

## SAC sacks labour

TORONTO (CUP) - The decision of the University of Toronto Students Administrative Council (SAC) to vote against supporting the Canadian Labour Congress' national day of protest does not reflect the sentiments of U of T students, or even of all student council members, say protesting students.

According to a letter from five SAC executive members published in *The Globe and Mail* and the student newspaper, *The Varsity*, the 20-9 vote was the result of irregular procedure and reflected the "prejudices" of council members.

The dissenting SAC executive, which included president Shirley French, pointed out that the September 9 decision was taken after only 10 minutes of debate, and after four councillors spoke in favor of supporting the CLC action.

The *Globe* also carried letters from students saying they opposed the SAC decision and

supported the CLC's national strike action.

The SAC decision "does not and has not necessarily reflected the interests of the students themselves," wrote U of T student Phillip Chester.

"Why should the working man suffer in silence a wage and price controls program which clamps down hard on wages, neglects prices, and makes life progressively easier for the profit-maker," asked Allan Bass in his letter.

## Weed: the silent killer

CHICAGO (ENS/CUP) - Marijuana that has been fertilized with high nitrate-content fertilizers could possibly contain a cancer-causing substance according to Doctors Norman Farnsworth and Geoffrey Cordell of the University of Illinois Medical Centre.

According to the two pharmacologists, some of the nitrates may be reduced to nitrites while the weed is still in the soil, or during storage or use.

Conceivably, these nitrates could react with nitrogen contained in other basic alkaloids recently discovered in marijuana. Catalyzed with other substances found in hemp, the reaction could form N-Nitrosamine. N-nitrosamines are a known potent carcinogen formed in the stomach during digestion of meats or fish which have been preserved with nitrates or nitrites.

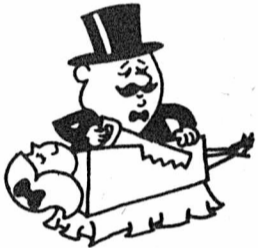
The researchers emphasize that this is all just speculation so

far, and there's no evidence yet that any pot contains nitrosamines.

Nitrates are one of three major nutrients needed by all plants, so it would be impossible to grow pot without them. According to *High Times*, the nitrosamine problem might become of greater concern once marijuana is legalized and big manufacturers attempt to grow high-yield crops by over fertilization.



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