

CIA to recruit despite fall protest

Ad revives scrutiny of hiring practices

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All too frequently, the Central Intelligence Agency has come to the University to recruit only to be met with student protests concerning CIA discrimination against gays and lesbians.

During a visit last fall, two University students were arrested during a protest while the CIA was conducting interviews in the EMU.

A CIA recruiting ad placed in the *Oregon Daily Emerald* again raises the questions of whether the CIA is biased against homosexuals and whether past demonstrations will affect an CIA recruiting at the University.

Mark Mansfield, a spokesman for the CIA, calls the charges of sexual discrimination "absurd."

"The CIA does not discriminate on the basis of sexual orientation," Mansfield said. "Claims that the CIA is biased on sexual orientation are simply not true."

Mansfield said the CIA does use sexual conduct, among many other criteria, when evaluating job applicants during the interview process.

It is during this interview process that the CIA discriminates against gays and lesbians, said Michael Peeler, co-director of the Gay and Lesbian Alliance.

"Before a person can start to work for the CIA they do a thorough background check, and if they find out a person is gay, they are out of there," Peeler said.

"They will not hire gays because they feel they are a security risk," he added. "The CIA feels gays are more at the whim of their libidos than straight people."

Besides protesting the CIA for sexual discrimination, some people blame the CIA for federal government policies, Mansfield said.

The CIA, however, only provides information to the people in charge of forming policy for the federal government, Mansfield said, and does not play any role in the actual formation of policy.

Mansfield does not mind, however, when students protest a CIA visit. Often, student demonstrations work in favor of the CIA, he said.

"Student demonstrations create an interest in the CIA," Mansfield said. "Often after a demonstration, our recruiting offices are inundated with applications."

The CIA is using a different procedure for recruiting this time around, said Larry Smith, Director of the Career Planning



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The CIA is recruiting at the University despite objections voiced at a fall term protest where student Tim Hughes was arrested.

and Placement Office at the University.

The CIA has scheduled no interviews through the Career Planning and Placement Office this term or spring term, but the CIA does not have to go through the Career Planning Office, Smith said.

Smith has received one letter this year complaining about CIA recruitment on campus, but last year he received two letters applauding the University for being an open forum for organizations to express their views.

"The benefits of having the CIA recruit on campus is that it provides the opportunity to provide students with information on the CIA," he said.

Keeping the CIA off campus raises the question of censor-

ship, Smith added.

Last term six interviews were canceled as a result of the protesting in the EMU. That the CIA continues to return to the University shows they have been successful enough to be interested in coming back, Smith said.

"Obviously there is a sufficient number of students interested to make it worth their while to recruit here," he said. "The costs to recruit students to hire are around \$8,000, so this is a very conscientious decision based on the previous success they have had here."

If the CIA chooses to return to the University to recruit, consideration would be given concerning the location where the interviews would take place, Smith said.

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