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Professors react unfavorably to group in D.C.

BY ANNE HOOPER
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Faculty reaction to Accuracy in Academia, a group that seeks "greater balance in education," echoes that of the American Association of University Professors: it poses a threat to academic freedom.

"The concept is pretty distasteful," said Donald Hildum, professor of Communications. "It resembles a spying operation, which I think it's intended to be."

Carole Terry, a part-time Rhetoric instructor, commented, "I think it's very dangerous. It's kind of an implied censorship."

Brian Murphy, director of the Honors College, said of AIA, "It seems to me self-defeating and self-perpetuating."

Assistant professor of Sociology Edward McCabe remarked, "I don't really care about them as long as they don't take any action. They could benefit from a liberal education. It's too bad they can't learn something instead of having a knee-jerk reaction."

"I appreciate what they're trying to do, but I don't like how they're going about it," said Richard Stamps, associate professor of anthropology. "Students should react, they should comment. But it would be more appropriate to respond in the classroom or in the professors office. If someone offends you, you should talk to them about it, not someone else."

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Congress passes resolution denouncing South Africa

BY KIM IEHR
Staff Writer

University Congress denounced the South African system of apartheid government in a resolution passed during the Oct. 21 meeting.

The Washington/Higgins resolution stated OU's policies toward South Africa in recent years, the United States' position, and the sanctions supported and approved by Michigan.

The resolution also urged the Oakland administration to clearly state its commitment to economic sanctions against South Africa; to mobilize a letter-writing campaign to the state legislators; and to use all available resources to increase knowledge on the subject of apartheid and to continue support toward divestment in firms which have holdings in South African companies.



The Oakland Sail/Sharon Le Mieux
Mary Karasch, associate professor of history, addresses her class.

Blood Drive at OU sets 732 pints as record goal

BY ALISA NASS
Staff Writer

Every 17 seconds, somewhere in the United States someone's life depends on the availability of a blood transfusion.

A Red Cross Blood Drive, sponsored by CIPO, is taking place today, Tuesday and Wednesday, from 9 a.m. to 8:15 p.m., in the OC Crockery.

The present shortage of blood is occurring in even the most common types, said Paul Franklin, coordinator of Campus Programs.

Gwen Wallich, the regional representative for the American Red Cross in Southeastern Michigan, said the organization

has a yearly goal of collecting 300,000 pints -- or units -- of blood.

The low period for blood donation is from the end of June through the end of September. According to Wallich, a contributing factor to the low supply is that the two largest sources (See Blood Drive, page 3.)

"... Spirit that burns deep"

Anti-apartheid march held

BY JULIE KAHLER
Staff Writer

A heartfelt cry of "Freedom, yes! Apartheid, no!" rang out across Beer Lake the night of Oct. 21, following a candlelight march by black OU students protesting the system of racial segregation in South Africa.

Organized by Kappa Alpha Psi, the march was preceded by an oration from Wayne State Sociology professor Robert Newby, who explained the history of apartheid and how it affects the world today.

Melodious strains of an old civil rights song then rose up into the night air as approximately 35 students slowly crossed the footbridge and circled the lake, two by two, their faces illuminated in the glow of tiny candles.

"There's a spirit that burns deep inside each one of you that flickers just like these candle flames," said Kappa advisor and OU administrative professional Robert Douglas. "Make that spirit grow. . . take that spirit and let it ablaze within you, so you will take action against all injustice!"

Kappa member Adam E. Jackson, Jr., who was instrumen-

Professor named by organization looking for bias

BY ANNE HOOPER
Staff Writer

Accuracy in Academia (AIA), a Washington-based group that received complaints about an OU professor's alleged bias in the classroom, has contacted her to investigate those claims.

Mary Karasch, an associate professor of history, was contacted by Les Csorba, director of AIA, she confirmed Thursday.

Csorba said he would not tell Karasch if her name will be published in AIA's first newsletter, scheduled to be distributed sometime in November. He first wants to find out more about what's being taught in her Introduction to Latin America classes

He could not release the name of the student making the allegations because he or she did not wish to put his or her grade in jeopardy.

According to Csorba, the newsletter which publishes AIA's

findings, will be sent to the 600-700 private contributors, informants (students), professors and the media.

AIA, an arm of Accuracy in Media, a group of journalists concerned about objectivity, monitors "propagandizing without objectivity," said Csorba, a recent graduate of University of California at Davis.

"I'm a reporter," he said, and as such he claims he is trying to assure a balanced and objective presentation in the classroom.

"She seems to be doing her best to present both sides," he said of Karasch. However, he claimed that the reading list for the class shows that only one side of the issue is being presented.

He added that he advised her to consider information contained in government reports and to use them in her class. "If she doesn't, I'll be back in touch with her," he said.

"I'm not trying to judge her, I'm simply reporting on her. I might criticize her for not presen-

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The Oakland Sail/Sharon LeMieux
Three participants of the nighttime anti-apartheid march cross the bridge with their candles.

THERE'S SOMETHING NEW



COOKIN' ON CAMPUS. NOW OPEN

Featuring

Fresh Baked Goods

Ice Cream Cones

Fresh Fruit

Candy, Gum, Mints

Fresh Ground Gourmet Coffee

Specialty Sandwiches

Cold Beverages

Cigarettes

HOURS

Mon-Thurs 7:30-7:30

Fri 7:30-5:00

"Special Saturday Hours"

10:00-2:00

Karasch

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ting both sides," said Csorba. Karasch knew nothing about the complaints from her students until she read the Oct. 21 issue of the *Sail*.

"I was 90 percent sure it was me," she said. The chairperson of the department of Latin American Studies confirmed it was Karasch in a telephone call to AIA. "When I found out I was the target, I was quite shook up," Karasch said.

The inquiry reminded her of an occurrence in class on Oct. 18. An unidentified man visited her class and asked if he could sit in on it because he was considering taking the class next semester. At this point, she was not suspicious of him because this is a fairly normal occurrence.

However, she began discussing current events in Nicaragua and the visitor took notes, par-

ticipated in the discussion, and "displayed a sophisticated knowledge" of Nicaraguan affairs. His actions made Karasch "wonder who this character was." She described him as "the kind of person I'd expect to be in this group (AIA)."

Csorba contends that his organization does not use monitors from outside the class. Karasch still believes that the unidentified visitor was involved in AIA.

"In previous classes people always felt free to express opinions that differed from mine," she said. She maintains that lively, free debates were always encouraged in her classes. Answers on exams further demonstrate her students' freedom to express a converse view, she said.

However, she admitted that in the past, students have commented on evaluations that she is biased.

She attributes this sentiment to her past involvement in Latin American countries. "Many students, quite frankly, don't understand me and think I'm un-American," she said.

In 1968-69 she did her dissertation research at the University of Rio de Janeiro in Brazil, where

there were protests against the dictatorship. "In the 14 months I was there, I watched the military crack down on students at the university so that they wouldn't even write political comments on the walls."

Then, as a professor at the University of Brasilia in Brazil in 1977-78, she saw the military close the university, delaying the

semester for over a month. "I can see, having lived there, what it (monitoring) can lead to," she cited an incident at the University of Brasilia where bugging devices were found in a classroom and students destroyed them.

"When they begin to control what is said, surveillance is next," she said.

Blood Drive

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for blood donation -- automotive industries and universities and high schools -- do not hold blood drives during this time.

People under the mistaken impression that it is possible to contract AIDS by donating blood might also be afraid to donate. According to Wallich, it is completely safe to give blood.

"The American Red Cross is providing a safe supply of blood," she added. There have been no post-transfusion, AIDS-

related cases in Michigan, Wallich remarked.

The Red Cross performs an HTLV-III antibody test on every pint of blood it receives to determine if the donor has been exposed to AIDS. Hepatitis and syphilis tests also are performed on the blood.

The Southeastern Michigan Red Cross supplies nearly 100 percent of the blood needed in Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, St. Clair and Washtenaw counties.

OU has participated in blood drives since 1972, and has been the largest drive in Oakland County since 1975, with a record 731 pints of blood donated in 1982.

In order to reach this year's goal of 732 pints, students are encouraged to donate and to "bring a friend along."

Students who did not sign-up early are welcome to show up any time during the Blood Drive to donate a pint.

UNIVERSITY CONGRESS REPORT

Congress Meetings

When: Tonight, 5:00 pm

Where: Rooms 126,127

Guest Speaker: Jill Lucius, Editor-In-Chief of The Oakland Sail

UPCOMING MEETING

When: Monday, November 4, 1985, 5:00 pm

Where: Rooms 126,127

Congressional News

Congress passed a resolution urging the Oakland University administration and the Board of Trustees to take a formal stance supporting economic sanctions against South Africa's apartheid system.

Congress discussed the issue of accuracy in academia and will prepare to make a proposal on this subject soon.

Congress further discussed the possibility of changing the Congressional term as well as the possibility of changing the executive term. Elections could be held in the spring as opposed to the fall. This topic pends further consideration before any formal decision can be made.

WASHINGTON/HIGGINS RESOLUTION

Whereas, the apartheid system in South Africa is racist, discriminatory, and the enemy of human rights.

Whereas, the past 25 years peaceful coercion, the Sullivan principles and constructive engagement policies have brought about little or no significant changes in South African human rights policies.

Whereas, the sole supporter for the past 25 years of apartheid has been the American government on behalf of free enterprise and commerce.

Whereas, the most effective measures construed to initiate change are economic.

Whereas, 6 years ago a fact-finding committee on Oakland University's role relative to company's investments in South Africa recommended divestment, but the Board of Trustees decided to adhere to the Sullivan principles.

Whereas, Oakland University currently holds no stock in companies in South Africa.

Whereas, Oakland University in its policy statement on May 24, 1978 said, it believes the practice of apartheid in the Republic of South Africa is immoral and deserves public condemnation.

Whereas, Oakland University and the University Community has since been silent on the horrors of South African apartheid.

Whereas, the American consciousness on the apartheid problem has reached new heights, media attention.

Whereas, the State of Michigan in 1980 was the first state to impose sanctions against South Africa.

Whereas, the Michigan legislature is now evaluating and will eventually vote on a \$2.8 billion divestment bill of public pension dollars in corporations that operate in South Africa.

Whereas, Oakland University, University Congress and the University Community (students, faculty, administration, and surrounding areas) have remained silent on the South African Apartheid dilemma while agreeing on principle to condemn the government.

Be it resolved, University Congress strongly urges the administration of Oakland University to state more clearly its commitment to economic sanction against the South African Apartheid system, and the total University Community (students, faculty, and surrounding areas) to mobilize letter writing campaigns to state legislators, petition drives supporting the \$2.8 billion divestment bill, and use lobbying, supportive representatives, media and any & all resources available to enhance the awareness of the University Community to facilitate the decision-making process of our state legislators on the divestment bill against South African Apartheid.

Be it further resolved, that Oakland University's administration present to the Oakland University Board of Trustees a commitment statement supporting economic sanctions against South Africa for Board approval and adoption.

Vacancies

University Congress is looking for a person to fill the position of Financial Assistant. Persons who are interested should contact Richard Lain at 370-4294.

The Student Allocations Board has one vacancy on its board. Persons interested in the position should contact Craig Nelson at 370-4295.