## Student left

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sity of Eastern Michigan at Ann Arbor.

The SDS, however, did have a number of unique issues to deal with, such as the escalating Vietnam conflict and the Cuban missile crisis, which many belived would be the beginning of the third world war. Miller's book deals well with these issues, as well as the work of the SDS within welfare rights groups. However, the book seems to

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insinuate that a major reaon for the breakdown of the group was a growing Marxist orientation among its leadership, when in fact this orientation had existed from the beginning of the organization, with a number of the founding members being linked to the Socialist Party and the

Communist Party in the U.S. It was, in fact, this ideal which led to the formation of the SDS philosophy of "participatory democracy" with their slogan "let the people decide'

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Huron Statement, which is included in its lengthy appendix. This statement perhaps best descibes the philosophies of the SDS from its beginning.

This book is invaluable to anyone with a real interest in the history of the student movement. It provides clues to the reason for the SDS formation in the early '60s, as well as an explanation of the death of the student left after the riots in Chicago in 1968 and 1969 and finally the killing of students at Kent State University after National Guardsmen opened fire. As Miller states, "the bullets were real. The days of revolutionary fantasy were over . . . The New Left collapsed, plummeting into cultural oblivion as if it had been some kind of political Hula-Hoop."

As of yet, the student left has not recovered from this collapse. Perhaps it will be the students of the 1980s with issues such as CIA recruitment and the American foreign policy which will revive it. But first, these students must be willing to accept that the student left is not comprised entirely of white middleclass heterosexual youth. For it is in unity that the left can survive and make a difference in a



