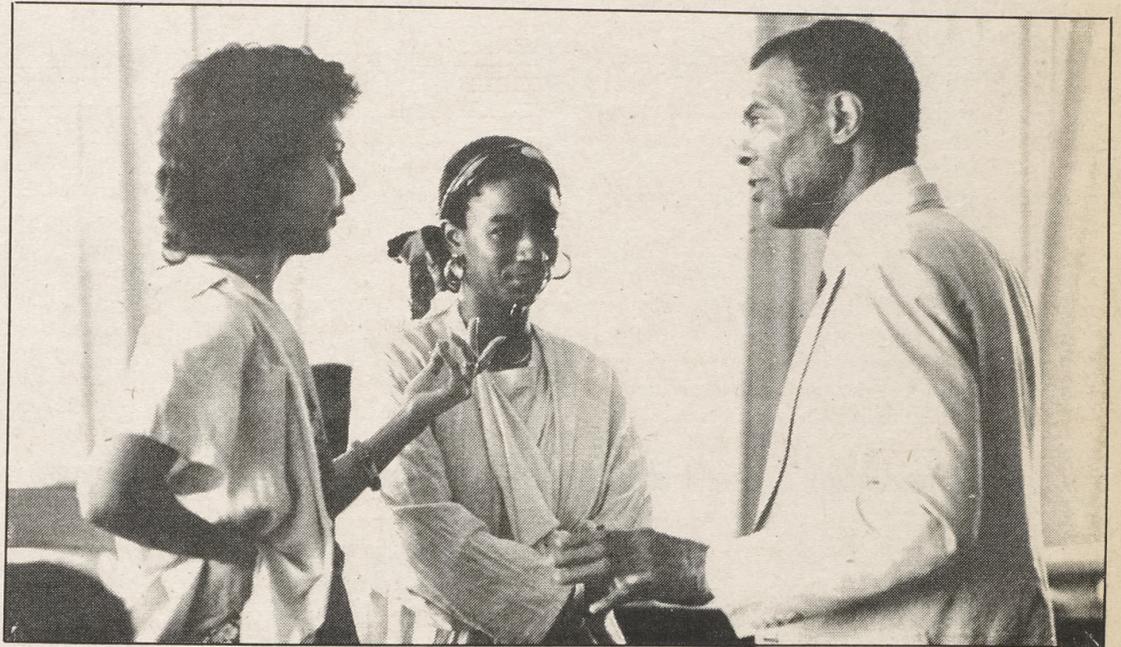
"The only thing I did is, as I was coming to campus walk, I removed the chain across the 116th Street gate," Burstein said.

"I was dribbling a basketball at the time and it [the chain] was in my way. It wasn't supposed to be there," he added.

Burstein said that the University had no right to hang a chain in front of the entrance. He claimed the chain had almost caused him to trip, and that "it had no right to be there."

Moro said that the chain's temporary presence at the 116th St. entrance to College Walk served to block the entry of vehicular traffic that may damage the Bicentennial banner that hangs above the entrance.

"Mail vehicles, for example, are rather high. In one instance, one tore down the Bicentennial ban-



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GETTING TO THE POINT: Paul Robeson, Jr., discusses the proceedings with two respondents at the hearings on Friday.

Blockaders face no serious charges

By Hall Morrison

As University discipline hearings continued this week against over 40 students who blockaded Hamilton Hall in April, the demonstrators won a dismissal of the most serious charges against them.

On Friday, hearing officers Charlotte Fishman and Alvin Hellerstein granted the students a

dismissal of the charge of a serious violation of impeding access to a Columbia facility and disrupting a University function.

The University has charged the students with three violations of the Rules of University Conduct. Columbia charges that the demonstrators committed two simple violations by interfering with passage from or to a University facility for a very short time, and by failing to obey the orders of a properly identified University delegate directing the demonstrators to move elsewhere.

The students are also charged with

a serious violation for allegedly impeding passage to a University facility for a sustained amount of time, thus substantially disrupting a University function.

The April 21 blockade of Hamilton in protest of the University's handling of racial tensions on campus occurred from about 9 a.m. until New York City Police were called on campus to make arrests at around 8 p.m.

According to Fishman and Hellerstein, the charge of a serious violation was dismissed on request of

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CC preceptor dies of AIDS Endowment fund planned in memoriam

By Tracy Connor

Contemporary Civilization (CC) and philosophy department preceptor, Bruce Phillip Cooper, CC '77 died of Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) on May 11, according to Executive Director of the

Capital Campaign Susan Hendrix.

An endowment fund in Cooper's name is being established by the University but is still in the process of being arranged with Cooper's family, Hendrix said. She added that before his death Cooper requested that any fund be used to benefit the Columbia College core curriculum program and its faculty.

After attending Columbia College from 1973 to 1977, Cooper also attended the School of International and Public Affairs and received an M.B.A. from Columbia Business School in 1979. Cooper worked as a preceptor from 1985 until last semester.

A friend of Cooper's, Cathy Nepomynaschny, a former preceptor in the Literature Humanities department, said that Cooper hoped any endowment money would be used to create another class section in the Contemporary Civilization department.

Nepomynaschny said Cooper planned to teach last semester, but was too ill. She said he was nearly finished working on his dissertation when he died.

A memorial service was held for Cooper last week in Philosophy Hall, and the Columbia flag was flown at half mast.

According to Hendrix, the minimum total contribution needed

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Harlem residents oppose new development project

By Lori Levy

Over 125 members of the West Harlem community attended a forum last Thursday night to discuss the proposed Harlem-on-the-Hudson project, which would convert the strip of land along the Hudson River from 125th St. to 135th St. into a major multi-use development.

According to current plans, the Harlem-on-the-Hudson project, conceived and developed by the state agency Harlem Urban Development Corporation (HUDC), would include a national arts center for black, Latin, and Caribbean cultures, a floating hotel, a marina, restaurants and housing.

Described in a HUDC project brochure, the pier development is being touted as a "means to enable Harlem to capitalize on its worldwide reputation, thereby creating jobs and new business."

However, community groups like the West Harlem Coalition (WHC)

and the West Harlem Independent Democratic Club (WHIDC), the sponsors of the forum, are vehemently opposed to HUDC's plans for the 125th St. pier area.

Opponents claimed at the forum that the pier project will be far from beneficial to the Harlem community and will result in gentrification and the displacement of many long-time residents. Many also said they were skeptical of HUDC's ability to develop a project that will be a part of Harlem, and not an extension of Morningside Heights.

Michael Coven, a local architect who spoke at the forum, questioned the pier project's capacity to realistically represent the Harlem community. "What we're looking at is a new town within a town. Will this area be an independent entity or will it be a part of the surrounding community? The answer to that

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DO YA WANNA DANCE?: Ah, to be back in the days when hair was long, feet were bare, and Country Joe and the Fish were in the Top Ten.

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one of the attorneys representing the students, civil rights lawyer William Kunstler, because Columbia did not adequately prove the demonstration had disrupted a University function.

The hearing officers said that although Columbia had shown, through the testimony of their witnesses, that blockaders had impeded access to classrooms and administrative offices in Hamilton, the University's lawyer, Cameron Clark, had not demonstrated that the action resulted in substantial disruption of the building's function.

The University called on only four witnesses to testify in the first part of their case, to prove that the demonstration was in violation of Columbia regulations.

One of Columbia's witnesses, University Fire Safety Officer Douglas Von Braunsberg, testified that the blockade constituted a fire hazard because large numbers of students were forced to enter Hamilton using the underground tunnels connecting that building with Kent Hall. Von Braunsberg said those tunnels were inadequate for accommodating large amounts of students.

However, under cross examination by the students, Von Braunsberg admitted that if the University had called him in on the day of the blockade, he "could have taken steps to assure minimal interference with the use of the tunnel."

Also, according to Von Braunsberg, "The tunnel systems have been extensively used by students in the past, particularly handicapped students."

Among the University witnesses was Director of the Columbia Scholastic Press and Presidential Delegate Edmund Sullivan, who testified that he and Director of Student Employment Robert Gallione, also a presidential delegate, distributed Rules of University Conduct to students and informed them they were in violation of regulations.

The charge of ignoring the delegates' requests to move to the Van Am quad and continue the protest there, a simple violation under the rules, still stands against the students.

Fishman and Hellerstein have not yet made a ruling on whether the students, as a group, violated University Rules of Conduct.

Yesterday, the students made a motion to dismiss the charges against those students who graduated last month. Roughly one fourth of the students being charged have already graduated. Kunstler said that the charges against the graduates should be dropped, because the University could not take disciplinary action against them, even if they are found guilty of the remaining simple violations. Hellerstein said the hearing officers would make a decision on the motion Thursday afternoon.

The students and their lawyers said they will attempt to show that because of Columbia's inability to effectively take action after a fight on campus on March 22 between white students and black students, the protesters had no other choice than to take drastic action.

A group formed in response to the allegedly racial attack on black students by whites, Concerned Black Students at Columbia (CBSC), has charged the University with institutionally racist policies.

Members of the CBSC, many of whom are now facing disciplinary charges, claim that Columbia's policies and what they see as the University's failure to resolve racial problems on campus, virtually forced students to blockade Hamilton.

Several of the witnesses called by the student respondents have testified about Columbia's policies towards minorities, and the climate on campus.

Paul Robeson, Jr., son of alumnus and civil rights activist Paul Robeson, testified on behalf of the charged students.

Robeson said that he perceived the University as fostering a climate of racism on campus. "It's more subtle," he said, "but no less vicious. More administrative, more institutional."

Robeson said that the University "forces non-white students to live or act in whiteface to get along. You get the message that you do much better here if you act a certain way."

According to Robeson, Columbia is an "ethnocentric" institution, and resists changing its attitudes toward the black community."

Robeson also said that political activism and civil disobedience were important parts of education. "It is and it has been, the most effective weapon," he said, "It is surely a decent and responsible and humane way, compared to other ways, such as compliance."

On Monday, Bill Sales, a former Columbia student and faculty member from 1964-1972, and political activist, testified about a history of racial problems at Columbia.

"From my arrival on campus in '64, the environment was disinterested in the affairs of black students. There were no blacks in King's Crown activities [the forerunner of the Office of Student Activities], there was hostility in fraternity life, and there was open ridicule of the intellectual abilities of black students," Sales said.

"It is very clear that there is an underrepresentation of blacks and Third World students at Columbia," Sales continued, "Many of the CBSC demands are similar to those raised by black students in the '60's."

Disciplinary hearings continue next week with additional witnesses for the students. The University will also continue to attempt to identify students from videotapes made by various news agencies, as well as by Columbia Crime Prevention Officer George Smartt.

The students are being identified by comparisons of the videotapes and University identification cards and several yearbooks. The respondents have filed a complaint stating that the pictures were obtained without their permission and thus constitute a violation of the Family Education and Rights Privacy Act.

Correction

In last week's story on Columbia's suit against lawyers Ken Schaeffer and C. Vernon Mason, *Spectator* accidentally omitted that Schaeffer's lawyer, Alan Levine, is representing him on behalf of the New York Civil Liberties Union. *Spectator* regrets the error.

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for a memorial fund is \$25,000.

The Bruce P. Cooper fund will be the second instituted at Columbia in memoriam of a student who died of AIDS. A memorial fund was started last fall honoring Stuart Garcia, CC '84, who died last July of AIDS. The purpose of the Stuart Garcia fund is to help maintain need-blind admissions, a financial aid program which Garcia fought vigorously to maintain as a representative to the University Senate, during his junior and senior years.

Cooper and Garcia are as yet the only two Columbia affiliates to have died of AIDS, according to University public statements. A University AIDS committee, headed by Senior Vice President Joseph Mullinix and designed to examine the problem of AIDS on campus and to develop a University policy on the illness, began meetings over two years ago. Last year the committee released a pamphlet to the University community detailing the illness and medical facts about how it is contracted. No University policy, however, has yet been composed.

Additional reporting by Lori Levy.

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