

Speaker asserts

Freedom struggle lacks U.S. support

By ROBERT THOMASON
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The United States does not support the struggle for independence and social justice in Southern Africa, a national coordinator of the African Liberation Day Coalition said Monday.

"As of 1972, the United States was the leading exploiter of Southern Africa," said Daniel Brown, the national coordinator. Despite the fact that the United States has invested well over \$3 billion in the African continent, the average take-home pay for the South African worker is \$30 a month, although the poverty level there is \$70 a month, he said.

"To believe that the United States could be seriously interested in the struggle for freedom in South Africa would be like believing the cow could jump over the moon," Brown said.

Brown spoke as part of the "Day of Solidarity for Freedom in Southern Africa" sponsored by the Black Student Movement (BSM) and the Revolutionary Student Brigade (RSB). Approximately 75 persons attended the rally held in the Pit. The hour-long rally included speakers from the RSB, the African Liberation Day Coalition and the BSM and a poetry reading by members of the Ebony Readers.

"Historically, black faces have replaced white faces in the United States and in Southern Africa in some places," Brown said. "But power still remains in the hands of those who control the factories, the mines and the banks."

Brown said the United States strives to further its own interests rather than those of the oppressed peoples in Africa.

Under these circumstances, "The state has

nothing to do but to choose between socialism and the U.S.S.R.," Brown said.

"Competition between the United States and the U.S.S.R., the top imperialist powers, has heightened as the two powers try to gain control of Africa," said Bill Lang of the RSB. "This competition can only lead to war."

Black majority rule must be established in South Africa before the U.S.S.R. moves in under the guise of socialism, Lang said. "The people are fighting a just war and are seeking a just independence," he said.

"Our country has had the same type of exploitation that goes on in South Africa," said Byron Horton, BSM chairperson. "Cheap labor is the main reason the blacks are held down in South Africa. Our struggle was the same."

"We need to put pressure on the United States to pull out our investments in South Africa which are exploiting people."

Part of the purpose of the "Day of Solidarity" was to attract attention to African Liberation Day, which will be held May 28. The day has been observed annually since 1972. This year a march to the White House will be made to demonstrate support for black majority rule in Africa.

If you can't find room in the woods to practice your motocross stunts, you can always use the Pit. Of course more persons will be watching if you take a spill.
Staff photo by Bill Russ.



Vickery predicts passage of nonreturnable bottle bill

By MARK ANDREWS
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A bill that would outlaw nonreturnable bottles and cans in North Carolina should pass in a close vote when it comes up before the N.C. House in about 10 days, predicted Sen. Charles Vickery, D-Orange.

The proposal, sponsored by Rep. Charlie Webb, D-Guilford, would require a deposit of at least five cents on all beer and soft-drink bottles and cans. It also would eliminate pull tabs used in cans. Tops would be opened by pushing down and under, leaving the tops connected to the can.

Vickery has proposed a similar bill, but his bill would apply only to bottles and not to nonreturnable cans.

Vickery predicted that the bills will have a tougher time in the Senate, where he said he believes they will have an even chance of passing. He said the Senate would act on the bill within a couple of weeks after receiving it, assuming it gets out of the appropriate Senate committee.

The bill will go into effect in either September or January if it is approved.

Vickery admitted that the bottle bill has met with some opposition. He said that the bottling industry has a pretty strong lobbying group. He said labor unions and

related industries also are opposed. But he maintained that he personally hasn't been receiving pressure.

"They know I'm a strong proponent of the bill," he said.

Energy conservation and a cleaner environment are major advantages of the legislation, Vickery explained. He said the throw-away containers have a petroleum base. The bill also should aid in eliminating much of the roadside litter and solid-waste problem.

The bill is patterned after an Oregon bill

which prohibits nonreturnable bottles and cans. A similar bill was introduced in the N.C. General Assembly in 1973 by the present Lt. Gov. Jimmy Green, but it was defeated.

UNC graduate student John Arnold of the Triangle area Sierra Club said the bill has been slow in getting out of the House Water and Air Resources Committee chaired by Rep. Parks Helms, D-Mecklenburg. He said a public hearing on the bill has been delayed until May 4 at 10 a.m.

Arnold said he supports the bill. "It's an

incentive not to throw bottles away to start with, and for those that do, it's an incentive for someone else to come along and pick them up," he said.

Another bill now in the House committee would place a one and one-half cent tax on certain items which frequently end up as litter. It also would ban pull-tops and plastic rings on beverage cans.

Arnold said he is afraid the two bills might be used against each other. "But if both bills are taken on their own merit they're complementary," he maintained.

Morrison, Mangum, Kenan take awards at Residence Hall banquet Monday night

By BARRY SMITH
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Morrison Residence College was named UNC's outstanding residence college by the Residence Hall Association (RHA) at an awards banquet Monday night.

The RHA award for the outstanding residence hall with fewer than 120 residents went to Mangum, and the Outstanding Residence Hall Award for the dorm with

more than 120 residents went to Kenan. The second floor of Granville West received the Outstanding High Rise Floor Award.

The awards banquet was held at the Granville Cafeteria.

Jan Nelson, Ehringhaus residence director, received the Outstanding Residence Director Award. The Harry Anthony Bernard Memorial Award went to Dirk Wilmoth, Old West assistant residence director.

The four residence hall awards are given in recognition of outstanding achievement in administration, intramurals, residence hall athletics and social programming.

Morrison has had "the most outstanding programming on the academic, administrative and social level," said Bain Jones, RHA president. Over the past year receptions for Chris Miller of *National Lampoon* and Timothy Leary, former Harvard professor and former LSD guru, were held in Morrison.

The South Campus highrise began publishing *The Morrison Newspaper*, and the dorm government succeeded last fall in

getting a parking lot reassigned to Morrison residents. The lot, originally assigned to Morrison residents, was designated for use by the hospital and med-school staff. "They have outstanding all-around programming," Jones said.

Mangum's physical improvements to a study room and TV room, excellence in intramural athletics and high participation rate in dorm social activities contributed to its being named the outstanding residence hall, Jones said. Mangum's intramural teams gained first-place finishes in track, football, wrestling and horseshoes.

Kenan residents showed much enthusiasm in their work, Jones said. Not only did they have several good ideas, but they followed through with them, he said.

Kenan held a dinner for Pi Kappa Phi fraternity members after their house burned last semester. Kenan also had a high participation rate in dorm dinners and other activities.

Second-floor Granville West also had well-rounded programming involving a lot

of resident participation, Jones said. The floor sponsored a ski trip at the beginning of the spring semester. Other activities included parties, mixers, shaving-cream fights and elevator stuffings.

Jan Nelson was the first recipient of the Outstanding Residence Director Award. The award is given to a residence director who has served at least a year on the housing staff and has contributed "above and beyond the required expectations of a residence director," Jones said.

The Harry Anthony Bernard Memorial Award is presented to the assistant residence director or assistant tower manager who has contributed immeasurably to the lives of the residents and staff through selfless friendship, enduring sense of moral obligation and insightful counseling abilities, Jones said.

These qualities were exemplified consistently in the residence-hall setting where Bernard worked while he was an assistant residence director at UNC, Jones said.

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