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Revolutionary Communist Youth Brigade members rallied outside Hitchcock Hall Tuesday, protesting

against the CIA on campus and supporting its removal from Iran.

Brigade member splatters CIA recruiter with paint

By Cynthia L. Moore

A CIA recruiting officer was splattered with red paint by an unidentified member of the Revolutionary Communist Youth Brigade Tuesday morning in the engineering placement office, Hitchcock Hall. The recruiter was not injured.

"Some fellow came in supported by a mob reading irrational statements," said Tarver Hagan, director of engineering placement. "Then some young lady stepped forward and threw red paint at her (the recruiting officer)."

The recruiting officer, who requested anonymity, turned her back when the paint was thrown. The paint covered her back and splashed on the walls, floors, papers, desks and several bystanders.

She was escorted to her car by OSU Police and left campus, avoiding reporters.

After the incident, the brigade members marched

outside to the front of the building and began demonstrating. They yelled, "CIA you better run! People of the world are picking up the gun!" and "CIA agents, out of Iran! U.S. imperialism!"

George Preston, spokesman for the brigade and a graduate student, said the demonstration was to "expose them (CIA) for what they are."

Preston said the red paint "symbolizes the blood of people around the world."

At the height of the demonstration, Jim Petrosky, a senior from Wadsworth, knocked leaflets out of one of the demonstrator's hands. Several demonstrators grabbed Petrosky, while a faculty member from the College of Engineering and students stopped the scuffle.

"I'm just amazed," Petrosky said. "I was in the placement office to file my papers when these hippies left over from the '60s pushed their way in and threw the paint."