

Stop experiments

by Joe Heath
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"I wouldn't be making this recommendation if I didn't think there was a serious problem," said McGill Vice-Principal Academic Samuel Freedman this Monday as he presented a motion to the Board of Governors to stop commercial laboratories from recruiting people on campus for human experiments.

The motion, passed unanimously, stipulates that "No one may use University premises, or publications under its control or jurisdiction, to recruit in any manner a member of the University community as a participant in medical testing or in clinical trials involving human subjects related to non-university research projects."

According to Freedman at least one and possibly more commercial laboratories are advertising for students. Within the university, any testing done on human subjects is reviewed by an ethics committee.

Freedman expressed his concern that "one company has been wag-

ing a particularly aggressive campaign, including renting space in the student centre.

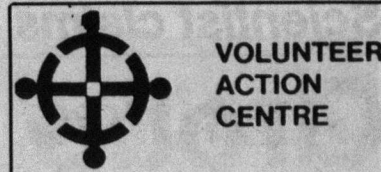
"The university should not appear to be supporting these trials," he asserted.

Two of the parties potentially affected by this ban are the Students' Society of McGill University (SSMU), and *The McGill Daily*.

However, Freedman acknowledged that as both of these organizations are autonomous from the Board, the regulation is not binding, and said only that "(the new policy) will be forwarded in the hope that they will take similar action."

SSMU president Paul Pickersgill was amenable to the motion, saying, "This will certainly serve as a starting point for us to formulate a similar policy."

"Bio-research" is the company responsible for most of the recruitment on campus. The company paid \$550 for eight ads in *The Daily* last year, and \$200 for one in the SSMU student handbook.



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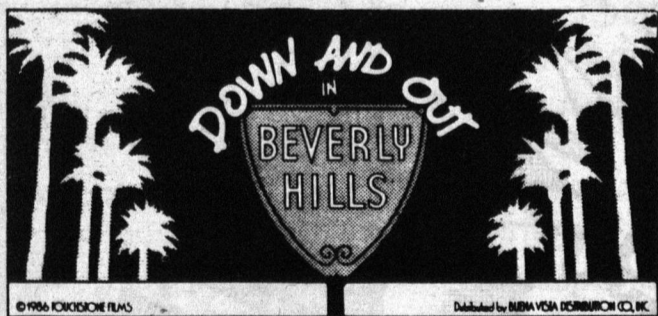
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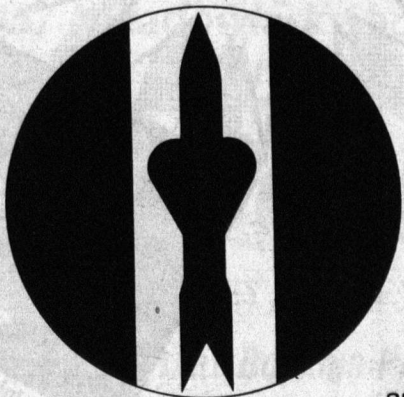
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