

# Myers weighs African apartheid

By Brent Walth  
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South Africa is "a part of the world that is as potentially explosive as the Middle East, El Salvador, Northern Ireland," according to Clay Myers, Oregon state treasurer, who recently returned from a vacation in southern and eastern Africa.

"I saw this as a great human rights trip, one of the best educational experiences I've had," he said of the trip.

He and his wife Elizabeth spent almost four weeks in Africa interviewing people about the social and political climate there.

Myers spoke Friday night to 350 internationally-clad high school students in the EMU Ballroom for a statewide model United Nations.

He emphasized that his trip, which included time in Kenya and Zimbabwe, was a private one, but he noted he will go through some debriefing with the State Department.

The treasurer spoke for the most part of South Africa's apartheid rule — the legalized segregation of the races.

"There are very strong winds of change

blowing in South Africa," Myers said. "The only question is whether the change will come fast enough to avoid a very violent and a very bloody revolution."

The U.S., as well as being part of the human rights movement there, hopefully has an "opportunity to still get strategic

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minerals," including uranium, he added.

As to the issue of American investments in South Africa, Myers noted that a withdrawal of U.S. interests would hurt the people of South Africa more than its government.

"I'm very ambivalent. I have a split personality on the subject," said Myers, explaining that even though he cannot support the apartheid rule, too many blacks

would go without work if the international community withdrew its investments.

Following Myers' 15-minute talk, students posed questions and views, at times counter to those of the speaker.

One student from Lesotho — an independent black country within South Africa's borders — questioned the credibility of the 150 interviews Myers conducted.

"You met nobody," the student said, saying that the "black leaders" Myers had interviewed were not representative of the majority of South Africans.

When Myers responded with a list of the officials he spoke to, the student interrupted, again saying Myers had spoken to "nobody." The audience responded with applause.

Myers said he understood the student's frustration and viewpoint, which he compared to a black porter he met in Johannesburg. The reference drew jeers from the diners.

The student, who refused to be identified or interviewed, remained unmoved. "As far as I'm concerned, you met nobody," the

student maintained. "Those interviews were arranged by somebody that made it possible that you meet the 'nobodies.' Am I wrong?"

Discussing the student's response privately after the talk, Myers said South African are experiencing much frustration

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and pessimism.

"They say there might be a violent revolution, that they can't be held back more than five to 20 years," he said.

Myers quoted a "great Christian statement" from an interview he had held.

"They can deny us our rights. They can rape our women. But why can't they treat us as we wish to treat them?"

## Israeli calls Sinai return necessary risk for peace

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The Middle East is a "crazy area with many complex problems," a retired Israeli military official told a University audience Thursday.

Colonel Yacov Heichal, who helped negotiate the controversial Sinai withdrawal that officially ended Sunday, was well guarded

by Eugene police as he spoke to about 100 people on the past and present problems in the troubled Middle East. The police guards accompanied him in response to death threats Heichal received last week in Corvallis.

Heichal spoke and answered questions for nearly two hours as he discussed the history of many Middle East problems, the return of the Sinai Peninsula to Egypt,

the Palestine Liberation Organization and the West Bank, and the Reagan Administration and its work in the Middle East.

Transferring the Sinai back to Egypt is a risk, Heichal said. But he said he feels that the risk must be taken for peace.

"I fought there three times," he said. "I'm very sad. But because of the peace it is necessary and it is good."

Heichal, noting that the nine-month truce between the PLO and Israel ended last week when Israeli jets blasted Palestinian strongholds in Beirut, Lebanon, said he knows no solution involving the Palestinians and West Bank.

"It's very sad," he said. "But the Palestinian problems will not be solved in the next 10 or 15 years."

The American media is not fairly portraying the conflict between the Israelis and the PLO, Heichal said.

"The American media is being bought off by the PLO," he said. "They have an American public relations firm, and the media is not showing the casualties of the Israeli soldiers. They only talk of Palestinian casualties."

The Reagan Administration is just "not interested enough" in the Middle East, Heichal said. Reagan is interested in only three things — the U.S. economy, Europe, and his ranch in California, he said.

## Faculty awarded grants

Fourteen University faculty members each have been awarded a \$2,500 Faculty Research Award for studies to be conducted this summer.

The awards are intended "to stimulate research by providing a sustained time for scholarly and creative endeavors," said Fred Wilhelm, the graduate school research administrator.

Project topics range from a history of alternative voices in American journalism to a defense of French poetry, from the structure of hydrogen bonds to Japanese corporate influences on the American labor market.

This year, 35 faculty members applied for a share of the funds, which come from state appropriation. The Faculty Research Committee approved awards for six tenured and eight un-tenured applicants.

Tenured faculty members awarded a grant include: William Calin, Thomas Dyke, Stephen Kohl, Stan Pierson, Donald Taylor and Jerry Wolfe.

Un-tenured faculty awards went to John Cornell, Robert Hackman, Lauren Kessler, David Milton, Christer Mossberg, Robert Ousterhout, Gregory Retallack and Catherine Wilson.

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