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CIA recruiting Temple grads

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In an unmarked room on the 11th floor of the U.S. Federal Building on 600 Arch St., Philadelphia, is the office of one of the most covert organizations in the world: the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA).

When the *News* phoned the Philadelphia CIA offices to find their exact location, a secretary answered, "I'm sorry, but we are not permitted to release that kind of information."

Students interested in joining this secretive organization can send their resumes to the personnel representative at P.O. Box 1774, Philadelphia, PA 19105.

However, the CIA makes it easier for students to do high-paying work by staging active recruiting programs on many college campuses, including Temple.

Further information on recruiting was requested during a phone conversation with the Philadelphia CIA personnel offices but could not be obtained. According to the secretary, "You can't see the CIA unless they want to see you."

This office refers those interested in applying to the CIA to the personnel representative and will not reveal anything more about their organization.

In a Feb. 22, 1980 letter to Leonard Garrett, chairman of Temple's computer information science department, from Elissa Allen, personnel recruiter for the CIA's Philadelphia office, Allen discussed the "excellent benefits and salaries" the CIA offers.

"I spend at least one day a year at Temple University interviewing graduating students," Allen stated in the letter. The CIA is searching, she wrote, "for qualified individuals in the data processing field."

Allen was not available for further comment.

Students who major in any field related to information handling and processing, especially the fields of computer science, engineering, and economics, are sought by CIA recruiters annually at universities.

Graduates with bachelors or masters degrees in Arabic, Chinese, Hungarian, Japanese, Polish, Rumanian, and Russian languages are also in great demand, as are students with masters or PhDs in history, international relations, physics, political science, and psychology.

However, Garrett did not know when the CIA would be recruiting at Temple this year.

"I don't handle any of those job things," he said in a telephone interview. According to Garrett, information of that type could be obtained from Eugene Kwatny, a Temple assistant professor of computer science, who handles CIA applications.

"They (CIA) always send me packets of announcements looking for interested students," Kwatny said. He is required by his department to post those announcements through the computer science building. Kwatny said that he had one CIA postcard application in his office.

This application can be filled out by any interested student and mailed to the Philadelphia CIA offices.

Kwatny contends, however, that the computer science department maintains "no direct contact" with the CIA.

In a Temple lecture on CIA's secret manipulations last April, Louis Wolf, co-editor of the *CoverAction Information Bulletin*, said, "The CIA wants to bring in people out of colleges and universities and train and brainwash them to work in the interest of the CIA."

Another *Bulletin* co-editor, William Schaap, said, "The CIA works on a large scale on campus while most students and administrators aren't aware of it."

The last Temple CIA recruitment workshop, according to Wolf, was held in October, 1979. Wolf said the workshop "is one program that should be investigated."

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