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SADD may take money from alcohol suppliers

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In a move that has ignited debate within its ranks, the national Students Against Drunk Driving organization announced this week that it would consider taking monetary donations from the alcohol industry to alleviate mounting financial troubles.

"I don't think it's appropriate for the organization to take funding from it," said Art Mainwood, Florida's SADD coordinator. "It's confusing to people when you say you're very staunchly against DWI, and then you turn around and take donations from the alcohol industry."

Mainwood said he would resign if the donations were accepted.

The 12-year-old organization has experienced financial difficulties since it stopped taking donations from the alcohol industry in 1989, said William Cullinane, SADD's national executive director. "The perception was that the liquor industry's advertising was still appealing to young people."

SADD's board of directors recently asked Anheuser-Busch Companies, Inc. to resume funding, and although the company has not contributed yet, it said in a statement that it shared SADD's goals and would like to donate. "We are willing to help now as we did in the past, with no strings attached," the statement said.

Cullinane emphasized that the group was not in debt, but had taken \$700,000 out of reserve funds during the past two years. He said he thought the media's articles had given SADD a debt-ridden image.

"When I read that, I kept thinking

"Wow, somebody must think we owe money to somebody," he said.

Diana Clontz, president of the UNC branch of SADD, said she thought it was fitting for the alcohol industry to donate money to help prevent drunken driving.

"I think that the alcohol industry has an obligation to us to do their part ... They're more than willing to recognize that they owe us something," she said, adding that the SADD-sponsored SafeRide largely had been supported by Anheuser-Busch.

Clontz said the UNC branch of SADD was concerned only with preventing people from driving drunk, not with preventing people from drinking. "There really is nothing wrong with people who know how to drink responsibly," she said. "I definitely do not see a problem with taking donations from the alcohol industry."

But many of SADD's members said they felt accepting money from the alcohol industry would be a mistake.

"I have told the board for two years now that we didn't take money and wouldn't take money (from the industry)," Cullinane said.

Mainwood said he had not spoken with any coordinators who advocated accepting the industry's money.

Cullinane said American corporations had pledged to make up for the money lost if the organization halted the flow of funds from the alcohol industry, but had not followed up on that pledge. "The promise from corporate America was that 'if you drop the money, then we'll help you,' and it didn't happen," he said.

Robert Anastas, founder of SADD, could not be reached for comment.

Adviser: West must aid Bosnia

By Jerry McElreath
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A former foreign affairs adviser to Croatian president Franjo Tudjman urged military intervention to halt the slaughter of Bosnians and Croats by Serbian nationalists in a speech at UNC's Hamilton Hall Wednesday.

"If something does not happen in the next three to four weeks, I can see the complete extermination of the Muslims," said Slaven Leticia, now a sociology professor at Croatia's University of Zagreb.

Leticia spoke to an audience of about 25 during the third session of a symposium sponsored by the Coalition for the Conference on the former Yugoslavia.

He placed the future of Bosnia squarely on the shoulders of foreign powers and outlined a number of actions that he said would restore peace to the region.

He said the two most important steps the West could take to end the violence in Bosnia would be to lift the U.N. arms embargo currently in effect and to ensure direct military intervention of foreign powers in the conflict.

"Air strikes against Bosnia and Serbia would have the highest efficiency," Leticia said.

The embargo preventing the sale of

arms to any country in the region has been in existence since 1991, but Leticia said the Serbs were not inconvenienced by it because they had been preparing militarily since 1986.

Leticia added that the Bosnians and Croats in Bosnia and Herzegovina possessed only small arms, such as rifles and pistols.

Serbian forces had machine guns and artillery, he said.

"These people have a right to defend themselves," Leticia said.

Leticia said lifting the arms embargo would "ensure a fair fight" and end domination of Bosnians and Croats by superior Serbian firepower.

He also said lifting the embargo would allow Bosnians and Croats to withstand the Serbs for a longer period of time and possibly retake some of their homeland, 75 percent of which is under Serbian control.

Leticia said ineffectual protests by Western leaders had allowed Bosnia-Herzegovina to be overrun by Serbian President Slobodan Milosevic's forces.

"Western leaders have been trying to prevent a Nazi maniac with idle threats," he said.

He said the current war crimes tribunals in Bosnia were "a silly idea."

Despite the bleak situation in Bosnia-Herzegovina, Leticia said he still felt

some optimism. He said he thought Clinton's administration would have to take action in the near future and the Bosnians and Croats would be able to regain the land they lost to the Serbs.

Leticia said he had experience in pushing for Western military action against Serbia. In 1990, he was part of a Croatian envoy to President Bush that included Tudjman. He said the Bush administration had been unwilling to back their cause.

"In short, we did not get any kind of support from the White House," Leticia said.

Before Leticia spoke, Dr. James Sadkovich, a history professor at the University of Southern Mississippi, criticized Western leaders' response to the conflict.

He said U.N. member countries had a responsibility to prevent the Balkan bloodbath, especially if they wanted their resolutions to have any effect on future conflicts.

"The law is not the law unless it is enforced," Sadkovich said.

Sadkovich accused the Serbs of attempting genocide.

"They are trying to eradicate the Croatian cultural identity and erasing all remnants of the Muslims," he said.

"Serbian fanaticism and policy of 'ethnic cleansing' is destroying Bosnia."

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Arrests

them in jail."

During the initial occupation of his office, Hardin suggested that if students wanted to talk to him, everyone should move to another location and discuss BCC issues.

"I will answer no questions about the BCC while you are unwelcome guests in my office," he told the protesters.

After the majority of students in the office refused to leave, Hardin asked Schroeder to read a prepared statement about the University's disruption policy.

Before reading the statement, Schroeder asked the students to leave.

"I believe you are putting in jeopardy the progress you have made by putting this in a situation when you will have to leave because you are disrupting a building," he said.

Provost Richard McCormick, who stayed in Hardin's office throughout the confrontation without addressing the students, told reporters that the arrests put the University in a bad position.

"It's a really sad day for the University," he said. "I am really just sick about it all. I hope that it doesn't negatively affect the push for a free-standing black cultural center. I'm just really sick about it."

Hardin told reporters he didn't understand why the students were escalating their protest.

"I think you have to ask the stu-

dents," he said. "I think it has something to do with Rev. Jackson's visit. They have moved from the area of creative speech to the area of disruptive behavior."

Hardin said he did not know what legal action the University would take.

"My only purpose was to return stability to South Building and establish some sort of order," Hardin said. "I don't know whether any action will be taken by the student judicial system, but it is possible."

Staci Hill, who has served as a spokeswoman for the students occupying South Building, said before she was arrested that the civil disobedience was a cry for attention.

"The sit-in has been going on for 14 days," she said. "We are not directing our action toward the Board of Trustees. We as students feel this is the only way we can get attention."

Merchant recited a scripture verse from Galatians while an officer escorted her out of South Building. "Before this faith came today, we were held prisoners by the law," she read. The officer waited until she had nearly finished reading the verse, then asked her to enter the waiting police van.

After the 16 students and one community member were taken away in the police van, Jimmy Hitchcock, former BSM president Michelle Thomas and Leticia Henry led about 180 students

on a march to the Chapel Hill Police Department on Airport Road.

By the time the winding column of students reached the police station, the 17 people arrested had been taken to the Orange County Jail in Hillsborough for arraignment.

Early Thursday, Crawford announced to students gathered on Hardin's lawn that she would move the BCC offices into Hardin's office later that day. "This man is acting like a master," she said. "I'm not going to play the slave."

She asked all present to go to the BCC and help carry all the pictures and furniture to South Building.

"All the stuff is moving into the chancellor's office," she said. "If I wasn't black I'd probably be the chancellor anyway."

Dignity had become more important than anything else, Crawford said. "I'm not concerned about my job, I'm concerned about dignity."

Bradley, Hill and Merchant were arrested along with: Hitchcock and Tim Smith, co-founders of the Black Awareness Council; Shayne Vann; Chariss Sanders; Chris Baumann; Sara McKee; Sonya Harris; Carolynn McDonald; Joseph Jones Jr.; Celeste Frye; Lorna Houghton; Dion McLean; Pamela Thomas; Katie Gwyn; and David Bickham, a teacher at Grey Culbreth Middle School. They were taken to the Orange County District Court in Hillsborough.

FRIDAY IN THE NEWS

Top stories from state, nation and world

Sick juror back; King beating trial resumes

LOS ANGELES — A juror whose illness had halted deliberations in the federal Rodney King beating trial rejoined the panel Thursday for a sixth day of talks.

The 12 jurors sent no immediate word of their progress. They took lunch at their usual time.

The panel, sequestered since Feb. 25, had deliberated a total of 25 1/2 hours since Saturday when the juror's illness cut Wednesday's session short. No information about the illness was disclosed, and the jurors haven't been identified.

Meanwhile, for the third time in two weeks, U.S. District Judge John G. Davies criticized reporters covering the trial and threatened for the first time to shut down the trial press room.

He contended that a TV reporter violated a court order by broadcasting a closed-circuit press-room speaker feed of proceedings in the courtroom Wednesday. Unlike many state courts, federal courts don't allow cameras or recording equipment in trials.

FBI officials skeptical about Koresh's book

WACO, Texas — Religious scholars have tried for centuries to decipher the Bible's Seven Seals promising the end of the world, so FBI officials said Thursday they're not expecting religious cult leader David Koresh to do it.

"We have had so many stalling tactics over such a long period of time we are not that overly optimistic," said FBI spokesman Richard Swensen.

Koresh has been holed up with 95 followers inside a heavily armed compound for 47 days. Now he says he's prepared to end the standoff.

But Koresh said he first must complete a manuscript that deciphered the Book of Revelations' Seven Seals, and no one knows how long that will take.

Balls of flame shooting from Nigerian building

LAGOS, Nigeria — A fire raged out of control Thursday night at the headquarters of Nigeria's Defense Ministry, and dozens of people were trapped inside, state television reported.

A live broadcast from the scene at 9 p.m. (4 p.m. EDT) showed balls of flames shooting into the air from the 16-story Independence Building in Lagos' downtown Tafewa Balewa Square.

State television said the fire erupted on the top floor at 6 p.m., after most workers had left, but trapped dozens of secretaries and officials who were working late.

FDA: German company blocking RU-486 tests

WASHINGTON — FDA Commissioner David A. Kessler accused a German drug company Thursday of blocking its French subsidiary from seeking to market the abortion pill RU-486 in the United States.

Kessler said the problem was not with the French company, Roussel-Uclaf, but its parent, Hoechst AG, and chairman, Wolfgang Hilger.

Kessler, who met with Roussel-Uclaf's president in February, said, "My understanding is Roussel certainly is willing to bring this drug to this country. It's the German parent."

Pentagon OKs book writing by personnel

WASHINGTON — The Pentagon, responding to a report that a top civilian official rebuked an Army major who wrote a book supporting the ban on homosexuals in the military, said Thursday that it allowed military personnel to speak out publicly.

"It is not our policy to muzzle members of the armed forces in terms of their ability to speak out, to write articles, letters to the editor on any and all subjects," said Pentagon spokesman Bob Hall.

The department policy only requires that material carry a disclaimer stating that the views are those of the individual and not the Defense Department or the U.S. government, Hall said at a briefing.

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