

# Appeals court upholds convictions of Austin anti-apartheid protesters

AUSTIN (AP) — A state appeals court Wednesday affirmed the convictions of 11 anti-apartheid protesters who took over the University of Texas-Austin president's office.

The 3rd Court of Appeals rejected arguments by the protesters that they were governed by a duty greater than state law when they barricaded themselves in the office three years ago.

The court said it could not be in a position of "legalizing criminal activity in the pursuit of political ends."

The 11 were part of the so-called "UT 16" that entered President William Cunningham's office on Oct. 20, 1986, to protest the school's investment in corporations doing business in South Africa.

The group, protesting South Africa's policy of racial separation, barricaded the office doors and

disconnected the telephones and computers. About 30 minutes later, police forcibly entered the office and arrested the group without resistance.

In a Travis County Court-at-Law, the defendants were found guilty of disruptive activity on a university campus, a misdemeanor.

Judge Leslie Taylor handed down jail terms of three to six months in jail and fined the students \$200, despite the county attorney's recommendation that the students be given probation, pay for damages and perform community service.

Taylor said the group used "terrorist-style tactics."

The sentences drew a public outcry by many who thought the punishment was too stiff.

In their appeal, the defendants said their actions were a public duty above state law to help

stop apartheid. They also complained they were not allowed to have expert witnesses testify on the social, economic and political effects of apartheid.

But the Austin-based appeals court disagreed, saying other protest alternatives were available, "for example, legislative action to control investments by state universities or executive action through the gubernatorial power to appoint regents who would follow a specific policy."

The court also said the defendants were able to testify on the subject that the expert witnesses would have discussed.

The defendants also claimed the judge and jurors were biased against them. During jury selection, one juror made a hanging gesture with his tie, but he later said he was expressing frustration over the lengthy jury selection process, rather than signaling an opinion on guilt.



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## Wake up call

Sophomore Texas A&M Corps bugler John Matlock of B Company plays reveille for the entire Corps of Cadets early Wednesday

morning. Matlock wakes the Corps up at 6:40 a.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday and 10 minutes later on Tuesday and Thursday.

## Teen gangs battle it out in Galveston

GALVESTON (AP) — Authorities arrested a 17-year-old man in connection with a Wednesday shooting officers say is linked to four other gang-related shootings.

Five young men have been injured from what police believe is gang infighting over drug trafficking territories, police Lt. Rick Boyle said.

"Our investigation reveals that there are two gangs involved from the Cedar Terrace housing project and the Palm Terrace housing project," Boyle said.

Boyle said that the Cedar Terrace group is calling itself, "The Crips," while those from the Palm Terrace refer to themselves as "The Bloods." The projects are six blocks apart.

"We haven't been able to connect them in any way to the groups in (Los Angeles,) California with the same names," he said.

Cleveland Martin remained jailed in lieu of \$30,000 bond for the attempted murder of Marlin Jones, 16, who was shot in the chest Wednesday morning. Jones was in stable condition at John Sealy Hospital in Galveston.

Boyle said a special team is investigating four other shootings believed related to the gang fights.

Kevin Williams, 22, was shot in the neck at Seahorse Inn on the Galveston Seawall about 11 p.m. Tuesday. He was in fair condition at Sealy, officials said.

Three others were shot about 8:30 p.m. Monday when two men walked up to a large group at the Palm Terrace housing project and allegedly opened fire. Ronald McKinney, 17, a Ball High School student, was shot in the forearm, while Martin Jackson, 19, was wounded in the right hand. Both were treated and released from Galveston hospitals.

The third man, Kenneth Horne, 24, suffered a wound to the left leg. He remained hospitalized Wednesday in stable condition.

Boyle said this is the first report of gang incidents in Galveston, where authorities reported less than six weeks ago that crack had not been seen anywhere in the city.

"The information we're getting is that it's not over," Boyle said.

The two housing projects are the largest of the city's four complexes, Walter Norris, executive director of the Galveston Housing Authority, said. Cedar Terrace has about 349 units, while Palm Terrace has 339 units.

Meanwhile, uniformed officers continued to beef up security at Ball High School, located about six blocks west of the housing projects, for the second day Wednesday.

## Gay activists opposed to project offer money for survey rejections

DALLAS (AP) — As an AIDS survey that could herald a national study on the deadly disease begins, a gay activist opposed to the project said Wednesday his group is offering money to the first person who refuses to participate in it.

Officials who begin surveying 3,400 county residents this week said if they are satisfied with the sampling, they may canvass about 50,000 homes nationwide in the first attempt to find the virus' prevalence in the general population.

The Dallas Gay Alliance will pay \$100 for the first survey form brought, uncompleted, to its headquarters, said William Waybourn, the group's president, who believes the study is worthless.

"Thereafter, for each one (questionnaire) not completed and brought to use, we will contribute \$50 to AIDS research," he said. "We challenge the county, for every one they get completed, to donate the same amount to research."

The government is paying survey participants \$50 each.

The organization and other activists piled 90 dummies on the steps of the Dallas County Health Department Tuesday to represent the esti-

mated number AIDS deaths here during the survey period. Thousands more would perish over the span of a three-year national study, activists claim.

But one health official who likens the need for the study to that of tracking hurricanes, said it was imprudent for opponents to urge noncompliance.

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"That just reflects a lack of appreciation on what is going on in AIDS treatment and research," Dr. Gordon Green, director of the Dallas County Health Department, said. "Tremendous sums are being spent on them. Millions are spent on AIDS care."

"The opponents are either misin-

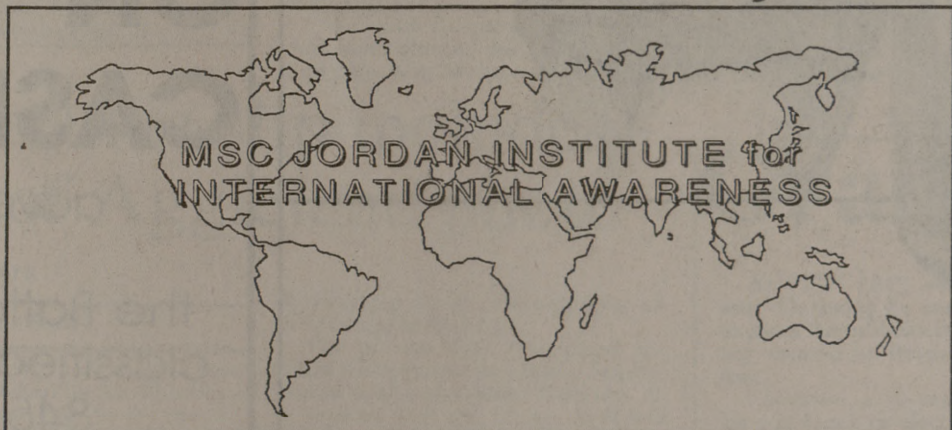
formed or doing a disservice. Hundreds and hundreds of patients are being treated as we speak," Green said. "If this test goes national, we will spend less than 1 percent of all the federal money spent on AIDS efforts. It certainly seems reasonable to spend 1 percent or less on the problem, in order to wisely spend the other 99 percent" on finding a cure.

Dallas County was chosen for the experimental survey because of the high number of people suspected of being exposed to AIDS, between 15,000 and 30,000. The county's population also includes a favorable variety of ethnic and social groups, health officials said.

Acquired immune deficiency syndrome is caused by the HIV, or human immunodeficiency virus. The virus damages the body's immune system, leaving victims susceptible to death from infections and cancer.

The National Household Seroprevalence Survey would be the first to track the virus through the general population, according to Donald L. Zimmerman, the Research Triangle Institute's director of outreach programs in Research Triangle Park, N.C.

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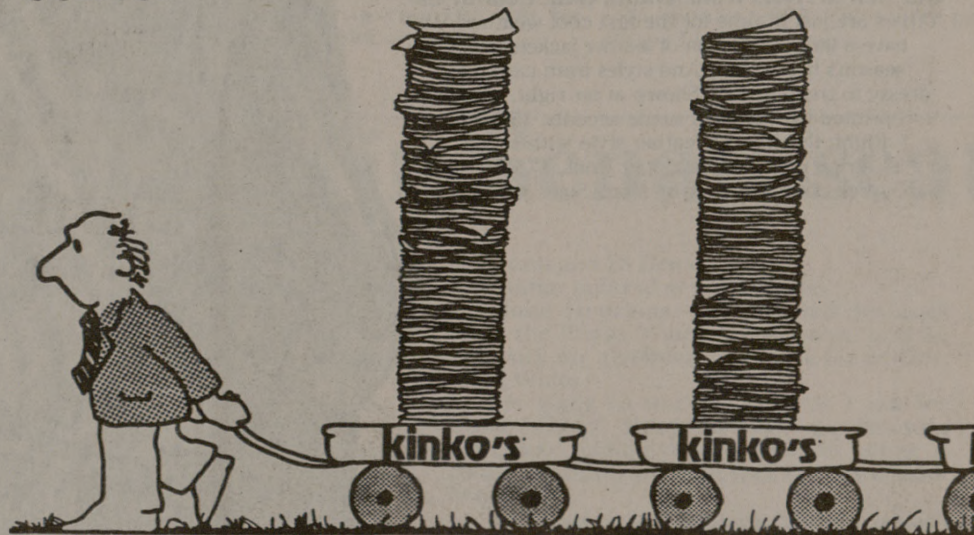
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