

SOUTH AFRICA

We protest the recent decision of the Stanford University Board of Trustees to abstain on shareholder proxy resolutions concerning the future role of U.S. corporations in the apartheid state of South Africa. We call upon the trustees to take a positive step toward the elimination of apartheid by supporting all the proxy resolutions calling for non-expansion and/or withdrawal of U.S. corporate investment in South Africa.

ABSTENTION IS A COP-OUT

In abstaining, the university ignores the voices of over 2500 students and staff as well as over 75 faculty members who signed petitions calling for YES votes on these proxies. In addition, the following Stanford organizations have endorsed the petition:

Stanford Committee for Responsible
Investment Policy (SCRIP)
Council of Presidents (COP)
ASSU Senate
United Stanford Employees (USE)
Alliance for Radical Change (ARC)
UFW support committee

Black Student Union (BSU)
MeCha
Asian American Students Assoc.
Hillel
Half the Sky
Calif. Student Christian
Movement (CSCM)

and the Stanford Organizing Committee (SOC), which is a coalition of over 20 campus organizations such as houses (Columbae, Synergy), political groups (Stanford Coalition Against the Bakke Decision, Committee Against Racism), and other groups (Gay People's Union, Androgyny Theme House).

In response to the trustees' action (or non-action), we call on the university community to visibly demonstrate its' opposition to abstention on these crucial issues by participating in any or all of the following activities:

VIGIL --- BEGINNING MONDAY, MAY 2, AT NOON IN WHITE PLAZA RUNNING CONTINUOUSLY THRU WEDNESDAY, MAY 4, BRING SLEEPING BAGS.

RALLY --- TUESDAY, MAY 3, AT NOON, IN WHITE PLAZA TO PUBLICLY VOICE DISAPPROVAL OF TRUSTEE POLICY.

HUNGER STRIKE --- IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE VIGIL, SOME COMMUNITY MEMBERS WILL BE STAGING A HUNGER STRIKE AS A FURTHER MEANS OF PROTEST. ANYONE IS WELCOME.

THIS ACTION IS SPONSORED BY THE STANFORD COMMITTEE FOR RESPONSIBLE INVESTMENT POLICY

WEAR A BLACK ARMBAND