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Police arrest 15 in CIA protest

Opposition expected again today

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Fifteen demonstrators, mainly University students, were arrested yesterday while protesting Central Intelligence Agency recruitment on campus.

The protesters, who gathered outside the University's Career Planning and Placement office in the Student Activities Building where the CIA was conducting campus interviews, said they opposed the CIA's presence because the agency carries out the "dirty work" of the U.S. government.

THE ARRESTS occurred in three stages. After marching to the SAB from a noon rally on the Daig, about 60 protesters sat in front of the locked doors at the entrance to the placement office.

When Ann Arbor police officers tried to open the doors — once to let in Leo Heatley, the University's director of public safety, and again to let in students scheduled for interviews — the protesters attempted to push their way into the office.

On the second surge, about 30 protesters and 15 policemen engaged in a brief pushing match before the doors were closed.

DURING THE scuffle, police dragged Dave Buchen, an Ann Arbor resident, by the hair into the office, where he was arrested. Buchen was later charged with hindering and opposing a police officer.

But witnesses said he was not pushing police, and instead, claim that he had either fallen or sat down in the doorway. Demonstrators looking in through the door at police handcuffing and searching Buchen screamed that he was being beaten.

The second set of arrests came soon afterwards when Deborah Orr May, director of the career planning office, read the protesters the trespass act, giving them the choice of leaving the

building or being arrested. The four students who remained, LSA seniors Chris Faber and Tamara Smith, LSA senior Claudia Green, and law student

Dmitri Iwlitzin, were arrested and charged with trespassing.

MAY, WHO Monday said she thought the protesters had as much right to demonstrate as other students had to be interviewed, said yesterday she read the trespass act because students with interviews were having trouble getting into the office.

As police took the arrested demonstrators to a police wagon parked outside, the other protesters rushed to the vehicle. Several members of the group sat down in front of the police wagon blocking the vehicle's path.

After being warned to move by police, ten were arrested and charged with hindering and opposing a police officer.

ALL THOSE arrested were released yesterday afternoon on their own recognizance and were given court dates next month. Heatley said he expected the country prosecutor to press charges.

Despite the protests, the CIA managed to interview 17 University students, according to May. Only one student failed to show up for an interview, but May couldn't determine if the absence was due to the demonstrations.

CIA interviews are expected to continue today, and protesters said they plan to meet again at the SAB at 8 a.m.

AFTERWARDS protesters said they hadn't planned on being arrested. "We've talked about it in the past, that something like this could happen in the future. But I don't think anyone expected that they might be arrested today," said Mark Weinstein, an LSA junior involved in the protest.

Buchen, who was the first to be arrested, said he would probably file a brutality complaint against the Ann Arbor police, who he says "roughed him up" while arresting him.

Also, witnesses claim that two of the people arrested for blocking the police wagon, graduate student Mark Weisbrot and LSA senior Susan Shatkin, were not sitting in front of the vehicle when the warning was made.

THE OTHERS arrested were local resident Andrew Boyd, Jane Kirschman, Keith Lyon, and Joseph Libeer, LSA junior David Isaacson, engineering senior Jodie McCann, LSA junior Marian Milbauer, and LSA junior Mark Culliton.

Protesters say they oppose the CIA for its activities abroad. A leaflet that protesters passed out at the rally said the CIA is running and coordinating the war by the Contras against the Nicaraguan government. In addition, the leaflet says the CIA has helped

overthrow legitimate governments that existed in Chile and Guatemala, in addition to training secret police in South Africa and "death squads" in El Salvador.

"Do you know what it was like for me, an American, to be at my friend's funeral knowing that my tax dollars helped support those that killed him?" asked Peter Rossett, a biology teaching assistant, at the rally on the Diag.

ROSSETT, who has spent time in Nicaragua, said his friend had been killed by "CIA-backed" Contras.

The protesters also encountered opposition from people other than police. One University alumnus who wouldn't identify himself, said he had to hand in a job application to the office, and that the protesters were infringing on his rights.

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"I don't give a fuck about the CIA," he said, "I just want to get in there."

HUGH, a student who was interviewed by the CIA and wouldn't give his last name, told the protesters, "You have a right to express your opinion, I have a right to be interviewed." He added, "They think there's things wrong with America, I think America is the best country in the world."

The Michigan Student Assembly last night passed two resolutions relating to the arrests. One chastised University President Harold Shapiro, Vice President for Student Services Henry Johnson, and the Ann Arbor Police for "brutally" arresting protesters.

The resolution also "demanded a written explanation of the University's role in the arrest of students."



Daily Photo by DARRIAN SMITH

RC junior Mark Culliton, one of fifteen people arrested yesterday protesting CIA recruitment on campus, is handcuffed by Ann Arbor police behind the S.A.B.



Daily Photo by DEAN RANDAZZO

Protester Steve Latta argues with head of campus security Leo Heatley about CIA recruitment on campus.