

Students differ on right of CIA to recruit on campus, says poll

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In a random survey conducted by the *Collegian* earlier this week, a large majority of students voiced a desire to allow the Central Intelligence Agency to recruit on campus, but stated the opposite opinion if allegations of physical and psychological abuses are proven true.

While 70 percent of the students felt that the CIA should be allowed to recruit on campus, 60 percent felt that proof of guilt should bar the agency from campus.

The survey showed that many of the students believed the decision to interview with the CIA was solely the responsibility of the individual student.

"The individual should make the choice whether or not to be recruited by the CIA," Andrew Johnson, a resident of Dwight house, said.

For most students the matter was also an issue of free speech.

"I don't agree with what they're doing, but I think they have a right to be here," Catherine Flynn, a resident of Webster house, said.

Many of the students who responded negatively cited the allegations of abuses as the primary reason for banning the company from campus. Several others cited international law violations, as determined by the world court.

Not all the students surveyed believed that guilt should disqualify the CIA from campus.

"The government should deal with [the abuses] on a national level, but it shouldn't effect the issue of recruit-

ment," Rodd Turnquist, a Grayson house resident, said. Other students were skeptical about the abuses and others believed that such abuses were justified in the name of national security.

Seventy-eight percent of the students responded "no" to the question: "Should other controversial groups, such as the Klu Klux Klan or the American Nazi Party, be allowed to recruit on campus?" Those who responded positively to the question cited the groups' right to free speech.

Only 6 percent of the students had no opinion or didn't care.

Debbie Cohen and Gregory John Fink, Radical Student Union members who were arrested in anti-CIA protests, said they were happy with the finding that students supported a CIA ban if the RSU's charges of abuse against the CIA are true.

They said the results showed the need to prove to students that the spy agency is involved in murder, torture and the overthrow of sovereign nations.

Conservative leader W. Greg Rothman said of the 70 percent support for CIA recruitment, "I'm surprised. I thought it would be more." Rothman said the flip in opinion if the CIA charges are true was moot, because the claims are unsupportable.

One hundred students were telephoned after their names were randomly picked from the student telephone directory on Sunday and Monday. The poll was unscientific, but echoes the comments of students interviewed during last semester's CIA protests.

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