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Apartheid protest draws 100

Students, faculty urge divestment

By Hal L. Hammons
Reporter

Chanting "Board of Regents — Divest!" about 100 students and faculty marched through the Texas A&M campus Friday, condemning the University for its investments in South Africa.

Initiated by Students Against Apartheid, the march coincided with National Anti-Apartheid Day.

The march was highlighted by speeches made outside the Rudder Theater Complex and on the steps of the Systems Administration Building. Speakers included Dr. Larry Yarek, an A&M history professor and faculty adviser for Students Against Apartheid; and the Rev. Mark Wilburn, an Episcopal chaplain.

Norman Muraya, president of Students Against Apartheid, said the march might be enough to convince the regents to grant the group a hearing on its proposal for divestment of University funds.

Yarek, who teaches a class on South African history at A&M, spoke strongly for economic sanctions against the country, saying all motives behind a reluctance to impose sanctions are based fundamentally on racism.

"Apartheid is the most pernicious political and social system that exists on earth today," Yarek said.

Wilburn said, "Twenty-two years ago, I was a racist and a segregationist."

He said that in the past he used all of the arguments for favoritism based on race that he now hears from the other side.

"It does not hold water," Wilburn said of apartheid, "because it's wrong."

"It's a nice way of saying, 'We treat our slaves nicely.'"

Much of Yarek's speech centered on addressing the arguments against divestment.

Regarding the argument that divestment will hurt black South Africans, Yarek said, "It is the wish of black South Africans that we do divest."

He said black South Africans know their suffering is unavoidable, and are willing to endure sanctions now to avoid further



Kevin Weaver and Jeff Jarvis post an anti-apartheid sign on the A&M golf course Friday.

Photo by Mike Sanchez

discrimination by their government in the future.

He said another argument is that divestment will cause the University to lose money. He said, however, that equal or

greater returns on investments were available for the University.

He said that actually, most universities that have already divested earned more money after divestment than before.

Wilburn said, "You and I have a calling: to remind the Student Senate and the regents of this institution that if we choose to teach values, we have to practice values."

Iceland summit closes without arms decision

REYKJAVIK, Iceland (AP) — President Reagan and Mikhail Gorbachev, on the verge of an agreement to destroy all their offensive nuclear weapons over the next 10 years, ended their summit in disappointment Sunday over a dispute concerning the testing of American "Star Wars" technology.

The hangup involved the Soviets' insistence that research on the anti-missile system be confined to laboratory work. Reagan declared, "This we could not and will not do."

Gorbachev said that he made "very serious, unprecedented concessions and accepted compromises that are unprecedented." But he said there was a "rupture" over U.S. insistence on being allowed to test space weapons outside the laboratory.

The Iceland impasse was so complete that the leaders did not set a date for a third superpower meeting, and the future of arms control talks was left in doubt.

Gorbachev told reporters, "The Americans came to this meeting empty handed," and top Soviet official Georgi Arbatov described the summit here as "the dead end to which they (the Americans) have driven the whole issue of arms control."

Secretary of State George Shultz said the two sides had verbally agreed to slash long-range missile and bomber arsenals in half in five years and completely by 1996. In addition, they were prepared to eliminate all but 100 medium-range missiles on each side — including all those deployed in Europe — during the first five-year phase and the balance of those in 1996 as well, Shultz said.

"A tremendous amount of headway was made," he told a news conference here, "but in the end we couldn't make it."

The problem: U.S. insistence on proceeding with testing of the Strategic Defense Initiative (Star Wars) with the idea of using it a decade from now as an "insurance policy" to prevent any enemy from launching a successful nuclear strike, Shultz said.

Shultz said U.S. leaders were "deeply disappointed" in the outcome. His early evening statement,

the first word on the summit outcome, followed hours of high hopes built upon statements of progress issued by both sides.

Gorbachev told reporters in his post-summit news conference, as he did after the 1985 Geneva summit, that "the world situation is very dangerous" and that "there is a shortage of new thinking" among U.S. arms control experts. Nonetheless, he said the progress in some areas amounted to "substantial gains here in Reykjavik."

Reagan, talking to American military personnel at Keflavik Naval Air Base just before he boarded Air Force One for the nearly six-hour ride back to Washington, said the two sides had "moved toward agreement" on drastic reductions in intermediate-range weapons in Europe and Asia and on other issues.

But, the president said, "there remained at the end of our talks one area of disagreement . . . The Soviet Union insisted that we sign an agreement that would deny to me and to future presidents for 10 years the right to develop, test and deploy a defense against nuclear missiles for the people of the free world."

Shultz told reporters, "The two leaders just decided they were not able to agree. At that point, the two leaders, being unable to agree, adjourned."

Asked whether there would be another summit meeting between Reagan and Gorbachev, Arbatov said, "If the Americans do not change their position on this basic issue, I am afraid not."

Shultz said the leaders had nearly agreed on ways "to deal effectively with intermediate range missiles," and had made progress toward an agreement on limiting underground nuclear tests, but that the potential agreements failed to materialize because all the parts were interrelated.

"It became more and more clear that the Soviet Union's objective was effectively to kill off the SDI program," he said.

Max Kampelman, the chief U.S. negotiator at the Geneva arms talks, said the summit was "in every way except the end a fantastic thing. . . . It was the most appealing package ever negotiated by the two countries."

3 survivors pulled from quake rubble in Salvadoran city

SAN SALVADOR, El Salvador (AP) — Rescuers digging through collapsed buildings pulled out three more survivors Sunday, but officials said it was impossible to say how many people remain buried after an earthquake that killed hundreds.

Rescuers pulled at least 24 survivors from two buildings on Saturday and worked through the night under lights in hopes of finding others. Aftershocks from Friday's quake continued to rock the city.

"It is impossible to say how many more are trapped," said Dr. Antonio Silva Carranza, a member of a volunteer Guatemala rescue squad.

There was no official casualty count.

The International Red Cross said in Geneva on Sunday that 350 people were killed and 6,800 injured, with 600 requiring hospitalization. It

said about 30 people were still trapped under debris.

The organization said immediate medical needs have been met and no epidemics are feared. It said electricity has been restored to about 60 percent of San Salvador, the capital.

Telephone service is being restored and distribution of water has begun.

Many countries, including the United States and El Salvador's neighbors, Mexico and Nicaragua, pledged to send aid, including emergency supplies and rescue teams.

Four American volunteers with trained dogs helped in the search for bodies, crawling with their animals through dark tunnels and passages.

"It takes experience and some guts," said Caroline Hebard, 42, of Bernardsville, N.J., who also helped in the rescue efforts in the Sept. 19, 1985, earthquake in Mexico City that killed at least 9,500 people.

"You look at the building and assess the risk," Hebard said. "I've seen some buildings so shaky that I wouldn't go in."

On Saturday, 21 people were pulled alive from the five-story Ruben Dario downtown office building, and three women were rescued from the presidential palace.

John Carroll, 33, a member of the Miami, Fla., Metro Fire-Rescue Department, helped supervise the exacting rescue effort at the Ruben Dario building.

"We listen for the voices and start digging toward them, and sooner or later we can get to them, we can touch them, we can reassure them, we can comfort them a little bit and keep them from losing it mentally until we can get them out," he said.

Children find fun, therapy at clinic

By Janet Goode
Reporter

The Texas A&M Horseman's Association gave handicapped and learning-disabled children and young adults a little therapy and a lot of friendship Saturday at the association's Special Students Riding Clinic.

Forty-five participants chosen from Bryan-College Station special education classes learned how to ride horses rodeo-style at the Louis Pearce Pavilion.

Terri Estes, riding clinic chairwoman, said three groups, each composed of about 15 children who attended the clinic, are expected to return for the remainder of the program Oct. 17 and Oct. 24. The participants, ranging in age from three to 22, rode in relay races and took part in games after a brief orientation.

Toward the end of the class, they learned the "how-to's" of brushing and saddling a horse.

In each event, the safety procedures for the clinic were elaborate. Three group leaders supervised each rider, and two medics from A&M's Emergency Care Team were on hand.

Estes said the leaders rode the horses Friday night to wear them out a little. "If there's a horse that's the least bit spooky, we don't use it," she said.

Estes said most of the leaders at the clinic are members of the association, animal science majors, and have had previous experience in working with handicapped children. But Estes said the organization encourages people to volunteer.

Jodi Murray, publicity officer, said that workers are needed because usually more children ap-



Patrick Nichols rides through an obstacle course set up to teach the children some "rodeo-style" riding Saturday.

Photo by Anthony S. Casper

ply for lessons than the association can handle.

Usually when this happens, Estes said, the children who the association and the special educa-

tion teachers think would benefit the most are accepted.

Estes also said this is the first time she knows of that deaf children have attended the clinic.

The main emphasis at the riding clinic is on fun, Estes said. Each Saturday, the clinic will have a different theme, she said, such as circus or rodeo day.

At the last session all the participants will win prizes. Last year they received trophies but Estes said this year the leaders are considering T-shirts.

Jeff Lemons, vice president of the association, said the leaders have just as much fun as the children. He said he tries to keep the friendships made at the clinic by staying in touch with the children throughout the year.

Besides fun, Murray said the riding lessons give the children a sense of control.

"It gives them a chance to have a responsibility," Murray said.

Estes said the clinic gives the participants a break from their everyday routine.

"The clinic gives them the opportunity to do something different," she said. "As (the children) come here throughout the years, they gain confidence."

One parent, Jamie Templeton, said she believes that's held true for her son, who has attended the clinic for seven years. She said because her son has autism, he really can't express what he gets out of the program. But Templeton said she knows he enjoys it.

"It makes him a more complete person," she said.

Another watchful guardian, Joe Fabian of Schulenburg, said 14-year-old Patrick broke the splints on his legs playing ball and needed to go to Houston. Instead, Fabian patched the splint with tape and glue and drove him straight to College Station.

"Patrick wouldn't miss it (the clinic) for the world," Fabian said.

Freshman election sites

Voting hours for today's freshman runoff elections will be from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. in the main lounge of the Memorial Student Center, in front of Sterling C. Evans Library and outside Sbisa Dining Hall.

In the event of rain, the Sbisa site will be moved to the A-1 Lounge.

Freshmen must present a current Texas A&M I.D. card at the polling site in order to vote.