

Stanford Movement

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Until divestment

Seniors asked to withhold gifts

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Graduating seniors are being asked to sign a petition pledging not to contribute to the Stanford endowment fund until the University divests itself of all South African investments.

Petitions are being circulated by the Stanford Committee for a Responsible Investment Policy (SCRIP) in an effort "to impress on the University that we're not going to give up the campaign for divestment because people are graduating," according to Stuart Ozer, SCRIP member.

The University endowment is composed of funds donated to the University, according to Robert Rosenzweig, vice president of public affairs.

Only the interest on the money is invested, with the principal remaining untouched. Purposes toward which the money is applied can be restricted, Rosenzweig said, and not all investments are made in stocks.

The action of SCRIP "may be a little

premature," coming before the trustees' release a cost/benefit analysis of divestiture in October, said Bill Stone, new director of the Alumni Association.

"The information in the report may bear on the graduates' decision," Stone said.

He called SCRIP's action "not very helpful."

White armbands and mortarboard placards will also be made available to seniors prior to commencement, Ozer said.

In a continuing effort to establish "substantial consensus" concerning University investment policy, over 200 faculty members have signed a petition asking trustees to support shareholder proxies calling for nonexpansion or withdrawal of U.S. corporations in South Africa, according to French Prof. Raymond Giraud, member of the Faculty Committee Supporting SCRIP.

The petition, put forward by Assoc. Political Science Prof. Robert Kenhane (in a May 23 *Daily* column), also calls for trustees to "consider the reconstitution of the Commission on Investment Responsibility (CIR) in order that it may more fully reflect the diversity of the University community."

"We are tremendously impressed that we could mobilize about one-fifth of the faculty here," Giraud said.

Petitions are still coming in, he said.

South Africa Catalyst Project, an independent student group, has begun seeking funding to achieve its "ultimate goal of U.S. corporate withdrawal from South Africa... through education and organizing on California college campuses," according to a funding request being sent to various non-University groups.

Over the summer

The project hopes to enable four goals over the summer, according to Larry Litvak, project member:

- to write a definitive study of U.S. corporate presence in South Africa, including the significance of University investment;

- to write an organizer's handbook, containing the "nuts and bolts" of organizing;

- to organize a statewide conference in mid-October, in conjunction with Campuses United Against Apartheid (CUAA), and

- to send "travelers" out in the fall to help catalyze activity at various campuses in California.

"We feel that Stanford is not unique," the project's funding request says, citing recent protest actions here. "This process can happen at other campuses and we can help it happen."

Meanwhile, action aimed at university investments continues on other campuses.

Two-day referendum

University of Oregon students voted overwhelmingly against university investment in Southern Africa in a special two day referendum vote last

week, according to the *Oregon Daily Emerald*.

One ballot measure, passed 980 to 180, called for the State Board of Higher Education and the university's Development Fund to divest themselves of all stock and other holdings in corporations with investments in Southern Africa, the *Emerald* said.

The University of Oregon has millions of dollars' worth of stock in 27 corporations doing business in Southern Africa, the *Emerald* reported.

The other measure, passed 903 to 257, stated recruiters from corporations with investments in Southern Africa should not be permitted to use U. of Oregon facilities for recruitment purposes.

Petition drive

The referendum is the result of a petition drive organized by the Southern Africa Support Committee (SASC), in response to Oregon State System Chancellor Ray Ilevallen's charge that SASC's demands do not reflect the views of the majority of the student body.

A similar referendum passed by a five to one margin by the Associated Students of the University of California (ASUC) in mid-May.

The referendum called for eventual divestment by the UC regents and demanded formation of a committee to advise the regents on issues of social and moral responsibility related to stock votes.

Further student actions are scheduled for the end of this week, including a torchlight procession tonight and teach-in on Friday at UC-Berkeley, according to Andy Spahn, statewide spokesman for CUAA.

CUAA and the Berkeley Third World Coalition have demanded that the university allow all faculty, staff and students be given Friday afternoon off to attend a teach-in on South Africa, minority admissions and the Bakke decision, Spahn said.

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said. Cowell Health Center could provide little help either, Callahan said.

Another problem for a blind student is the constant necessity for readers, Callahan added.

"Most people know we are blind and realize that classes assign lots of reading, but no one puts two and two together," she stated.

A-Phi-O is very helpful, she said, both in making tapes and locating readers.

"We need more support for A-Phi-O's program and I see a favorable coalition between the dean of student affairs and A-Phi-O," she said.

Brochure

The administration is beginning

Callahan lives in Crothers Memorial with her guide dog, Luna, and gets around with ease, she said.

"Luna and I go to classes at the Business School and R&D building (Center for Educational Research and Development) and our only problem is that we run to classes because we're usually so late," she said.

Fowler uses a cane instead of a guide dog. He lives off campus because he lost out on the campus draw, and rides a bus or walks to school, he said.

Neither Fowler nor Callahan limit themselves to academics, said Callahan. She said she loves horseback riding and cross country skiing.