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Access denied | The Beverly J. Martin Elementary School as pictured yesterday.

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Volunteering Put on Hold

Citing H1N1 threat, Ithaca schools bar C.U. students

By MEGAN CARNEY
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SWINE FLU AT CORNELL

In an effort to reduce the spread of H1N1 between university and K-12 students, Ithaca City School District Superintendent Dr. Leslie Myers has indefinitely barred all college students, including those from Cornell, from volunteering in district classrooms.

The suspension began just five days after the start of ICSD classes, and does not include college students who are affiliated with the schools through Federal Work-Study employment, scholarship service requirements, or fieldwork placements for course credit.

Myers believes the suspension to be a necessary precaution in reducing the spread of H1N1 between college students and the students and faculty of district schools.

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Artful remembrance | Erin Ferro-Murray '13 draws on a mock Berlin Wall on the Arts Quad yesterday in celebration of the 20th anniversary of its fall.

Students Erect Replica of Berlin Wall

By BRENDAN DOYLE
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When the Berlin Wall was knocked down in 1989, many Cornell students had not even been born. Regardless, the Department of German Studies and the German Embassy is sponsoring a week of festivities in honor of the 20th anniversary of the destruction of the Berlin Wall, building a replica wall on the Arts Quad and giving many a chance to learn about the recent past.

Cornell is one of the 30 schools chosen by the German Embassy to participate in the nationwide "Freedom Without Walls Campaign."

"The turnout, despite the rain, was incredible," said Prof. Anette Schwarz, chair of the

Department of German Studies and principal organizer of the week's events.

For the past several weeks, students have submitted designs to be posted on the replica wall, which measures 16 by 8 feet, in a competition called "Uber-Free." The winning submissions, which feature a classic peace symbol and various German phrases, were spray-painted on the wall yesterday.

The graffiti artistry on the replica wall, however, is not the only homage to the tear down. Yesterday's events also included a Charity Run, which involved scavenger hunts and puzzles that represent the freedom of mobility East Germans had after the wall came down.

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Panel Explores Free Speech and Religion

By ELISABETH ROSEN
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In an attempt to address the issue of religious discrimination in the Cornell community, Cornell United Religious Work sponsored an open dialogue yesterday afternoon in Sage Chapel that turned into a heated debate about individual rights.

The dialogue was partly intended as a response to last spring's controversy over student funding for religious organizations. When the Chi Alpha Christian Fellowship asked one of its members to step down from a leadership position last spring after he embraced the fact that he was gay, the resulting furor led many to question whether Cornell should subsidize student

groups that discriminate based on race, gender or sexual orientation.

But both men who spoke in yesterday's dialogue agreed that the religious nature of such groups, coupled with the Constitution's protections for freedom of religion, makes the issue difficult to resolve.

"People have the right to do what they believe their god requires them to do," said Dr. Charles Haynes, a senior scholar at the First Amendment Center. "It's the responsibility of our society to protect that fundamental right."

His fellow panelist, Prof. Steven Shiffrin, law, agreed that religious groups should be allowed to choose their own leaders, just like other student groups. He also pointed out that as a pri-

vate institution, Cornell is not bound by the First Amendment. But he questioned whether the University should continue to fund organizations that discriminate.

"What about the Ku Klux Klan?" Shiffrin asked. "If they discriminate against Catholics, Jews and African-Americans, can they still get [Student Assembly] funds?"

Haynes responded by drawing a line between the public arena and a college campus.

"I think of course they should have the right to speak in the public square," Haynes said. But it's "a different matter" at a university, where students should feel safe from discrimination.

The two men were sharply divided on the issue of regulating



WARREN DAVIS / SUN CONTRIBUTOR

Free speech | Charles Haynes, senior scholar at the First Amendment Center, speaks in Sage Chapel yesterday as part of discussion about the free speech and religious liberty.

hate speech. While Haynes spoke out against such regulations, arguing that bans on free speech have "hurt more than they have

helped civility," Shiffrin advocated prohibiting hate speech in the

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