

## When the CIA recruits students must protest

It is a sad day indeed for the University of Massachusetts. It is forever a sad day when an intellectual institution allows an organization as abhorrent as the Central Intelligence Agency to recruit on its campus. The "company's" record speaks for itself, but too few listen. From the overthrow of President Allende in Chile to the present operations in Nicaragua and El Salvador, its particular brand of state-sponsored violence has scarred our world.

This is why it is such a shame for UMass to let them recruit here. On November 13 and 14 the CIA will come to one of the most socially aware universities in our country. We in the Five College community must realize that social awareness has but yet another worthy face to it besides such causes as fighting against racism, sexism and homophobia: the face of politics and combatting state sponsored terrorism and the exploitation of Third-World people for profit. No matter how hard we may try, social awareness and politics are inextricably bound in the sense that politics is the vehicle of social change.

Don't let the visit of the CIA go on without the voice of opposition and peace being heard. For this reason I urge this community to *peacefully* protest the presence of the CIA on campus November 13 and 14.

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