

Woods displeased with students' apartheid attitudes

By Diana Johnson
Senior Editor

While more than 50 people milled outside the Avery Hall Reading Room Wednesday, Donald Woods talked to a packed room of mostly journalism students and professors about what he has learned about racism and apartheid since he left South Africa 10 years ago.

Woods, the former editor of the Daily Dispatch in South Africa, was banned from the country following his escape in



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1977. An anti-apartheid supporter, he

frequently wrote critical editorials against South Africa's white government and exposed the murder by government police of black leader Steven Biko.

Woods, who is currently on a five-week lecture circuit, said he has visited the United States biannually since his escape. Woods now lives in London with his wife and five children. He is head of the Lincoln Institute in London, which provides uncensored information about South Africa.

During his visits, the author of "Biko" and inspiration of the movie "Cry Freedom" said he has continued to see a "strong vein of idealism" among America's youth.

Although students have the potential to be a nine on a 1-to-10 scale,

Woods said, their attitudes toward apartheid rank a three.

Today's students maintain the same idealism as any previous generation, he said, but a vacuum of apathy currently exists.

Woods said he has witnessed a regression during the last decade, a return to normality before the Civil Rights Movement of the 1960s. The number of uprisings supporting South African divestment on campuses has decreased since he first began visiting the United States, Woods said.

But the conditions in South Africa have worsened since censorship laws have increased, Woods said.

Last year, 242 violent clashes occurred between black and white factions, he said. In South Africa, 27

million blacks and other non-whites are ruled by a government elected by 5 million whites.

But Woods said neither South African citizens nor the rest of the world were aware of that because of censorship laws. The foreign press no longer are allowed in the country, he said.

The South African government now has 46 censorship laws, he said. Four have been added since he left the country.

The first law states that the government has the right to shut down any newspaper or publication at any time, he said.

"After that," he said, "I don't understand why they need to go any further."

U.S. citizens should continue to be

leery of any information released from South Africa, he said.

When asked what he thought of recent reports about Winnie Mandela, Woods said he is unsure that the reports are true. Mandela is the wife of the jailed anti-apartheid leader Nelson Mandela and has been accused of allowing a young man to be murdered at her home.

"I'm immediately suspicious when the government suddenly makes it easy to get information when all along they have tried to prevent you from getting that information," Woods said. "I would treat it (the Mandela reports) with great caution."

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Bill offers incentive grants to nurses

By Larry Peirce
Senior Reporter

Several state senators at the Nebraska Legislature agreed Thursday that LB357 is needed to attract people to the nursing profession, but disagreed on how incentive grants should be allocated to nursing students.

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LB357, a nursing incentive bill sponsored by Sen. Arlene Nelson of Grand Island, would provide financial support to encourage people to train as nurses, in an attempt to relieve the state's shortage of nurses.

As it stands, LB357 would provide \$500 to qualified students with financial need, after they have completed 30 hours of nursing college credits. A limit of \$500,000 per year would be placed in the incentive program.

The bill also would provide \$1,000 for a person with a bache-

lor's degree in nursing who completes one year of work in a hospital or nursing home in a Nebraska community with less than 10,000 residents.

Debate on the bill began when Sen. Stan Schellpeper of Stanton asked Nelson if recipients of the grants would be required to work in Nebraska after finishing college.

Nelson said that about 94 percent of nursing graduates stay in the state, but that the bill would not ensure that incentive recipients would.

Schellpeper attempted to attach his incentive bill, LB520, as an amendment to LB357. Under his amendment, full-time nursing students could be reimbursed for up to \$2,000 per year for each year of nursing college they complete. Part-time students could receive up to \$1,000 per year.

Students who agree to practice in rural areas could be reimbursed up to \$1,000 for each year they are full-time students, or \$500 for each year they are part-time students. His bill would limit the number of

students who could enter the program each year to 100 participants.

His amendment also would lower the program's limit to \$400,000 per year, and provide funds to help increase the number of nurses who can teach nursing.

Sen. Jacklyn Smith of Hastings said Schellpeper's amendment would "strike the guts of the bill (LB357)" and put LB520 in its place.

Nelson said Schellpeper's amendment wouldn't help rural hospitals because it doesn't help enough nurses.

"We need 500 nurses," she said, and the amendment gives "too much to too few."

Sen. Lorraine Langford of Kearney opposed Schellpeper's amendment because hospitals in Buffalo and Hall counties, each with more than 50,000 people, would be excluded.

Smith asked Nelson and Schellpeper if they would try to find a compromise between the two bills.

The Legislature adjourned before a vote was taken on the amendment.

RHA plans second open forum

By Jeff Beals
Staff Reporter

The Residence Hall Association decided Thursday to schedule a second All-Residence Hall Open Forum addressing the issues of visitation hours, alcohol problems and condom machines in the halls.

The location and time for the open forum have not yet been finalized, said J. Matt Wickless, RHA Senate speaker and coordinator for the

event. RHA required that it be held prior to Tuesday, March 21.

Cara Hansen, RHA treasurer, said the open forum provides many residents with a chance to speak their opinions.

Wickless said a similar open forum held last fall was successful.

"We need more programming this semester," he said. "(The open forum) would indeed take care of that."

Profs unhappy with decision

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Bleed said LB340 allows archeologists to study only those sites that are non-burial domestic sites, but does not define what those sites are.

Bleed said he also opposes LB340 because it punishes "serious professional researchers," does not treat unmarked graves of Euro-American and Native American equally and does "nothing to site looters who have no professional affiliation."

Svoboda said the reason he wrote the bill supporting LB340 was because he had followed the legislation since its inception and he felt it was


"the better bill." Svoboda also said that, as he understands it, Nebraska Indians, including the Nebraska Indian Commission, were not consulted while the alternate bill was being written.

Svoboda said ASUN senators had more than two weeks to investigate the issue and that information on LB691 was provided to them at Wednesday's meeting.

Svoboda said both professors are welcome to express their opinions at the next ASUN meeting.

"The process is an open one for anybody who has something to say," he said.

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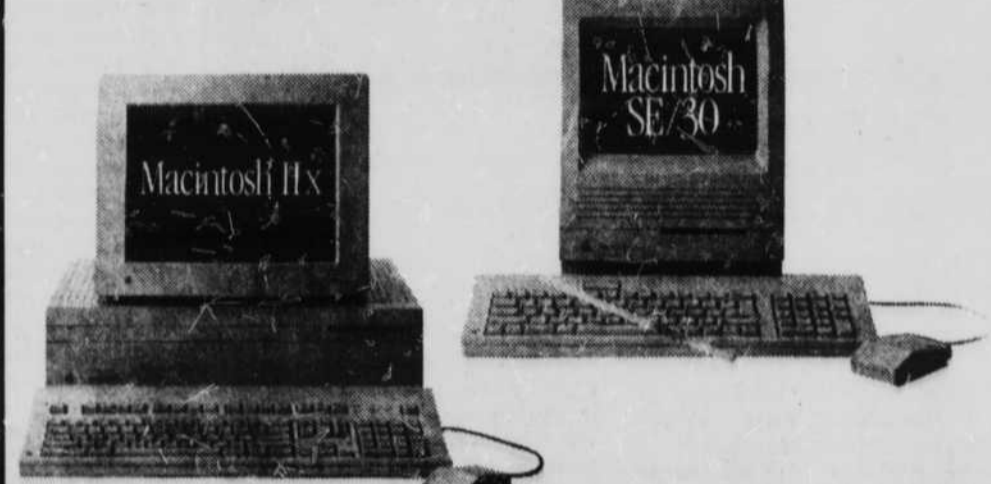
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