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National Student Association NL 350

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WASHINGTON AP - Staff members of the National Student Association insist they have broken all ties with the Central Intelligence Agency. But they're not quite sure whether the CIA has broken all ties with them.

The NSA doesn't take CIA money any more, the staff insists. So far as they're concerned the whole affair is over-except that they can't seem to shake a persistent specter of the CIA that dogs their footsteps.

They tend to laugh when someone wonders if there is a CIA agent lurking about the halls keeping tabs on everybody. But they do admit it is possible-some say even likely.

One staff member, in a moment of humor, looked squinty-eyed at a colleague and said, "You're the one, aren't you?"

"No, sorry," replied the accused. "I'm FBI."

And so it has been for the past nine months, ever since it was revealed that for 10 years, unbeknownst to all but the highest NSA officials, the CIA had channeled \$3.3 million into the 1.3-million-member organization's international programs.

NSA President Edward Schwartz says he suspects the telephones may be bugged. "I assume that every telephone conversation I have is a conference call," Schwartz said.

"I never leave around lists of names that I wouldn't want anybody outside of NSA to see," said Floyd Turner.

"I'm pretty sure there's a CIA man and an FBI man on our pay roll," said Mary Lou Oates, the organization's press officer.

"Sometimes I wonder if the CIA man knows the FBI man and if the FBI man knows he's being watched."

Chuck Hollander, the head of NSA's campus drug education program, explained that part of the reason for the CIA obsession is that nobody will let the NSA forget its past.

"I go onto a campus somewhere to talk about drugs and by the time I can get the students off the subject of the CIA, I'm exhausted," he said.

The NSA staff tries not to dwell on the subject of the CIA, Schwartz said, in fact "we avoid it as much as possible."

But, even nine months after the scandal broke, NSA still has an occasional disaffiliation because of the CIA involvement.

After the University of Michigan pulled out this fall, the student government council president, Bruce Kahn, said his school had taken the action partly because of "the taint of the CIA" on NSA.

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