

## NEWS BRIEFS



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Escort Scott McLaughlin at work in the Union

## Getting an escort

by Peter Aas

The demand for safety on campus has kept Macalester's new Escort Service busy. The service has been getting 10-15 requests for escorts a night since its first night of operation Sunday.

Although the service is on a six-week trial period, Jane Breckenridge, one of the organizers, is optimistic it will last. She said the service is a preventive as well as a protective service. "The administration would be crazy to cancel it," she said.

But Breckenridge cautioned against a false sense of security. "This is a college campus in an urban area. It is a prime target for rapists," she said. She also encouraged men to use the service.

Escorts will go anywhere on campus and up to one mile off campus. To get an escort just call the campus operator.

The Escort Service operates from 8:30 to 12:30 Sunday through Thursday nights and 9:30 to 1:00 Friday and Saturday nights. They will go anywhere on campus and up to one mile off campus. People wanting an escort should call the college operator at "0" or 696-6000.

## Pass-law days end

by Richard Shumann

Four speakers praised the pass-law simulation and condemned apartheid at an outdoor rally in front of the Union last Friday afternoon. CC President Elliott Levine was the rally moderator.

Vice President for Academic Affairs Jack Rossmann spoke first. He said the simulation was an occasion that made him proud to be a member of the Macalester community. He said the simulation and his own simulated arrest had heightened his interest in South Africa.

Eben Maasdorp, one of the simulation's organizers, spoke next. He said "The end of the simulation is not the end of the struggle" against apartheid. Another of the simulation's organizers, Anna Sochocky, said she was "amazed at the lack of apathy" at Macalester. "Constructive engagement is apathy," she said. Levine ended the rally by praising the simulation and repeating Macalester's anti-apartheid stance.



by Richard Shumann  
Congressman Bruce Vento and Raymond Smith both oppose apartheid. But Monday night they disagreed on the American role in peacefully ending it.

Vento, Democratic congressman from St. Paul, and Smith, the State Department's Deputy Director of the Office of Southern African Affairs participated in the second forum on South Africa, titled "What Should the U.S. Do About South Africa?" Cindy Orbovich of the political science department was the moderator.

Smith spoke first and presented the positive achievements of the Reagan administration's constructive engagement policy. He said American policy in Southern Africa is designed to accelerate an evolution away from apartheid, reduce regional violence, support Namibian independence, and decrease Soviet influence.

Smith said the United States is the only nation that enjoys the confidence of all countries. He said this is why the U.S. has a useful and constructive role in Southern Africa.

"American influence is more limited than many people think and what we would like to have," Smith said. He said American influence there is increasing and "the United States has used its credibility to hit legitimate black demands."

Smith said the administration opposes apartheid, the homelands, South African human rights violations, and maintains an arms embargo towards South Africa.

## Vento, Smith debate apartheid issues

"There are times for public diplomacy and times for private diplomacy," Smith said. "In this case, private diplomacy is more effective." Smith also praised the Sullivan Principles for investing in South Africa as effective in helping blacks.

Smith said the South African government's acceptance of free black trade unions was an example of change. Such change shows

United States and black Africa. "Who believes black Africa accepts our rationale for apartheid," he said.

Vento said "American leverage is great if we persist as it takes a great deal to push to change apartheid." He suggested more sanctions against South Africa such as reducing their imports. He said we should be doing more in South Africa and this policy change is the



History professor Mahmoud El-Kati photo/Sharlene Speizer

the United States can play a role in South Africa if it is seen as encouraging positive evolutionary change. A revolutionary stance would make the South African government more intransigent, he said.

Vento spoke next and was critical of constructive engagement. He called it "an excuse" that "is not doing the job" in South Africa. "Apartheid is not reconciled within a context of our values. The United States stood by passively as apartheid took root," he said.

Vento said abandoning constructive engagement is in the interest of both the

president's responsibility.

Mahmoud El-Kati criticized the lack of moral substance in constructive engagement. He asked why the administration considers South Africa its only African friend and why there is a lack of technological transfer and economic assistance to black Africa.

Smith said that the United States supplies over 50% of emergency food aid to Ethiopia. He said he didn't know what more could be expected. But Vento said the administration has shrunk from its responsibility. After all, he said, aid to African countries is another area where it wants to cut even more funds.

## Office moves finally completed

by Anne Rice and Andrew Wolfe

The whole thing resembled a game of musical chairs. Only in this game, everybody found a seat.

Since this fall, the Alumni Office, the Counseling Office, and the Physical Plant all switched places.

The changes began when President Gavin decided not to live in the Macalester President's House. The school then decided to sell the Alumni House, and make the former President's House into a new Alumni House.

The new Alumni House does not have office space however. So the Alumni Offices were moved in the Counseling Offices in Old Main. The Counseling Office

moved into the Winton Health Service building, where the Physical Plant offices were. The Physical Plant then moved to the basement of the Janet Wallace Music building, where the Ground Department is located.

Sandy Hill, the Director of Development, said the changes are working well. Previously, he said, the Alumni Affairs Office and the Development Office kept separate files on alumni. Now, with both departments in Old Main, they will share one file. Hill said this change will "do away with the duplication of effort."

The new Alumni and Development offices will hold an open house on Monday, February 25, at 4:00. Hill said he hopes the open

house will provide an opportunity for the Macalester community to get acquainted with the offices. "We would be useful to you students if you'd use us," Hill said.

The Counseling Office moved to Winton so that psychological and physical health services could reside under one roof. Jeanne Henjum, Director of Counseling Services, said she thinks the plan will work. "We are comfortable as part of a health services model," she said.

The Counseling Offices gained an additional room by moving to Winton. Henjum said the added space will allow the Counseling Office to expand their services to include "alcohol programs and more group sessions and more workshops."