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Student notes CARP action

To the Editor:

I wish to inform members of the MIT community of covert solicitations currently being conducted here by the Unification Church of Reverend Moon through an organization known as the Collegiate Association for the Research of Principles (CARP). I write this letter not to express a view on the Unification Church but rather to describe the subtle tactics this group is using to win converts.

Because CARP is not a recognized MIT organization, its members cannot openly advertise or distribute literature without being denied campus police. As a result, CARP must resort to person-to-person solicitation. I was engaged in conversation during an IAP activity by a stranger (who is not an MIT affiliate) who appeared quite friendly. Because he was obviously a foreigner who I thought was simply searching for American friends I agreed to give him my name and phone number. He mentioned nothing about affiliation with any organization, and I had no reason to be suspicious. But when he contacted me subsequently and asked to have lunch together so as to "explain what we are doing," I felt that something was amiss. I eventually did have lunch with two of his friends (who are also non-MIT affiliates) at which time I learned the name of the group with which all three are associated. At no time did either he or his friends mention anything of a religious nature. The conversation never progressed beyond the level of small talk. Clearly these people seek to befuddle members of the MIT community before getting down to brass tacks.

I have filed a slightly more detailed account of my experiences with CARP in the office of Dean Randolph.

Name withheld by request.

Attend El Salvador protest

To the Editor:

I would like to urge the MIT community to attend tomorrow's demonstration against US intervention in El Salvador.

The Salvadoran junta's military forces are responsible for the deaths of over 10,000 civilians in 1981 and about 30,000 over the last decade, according to the Church and other impartial observers. In return, the Reagan Administration has rewarded these butchers with over $100 million dollars in military and economic aid this year. The murder of innocent peasants continues -- and we taxpayers pick up the tab. Reagan has flippantly rejected the Salvadoran leftist leaders' request to negotiate. And Alexander Haig has refused to deny that he is even considering possible use of US troops in El Salvador.

Last Tuesday's New York Times reports excerpts from a talk with Cayamo Carpio, senior leader of the Salvadoran guerrillas. Reagan's right-hand to the contrary notwithstanding, Carpio says, "Our program is for a democratic, revolutionary government, not for Socialistic government." Carpio also commented, "The Reagan Government is actually discrediting its people. I have seen children of 4, 6, 8 years old shot down by helicopter guns.'

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