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Demonstration Held

Williams Students Block CIA Recruiting Interviews

Nationwide student unrest over the course of the war in Vietnam was reflected on the Williams College campus this morning when 30 students successfully prevented a recruiter from the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency from conducting interviews.

The recruiter, identified as Harry L. Russell, cancelled the interviews when he saw about 30 students grouped around the college's Career Counselling Center on the corner of Whitman and Park Streets with the avow-

ed intention of preventing him from entering.

He did not attempt to go through the line and told the college he would make other arrangements for interviews. Presumably this meant that students interested in CIA work would be interviewed off the campus.

According to reports, the demonstration was planned last night by the student Committee of Action and Resistance, an anti-war group, when it was learned that 11 students were scheduled for interviews today.

Cites Aims

Norman I. Hirsch, a junior, and spokesman for the Action and Resistance Committee, said the demonstration was aimed at preventing the CIA from using the college facilities.

Specifically, he said, the student effort was to make it physically harder for the CIA to enlist personnel, and secondly, to dramatize opposition of the Vietnam war in hopes of arousing public concern.

A witness said the demonstration started about 8.30 when about 30 students gathered at the counselling center stationing themselves at both entrances.

Peter F. Gelheiser, chief of the college police, asked the stu-

dents to remove themselves from the entrance of the building and conduct their protest on the sidewalk. When they refused he called Asst. Dean Donald W. Gardner Jr.

A few minutes later Mr. Russell appeared and conferred outside the building with Dean Gardner, who had arrived on the scene, and Manton Coveland Jr., the director of the office of career counselling.

After the brief conference, he apparently decided to cancel the interviews, and left.

The students stayed at the office for about an hour after the incident, apparently in the belief that Mr. Russell would try to return. They dispersed after being told the interviews had been cancelled.

Other Campuses

A story on the front page of today's Transcript describes student demonstrations on three of the major college campuses aimed at protesting the presence of recruiters from the Dow Chemical Co., a chief manufacturer of napalm being used in the Vietnam war.

The demonstrations took place at Harvard, the University of Illinois and the University of Minnesota.

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