

Dumisani Kumalo speaks against apartheid

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release of Nelson Mandela, said Kumalo, produced a tangible leader for the South African people.

"With the release of Nelson Mandela came the removal of the signs that were so well known about apartheid," added Kumalo.

The first experience Kumalo had with apartheid was when his father took him to buy a new pair of school shoes. There were two entrances to the store. One for blacks and one for whites. The black side of the store had no carpet or amenities.

"I made a secret vow to myself that I would never rest until the segregated entrances were gone and every six year old had the right to choose where to sit to buy their new shoes."

He said that although Nelson Mandela is out of prison and things have changed some, apartheid is not dead in South Africa. A current referendum, which could do away with apartheid, will be voted on by white South Africans only, said Kumalo.

"In South Africa the constitution of 1910, which has

been amended over and over again, says that the only citizen of South Africa are the white South Africans."

The southern states in America, said Kumalo, denied civil rights which were contained in the United States Constitution to African Americans, but black South Africans aren't even included in their constitution.

"87 percent of the land in South Africa belonged to white people," said Kumalo when referring to the Land Act of 1915.

Laws which detract from South Africa's struggle for democracy include the Population Registration Act which, according to Kumalo, requires all 40 million South Africans to register according to color or race.

After appeals to change their status, Kumalo said, "Fourteen whites became colored, seventeen Chinese became white, two whites became Chinese, three Malays became white, one white became an Indian and fifty Indians became colored..."

In 1989, one educator wrote to the government requesting that his racial category of white be

changed to human being. They replied there was no such category.

Kumalo said South Africans were hopeful when President DeKlerk announced the new changes which were to take place. But bringing about Democracy may be a lot of hard work and he added the problem is democracy must push down the steel wall of apartheid.

"Right now, there are two-hundred trials going on in South Africa for people accused of attempting to overthrow apartheid." He said this causes some of the violence which has been over-reported by the media.

The majority of the violence, Kumalo said, is between elements of certain factions, not all black-against-black.

"How do you promote democracy when you fund a

group that even the South African courts, the South African media and everyone says is the group who is perpetuating the violence," Kumalo asked of the Bush administration's recent 2.5 million dollar allocation to the group.



Nation

HARRISBURG -- State funded universities told a Senate panel Tuesday they need more funding from Pennsylvania's 1992-1993 budget, but lawmakers say it's doubtful the schools will get what they want. Senators said tough economic times and declining state revenues call for cost-cutting instead of program expansions. Penn State has requested a 12.9 increase from \$258.7 million to \$292 million. Penn State President Joab Thomas said the proposed cuts in spending would mean less services and programs for students. Thomas said he has appointed a committee to recommend which programs to eliminate.

NEW YORK -- Natalie Cole, daughter of Nat King Cole, received honors for record, song and album of the year and took home seven awards in all at Tuesday night's Grammy Awards. "I thank my dad for leaving me such a wonderful heritage", said Cole about her album "Unforgettable." The winning song is a spliced-together duet with Cole's father, who died of lung cancer in 1965.

ARCHDALE, NC -- A 14-year-old girl died Tuesday after being stabbed in a classroom as 25 other eighth-graders watched. Her former boyfriend was arrested on a murder charge, said authorities. The killer entered the middle school, stabbed her once near the heart and fled the classroom. He then ran to a local business, phoned the police and turned himself in. Willis Odell Gravely, Jr., 16, of High Point was charged with murder and held without bond in the Randolph County Jail.

GREENSBURG, PA -- Survivors of soldiers killed a year ago in a Scud missile attack said Tuesday their grief would be tempered if the Gulf War would have done away with Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein. One relative of a victim soldier said, "If they had got him out of power it would be a lot easier to stand here today, knowing that they just didn't do this for oil." In the brutal attack 13 members of an Army Reserve unit were killed last Feb. 25. It was the worst single loss incurred by Allied forces during the war. The dead soldiers were remembered at a tearful ceremony that was followed by the unveiling of a granite and bronze monument in Greensburg.

DETROIT -- Sales of vehicles manufactured in North America rose 6.7 percent in mid-February, offering further evidence of improvement in the failing automobile industry. Sales by the three largest U.S.-based automakers -- General Motors Corp., Ford Motor Co., and Chrysler Corp. -- rose 4.6 percent. Car sales were up 3.1 percent and truck sales were down 1.3 percent.

Behrend students win research award

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awards a year to undergraduates from across the country to undergraduates who distinguish themselves in research.

"The award was unexpected," said Ray Mozes, a seventh semester plastic engineering technology major. "We didn't even know there was an award. We really give credit to the faculty at the Plastics Technical Center. Without their help this wouldn't have been possible."

SGA election orientation

The search is on for students who wish to become candidates in this year's Student Government elections.

The elections, held the second week in April, will determine student leaders for the 1992-93 academic year.

ELECTIONS

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This coming Monday, March 2, SGA will hold an orientation meeting in Reed 117 at noon and again at 8 p.m. This orientation is designed to acquaint potential candidates with the requirements involved in running for and holding an SGA office.

The following positions will be filled in the upcoming election: SGA president and vice-president; eight commuter senators; five resident senators; Joint Residence Council president and vice-president; Student Programming Council president and vice-president; Commuter Council president and vice-president; and Student Organization Council president and vice-president.

--Todd J. Irwin

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