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WU community rallies to support divestment

By MARTIN TAYLOR COLLEGIAN STAFF WRITER

DIVEST in black against the fabric of a white flag called Willamette students to a gathering in Jackson Plaza Tuesday. The students met to influence the Board of Trustees who meet Saturday to vote on university disinvestment from South Africa.

ASWU President Eric Fishman opened the meeting. An agenda of speeches was followed by the liberation of green balloons and peace songs by candlelight.

About 250 supporters filled Jackson Plaza. Dave Lederfine, co-founder of Willamette Peace Project, called the function "Uniquely Willamette. It's what they want; quite."

Chaplain Charles Wallaceoffered an invocation, which was followed by words from Marc Overbeck, member of the Ethical Invesiments Committee, Dr. Mackie Hill, Interculteral Affairs Coordinater, Dr. William Duvall, State Senator Jim Hill, Dr. Frank Meyer, Vice President of Student Affairs, Dr. Rita Laxton, a visiting professor from a university in South Africa, and Wendy Willis.

Rocky Lieuallen, a song leader

for the day, summarized the gathering. "It was a little disappointing that more people didn't show up but there were people there and among them a sense of unity."

Many speakers challenged our inability to relate to black South Africans. "It is very easy for us to be disconnected to their struggles" Duvall stated. "Our struggle ironically enough is against

Marc Overbeck, student member of the Advisory Committee on Ethical Investments addressed a crowd of about 250 at Tuesday's divestment rally

Willamette evicts Delts

By PAT KURKOSKI

During December, asmost College of Liberal Arts students were struggling through semester finals, the University concluded its investigation into the Phi Delta Theta fraternity, which came about as a result of the alleged sexual assault of a Pi Beta Phi pledge by a Phi Delt member in November. The University has prohibited social events during Spring Semester 1988 as well as revoking Phi Delt's privilege to occupy the house during the 1988 - 89 academic year. The chapter will remain a chartered Greek

community's way of responding to some things that need to change within the [Phi Delta

Scott Coffee, Phi Delta Theta Chapter President, contended that "conclusions drawn from the investigation were inaccurate and inappropriate." The event "knocked [our reputation] back two years. That in itself is punishment." He believes that the University is just trying to "brush us under the carpet," adding "if thery're trying to get rid of us, we wish they'd just do it."

Coffee claimed that, since the rape of a high school girl in the house two years ago, "the fraterorganization with a meeting place provided by the University, but the house will become a co-ed residence hall from which Phi Delts will be excluded.

A memorandum dated January 8, 1988 from Vice President for Student Affairs Frank Meyer and Director of Residence Life Tim Pierson outlines the sanctions taken against the fraternity. The university also requests that the Phi delts " reformulate their ideals and objectives, change inappropriate attitudes, rebuild their reputation and regain the privilege to reside on campus."

Pierson called the sanctions "the see PHI DELTA THETA page 2

the isolation of privilage."

State Senator Hill addressed the absense of any mention of South Africa in Reagan's State of the Union address. He concluded that "the leaders of our nation don't seem to think it's very important" and praised grassroot efforts as the antidote to such isolation.

Others sounded impassioned responses to those who oppose divestment. Overbeck cited an 1986 finding that 71% of black South Africans favor divestment and stated that those who opposed divestment were supporting an "abhorent position".

Dr. Mackie Hill asked how we can "help place a foot on the neck of blacks in South Africa and brag about the beauty of our new construction on campus."

Willis proclaimed that "Wecannot debate truth or justice in classrooms when our college investments are a poison to our system of education."

Meyer affirmed that "we make as much of a statement by doing nothing as by doing everything in our power." Laxton put it in a more pragmatic light saying "the black South African is looking for a symbol of solidarity." She explained that "South Africa is a land of violence" and "communism begins looking good to black youth in these conditions."

Lisa Johnson, a thoughtful gatherer, had a good bit of advice. Everyone before they make a decision should be informed and should not simply believe the propaganda of either side,"

Econ professors divestment discuss

By WENDY MILLS

According to professors in Willamette's economics department, divestment at least makes a symbolic statement and most agreed it cannot hurt the University. Professors Frew, Furey, Gillis, Hanson, Hibbard and Mouck differed on opinions about the effectiveness of divestment and the specific action that should be taken.

As Furey and others pointed out, stocks are a secondary market (they have already been sold). Although a sufficient amount of divested funds might cause a fall in stock price, the impact on a company would be

The professors interviewed agreed that a widespread effort is needed to inflict economic injury on South Africa. According to Gillis, 60 percent of all stock trading is done by institutions. Although a coordinated effort could be effective, it might prove difficult to achieve.

Divestment does make a statement. To some of the professors, this is enough. As Gillis said, sometimes we must "stand up for what we beleive in, but just don't expect miracles." According to Furey, a statement about South Africa is also a statement about what we want ere. Mouck and Hibbard echoed these beliefs.

Hanson is uncomfortable with a symbolic act that may not bring bout change and first wants more questions answered.

Most answered that divestment can not hurt Willamette, for there are nany diverse stocks not tied to South Africa. Hibbard believes that divestment could actually prevent us from being hurt by falling stock prices caused by other stock holders dropping their stock.

Gillis agreed, if Willamette is going to divest, it should do so now. ee PROFESSORS page 3

Students have worked for the last decade

Divestment debate has history

By DEBORAH BELLEMORE

Willemette has focused on the issue of divestment in the last few weeks, but student concern about apartheid and investments in companies that do substantial business in South Africa has been an issue at Willamette for years

In September 1978, members of the Willamette community formed a coalition in reaction to a growing concern about Willamette's investment policy. The Anti-Apartheid Coalition submitted a letter to the University Business Manager and the members of the Endowment Committee of the Board of Trustees asking for a subcommittee of the Board to review of Willamette's investment policies. The coalition also sponsored an Apartheid Information Day, and held a rally to help educate students about the situation in South Africa.

In January 1979, Willamette's

Board of Trustees voted 20-7 to approved the formation of the Investment Advisory Committee. This standing committee was created to investigate the ethical considerations in the investment selection process. But the committee was to remain dormant for the time being.

More than five years later, the issue of apartheid once again became a major issue at Willamette. On October 11, 1985, students gathered in a rally for South African Civil Rights. This gathering coincided with anti-apartheid rallies across the country on Political Prisoners Day. James Hill, South Salem Representative at that time, spoke briefly about to students urging them to express their opinions.

Divestment continued to capture attention the the next year. Editorials in the student newspaper, and discussion on the issue continued, helping students to increase their awareness about the situation in South Africa. In an editorial in the Collegian, for example, student Kelly Hartwell commented about divestment, "It will not make us moral, It will not solve the problems in South Africa. But it is a beginning."

Students held a rally in opposition to apartheid the evening of November 11, 1986. The student gathering featured speakers on South Africa and a candlelight vigil. On November 12 the Senate debated over divestiture from South Africa, that ended in a 15-10 vote in favor of Willamette's Divestment.

The Advisory Committee on Ethical Investments, which was once again in action, received the Senate's proposal. After a semester of investigating the situation in South Africa, this committee completed a proposal to the Board of Trustees in Spring of 1987 which requested that Willamette divest its monies from companies in South Africa.

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nity has made tremendous strides in self-policing." He also noted that "we take reasonable and prudent actions against members that make mistakes."

However, Pierson believes that the fraternity is responsible to the community for the actions of its members "by virtue of that affiliation." He added that "actions [of individual members] reflect some of the things about an organization."

Coffee, though pledging "to cooperate with the ... final decision" expressed great disappointment in the University's handling of the case. He charged the University with making a decision with "no pretense of due process."

According to the Willamette University Standards of Conduct, if an individual student or "any group of students that is officially recognized as an organization by the University is accused of violating university standards, it must be formally charged by the University Standards Committee, allowed the opportunity to rov.zw all information, and given a fair and impartial hearing by the Standards Committee before any sanctions are rendered. When asked if these procedure apply to a Greek organization, Frank Meyer commented "I don't know."

* Coffee said that the house was given no chance to reply to charges against it, that the decision was made befor the house as contacted and that "the decision were made by Frank [Meyer] and Tim [Pierson] alone."

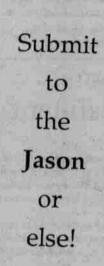
In response to these grievances Meyer stated that "we talked to lots of people [including a few] house members," and that the administration "went through lots of pages [of evidence] befor we made the decision."

Coffee charged that the "complaints are extremely vague" and are "based upon misinformation and inappropriate investigation." In fact, he claimed "most of the events [that the house is being punished for] are bogus." Meyer asserted that "some specific things had been going on" which impaired the Phi Delts reputation.

The Phi Delts will be able to reapply for occupation of the house during Spring Semester, 1988. Pierson stressed that the chapter must "show real growth" and become a "positimve aspect of the community." before they will be allowed to return to campus. He is confident, however, that "they can rebuild" and he expects that the fraternity "will regain its house."

Meyer noted that the administration "will be meeting with the house on a regular basis," and that the university does not "want to say 'sorry, it didn't work." Without a house Coffee expects rush to be weak, and if they do regain the house he forsees an inability to meet Residence Life's occupancy rules. Commenting upon this, Meyer stated that "we're going to do everything to make [occupancy rules] not a problem for them."

Though he stated that "I have no problem with presenting an image,"
Coffee believes that "there is no doubt outside pressure [forced that
university] to make its decision." Meyer added that "the decision wasn't
made to lookd on the outside." but that action was taken for the good of
the octernity and the community.



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Frew, however, mentioned that selling certain stocks out of our portfolio may adverselv affect relations with our benefactors.

Economically, divestment is very "roundabout." Boycotts and trade embargoes are more direct. A boycott hits the company directly, and Hanson said it is preferable to divestment because one can still have control over the company. But as Hibbard mentioned, it is hard to motivate people to do something, like boycott, which conflicts with their self-interest.

Trade embargoes are a very powerful method of affecting South Africa economically, Gillis believes. We import a significant amount of South African minerals and a stoppage could cripple their economy. Unfortunately, it would hurt the United States as well.

The goal of divestment and boycotts is to force companies to pull out of South Africa. The effectiveness of such action and its influence on other nations was left to speculation by the professors. Some feel our stance may be important to Europe.



Divestment supporters release symbolic green baloons at Tuesday's divestment gathering.

Others feel "we won't make a difference" and, as Frew said, the U.S. sometimes overestimates its influence.

Hanson wonders if sacrificing the limited control our companies have by being there is worth the symbolism of a pull out. Mouck believes it is symbolically more important to pull out.

Mouck's beliefs are consistent with a recent movement, especially among mutual funds, toward choice based on social criteria. Mouck thinks ethics should come before fiduciary, responsibility, the traditional obligation to maximize profits. Yet Gillis pointed out that the best way to influence companies who do not put profits first is through their pocketbook.

It has been argued that a pull-out will hurt employed black South African workers. The economists agreed but, as Furey said, this would be short run and likened it to the situation of slaves prior to the Civil War.

Some wonder whether we should get involved. As Mouck argued, we have businesses there. We are already involved.

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Oregon schools struggle with divestment issues

BY ERIC HAMMER

The Willamette community's recent drive for the divestiture of its investments in businesses having operations in South Africa is not without precedent among other Oregon colleges.

At Lewis and Clark College, for example, student activism encouraged the Board of Trustees to recvaluate its investment portfolio. After considering the move for two years, the Board voted last fall to divest completely from companies doing business in South Africa.

Student activism for divestiture has not, however, always been so sucessful. Reed College still retains \$6 million in South Africa-related investments despite

frequent and enthusiastic protests by Reed students. In 1986, 100 Reed students occupied an administration building for four days in response to the college's failure to divest. The protest failed to effect the desired changes in Reed's investment policy.

Protestors at the University of Oregon occupied a university building in 1978 in opposition to the stock-holdings in South Africa-related companies. Nineteen of the protestors were arrested that evening.

The Oregon State Board of Higher Education had voted in 1977 to approve a policy of total divestment which would have required the Oregon State System of Higher Education (composed of institutions statewide, including the University of Oregon) to divest itself from businesses with operations in South Africa. The Oregon State Attorney General, however, protested that only the investment agency overseeing state investments including those of the Board of Education could authorize divestment.

In the wake of a subsequent suit contending this decision, a Lane County Circuit Court judge, in 1984, ruled in favor of the investment Council citing divestiture as being financially imprudent.

While the state's legislature called for divestiture of some of Oregon's assets last year, those investments related to state universities were not involved, to the distress of student activists attending these institutions.

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OPINION

Don't impose Willamette morality on others

By GREG MULHAUSER

Allow me to begin by saying that I am not a racist, and I do not agree in any way with the atrocities we see being committed in South Africa. As to the idea of divestment in corporations operating in South Africa, however, many more factors must be considered than whether we agree with apartheid politics.

The desire to divest is generally couched in terms something like, "We wish to cease doing business in South Africa in hopes that this will help force the establishment of a more fair and humanitarian form of government in Pretoria." We must ask, then, two questions: 1) Are we justified in attempting to force our morality on South Africa? and 2) Will divestment accomplish this task if we decide we are justified?

Let's examine the first question about whether we are justified in imposing our moral views. To begin with, South Africa is a sovereign state. Secondly, nearly every culture that has ever existed has been convined that their morals and way of life were absolutely correct. Napolean's people thought that when they attempted to conquer all of Europe. They were wrong. The Nazi's thought that when they

attempted the same. They were wrong. The United States thought that when the first bombs fell on North Veitnam. We were wrong.

It's interesting how everyone always seems to think they're right, but no one ever seems to be. This is the United States, and I do not believe we have a God-given right to impose our views on any sovereign state. I wonder how we would feel if another country attacked our society on the basis that animal experimentation our scientists do is immoral. Judge not . . .

How is it that South Africa has been singled out? We refuse trade with South Africa because of their human rights violations, yet we do millions of dollars of business with the Soviet Union every month. A nuclear arsenal sufficient to obliterate every man, woman and child on the face of our planet and a KGB that routinely helps families migrate to vacations in Siberia are O.K., but Botha's apartheid society isn't? Men killing their brothers in Dublin are O.K., too, I guess.

Let's concede that just maybe there's a flaw in this whole argument, and we are quite justified in imposing our will on South Africa. What about our second question—is divestment the way to do it? First off, let's acknowledge that worldwide trade is basically free.

This means that if one country decides not to business with another, there will almost surely be someone else who will. Are sanctions from the U.S. and the European Economic Community going to isolate South Africa inside a free trade blockade? Not likely.

Further, it is wise to bear in mind that economic sanctions such as divestment typically hurt just the class of people some would have us help by pulling out. If corporations move out of South Africa, it's not going to hurt people in the government,

Divestiture

By ERIC FISHMAN

This Weekend the Willamette University Board of Trustees will consider the issue of divesting from South Africa. At its last meeting, the Board unanimously passed a statement of abhorance directed at the system of Apartheid. At the upcoming meeting I hope the board will back this statement with action and divest. If we divest it will be an act of symbolism. This is very important!

I listened to Board members criticize divestment as "merely" symbolic. Although I agree that the greatest impact of Willamette divestment will be symbolic, I strongly disagree with the concept of "mere" symbolism. Symbolism is a major part of our world society. The issues, values, and beliefs that an individual, institution, or nation stand up for, to a great degree defines that entity's nature. Willamette is an institution founded to provide a liberal education. A major part of the liberal arts is to provide people with the basis to be active members of society. An educated

it's going to hurt the 90 percent black majority of workers.

What would be the effect on oppressed blacks? Imagine yourself in a nice cozy government office in Pretoria. You've been oppressing blacks because you know they're unhappy with your rule.

Suddenly the economy turns sour and workers are starving. Are you going to say, "Golly, I better let some blacks into the government because they're even madder at me now," or are you going to clamp down even harder to protect you more threatened job?

In short, then, before we jump

maintains

individual lives their life in accordance with their ethics and personal values. People and their actions have the greatest influence on the world around them. Socrates brought credibility to his philosophy by living in accordance with his own teachings. Socrates died for beliefs rather than betray his own values. Unlike Socrates. Willamette will not be maimed by maintaining the integrity between our actions and philosophy. In fact we will benefit both in a clear conscience and in our position as a citizen of the greater community.

Further, this act of symbolism will demonstrate to students and other community members that they can make a difference. Devestment will serve as a tangible product of civic concern and involvement. This outcome will serve beyond this issue as a tenant for us to be involved in the stands and actions of the institutions with which we are associated. The great American political philosopher Thomas Jefferson proclaimed that if the citizens were educated and involved in their government the

on the bandwagon to divest, we must ask ourselves if we are justified in condemning South Africa for it's immortality, but also if economic sanctions would even be the way to do it. Perhaps you can find fault in the way I've analyzed the economic and political effects of divestment. I believe that no one, however, can be confident enough in their own morality to proclaim the South Africans undeserving of our trade while we build nuclear weapons and watch children starve in the ghettos of 'New York, I ask only that we think about our own shortcomings before condemning others for theirs.

integrity

nation would maintain its virtue and the integrity of its proposed social contract. Willamette's "social contract" is to educate people to be involved in the progress of humanity. Thus the symbolic importance of this issue should be heralded rather than dismissed.

The issue of South Africa is symbolic in and of itself. The system of apartheid symbolizes that which goes against our founding beliefs of equality, human dignity, liberty, and freedom. Although there are many other places in the world where human rights are violated, South Africa stands as one of the most graphic symbols of injustice. South Africa is a nation in which the vast majority of the population has virtually no political power, has a restricted freedom of movement, residency educational/professional opportunities.

South Africa currently stands as a symbol which is anti-democratic, immoral, and which finds its closest modern parallel in Nazi-Germany. I urge the Willamette community to make a strong symbolic and

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-LETTERS

Don't take black jobs Divestment will result in many

Dear Editor:

Due to the recent interest in Divestment and Apartheid, I feel compelled to voice an opinion against divestment.

First of all, divestment is taking our money out of companies and corporations that are presently working in South Africa. This, on the surface, is a noble action, but, the consequence is not all that noble. Divestment will result in many companies withdrawing from South Africa; that is what would be expected. After this pull-out, the workers at these companies will then become unemployed. These workers, who are primarily black, will then become forced to find alternate employment, or as we seem to hope, revolt against their present government.

This is the picture I see when I hear of divestment; not a blind statement against Apartheid, but exactly the opposite. I see one country's will to change another country's government by the use of their money, the rich punishing the poor. Secondly, I see people giving away other peoples jobs because, "This is what they want." No, I do not believe that this is what they want. If they want to, they can give up their own jobs, but I refuse to take jobs and lives away from my fellow peoples.

I am against Apartheid, but this is not the way to end it. Craig A. Kennedy

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Letters continued

Two sides to issue

To the Collegian editor:

We have discussed the issue of Willamette divestment from companies doing business South Africa, and have come up with the following reasons for and against such action.

Three reasons why we might not want to

- American corporations doing business in South Africa now have a benign effect because they provide employment for many blacks. Divestment would hurt black workers more than their white bosses.
- 2. The presence of American companies in South Africa allows America to exert some influence on South African decisions. Divestment would cut this channel of
- 3. Divestment supports the program of the African National Congress to destabilize and eventually to everthrow the current power structure in South Africa, and the A.N.C. has communist sympathies and support.

Five reasons why we might want to divest are:

- 1. Companies doing business in South Africa are bad-risk investments, so selfishly we should not keep them in our portfolio.
- Willamette should act on its professed principles, and even if right and wrong are not clearcut in this case we should take a moral stand against apartheid.
- 3. Divestment may basten and thus soften the inevitable end of white minority rule in South Africa. Prolonging the ordeal by doing nothing will only make its resolution more terrible.
- 4. Willamette should esert moral and economic leadership, which requires more than business-as-usual policies.
- 5. If we choose not to divest now, after the issue has been publicized, we will appear to be taking a stand in favor of the status quo in South Africa. Does anyone want Willamette to acquire such a reputation?

For what it is worth, we took a straw vote in our group and the results were ten for divestment and six against. We hope these reflections will contribute to the thoughtful consideration Willamette is giving to the divestment question.

Respectfully submitted, 9:00 Craft of Writing class

Attend "Streams" series

Upon returning from a semester abroad in London, I was excited to discover that a group of individuals had overcome the apathetic atmosphere of Willamette University and were actively campaigning for the divestment of University dollars from companies doing business with South Africa. As a society which values basic human rights we cannot condone investment in a country which denies these rights to the vast majority of its population.

Willamette University must take a stand against apartheid by divesting its holdings in South Africa. However, this action must not be viewed by the Willamette community as its one and only contribution to the struggle against apartheid. The enthusiasm that has been generated for divestment must carry over into an

ongoing fight against apartheid.

We can continue to fight against apartheid by attending the "Streams of Thought" scries that is being sponsored by the South African Education Programs Task Force. This series will continue to educate the Willamette community on the nature and effects of apartheid in South Africa.

Willamette's interest in the stuggle against apartheid must not die after the divestment campaign has run its course. We, as an academic community, must continue to educate ourselves on the nature of apartheid. By furthering our awareness we will hopefully discover new methods of combatting the

Janine C. Pringle

Invest morally

I believe it is crucial for the Willamette community to take a strong stand agianst apartheid-not only in word, but in deed. The issue of divestment provokes strong emotions on both sides, but I think overwhelming evidence points to divestment as the only responsible moral and financial course to pursue. It is obvious that "constuctive engagement" has not moved the South African government to abolish apartheid; Reverend Sullivan himself has called for abandonment of the Sullivan Principles as ineffective.

The Trustees of the University have a prevailing responsibility to administer endowment funds in a moral, fiscally sound manner. To engage in business as usual in a country which denies basic human rights to its Black majority is simply indefensible. The long term gains of divestiture far outweigh any perceived immediate benefits of maintaining usiness holdings in South Africa. Education is intrinsically bound up with social action.

I hope the Board of Trustees carefully examines the issue and joins the many other institutions and universities in applying creative pressure on South Africa to dismantle apartheid.

Colleen J. Spedale

Oppose all prejudice

Dear Collegian Editor:

Before I address the issue of immediacy that we as a community faco-divestment-I feel compelled to point out another oppressive situation that is occurring within our environment. There seems to be a wide spread sentiment of prejudice towards any individual that is different from the Willamette University status quo. I wonder if we realize how many individuals on this campus walk around with the weight of oppression on their shoulders because there are Jewish, or homosexual, or Marxist, or even sensitive and creative-I mention only these few because they represent specific, recent acts of prejudice that have occurred to our fellow students.

In regards to the issue at hand, there is no question in my heart and mind that apartheid is wrong. We have a responsibility to turn our anger towards the injustice that is occurring in the world into impetus for change. Therefore as students of WU we must fight for the divestment of funds that are supporting and continuing the system of apartheid. Not only is to support such as system contrary to our human rights stance as a nation, but it is

diametrically opposed to the very principles of humanity. Apartheid is oppression in it's most vile form—the raping of an entire nation of indigenous peoples because of the view of white humanity that they are inferior peoples on all account. By maintaining US based corporations while at the same time our government leaders verbally oppose the atrocities is vomitous verbage. Do we actually expect anyone to listen to us rant about freedom when we are such a oppressive people? As students of a liberal arts institution we have a wonderful opportunity to put knowledge into action. For those of us who have a burden for the people of South Africa-oppressed and oppressors alike-we have a responsibility to persuade the trustees to divest.

It is my hope that regardless of the outcome of our efforts, the process of creating social change that is occurring will perhaps inspire us to turn our eyes occasionally back to our immediate environment and the humans we share it with, and be brave in identifying the oppression that we are a part of.

Jennifer Sasser

Not merely symbolism

To the Editor:

All of us have chosen Willamette for its atmosphero—a small close-knit community with an excellent reputation for offering a quality liberal arts education. I have thoroughly enjoyed my years here, but if I have learned one thing, it is that a liberal arts education does not consist of passive learning. I does not consist of learning by rote.

A liberal arts education promotes balance. It is the balance between academic disciplines, the balance between ingesting information and daily challenging that information, and it is the balance between one's principles and one's life.

I cannot, in good conscience, espouse the ideals of equality and justice while I financially support a system which is intrinsically oppressive and injust. As an institution, I think we must seek integrity between our lofty aspirations for human uplifting and our active promotion of certain ideals by way of

I urge the Board of Trustees to fully divest from all companies doing business in South Africa. Divestment is not an act of merely symbolism, but it is denying hypocrisy the opportunity to poison the education of our dents and the lives of those oppressed around the world.

Sincerely Wendy Willis Student

Support black equality

I see a distressing trend in the Willamette community concerning the current divestment debate. There are those who would have us believe that, while they do support South African blacks, they don't favor divestment. To

Many members of the Willamette Community have expressed doubt in the ability of divestment to effectively abolish Apartheid. Some have argued that divestment will only make life more difficult for South African blacks. Others find sanctions to be bad foreign policy. And there exists a lonely few who argue that American businesses shouldn't be held responsible for domestic policies in South Africa. To my mind, the advocates of these arguments are seriously reaching for straws-they're out in left field.

The divestment of Willamette University funds from South Africa has little to do with U.S. foreign policy or supposed "employment opportunities" presented to South Africa's black population. Although divestment supporters would love to see Apartheid vanish overnight, the power of divestment does not lie in its ability to effect the South African system. Divestment is a clear, straightforward statement of support for the black man's and every man's-right to equality and justice. Willamette University divestiture will proudly withdraw both financial and moral support from a regime that has systematically stripped human beings of their dignity and self-respect.

Unlike black Americans, blacks in South Africa are not fighting for better jobs, better living conditions, or fairer treatment under the law. South African blacks are struggling to be treated as human beings! To them, Apartheid is not moisen-it is oppression. Every dollar that enters the South African economy is used as a tool of this oppression. By failing to divest, we must inevitably support the Apartheid system.

So you see, the South African black who faces oppression every day doesn't care about most criticisms of divestment. Either your money supports the Apartheid minority responsible for violation of their human dignity, or it does not. There is no middle ground. Don't try to make like it isn't our responsibility—American businesses shouldn't be profiting from another man's oppression in the first place.

Divestment is simply a matter of priority. Which comes first: our money or another man's

Jeff Leonard, Founder Willamette Peace Project

We support murderers

Dear Collegian Community:

I would like to urge you to take a stand against apartheid in South Africa by encouraging the Willamette Board of Trustees to remove your funds from companies that do business in South Africa.

Neo Mnuzana, permanent observer to the United Nations for the African National Congress, points out that there is a need for stronger, more structured efforts of sanctions. He disagrees with the contention expressed by the Reagan administration that sanctions have failed. He calls for more and stronger sanctions.

News reports from South Africa which state that divestment is a failure simply serve the purpose of the government. It is a riverse psychology tactic, like telling someone that it isn't going to hurt if they hit you. You feel they might not hit if they believe you won't

Another totally ridiculous argument is the one that we have no influence if we divest. That can be compared to giving a killer money to buy a gun so that he will respect and listen to you. The problem here is that he continues to kill while you talk.

How many Black men, women and children have to die by the hands of the South African government before we admit that we are supporting murderers? Or, do we know that

Dr. Mackie Faye Hill Coordinator for Intercultural Affairs THE

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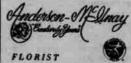
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At age 26, Sarah Weddington successfully defended "Jane Roe" in the Roe v. Wade case, assuring women the right to continue or terminate an unwanted pregnancy. She was one of the first women to graduate from the University of Texas Law School, at age 21. Now on the college speaking circuit, Weddington will be lecturing at 8:00pm in Smith Auditorium on Thursday, February 4.

In 1977, Weddington was appointed General Counsel for the U.S. Department of Agriculture, supervising over 400 attorneys. She also served under President Carter as his assistant for Women's Affairs, directing Administration policies and serving as a political liason for

various state leaders. She then spent two years as top lobbyist for the State of Texas and Director of the Office of State and Federal Relations in Wash-

Weddington was also president Botwinick-Wofensohn Foundation, served three years as a legislator in the Texas House of Representatives and was named by Texas Monthly magazine as one of the state's top ten

Weddington was the first person to hold an endowed chair at the University of New Mexico. In addition, she serves as the president of the Bob Marshall foundation and on the board of several non-profit organizations.

Weddington is currently a history and government lecturer at the University of Texas and Texas Women's University. She also devotes time to private practice and public speaking.

Her lecture is being sponsored as part of "HERstory History" in conjunction with other programs throughout the month focusing on women. Her lecture is entitled: "The Leadership of Tomorrow: Men and Women Sharing the Power." Weddington lectures and conducts seminars nationwide on how to develop excellent leadership skills and strategies for achieving key positions in various fields.

The "HERstory History" program also includes a coffeehouse featuring the Righteous Mothers on February 13 and a lecture by Tess Gallagher on February 18, in addition to many other programs over the course of the month.

Women's Week Calendar

Feb. 4	Sarah Weddington The Leadership of Tomorrow Smith Auditorium, 8:00 pm
Feb. 7	Women of Summer:
	An Unknown Chapter of American Social History Waller Auditorium, 7:00 pm
Feb. 11	Breaking Barriers: Women's Roles Around the Worl
7	Alumni Lounge, 11:20 am
Feb. 13	Coffeehouse: The Righteous Mothers
	Cat Cavern, 8:00 pm
Feb. 16	In the Company of Educated Women:
	The Women of Willamette
	Hatfield Room, 3:00 pm
Feb. 17	Acquaintance Rape: Issues and Resources
	Alumni Lounge, 6:00pm
Feb. 17	Building Resitionships: Who Are We Anyway?
	Bistro Williamette, 9:30 pm
Feb. 18	Tess Gallagher, Poet and Author
	Hatfield Room, 7:00 pm
Feb. 19	Food Fair
	Cat Cavern, 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm
March 4	Girl Talk By an Ashland Theatre Troupe
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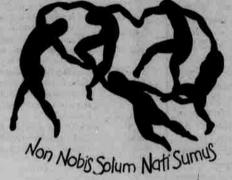
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