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## ***Good-bye student apathy; hello involvement***

Students now share a very dear part of my heart—a part never before occupied by anyone. Especially those students at the University of Toronto who gave the chemical man a rough time last week.

This action against a company which is supposed to produce napalm which is said to bring not-too-instant death sets a whole new precedent in the annals of Canadian students and the activities that go with them. It is a welcome relief from the belief that students are apathetic.

Really, roughing up a chemical company recruiter is a very great advancement in their status—especially when it happens in the Centennial year.

To keep the train going, I expect to see university students to continue this very great era of protest by protesting the following things in the year Centennial Plus One.

Students should protest General

Motors, Ford, Chrysler and American Motors because they produce cars in gigantic bundles and people use cars in Viet Nam.

Students should protest to the Acme Rubber Plant because they make contraceptives and rubber tires and everybody knows one of these prevents life while the other keeps this world rolling smoothly along.

Students should protest the Canadian Canned Corn Company because a man ate some corn which he left in the can for seven years and died of some kind of poisoning for which the home-made cure did not work.

Students should protest their own peace marches because a guy got trampled in one once and died of unknown causes.

Students should protest Playboy Clubs, Playboy Magazine and various other sources said to stimulate the sexual senses because everybody knows a guy can go out and you-know-what himself to death if he is not careful.

Students should protest zoos and the animals because a rumor said that animals sometimes kill people.

Students should picket finance companies because people owe them money and worry about this. Worrying, the saying goes, will sometimes drive people to the grave.

Students should protest cancer and other diseases that are said to kill humans.

Students should protest the weather especially that of Alberta because of one day a man was found frozen to death.

Students should protest old age because it has been proven conclusively that old age is a major cause of death even in our affluent society.

Students should protest football, hockey, boxing, cricket, baseball, basketball, chesterfield rugby, floor hockey, ping pong, the hand jive, auto racing and leaving wives because it is a proven fact

that these and other major sports are a cause of death.

Students should protest the existence of water because people can drown in it.

Students should protest poverty not because people are known to starve, but because it is one of the new dirty words.

Students should protest soccer riots because referees get killed in them.

Hold it here.

Students are apathetic.

Because they should not protest cigarettes and other forms of tobacco because no one has proved without doubt that cigarettes are a cause of death.

Because students should not protest liquor because no one has proved booze causes misery and death.

Because students should not protest dope because everyone knows it is fun to take.

Bye, bye, non-athletic students.

# **The Dow protest; a question of morality?**

***Dow chemical makes polystyrene. Polystyrene is used to make napalm. Napalm is used to kill people. Therefore Dow must be bad. The net result was student demonstrations on two university campuses against Dow employment interviewers***

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Hold a match under one of those foam take-out coffee cups. It bursts into flames. It's made of polystyrene. So is napalm.

Polystyrene is made in Canada. Some goes into the manufacture of takeout coffee cups, Christmas decorations, and toys. Some is sent to the United States as an ingredient of napalm, which is being used by the U.S. in Vietnam.

The Canadian manufacturer of polystyrene is Dow Chemical Co. of Canada, a subsidiary of the parent Dow in the U.S.

Campuses across Canada have risen up in protest—in some cases violent protest—against Dow recruiters interviewing on campus.

The Canadian protest began on Nov. 8 when a small group handed out literature at

the door of the placement centre at the University of Waterloo.

A week later UBC students followed suit, but this time they blocked the doorway. At Windsor last week campus Anglican Chaplain Bill Christensen led a similar group in protest, but there was no violence.

Then Monday and Tuesday, Toronto students kept a Dow recruiter and U of T vice-president Robin Ross captive until the Dow representative finally agreed not to continue his three-day recruiting program.

The Student Council at the University of Victoria shared these sentiments when they went on the record opposing the use of napalm. Dow recruiters were expected a week after council took this action.

Why all these protests? Demonstrators see it as a moral issue.

Harold Kasinsky, a University of California biochemist, who has made a study of napalm, reports:

"A napalm B fire reaches a temperature of almost 2,000 degrees Fahrenheit in a few seconds. The polystyrene component of napalm B acts like a glue at high temperatures, holding the fire to a particular surface.

"The new napalm B is so sticky and burns so intensely that it cannot be removed from human skin without causing whole chunks of flesh to come off."

Protestors say such a weapon is immoral—much more immoral than Atomic bombs. The U.S. Dow company makes napalm bombs for use in Vietnam. The protestors claim this is contributing to an immoral act.

Part of Dow's supply of polystyrene, the active ingredient of napalm, is made

in Canada. Therefore Canada is implicated in this immorality.

But Dow points out its napalm production accounts for less than one per cent of its business. Opponents then say it would be a negligible loss to discontinue napalm production.

Pro-Dow forces on campus offer two arguments: the first skirts any moral issue and claims Dow Canada personnel work on a vast number of projects, so workers, those recruited annually from campuses, are not directly involved in producing napalm.

The second argument says it is the right of students to apply for a job of their choice, and the majority should not deny them this right.

"I want to be a rapist" screamed one U of T student. "Get me an interview."

November, December, and January are heavy recruit-

ment months on campus—for summer and full-time employment. Dow, along with makers of arms and munitions which eventually find their way to Viet Nam will continue to be harassed on campus.

The answer for many may be to follow the Central Intelligence Agency's lead in the States. They will conduct their interviews off campus from now on, a policy decision which is a direct reflection of recent disruptions CIA recruiting has led to on many campuses.

It is starting even now.

At McGill University several companies have opted for off-campus interviewing. McGill Principal H. Rocke Robertson announced that three companies who have not yet had on-campus interviews, have consented to conduct interviews off campus in order to avoid "disturbances".