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SCRIP TO HOLD TEN YEAR REUNION

On Saturday, May 9th, members and supporters of the Stanford Committee for a Responsible Investment Policy (SCRIP), including faculty, students, staff, and community residents, will convene once again on campus for a reunion. May 9th is the 10th anniversary of the sit-in at the Old Union that led to 294 arrests and nationwide headlines. This mass arrest was the largest of its kind in the history of the university and sparked anti-apartheid protests at more than 200 colleges across the nation.

Ten years ago SCRIP questioned Stanford University's policy of investing in U.S. firms crucial to South Africa's apartheid system. The SCRIP reunion organizers, including doctors, lawyers, graduate students, teachers, and a unitarian minister, question that policy even more today.

On May 9th, SCRIP members will gather to reminisce, catch up on each other's lives, and discuss Stanford's feeble efforts to criticize apartheid over the past decade through proxy voting, mild admonitions, and isolated divestment actions.

One reunion coordinator, Randy Schutt, points out, "Stanford's investment policy is still an important concern, worthy of attention by the whole Stanford community, including alumni. The University of California system decided to divest its entire investment portfolio of companies that still do business in South Africa. Many other schools, cities, even states, have chosen divestment as the only moral position possible. Yet, Stanford sticks with a policy of constructive engagement while the suffering in South Africa continues."

For more information about the reunion, SCRIP members and supporters should contact C. H. Gray, P.O. Box 693, Santa Cruz, California 95061. (408) 462-4524.