Two arrested during CIA recruitment

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University of Massachusetts police yesterday arrested two people for trespassing after they refused to leave a Hampshire House office where recruitment interviews were being conducted by a Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) representative.

Police said that Perry M. Amsellem, a UMass legal studies major, and Lisa Sheehy, member of the Northampton Committee on Central America, were arrested yesterday about 10:30 a.m. after refusing to leave the office.

Amsellem and Sheehy were protesting with graduate students Jerry Fishbein and Ron Milearek against the CIA recruiter's presence on campus.

Amsellem and Sheehy were arraigned yesterday in Northampton District Court and were released on a personal recognizance. Amsellem said. A pretrial hearing has been set for Nov. 19, Amsellem said.

"It is clear that the CIA is not acting in the name of the people of the United States," Amsellem said. "And we are seriously questioning why UMass would allow a CIA recruitment process to occur."

protesters

The CIA representative was on campus as part of the University Placement Service (UPS) program, which schedule interviews for students with prospective employers.

According to Clark Edwards, UPS associate director, the University does not choose organizations to come to UMass for recruitment unless surveys through advertisement response and student resumes show that a market for a company's visit exists among UMass students.

Edwards said that although people showed interest in the CIA, the recruiter left campus early because only four people had spoken to him.

Jerry Fishbein said yesterday that the demonstration had been organized by the Radical Student Union and the Western Massachusetts Latin American Solidarity Committee. The protest was expected to draw about 25 people, but that number diminished because most of the planned participants were arrested for civil disobedience demonstrations this weekend in Washington D.C.