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Mr. Martin McLaughlin, President
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As Director of the Engineering Placement Service, I wish to add my voice to that of Dr. E. W. Ardis, Placement Service Director, recommending immediate review of SDS' recognition as a student organization. In addition to the instances which he cited, we have now experienced the SDS action against du Pont and attempted action against the Air Force and Gulf Oil Company employment representatives, and four large and expensive windows in our area have been smashed. During the duPont demonstration I was manhandled and forceably prevented from entering the interview room, and many threats of more serious violence were made to the duPont representative, the security officers, and to me. In particular, a concerted rush was made on the interview room with the avowed intention of capturing the representative and taking him against his will to the "Fishbowl," apparently to make sport of him. If the security officers had not successfully repulsed this effort, there undoubtedly would have been much more serious violence than the scuffles which did occur.

In view of the recent conviction of SDS by SJC of a similar violation of SGC rules in connection with the blockading of the Navy Underwater Weapons Laboratory representative last March, continued recognition and privileges to SDS as a student organization seem to imply endorsement of their activities by SGC in apparent violation of its own rules. Such an implication, it seems to me, would seriously jeopardize SGC' credibility on campus, and I therefore recommend your prompt attention to the existing relation with SDS.


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cc: The Editor, Michigan Daily