

Group asks for support of Patriotic Front

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People need to be more aware of Zimbabwe-Rhodesia and the peace talks between the guerilla leaders and the prime minister of the bi-racial government, says Collette Postol.

Postol and Dick Young, members of People for South African Freedom, are coordinating the Eugene Zimbabwe-Rhodesia reaction campaign. "People need to know that the economic sanctions against Zimbabwe may be lifted," Postol says.

"Our position is that sanctions should not be lifted until an agreement is reached that is satisfactory to all parties at the London conference," Young says.

Patriotic Front co-leaders Robert Mugabe and Joshua

Nkomo are taking part in British-sponsored peace talks in London with Zimbabwe-Rhodesia's black prime minister, Bishop Abel Muzorewa.

Supporters of the Patriotic Front — the Rhodesian guerrillas — say the reaction campaign is an effort to support the two guerrilla leaders. "Any agreement reached in London must be satisfactory to the Patriotic Front," Postol says, "and the Patriotic Front has the support of the majority."

The Front is committed not only to defeating the white minority rule and foreign domination, but to creating an independent and non-racist society, Young says. "As it stands right now, Zimbabwe-Rhodesia is controlled by a white minority behind a black conservative."

Eight weeks ago the British government, the Patriotic Front and the Muzorewa government met in London to discuss the future direction of Rhodesia. The negotiations are stalled basically because the British and Muzorewa won't compromise, Young says.

And one of the few leverages against the Zimbabwe-Rhodesia government is about to be removed, Postol says.

Under a provision adopted by Congress in July the president must lift sanctions by November 15 unless he certifies that the national interest prohibits their removal.

To encourage Pres. Carter to continue the economic sanctions, the Zimbabwe -



Collette Postol and Dick Young

Rhodesian reaction committees across the country have planned marches, letter campaigns and speeches to increase awareness, Postol says.

The PSAF group will host a lecture by Mohammed Babu, former minister of economics in Tanzania, tonight at 8:30 in the EMU Forum. Babu, currently an international

relations professor at San Francisco University, will present an analysis of the freedom struggle in Zimbabwe and the conversion to majority rule.

At noon Friday PSAF will rally at the Federal Building to show support for the Patriotic Front and to urge maintenance of the trade embargo.

Senate says math a must

The University Senate approved a motion Wednesday that would establish a mathematics requirement for the completion of a Bachelor of Science degree.

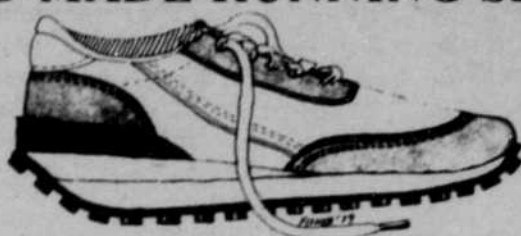
Robert Berdahl, associate dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, submitted the proposal, which would require either satisfactory completion of a math proficiency test or completion of three courses chosen from more than 20 math department classes or from four computer science classes.

The proposal now goes before the University Assembly at its meeting next month.

Senate members proposed motions for further discussion at their next meeting. Among the motions were:

- A proposal to establish a grade point average grading policy. Under the plan, a 2.0 average would be required for graduation.
- A proposal by Jess Barton, Student University Affairs Board chair, to make faculty evaluation data available to students.
- A proposal to appoint a committee to review the procedure of nominating and selecting recipients of the Ersted Award for Distinguished Teaching.

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