

Activities fill Human Rights Week

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South African racial discrimination and the sale of South African gold coins in Eugene will be protested during Human Rights Week.

The week, which will continue through next Saturday, will also be marked by talks, films and seminars on various human rights issues, according to Marion Barnes and Kate MacQueen of the Eugene chapter of Clergy and Laity Concerned (CALC), a national non-denominational religious organization involved with human rights issues.

The week's activities will coincide with the 29th anniversary of the United Nations' Universal Declaration of Human Rights, Dec. 10.

Barnes and MacQueen said Human Rights Week will enable people to "explore the links between human rights violations in Eugene, in the United States and around the world."

This is the second year the

Eugene chapter of CALC has coordinated Human Rights Week. Similar programs to mark Human Rights Day are being held by others among CALC's 40 chapters nationwide.

Human Rights Day itself starts with a protest at noon Saturday against sales in Eugene of the Kruggerrand, a South African gold coin.

Sponsored by a group called People for Southern African Freedom, the protest and leafletting will take place outside the offices of Merrill Lynch, on the downtown mall.

Barnes says a similar demonstration earlier this year evoked the response from Merrill Lynch that the company did not support apartheid or discrimination against blacks in South Africa, but did support the right of Americans to invest in whatever they chose.

She says someone will talk with Merrill Lynch again, but they "don't expect any satisfaction." She adds that the purpose of the protest is to educate people about

South Africa's discriminatory political system and to inform them that buying South African products supports that system.

Although the protest may be the most publicly visible event of Human Rights Week, CALC has scheduled 13 other events sponsored by various organizations that deal with similar rights issues.

•A seminar of "Human Rights in Education, Housing and Health Care," given by the Eugene Commission for the Rights of Minorities, 1 to 4 p.m. Wednesday in the basement of the Community Center for the Performing Arts (CCPA) Hall, West 8th Avenue and Lincoln Street.

•A film "Avenue of the Americas" sponsored by the Eugene Committee for a Free Chile, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, CCPA Hall basement. There will be a \$2 admission charge.

•A talk, "Human Rights: Lessons from the Holocaust," 3:30 p.m. Thurs. in the Gallery Room of the Eugene Public Library, 100 W. 13th.

•An address, "Human Rights in South Korea," by Bruce Cummings, an Asian scholar from the University of Washington, 7:30 p.m. Thursday. EMU, room to be posted.

•An open hearing on human rights in Eugene, sponsored by the Eugene Commission for the Rights of Minorities, also at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in the McNutt Room in city hall, E. 8th Avenue and Pearl Street.

•A reshooting of the Chile film at 7:30 p.m. Friday at the Wesley Center, 1236 Kincaid St. There will be a \$2 admission charge.

•A "Sing-Out for Human Rights," 1 p.m. Saturday at the Saturday Market, E. 8th and Oak Street. CALC will also have information tables with petitions to sign and postcards to send on human rights issues.

•A workshop, "Strategies in Support of Human Rights," sponsored by CALC 2 p.m. Saturday in Harris Hall, across the street from Saturday Market.

•Songs about women and work, sung by Susan Arrow, 8 p.m. Saturday at Gertrude's Cafe, 1161 Lincoln St.

•A presentation by CALC on South Africa, 9:45 a.m. Sunday, First Methodist Church, W. 14th Avenue and Olive Street.

Barnes subscribes to a broad definition of human rights.

"The question of human rights goes beyond civil liberties' issues," she says adding that human rights include the right to a job, the right to organize trade unions and to strike and the right to enjoy decent living and working conditions.

Barnes says those rights are as yet unfulfilled in the United States and are denied in many foreign countries as a "direct consequence" of American policy.

Barnes claims South Korea, as an example, would not exist without American support and support is largely given to allow American corporations to "take advantage" of cheap labor there.

MacQueen says CALC is concerned with international issues as well as local ones, because there are "connections" between the two. "People's general impression is that Third World problems do not affect us. Our view is that they do," she says.

Blind, black doctoral candidate strives to overcome handicap

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Calvin Darby is one of just ten blind students attending the University. Darby, 30, is a tall, thin, black man who walks with his 125-pound German shepherd seeing-eye dog, Moses.

Darby says he is well-known in the area. "In the Northwest, there are few blacks and I stand out."

Darby, a Ph.D. candidate in higher education, works as an Equal Education Specialist in the Office of Affirmative Action to support his wife and three children.

His grandfather was a sharecropper in rural Mississippi. Darby lived with him when he was a boy and recalled a time when it was too hot to work in the fields.

"I had a girl cousin and she told my grandfather she didn't want to work in the fields. He told her she'd have to move to the city

when she grew up and marry a rich man. When I told him I didn't want to work, he said I'd have to go to school."

Darby suffered from malnutrition as a child and from that developed Retinitis Pigmentosa, a disease which destroys the ability of regeneration in the cells of the retina.

Blind since the age of six, he has two per cent vision in one eye.

Handicapped people are no different than anyone else, according to Darby.

"You want to be able to support your family, buy good books for yourself and your children," he says.

"Why can't things be easy for the handicapped — like the average Joe who goes to the bookstore and buys a calculator?" Darby asks.

Darby is organizing the Congress of Physical and Visual Equality (COPAVE) to get funds

for the needy blind.

Like most students Darby is interested in getting a job.

"My feeling is there are lots of handicapped people getting jobs, but how many of these are blind people? A friend of mine told me, 'It's not because you're black that you're not getting a job, it's because you're blind,'" Darby says.

Darby appreciates the fact that the University took the gamble to give him the position in the Affirmative Action Office.

"I don't consider it a risk, but I appreciate it that someone looked into my qualifications."

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