

# Protesters will block *DEMONSTRATIONS* entrance at UCSC

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SANTA CRUZ — Hoping to increase pressure on University of California Regents to divest UC of its holdings in firms doing business in South Africa, anti-apartheid protesters at UC Santa Cruz announced today that they would attempt to impose a "partial blockade" of the UCSC campus Wednesday morning.

Students said they would block the campus' east entrance at Bay and High streets to all incoming and outgoing traffic, starting at 7:30 a.m.

But, they said, they would make no attempt to block traffic at the campus' west entrance on Empire Grade Road.

Organizers said the blockade and a rally at the east entrance would continue "for as long as it takes for all of our participants and protesters to be arrested."

Organizers said they could not disclose

how many students would participate in the blockade.

"It's necessary at this point to escalate the situation so they (Regents) understand we are totally serious about the demands we set," said protest organizer Charles Woods.

Fellow organizer Jim Thomas said the blockade of the east entrance would "interrupt the normal course of the school day.

UC Regents are scheduled to hear testimony concerning the university's South African-related investments Thursday and Friday in Berkeley. But no decision on divestiture will be made until the Regents' June meeting in San Francisco.

UCSC protesters continued to occupy the McHenry Library foyer this morning. Chancellor Robert Sinsheimer Monday backed down from an earlier order to protesters to vacate the area between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m.