

## I.T.V. ANGLIA

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Announcer: At the University of Essex at Colchester, an enquiry is to be held after students last night broke up a lecture given by Dr. Inch, a germ warfare scientist. Police with dogs were called in to quel the demonstration. Paul Honeyman reports:

Paul Honeyman: The Chairman of the Students' Council is 21-year old Ian Brodie, a second year student who describes himself as a left-wing militant. He favours mass demonstrations when conventional processes have failed. He in yesterday's incident received considerable comment in the Press. Do you think that comment has been quite fair?

Ian Brodie: I think it is very easy to get a wrong picture of what did actually happen yesterday from the press reports. Some of course are better than others.

Paul Honeyman: Did Dr. Inch manage to give or complete his address?

Ian Brodie: No, he didn't even manage to start.

Paul Honeyman: Why was this? Why didn't you allow him to give the address and then make your protest?

Ian Brodie: Well, it was felt that if he was allowed to make his address he would then find it much easier to immediately disappear afterwards and not be there for questions to be put to him.

Paul Honeyman: Don't you think this is taking away his right to free speech?

Ian Brodie: No, I don't think so. The majority of students at University are interested in the human aspects of toxic chemicals and not their chemical properties.

Paul Honeyman: To what extent was yesterday's protest planned by students before Dr. Inch's arrival?

Ian Brodie: It was an organised protest which specifically avoided the use of violence.

Paul Honeyman: Now tell me just why the police had to be called in.

Ian Brodie: I believe the administration panicked and called the police in and when they did arrive they were absolutely bewildered by the situation since there was no violence, and not any need for the police to be there.

Paul Honeyman: You are a staff member of the Chemistry Department and you were present at the meeting last night. Now was it really necessary to call the police?

Staff Member: Well, we think it was. The meeting got out of hand: we were unable to allow the lecturer to leave. He wished to leave and so we felt it was necessary to call in the police.

Paul Honeyman: It has been suggested by the leader of the students that you flapped. Is this true?

Staff Member: I don't think that was the case, no.

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