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I was inji for Sasaki Roshi in the 70's; a friend of mine followed me for the next year. When we discussed this topic many years later, we "confessed" to having said "No" and wondered if we were the only women who had done so. (The topic was not discussed among the women while we were at Baldy). But it seemed to us that "standing up and saying 'no' to the Roshi" was part of the practice. While everything he said or did could have been considered a "test", in this case, here is what happened: I said "no"; the Roshi asked "why not?"; I said "Because I have a boyfriend; Roshi is not my boyfriend." He smiled, said "good answer", and that was the last time he made any attempts. My friend described a similar experience.

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