

# S.D.S.

## OPEN MEETING

Thursday May 22 8:00 PM Nicolet Room  
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Students for a Democratic Society

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S.D.S. hopes the students of Northern will also consider the source before drawing any conclusions based on the Mirror's attack on S.D.S. last week. The nature of most of the verbal garbage should be self-evident but a few points may be worth comment. The assumption that S.D.S. may be on its way to collapse is wholly not true. S.D.S. is still a vibrant, dynamic organization. It has over 1000 students in other local organizations and it is well known that there is a large number of students who are not members of S.D.S. but who are very active in our struggle for a better world. The Mirror is a racist, anti-intellectual, anti-democratic, anti-socialist, anti-feminist, anti-black, anti-homosexual, anti-poor, anti-immigrant, anti-immigrant, anti-environmentalist, anti-ecological, anti-peace, anti-human, anti-life, anti-anything publication.

The NMU Chapter of S.D.S. is a registered on-campus group. The official mailing address is S.D.S., Box 3, Student Activities Office, University Center, Northern Michigan University, Marquette, Michigan 49855.

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Those who wish to pay their dues at the meeting may do so. Local dues are not being collected at this time (but donations will be accepted to cover the cost of this publication). The national dues are \$5.00 which includes a subscription to New Left Notes.

Aims and goals of the local chapter will be discussed.

#### (THANK YOU CAMPUS MIRROR continued)

speak to the administration powers about S.D.S. The Mirror staff must be a bit naive to think that withdrawal of registered on-campus organization status would make the NMU chapter of S.D.S. go away. It would just go underground. Off campus S.D.S. would not be able to use the proper channels to discuss campus problems with the administration. Closed doors of communication would leave S.D.S. to find other methods of stating its case and supporting the efforts of students to make changes in the knowledge factory (such as demonstrations, etc.). This chapter of S.D.S. seeks a peaceful campus in which communications among all students and student groups is open with the faculty and administration.

Interacting between the administration and the people, the students and the administration, and community leaders, which is the basic function of S.D.S., would be impossible if S.D.S. were not registered on campus. The administration would be free to ignore the people and the students and the community leaders.

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the administration allows.

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administration will be able to

stop us. We do believe that the

garbage should be self-evident but a few points may be worth comment. The assumption that S.D.S. may be on its way to campus is simply not true. S.D.S. IS HERE - it is a fait accompli. It was organized by NMU students without help from any outside individuals or groups. It was organized to meet the need for a group to work for a decent democracy on the NMU campus. The existence of feelings of hate, dissension and distrust among some of the younger educational students coming together in NMU

is not the first time for either S.D.S.

or anyone. If we can get students united enough to do this next meeting

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Our chapter would be a group of students in which communications among all students and student groups is open with the faculty and administration.

Students, beware, the Mirror's attack is a step down the road to the banning of all campus organizations. After S.D.S. will come ZACA, BSA, FORMA, the Reserves, the Vets Club, and finally even the Young Americans for Freedom. This same thing occurred on Getman's campuses in the 70's. S.D.S. is an educational and peaceful action organization. We look forward to furthering the struggle for freedom.