



## **SDS, The “Harass the Brass” Campaign**

*Spring/Summer of 06', SDS Declares war on the war*

*Starting this summer, SDS chapters, standing in solidarity with other community groups, will be conducting a campaign of sit-ins and lock-downs on military recruitment centers, private military companies, military research facilities, congressional offices, and pro-war, corporate media outlets all across the nation.*

For three years now, we've been carrying signs and attending peaceful rallies and marches, desperately trying to vocalize our discontent through whatever channels we may in an attempt to show the administration that they are fighting an unpopular war and that we want it to end. Three years later, we're still here holding the same signs, shouting the same slogans, and raising the same demands. What we are left with after our pleading and symbolic opposition is another peace rally and the delusional notion that a few more signs might finally convince the Bush administration to change its mind about Iraq. We've been past due for a very serious reality check.

We are not going to end the war by politely asking the administration to stop. Our marches and discontent alone have been proven ineffective as it has become plainly obvious that the discontent raised by the American people is of no concern at all to the powers-that-be in Washington. President Bush has indicated that he plans to keep troops in Iraq throughout the remainder of his presidency and is working with both Democrats and Republicans to keep troops there through the administration that proceeds him. In doing so, he has made clear that there is no other way to end the war than for Americans to step in and end it themselves. Mario Savio once said, “There is a time when the operation of the machine becomes so odious, makes you so sick at heart, that you can't take part, you can't even passively take part, and you've got to put your bodies on the gears and upon the wheels, upon the levers, upon all the apparatus, and you've got to make it stop! And you've got to indicate to the people who run it, to the people who own it, that unless you're free, the machine will be prevented from working at all.” Compañeros, that time is now.

We are standing at a cross-roads. The antiwar movement is caught under the weight of liberal tactics, fighting to end a war that can only be stopped through radical action. For three years, we have marched under the banner of UFPJ, International ANSWER, Troops Out Now, World Can't Wait, and we have yet to see how any of our efforts have brought us closer to ending the war. Its time for a change. If the administration won't end the war, we must end it for them.

SDS will be directly confronting those aspects of our communities that are allowing the war to continue:

- We will confront the military industry directly, by sticking a monkey wrench in the industries tied to the military apparatus (Private Military Companies and military research companies), through high-profile boycotts, sit-ins, and lock-downs.
- We will sit-in on the offices of congressional representatives that either support the war, or are doing nothing to stop it.
- We will initiate a counter-recruitment campaign that targets the most heavily recruited areas of our community for sit-ins, periodically locking down recruiting stations across the country.
- We will seek out dishonest military recruiters and recruitment operations by teaming up with teachers and community groups targeted by military recruiters and developing programs for phasing out recruitment in schools and homeless shelters. We recognize the role American Intelligence agencies play in wars of aggression and campus repression. Recruiters from the CIA, FBI, NSA and other agencies have no place on campus. Just as we resist military recruiters, we will resist

all other arms of the American war machine.

- We will confront corporate media outfits that act as propaganda outlets for a pro-war agenda in a campaign of counter-propaganda, while simultaneously promoting free and independent media alternatives.
- We will actively support and encourage soldiers to leave the military by any means necessary. Soldier rebellion is crucial to stopping the American War Machine in its tracks. We will work to encourage soldiers to refuse to obey orders, refuse to redeploy, to resist the military, and to organise other soldiers to do the same. We stand in solidarity with all soldiers who are opposed to war and aggression.

The following SDS chapters and individuals are standing in solidarity with the call to join radical communities around the country to link-up for a summer campaign of direct-action and civil disobedience against the war:

- Pennsylvania SDS/MDS
- Ohio SDS
- Chicago SDS
- Ann Arbor SDS
- Kansas City SDS
- Western Massachusetts SDS
- Missouri SDS
- Columbia SDS
- MDS Staten Island
- SDS Utah
- Matt McLaughlin, Hartford SDS
- Pat Korte, Stonington SDS
- Brian Kelly, Pace University SDS
- Brad Spangler, MLL/MDS
- J. Freeman Smith, MLL/SDS
- Roderick T. Long, MLL/MDS
- Adem Kupi, MLL/MDS
- Wally Conger, MLL/MDS
- Kevin Carson, MLL/MDS
- Jeremy Weiland, MLL/MDS
- Diane Warth, MLL/MDS
- Jorge Codina, MLL
- David Reynolds, MLL/MDS