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Letters to the Editor

The CIA Man

Editor:

The BDH of Nov. 1, quotes Dean Brennan as having said regarding the anti-CIA sit-in: "We found it physically impossible to get to the interview room." If these are indeed his words, he is guilty of misrepresenting the facts.

As a non-participant observer of the sit-in I wish to state unequivocally that it was possible for Mr. Brennan to get to the interview room. As a matter of fact he himself did get into the interview room. Any impression that it was impossible to do so is absolutely false.

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dividual or group of individuals any more than it should be censored by the University.

I can sympathize with the March on Washington, as it was an individual expression of dissatisfaction, which did not abridge the liberties of others; but in this case the personal rights of Brown and Pembroke students to learn about employment opportunities with, like it or not, a government agency, have been infringed upon. The CAC may have "won a victory," but by doing so it has violated the basic rights of an individual's freedom of choice. May it not happen again.

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by ANNIE REID

When the CIA finally made the scene yesterday at the CAC sit-in and picket line, its emissary was indeed trench-coated — but not in the traditional cloak-and-dagger, collar-up style.

James W. Gurll Jr., Class of 1948, appeared neatly-attired in light tan over-coat type of trenchcoat and complete with hat and attache case — not at all a shady character, but rather, a respectable, brown-eyed businessman.

During the confrontation, Mr. Gurll stood quietly and regarded the demonstrators sitting-in at his feet with a detached, slightly bewildered, and almost trance-like air. Asked by the HERALD if he had been greeted by demonstrations before, he replied, "No, This is my first."

Asked to comment on the situation, he said, "The University will speak for me."

When it was all over, Mr. Gurll said the protesters were "polite and straightforward." About the protest, he added, "It came off beautifully."

Mr. Gurll thought the CIA might expect more applicants for jobs "as a reaction" to the protest. He said it was too bad the demonstrators had to "deny the rights of good, interested applicants." If students want to confront the CIA and its policy, he said, "there are a million other ways they can do it," and mentioned that "they can go to Washington and Boston."

Mr. Gurll has been with the CIA for sixteen years. He was surprised when a woman came up to him "and said that the alumni protest the CIA."

Editor:

I have read the BDH's transcript of the CAC-CIA confrontation with extreme disgust. I take particular exception to Mr. Schwartzman's statement that "these [CIA] interviews are not the normal educational function of the University." In the same vein, neither is serving food at the refectory or allowing James Brown to appear this coming Spring Weekend. It would appear to me that the University is performing a great service in allowing and promoting interviewers from various companies to appear at Brown. It would seem that it is only commensurate with the responsibilities of the modern university that students be given every opportunity to confront prospective employers before graduation. Furthermore, and more basic to the issue, each individual's choice of vocation is his and his alone to decide. His choice should not be censored by the actions of any in-

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