

Anti-apartheid rally calls for divestment

Group criticizes trips to South Africa by professor, state representatives

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Chants of "Board of Regents you can't hide, we charge you with genocide" accompanied an anti-apartheid rally Thursday calling for the University and the United States to remove their investments in South Africa.

The rally, sponsored by the Steve Biko Committee, began with a mock funeral march down Guadalupe Street to the West Mall. Eddie Reeves, a UT advertising graduate and chairman of the Steve Biko Committee, said the march was symbolic.

"They've banned mass funerals in South Africa," Reeves said. "The funeral march is for the funeral marches they can't have."

Reeves said the rally took on special significance because the state of emergency in South Africa effectively keeps all anti-apartheid opinions out of that country: "Anybody, of any color, who speaks out peacefully against apartheid in South Africa is detained in prison right now," Reeves said.

Apartheid is the government-sanctioned policy of economical and physical segregation of blacks in South Africa.

Rally organizers also protested the visits of Texans such as House Speaker Gib Lewis, state Rep. Charles Evans, D-Hurst, and a UT professor to South Africa.

"There's a UT finance professor named Conrad Doenges who is in South Africa on some kind of covert mission right now," Reeves said. After the rally, Reeves said he did not know what Doenges was doing in South Africa, but said he called several sources close to Doenges, including the finance department.

"Everybody says they don't know where he is, but people just

don't leave countries without telling anyone," Reeves said. "It's just like Gib Lewis."

Ellen Doenges, Conrad Doenges' wife, said Doenges is in South Africa, but would not comment on the purpose of the trip or the date of her husband's return. "He's enjoying his trip," she said.

Ellen Doenges said she was surprised at Reeves' comment. "I think he ought to be better informed before he speaks before a rally," she said. Ellen Doenges would not comment on the accuracy of Reeves' statement.

Reeves said many people argue black people will lose their jobs if American companies withdraw from South Africa.

"These are the same type of people who make the argument that we don't need to end slavery in America in 1865, because, if we end slavery in America, then all these blacks are going to be unemployed," Reeves said.

Pat Mathis, a graduate student in business, said the argument that divestment would hurt South African blacks is untrue.

"U.S. firms employ 1 percent of the black labor force yet control 70 percent of the computer market," Mathis said. "Now tell me, who are they (the firms) helping by being over there? They're helping the government, that's who."

The University has more than \$600 million invested in companies that are located in, or do business with, South Africa, Mathis said.

"They (the companies) are there because of cheap labor. They benefit by apartheid," Mathis said. "And we (the University) are sitting here investing in those companies and saying 'That's fine, the status quo is fine.'"

Kevin Williams, economics sen-



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Eddie Reeves, chairman of the Steve Biko Committee, speaks during the Thursday rally.

ior and president of the Black Student Alliance said, "Apartheid will fall soon. We must get our money out of South Africa and we must get it out today."

Reeves also said he is not intimidated by

death threats he and Randy Bowman, former BSA president, have received. "If you're are coming for me, bring it on," he said. "Because you can kill a revolutionary, but you can't kill the revolution."

Committee reviews E 346K proposal

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The committee evaluating English 346K may soon complete a proposal to determine the future of the controversial course suspended for next year, the committee chairman said Thursday.

Joseph Kruppa, committee chairman and associate chairman of the department, said he could not comment on the contents of the final proposal, nor would he comment on the rough draft discussed in a meeting Thursday.

The meetings have been closed to the public. The draft of the proposal will be reviewed in the next 10 to 14 days, Kruppa said. The final draft will be acted upon by the Department of English faculty next fall.

Kruppa said the proposal might address "whether the English department could do it (offer courses such as technical writing) or should do it or should get help from other departments."

Alan Gribben, committee member and associate professor of English, said the draft in the next few days would be reviewed by colleges it might affect.

The final proposal "will offer a greater range of choices but will still retain the nine-hour rule," Gribben said.

Robert King, dean of the College of Liberal Arts, told the committee Tuesday he hoped the proposal would be reasonable, and recommended the proposal be finalized as soon as possible. Minutes from the Tuesday meeting were distributed Thursday.

King suggested the committee look into the use of writing samples and extension, or correspondence, courses for students to place out of English courses. "Some universities use writing samples," King said Thursday. "It's not a radical proposal."

King said he told the committee extension courses are good for many subjects. "I think it would take pressure off liberal arts courses," he said.

The minutes from Tuesday's meeting states King told the committee he would not recommend any solution that involved rehiring lecturers. The committee decided at an earlier meeting that their recommendation will not include hiring lecturers.

Lecturers, temporary instructors who are not on tenure tracks, staffed E 346K last year. The course, Writing in Different Disciplines, was a pilot program last year, and next year it would have gone into full effect.

James Kinneavey, professor of English, told the committee July 25 that students found E 346K valuable. He presented figures from teaching evaluations of the course as evidence.

Kinneavey argued the department should maintain a nine-hour English requirement. He said the department should try to reduce substantial writing component courses from two to one.

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