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ANC wants sanctions to be maintained Sisulu stresses post-apartheid equality

BY JOEY GOODINGS

Sanctions against South Africa must be maintained, says Walter Sisulu, deputy president of the African National Congress (ANC). Sisulu spoke at St. Mary's University last Thursday as part of a North American tour urging Canada and the U.S. to pressure the South African government to end apartheid.

"What is fundamental is the transfer of power from the minority regime to the people. We think this can be done. But remember, it can be done provided we march together," said Sisulu.

"The strategy of sanctions has had a very important influence in our struggle. Therefore, we would like to maintain sanctions at this stage."

Sisulu, who spent 25 years in prison on a charge of treason, is encouraged by the recent changes in South Africa. He emphasized, however, recent reforms are a re-

sult of ANC initiatives, not those of F.W. de Klerk's white minority government.

The ANC demands the formation of an interim government to see the transition from apartheid. Though the ANC is aware of the many obstacles to obtaining this goal, "we realized the main obstacle was de Klerk's government, that it was incapable of seeing the transitional period through. It therefore becomes necessary that means and ways be found which will compel the regime to adhere to our demands," he said.

Both the U.S. and the U.K. have decided to ease their stance on sanctions. Canada is considering following their example.

Sisulu stressed the ideal of forming a non-racial, post-apartheid South Africa. "When we talk of the transfer of power, we don't talk of the black man only, we don't mean the ANC, we talk of the people of South Africa, black and white," he said.

Sisulu was optimistic concerning the strength of the Peace Accord, which was signed by ANC President Nelson Mandela, Inkatha Freedom Party President Mangosuthu Buthelezi, and F.W. de Klerk at a meeting attended by various other political organizations, church organizations, and even the Bantustans.

"This mechanism has brought great possibilities. For the first time you had these organizations meeting, organizations that have never met before... It is a way we think we can overcome the question of the violence," he said.

Despite his confidence in the ANC's ability to transform South Africa, Sisulu was either unwilling or unable to discuss some of the critical questions posed by the audience concerning economic realignment - will whites control the economy of a "free" South Africa?

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Sisulu speaks near Dalhousie

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Wading through the numbers

Exploring Student Union budget

BY ARAN MCKITTRICK

With Dalhousie's tuition fees being the highest in the country and the Federal Government taxing everything from books to loans, many students are finding it increasingly difficult to finance their own educations. Now with the Dalhousie Student Union's Tuition Fee Agreement over things could get worse.

The Tuition Fee Agreement, which was known as the Capital Campaign Fund, was an agreement made between the Board of Governors and the Dalhousie Student Union six years ago. Within the agreement the two parties agreed that the Board of Governors would limit the increase in tuition fees, if the Student Union agreed to make a financial commitment to the "Campaign for Dalhousie." This "financial commitment" consisted of the collection of fifteen dollars per full time student and four dollars per part time student to help finance special projects around campus.

The Capital Campaign Fund is now over, but the Student Union continues to collect the same quantity of money from students, allo-

cating the \$140,000 to a new fund known as the Capital Fund Drive. When asked about the similarity between the two funds Joanne Smyth, this year's treasurer, said, "the Capital Fund Drive is a totally new fund approved by last year's council. It has nothing to do with the Capital Campaign Fund of last year." When questioned further Smyth revealed that, though not yet approved by council, the fund was probably going to be used in paying off the Grawood's debt, repairing the Student Union Building's ventilation system and helping to pay for future additions to the S.U.B. building!

Within the Student Union's Budget \$340,000 is also allocated toward the Health and Accident Insurance Plan which has been increased by \$41,000 over last year. Many students have emphasized their concern over the increase as they feel too little of the student body know about the Health Plan, let alone its' increase in cost over last year. "Health Plan! What Student Health Plan?" exclaimed Paul Nimmon, a Dalhousie Science Student, when asked for his opinion on the increase. According to Joanne Smyth, the Health Plan

has always been in affect, year after year. Though the plan does cover the cost of prescriptions it does not cover the cost of oral contraceptives. Smyth hopes to make this clear to the D.S.U. Council so the plan can be amended to include contraceptives in the future.

The rest of the Student Union's Budget is used in the payment of full and part time staff, as well as the general running costs of the S.U.B. under the General Operations Fund. There is also the S.U.B. Fund which consists of \$82,000, which goes toward the payment of loans taken out for the construction of the S.U.B. building and renovations around Dalplex. Money is also given to CKDU-FM, the campus radio station, as well as the Canadian Federation of Students, Student's Union of Nova Scotia, the South African Trust Fund, World University Student Council(WUSC) and the Public Interest Research Group at Dalhousie(PIRG). The outline of this year's \$1,200,000 Student Union Budget printed on page twelve of the new Student's Handbook is incorrect according to Smyth, for which she humbly apologises.

DSU backs sanctions initiated by ANC

BY JOEY GOODINGS

Last Sunday, the DSU adopted a motion to urge Canada's maintenance of sanctions and that their phased reduction be contingent on the South African government's fulfilment of the following conditions:

1) The lifting of people's sanctions (e.g. tourism, visa restrictions, sports boycotts) dependent on the restoration of peace and a climate conducive to multilateral negotiations.

2) The lifting of financial and trade sanctions dependent on the establishment of an impartial interim government and the election of a constituent assembly which would develop a new non-racial, non-sexist democratic constitution.

3) The lifting of the mandatory UN oil and military sanctions dependent on the implementation of a new constitution and the conducting of democratic, universal adult franchise elections.

The motion was moved by V.P

External Alex Boston and seconded by the International Students' Association. The phased reduction of sanctions is consistent with the ANC's position outlined in Walter Sisulu's speech last Thursday.

Boston hopes to have the same policy adopted by the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS), which includes 450,000 student members, in their upcoming fall meeting in order to send a strong message to the government from students.

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