

### Buzz off

This swarm of bees congregated on the branch of a tree on the West side of the EMU Monday afternoon. When bees reproduce in the spring, colonies sometimes split in two with half of the swarm left hiveless. These normally settle on a tree or bush while scouts look for a new hive location.

Photo by James Marks

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"I remember during the worst times of the black uprisings (in 1985) and there wasn't a word of it" in the South African media, Gelber said.

Because of the news blackout, white South Africans often feel threatened by and are hostile to foreign media.

"They're absolutely paranoid about foreign reporters they believe are spreading lies about their country," Gelber said. "It's really an interesting thing about what happens to people when they're deprived of news and information about what's happening in their own world."

Gelber said he has met this hostility and mistrust of the media in dealings with his own relatives in that country, taxi drivers and even "bright" South African law students.

He said he was emotionally moved by a piece he produced in 1985 on the people of Mathopestad, South Africa, who were facing forced migration to a homeland.

The white government had ordered this com-

munity of successful, agrarian people off to one of four pseudo-independent, internationally unrecognized "homelands" — a land most of the blacks in Mathopestad had never seen before.

"I've done a lot of news stories and none of them affected me nearly as much as this one did." Gelber said.

Gelber recalled the time he dined with several white law students in East London shortly after the piece, in which they asked him his opinion of

South Africa.

"I told them what had just happened, about this village of really hardworking people who had to get out." he said. "So I told them it was about as close to Nazi Germany as I would ever

want to get.

"But the reaction was so interesting; it was sort of like a bell-curve response. Some agreed that it was absolutely terrible, a few of them got up and walked out, and most of them said, 'No kidding, is that going on?'"

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on E. 13th Avenue, then heading into the bank across the street from his shop.

In recent years Mayars has had a large world map posted on one of the shop walls. On the map are small pins denoting areas where visitors to the shop have come from.

"Some of the local customers were down on the University, saying that students just come and go out of town and don't give anything back to the com-

munity," Mayars said. "My idea was to show that the students coming into the community from foreign countries were doing more for the world situation than all the diplomats combined."

The map indicates that several students from Norway have visited the shop. Mayars told of one Norwegian customer who was asked how the weather was that day.

"He said, 'God, it's hot!' -

and it was only 70 degrees outside." Mayars said.

There's hardly an area on the map that isn't represented by at least one pin. Even the South Pole got a pin — Mayars remembers a customer who said he'd been stationed there on naval research.

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