

8 UCSD students found guilty of blocking entry of recruiter

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A UCSD faculty-student investigating committee has found eight UCSD students guilty as charged of "physically blocking entry of a Marine Corps recruiter" to the campus last February 21.

In a report to UCSD Chancellor William J. McGill, the Committee on Student Conduct and Affairs identified the eight students following more than two months of investigation. A University spokesman said names of the students will not be released.

The finding of the eight-member committee, "based on admissions by the students at a hearing of the Committee on April 30," states that the six men and two women identified "were present on the steps of the Career-Educational Planning and Placement Center, 250 Matthews Campus, on February 21, 1969, with the intention of physically blocking entry of a Marine Corps recruiter, and that they did successfully block the recruiter."

Three faculty and two student members signed the report. They were Dr. E. Margaret Burbidge, Dr. Irwin M. Jacobs and Dr. Dan L. Lindsley, of the faculty, and Norman L. Black and John Timothy McSweeney, students. Student committeemen Andrea S. Lindberg and Israel R. Chaves were absent when the report was signed, and Dr. George E. Backus, chairman, abstained.

In this finding, the Committee did not cite University regulations which it believed were violated, nor recommend penalties for the students named. The Committee notified McGill it is still working on recommendations on these issues, noting that its eight members are "not unanimous" on them.

McGill said today he has been informed by Dean of Student Affairs George Murphy that charges will be pressed soon against two more students in the same case. Additional hearings of the Committee on Student Conduct will be scheduled shortly, McGill said.

A student information poll taken on campus last week indicated that a substantial majority of the students polled approve continuation of the University's present "open recruitment" policy. Sixty-one percent, or 1317 students, favored continuation, with 830, or 39 percent, opposing.

Another question asked of the more than 2000 students polled was:

"Should legal avenues be explored to exclude from the campus some recruiters, including those representing the military services, on the grounds, for example, that their presence is incompatible with the educational objectives of the University?"

To this question, 1169, or 54 percent of the students replied "no," with 989, or 46 percent, answering affirmatively.

McGill said he has received correspondence from Col. Donald R. Kennedy, USMC, director, Twelfth Marine Corps District, San Francisco, stating that a Marine Corps representative will contact UCSD officials in the near future to set a date for another visit by a Marine Corps recruiter to the campus.