Across the country student and youth organizers have successfully begun to add new dimensions to their anti-apartheid activism. More and more young activists are "making the links" between a number of social justice issues such as southern Africa, Central America and domestic racism.

During the 1985-6 period the level of struggle in the U.S. anti-apartheid movement reached an unprecedented level of intensity. From Vermont to Hawaii, young people participated in actions to show their solidarity with those struggling against apartheid in South and southern Africa. These actions along with nightly news coverage from South Africa on the major television networks helped to focus national and international attention on the atrocities of apartheid.

With the adoption of a number of landmark divestment measures and the passage of limited U.S. sanctions against South Africa, many student and youth groups began to shift their focus to domestic issues of concern. This shift occurred at a time when there was a marked upsurge in reported incidents of racially motivated violence and harassment on campuses and in communities in the U.S. Concern about Soweto and Alexandra was replaced by demands connected to incidents in Howard Beach and Forsyth County. Faced with the immediacy of domestic racism and related violence, many activists who understood the connections between the oppression fostered by both U.S. domestic and foreign policy began to raise a number of important issues. Questions regarding things such as minority recruitment and retention and ethnic studies requirements were linked with issues such as U.S. aid for Central American and southern African "contras" and U.S. support for apartheid. Many activists could not continue to compartmentalize their activism into neat, little packages and began to view their political and social activism as a challenge to the "big picture" of injustice in both the domestic and the international arenas.

Anti-apartheid activists played a large role in the articulation of this challenge. Campuses such as the University of Chicago, University of North Carolina—Chapel Hill, Bowling Green State University and the University of Colorado intensified their demands for divestment as well as their support of those people in southern Africa struggling in opposition to apartheid. Additionally, as a response to the onslaught waged against people of color throughout the U.S. and elsewhere, many student and youth activists developed strategies that allowed them both to educate their constituents about relevant social justice issues (e.g. anti-apartheid, anti-interventionism and anti-racism) and to begin real and effective struggle around these issues. Many of these youth and students made very practical links between the international and domestic situations as southern Africa maintained a prominent place in protests and demonstrations on campuses across the country. A number of these organizations worked to heighten the awareness of students and youth and to expand the focus of formerly one-issue coalitions.

According to Kenny Bartholomew, chairperson of the Black Student Communications Organizing Network (BSCON), "making the links is important because people need to understand those conditions which surround their daily lives, be they political, economic or social. In increasing this understanding, people can then begin to work towards realizing justice wherever injustices may exist. The arena for this work is not only domestic, but also international."

The emerging, redefined, student and youth activism of the 1980's is characterized by a commitment to the struggle against all forms of repression. This commitment seems to be an indication of the general spirit of activism in the years to come. Those students who once occupied buildings and built shanties in solidarity with their brothers and sisters in South and southern Africa are continuing to do so, but their activism does not stop there. These organizations and individuals are also effectively rallying around other issues such as campus and community racism in an attempt to broaden their movement into one which addresses injustices both at home and abroad.
• NEW ENGLAND

Dartmouth College; Hanover, New Hampshire: The Dartmouth College President’s Council on South Africa will be hosting an informational and educational exchange on southern Africa on May 13 and 14. The primary focus of the symposium will be the present situation in South Africa and the intensification of the struggle for liberation. Topics to be addressed include U.S. foreign policy as it relates to South Africa, Black and white politics and the movement for human rights.

CONTACT: Nelson Casprio (603) 646-2549

Harvard/Radcliffe; Cambridge, Massachusetts: In recent years the movement around anti-apartheid issues at Harvard and Radcliffe has been characterized by collective alumni and student efforts. Harvard/Radcliffe Alumni Against Apartheid, together with the Harvard/Radcliffe Southern Africa Solidarity Committee, has launched a multilevel offensive designed to force the institution to divest. More traditional actions such as rallies and demonstrations have been coupled with innovative measures to increase the pressure for divestment from various angles. The alumni organization has concentrated its efforts on campaigning for the election of pro-divestment candidates to the Board of Overseers and has successfully worked to elect three such candidates. Student efforts have included helping to draft state legislation which restricts the ability of non-divested institutions to issue tax-exempt bonds. If successful, the legislation, filed by state legislator Sandra Graham, will cost Harvard/Radcliffe an estimated $20 - $30 million per year. Although the majority of the students favor divestment, the administration and the Board of Overseers have exhibited a basic lack of responsiveness to this strong pro-divestment sentiment. The election of three pro-divestment members to its ranks, signals the beginning of an internal challenge to the historical position and course of action of the Board. The administration has initiated educational programs to assist Black South Africans in lieu of full divestment, but activists have continued to point to this altruistic endeavor as an attempt to cloud the issue of divestment and Harvard/Radcliffe’s continued financial ties to the apartheid system. Anti-apartheid forces, citing among other things severe conflict of interest on the part of the Board, have vowed to step up the campaign for divestment both on and off campus.

CONTACT: Dorothy Benz; Harvard/Radcliffe Alumni Against Apartheid; 53 Park Road; Somerville, MA 02143 (617) 623-1065 or Harvard/Radcliffe Southern Africa Solidarity Committee; Noah Berger (617) 498-6955 or Jay Modis (617) 496-3441

University of Maine; Bangor, Maine: After ten years of diligent struggle members of the Maine Peace Action Committee realized a significant victory. In February the group learned that the University of Maine Foundation had divested its holdings in corporations and banks operating in South Africa. Although the University’s foundation had voted to divest in December 1987, it did not make public its policy change until two months later.

• NORTHEAST

Black Student Communications Organizing Network (BSCON); Jamaica, New York: BSCON’s New York City United Front has initiated a red ribbon campaign, similar to the green ribbon campaign launched in 1979 during the Atlanta child murders. The red ribbons are being worn by students to register the outrage of Black students at the repeated racially motivated attacks on people of African descent. The red ribbons also symbolize the wearers’ solidarity with those people of South Africa who have been affected by the recent government crackdown on a number of mass-based national and community organizations as well as those individuals restricted by the government’s actions.

CONTACT: Willy Terry (718) 526-7056

Children for Worldwide Peace and Educators for Social Responsibility/Metro; New York City: On April 15 youth from all five boroughs of New York City held a march and rally in memory of Solomon Mahlangu, a South African high school student and later a member of Umkhonto we Sizwe, the military wing of the African National Congress. Mahlangu was executed by hanging in 1979 and the African National Congress’ freedom school in Tanzania is named in his memory. Speakers at the rally represented several high schools and colleges in New York City. In remembrance of Mahlangu, the theme of the rally was “Youth Concerns Apartheid and Racism.”

CONTACT: Nessim Watson (212) 496-2044

City College, City University of New York; New York City: The South African and Namibian Students’ Organization of City College sponsored a four day commemoration of the Sharpeville Massacre on March 21-24. The program commenced with a lecture by Dr. Fred Dube, a member of the African National Congress, and a subsequent discussion regarding the present situation in South Africa. The event also featured the showing of several films.

CONTACT: The South African and Namibian Students’ Organization; (212) 690-8175 or 8176

Columbia University; New York City: Columbia University’s Students Against Militarism held a Peace Fair on April 16. The event featured speakers and musicians, and the issues addressed included: South Africa; Central America; nuclear disarmament; racism and the national trade off between spending for the military and education. Meanwhile, the Columbia Senate has taken moves to intimidate active or potentially active students into submission. Recent rules adopted by the Senate designed to squelch student activism under the guise of protecting the right to free speech include the meting out of severe punishment, including expulsion, for activities such as blocking buildings and other forms of civil disobedience. A number of Columbia’s student activists are attempting to form a progressive student front which would serve as an umbrella organization for the continuation of student protests and challenges to the administration.

CONTACT: Nicole Ellison; 201 W. 79th Street Apt. 1204; New York, NY 10024 (212) 787-0312

D.C. Student Coalition Against Apartheid and Racism (SCAR); Washington, D.C.: After playing an important role in the Rutgers national student conference held in February of this year (see separate entry: Rutgers University: New Brunswick, New Jersey), D.C. SCAR held a minority recruitment and retention conference in March. The conference was attended by student and youth activists from Maryland, D.C. and Virginia. A notable conference follow-up action was a visit to the U.S. Department of Education to present and discuss demands regarding the status of minorities in education in the U.S. Also, students at American University held a rally and a vigil against apartheid and racism on April 4 to commemorate the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Students on the campus have also begun a campaign to educate people about companies operating in South Africa and Namibia and the products these companies produce.

CONTACT: Angela Parker (202) 367-4549

Hamilton College; Clinton, New York: Hamilton’s Coalition Against Racism and Apartheid has continued to press for divestment as well as to educate the campus community regarding southern Africa issues. General educational efforts have included making updated information about developments in southern Africa available to all students in the reserve section of the college library. This semester students placed crosses inscribed with the names of South African political prisoners and detainees across the campus. The coalition also erected a banner during Trustees’ Weekend and attempted to attend the Trustees’ meeting. They were refused admission and
Below is a sampling of the many recent actions which have taken place on college and university campuses across the country. This listing is designed to provide a general sense of the level of student and youth activism around southern Africa and related issues as well as to help facilitate networking between interested activists.

engaged in a spontaneous protest outside of the meeting hall. Hamilton's new president, Hank Payne of Haverford, has indicated an interest in the divestment issue, but he has refused further comment until he reviews the school's present policy and portfolio. The coalition is planning to continue its demands for divestment, as well as other anti-apartheid activities such as joining the national selective purchase campaign launched against Kellog's because of its labor practices in South Africa.

CONTACT: Lisbeth Achilles; Hamilton College; Clinton, NY 13323; (315) 859-0289

Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute; Troy, New York: The Student Committee on South Africa held an anti-apartheid demonstration to coincide with a Board of Trustees' meeting on March 19. Complaining that the students were inflexible in their support of divestment, the Trustees voted in favor of continued investment and shareholder resolutions as opposed to full divestment. The next Trustees' meeting is scheduled for October and students are planning to continue their divestment work.

CONTACT: Steve Brady; Student Committee on South Africa; c/o Rensselaer Alliance for Peace; Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute; Troy, NY 12180; (518) 271-2102

A MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

This expanded edition of The Africa Fund’s “Student and Youth ACTION NEWS” is testimony to the fact that during the spring semester there has been a great deal of southern Africa organizing on college and university campuses across the country. However, due to other pressing needs over the past six months, The Africa Fund has been forced to spend less time actively monitoring these events as well as keeping the network informed of recent developments both in southern Africa and in the U.S. solidarity movement. Without our regular student coordinator, we need to rely more on you, the student and youth activists, to keep information flowing through the network.

As southern Africa activism in the U.S. has continued, South Africa’s young people have intensified their organized, active opposition to apartheid. We have include a brief overview of recent developments inside South Africa for use in your organizing efforts. It is our hope that you will continue raising issues that cannot be raised, due to repressive legal restrictions, by your South African colleagues.

We hope to be able to issue another newsletter in the fall, and you can help make this possible by keeping us informed of your planned summer and fall activities. In addition, we are anticipating that the debate on sanctions will intensify this summer, and we are anxious to increase student engagement in shaping the outcome of this debate. If you are interested in working to help educate people about the sanctions issue, please send us a summer address wherever we can contact you. In any event, please let us know where you will be in the fall.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Davis

Pennsylvania State University; State College, Pennsylvania: The Committee for Justice in South Africa has continued its work for divestment. In April the group held a rally where they delivered more than 1,000 petitions to their representative at the state capitol in Harrisburg. The petition signatories demanded that the representative support pending legislation mandating state divestment. Although the committee does not have a formal relationship with those groups representing the campus’ African-American community, a number of committee members have participated in protests in solidarity with the concerns recently raised by the African-American students.

CONTACT: Kim Tyrnan; 1401 N. Patterson Avenue; State College, PA 16801; (814) 237-1726

Rutgers University; New Brunswick, New Jersey: A group of student activists at Rutgers University hosted a national student conference in February. The purpose of the conference, which was attended by more than 600 students from across the country, was to initiate the formation of a national radical student organization. Plans to launch this organization were put on hold when the Third World Caucus of the conference challenged the body on Third World representation at the conference (there were approximately 30 students of color in attendance) and the need for outreach to Third World students before a national organization could be formed. The southern Africa plebiscite issued a call for vigils against apartheid and racism to commemorate the April 4, 1968 assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. A follow-up conference is planned for the fall at Eastern Michigan University in Ypsilanti, Michigan.

CONTACT: John Martin (217) 247-0592

State University of New York – Buffalo; Buffalo, New York: The Anti-Apartheid Solidarity Committee of the State University of New York at Buffalo held their second annual symposium on southern Africa on April 19. Invited speakers included the United Nations Ambassadors of Zimbabwe and Botswana, representatives from the South African Congress of Trade Unions, the African National Congress, the South West Africa People’s Organization and the U.S. National Conference of Black Lawyers. Panels and discussions focused on South Africa and Namibia as well as U.S. and Canadian foreign policy towards southern Africa.

CONTACT: Lassina Traore (716) 636-2950 or 2956

Syracuse University; Syracuse, New York: During the weekend of April 15-17, the People for Peace and Justice of Syracuse University planned an east coast divestment rally. Due to insurmountable red tape and administration related obstacles, the event was postponed until the fall. In lieu of the original event, a group of concerned students held a divestment teach-in on April 16 featuring speakers and musicians.

CONTACT: Rich (315) 423-6376 or Ziggy (315) 423-0376

Wesleyan University; Middletown, Connecticut: In late April, the South Africa Action Group (SAAG) of Wesleyan University escalated its campaign around divestment. Although a Board of Trustees’ sub-committee, with student, faculty and Board representation, earlier had agreed, in principle,
that U.S. corporations operating in South Africa should divest, this sub-committee failed to present a report to the full Board which reflected this sentiment. After years of using the established channels of the administration and the Board of Trustees, SAAC, with support from other groups such as Ujamaa, the organization which represents the campus' African-American students, occupied the office of the university President. The initial demand of the 150 sit-in participants was that Wesleyan take concrete and irrevocable steps towards the full divestment of the University's more than $10 million of South Africa related investments. At press time, additional demands were scheduled to be presented at the next Trustees' meeting in May. The 150 demonstrators have held daily rallies with support from at least 300 additional students and faculty members.

**SOUTH**

Children Against Apartheid; Houston, Texas: Children Against Apartheid, an organization comprised of young people aged 12 – 17, has been engaged primarily in structural activities such as drafting and ratifying its constitution. The group has also been involved in fundraising and educational endeavors including meeting with progressive South Africans visiting the Houston area and setting up informational booths at community events (e.g. block parties and fairs).

**CONTACT:** Anyika Allen; 3329 Ozark; Houston, TX 77021; (713) 520-8637

Georgia Black Student Association (GBSA);Atlanta, Georgia: On March 25 and 26 the GBSA hosted a Southern Youth and Student Summit in Solidarity with the Peeples' Cause in Southern Africa and Central America. Spelman College was chosen as the meeting site because it is the only institution in the University Center which has completely divested itself of South Africa related investments. The summit was convened to show student and youth solidarity with the struggles in southern Africa and Central America and to highlight the links between the situations in southern Africa, Central America and the U.S. (e.g. the recent election of the Sandinista government of Nicaragua as well as activists from several organizations including the American Committee on Africa, the American Friends Service Committee and the Center for Democratic Renewal (formerly the Anti-Klan Network). The GBSA organized the first annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Brigade to Nicaragua in 1987 - the largest contingent of African-American youth and students to ever visit that country.

The GBSA is planning a second Nicaragua brigade for the summer of 1988 and is hoping to sponsor a similar trip to southern Africa in the future.

**CONTACT:** Abdul Lateef Muhammad; c/o Georgia Black Student Association; P.O. Box 193; Atlanta, GA 30314; (404) 627-8923

University of North Carolina – Chapel Hill; Chapel Hill, North Carolina: On April 4 students at Chapel Hill held a candlelight vigil to draw attention to the issues of apartheid and racism. The call for the vigil was made at the Rutgers national student conference (see separate entry; Rutgers University; New Brunswick, New Jersey). The move to divest the University of a remaining $4 million of South Africa related investments has helped to keep South Africa in the forefront of progressive student politics on that campus. Additionally, Chapel Hill students along with their counterparts at Dartmouth are investigating the feasibility of launching a national student anti-apartheid organization.

**CONTACT:** Joel Sagal; 103A Mason Street; Chapel Hill, NC 27514; (919) 929-0627

University of Kentucky; Lexington, Kentucky: The Black Student Political Caucus, the Black Student Union and the Kentucky Student Government Association forged a united front to protest the racist remarks made by one of the University trustees. The disparaging comments were made at a April 5 Board meeting by A.P. Chandler, who, in addition to serving on the University of Kentucky's Board of Trustees, has served as a U.S. Senator, Governor of Kentucky and the commissioner of the National League (baseball) when Jackie Robinson broke the major league's color bar. According to the April 6 edition of the Lexington Herald Leader, Chandler made a reference to the University's two-year old decision to divest itself of South Africa related investments as well as provided his own analysis of what sanctions and divestment will mean to South Africa by using the Zimbabwe example. Chandler stated: "Zimbabwe's all niggers now. There aren't any whites." University President Dr. David Rosell submitted an apology on behalf of Chandler, but the students wanted a personal apology rendered by Chandler to be carried by all media outlets in the state. Chandler not only refused to appear before the university's board of trustees to discuss his remarks but also refused to appear before a university committees to discuss his remarks in a subsequent interview. According to a Kentucky student, Chandler claimed that when he was growing up, Blacks loved to be called "niggers." He also commented, "They even took away a line from my song." This last statement was made in reference to the recent removal of the line, "the darkies are gay" from Kentucky's state song, "My Old Kentucky Home." These later statements made by Chandler caused students to change their request for an apology to a demand for his resignation. Because Chandler is a very powerful man in Kentucky and the student activists and their supporters feel that he represents the views of the majority of the Board members, they realize this struggle will be a hard and long one. But they feel that the only way to do away with racism is to purge the racists, and they are prepared to maintain pressure on the Administration until their demands are met.

**CONTACT:** Black Student Political Caucus (606) 257-4130 or Kentucky Student Government Association (606) 257-3191

Virginia Polytechnic Institute; Blacksburg, Virginia: Students at Virginia Tech recently learned that their institution's portfolio contains more than 100,000 shares of South Africa related stock valued at approximately $6.9 million. A number of students have formed a committee with community activists from groups such as the New River Free Press and the Coalition for Justice in Central America to investigate the institution's current investment policy as well as ways in which students can force Virginia Tech to divest. This process is presently in an exploratory stage, and the activists are planning to increase pressure for full divestment in coming months.

**CONTACT:** Richard Sharpe; 119 Yawlet; Virginia Tech; Blacksburg, VA 25061; (703) 552-2982

**MIDWEST**

Albion College; Albion, Michigan: In an effort to pressure their college to divest from South Africa, the Campus Action Council of Albion College held a rally and demonstration on April 15 and 16. The demonstration, which coincided with a Board of Trustees' meeting, included student speakers, cultural presentations and a candlelight vigil.

**CONTACT:** Michelle Boucher (517) 692-5211, ext. 6489

Augustana College; Rock Island, Illinois: One year ago the Board of Trustees of Augustana College appointed a committee to consider the divestment of the school's $12 million of apartheid related investments. In an attempt to raise the general level of consciousness of the college community regarding southern Africa, Augustana's Issue Action Forum held a number of events during the 1987-8 academic year. These events included a Southern Africa Awareness Week, featuring videos and speakers, material on the divestment of apartheid related investments to benefit the people struggling in Namibia, and a letter writing campaign to solicit congressional support for pending national sanctions legislation. Issue Action Forum, a group which includes members of the student government, the Black Student Union and others, is planning to intensify pressure for full divestment and efforts which directly benefit the people of southern Africa.

**CONTACT:** Kate Sjursen; 3922 8th Avenue; Rock Island, IL 61201; (309) 794-1338

Bowling Green State University; Bowling Green, Ohio: The two year divestment
struggle at Bowling Green has been marked by a high level of campus debate as well as life threatening vandalism on the part of divestment opponents. These dangerous acts included the burning to the ground of a shanty built by anti-apartheid activists.

Another chapter was marked in this ongoing struggle when activists at the University held a rally and demonstration against racism and apartheid and for divestment on April 21. Scheduled speakers included representatives from the Progressive Student Organization, Women for Women, the Black Student Union, Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity, the Peace Coalition and members of the Bowling Green and Toledo communities. This action featured the presentation of demands to the University president calling for the adoption of a total divestment policy.

CONTACT: R. Enrol Lam; P.S.O.; Box 101; BGSU; Bowling Green, OH 43403; (419) 352-7143

Northern Michigan University - Marquette, Michigan: The Associated Students of Northern Michigan University (ASNMU) has intensified its campaign protesting a University lecture series sponsored by Michigan publisher and reported South African agent Jon McGooff. The lecture series, which began in 1978, has been actively opposed by Northern Michigan University students and faculty and recently won the support of 1986 Nobel Peace Prize recipient Elie Wiesel, who, after being informed regarding the nature of the lecture series and its sponsor, canceled his March lecture. Recently, ASNMU officially dissociated itself from the lecture series and has proposed the creation of a "legitimate" University lecture series.

CONTACT: Associated Students of Northern Michigan University (906) 227-2452

University of Chicago; Chicago, Illinois: The University of Chicago’s Students for Divestment in South Africa scheduled a one day “work-a-thon” for early May. In trying to link the issues of apartheid and domestic racism, the organization undertook a one day community service project in Chicago’s south side with the pledged proceeds being donated to Namibia’s South West Africa Peoples Organization for educational assistance.

CONTACT: Tommy Frye (312) 702-0902

Pattening themselves after similar efforts at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Harvard and elsewhere, a group of University of Chicago alumni have established an alternative trust fund. If the University divests within the next ten years or before the end of apartheid, whichever occurs first, then the contributions made to this fund will be turned over to the University, if not, the trust fund will be turned over to Amnesty International, U.S.A.

CONTACT: University of Chicago Alumni and Friends for Divestment; P.O. Box 896; Village Station; New York, NY 10014-0896

ACTION ROUND-UP

University of Illinois - Champaign-Urbana; Urbana, Illinois: The Champaign-Urbana Coalition Against Apartheid (CUCAA) has been active this spring. Its activities have included a semester-long film series sponsored in conjunction with the African Studies Department, the Women’s Studies Department and the Central Black Student Union. April was highlighted by a benefit concert with the proceeds from the concert being divided between the ongoing publicity fund of the organization and organizations working on behalf of southern Africa refugees. CUCAA is also working with radio stations to increase the amount of southern Africa information broadcast over local airwaves. Additionally, CUCAA, with support from the Student Government Association and some of the Black Greek-letter organizations, is conducting a petition drive in support of the total divestment of university funds. A goal of 3,500 signatures has been set, and the petitions will be presented at the Board of Trustees meeting in May.

CONTACT: David Hutchinson; c/o CUCAA; 270 Illini Union; 1401 W. Green Street; Urbana, IL 61801; (217) 333-6614

University of Michigan – Ann Arbor; Ann Arbor, Michigan: During Black History month, the Black Medical Association along with other campus organizations including the Black Student Union, sponsored a Southern Africa Awareness Week. The week’s activities focused on the status of health care in South and southern Africa and underscored the integral part adequate health services play in both developed and developing countries. Film showings were augmented by presentations from Lisa Crooms of the American Committee on Africa, Dr. Colm McCord of the Mozambican Health Committee and Harley Hospital in New York, and Dr. Salim Abdul-Karim of the National Medical and Dental Association of South Africa.

CONTACT: Marty Ellington (313) 434-9571

On April 4 in an event designed to mark the 20th commemoration of the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., the free Southern Africa Coalition held a march and rally around the theme of unity. Over 200 students participated in the rally during which students from a number of organizations addressed the issues of racism and apartheid.

CONTACT: Pam Nadassen (313) 455-0194

University of Missouri – Columbia; Columbia, Missouri: Earlier this year students won a significant victory after years of organizing and protesting. The University of Missouri at Columbia voted to fully divest itself of stocks invested in companies operating in South Africa. The decision affects endowment and retirement fund investments valued at about $75 million. The sale of the relevant stock should be completed in five years.

CONTACT: Jacqueline Judy; 300 Watson Place; Columbia, MO 65201; (314) 449-4489

Washington University; St. Louis, Missouri: Action Against Apartheid, in conjunction with Washington University’s Association of Black Students, has intensified its pressure on the administration of that institution to divest its $162 million of investments in corporations operating in South Africa and Namibia. For the first time in the 20 years since divestment was first raised at Washington, the Board of Trustees established a committee to study the issue. This committee is scheduled to report its findings to the full board on May 6. The students have engaged in a number of actions including an “Alarm-In” where 50 students set off alarm clocks for 20 minutes in Chancellor William Danforth’s office to highlight the disruptive nature of apartheid and the University’s refusal to divest. Action Against Apartheid is planning to continue its efforts until a full divestment policy is adopted.

CONTACT: Action Against Apartheid; c/o Roy Kasten; 736 Westgate Apt. 3 North; St. Louis, MO 63130 (314) 721-4729

WEST

California State University; San Bernardino, California: The Black Student Union and faculty members at California State are planning a South Africa Awareness Week, May 20-27. The week’s activities include speakers, an art exhibit and film showings. The students are also planning to use The Africa Fund’s UNLOCK APARTHEID’S JAILS campaign as an ongoing educational tool on the campus and in the surrounding community.

CONTACT: Susan Meisenhelder; Department of English; California State University; San Bernardino, CA 92407; (714) 880-7963/338-2827

Stanford University; Stanford, California: Stanford Students for a Free South Africa is a newly formed anti-apartheid organization on Stanford University’s campus. With divestment as its primary focus, the group is looking to revive student activism around apartheid through teach-ins and dorm-based education in order to raise the general level of consciousness regarding South Africa. The organization is also planning to work closely with the Black Student Union and...
other existing organizations on campus and in the community.

CONTACT: Nat Sheidley; GCB 101; Governor's Corner; Stanford, CA 94305 (415) 324-4620

University of California System:
University of California Student Association (UCSA): The UCSA, which is comprised of two representatives - one undergraduate and one graduate - from each of the nine University of California campuses, has launched a new round in the state-wide divestment campaign. After the widely publicized and heralded landmark California divestment victory, students feel that divestment is not yet a reality. At issue is the failure of state officials to provide students with any information about the status of the divestment. UCSA recently passed a resolution which demands that both the Governor and the Board of Regents make public the facts regarding the state’s divestment and policy. Activists hope that this effort will help to re-focus student attention on South and southern Africa issues, as well as spark educational activities and other actions.

CONTACT: UCSA (916) 447-8272

Berkeley: On April 18 Berkeley’s Campaign Against Apartheid and other campus supporters built “Shantytown III.” Activists found it necessary to re-open the divestment issue when it was discovered that the University presently has more money invested in corporations conducting business in South Africa than it did before it announced its divestment in 1986. “Shantytown III” was built in the spirit of “Shantytowns I and II,” which were erected during the earlier stages of the divestment struggle. Additionally, students at Berkeley have intensified their organizing around other social justice issues as part of their on-going struggle. Student activists realized a significant victory when they forced their administration to require all Berkeley students to take at least one course in ethnic studies. This is an important step in the movement to make people aware of and sensitive to the different ethnicities and cultures which comprise the U.S. as well as the immense contributions these different groups have made to humankind. In a related effort, the University’s law students held a teach-in and demonstration around affirmative action, ethnic studies and racism in which 28 people were arrested.

CONTACT: Michael Berry; c/o External Affairs—V.P.; 200 Eshelman Hall; ASUC; University of California; Berkeley, CA 94720; (415) 642-4017

Santa Barbara: Recent activities at Santa Barbara have been limited, but of note was an informational forum featuring members of the South African/Azanian Students’ Movement - a U.S. organization which represents South African and Azanian students in this country.

CONTACT: Jamie Acton; c/o Student Lobby; University Center 3177; UCSC; Santa Barbara, CA 93106; (805) 682-8889

University of Colorado: Boulder, Colorado: Members of the Free Southern Africa Committee of the University of Colorado erected a shantytown early this year. After a March Board of Regents’ meeting where divestment was defeated, the administration dismantled the shanty and 23 activists were arrested. A number of protests followed this action including the pouring of red dye into a campus fountain to symbolize both the bloodshed of the people in South Africa and the blood money of the University’s investments in apartheid. April was marked by the building of another shanty which was subsequently razed by the administration and by the arrest of 31 activists. The University has set up a scholarship fund for Black South Africans, but members of the progressive community feel that nothing short of divestment is satisfactory.

CONTACT: Dan Dirino; Campus Box 35; University of Colorado; Boulder, CO 80309; (719) 597-3315

University of Hawai’i: Wahiawa, Hawaii: On March 21, in commemoration of the Sharpeville Massacre, the Hawaii Committee for Africa of the University of Hawaii staged a march and rally in front of the state capitol. The Committee is currently working to pass a resolution in the State legislature calling for the divestment of over $600 million of state employee funds from corporations operating in South Africa and Namibia. During April student activists also sponsored a number of activities featuring exiled South African and ACOA staffmember Dumisani Kumalo. Kumalo’s visit was instrumental in rallying support for divestment and sanctions from a number of key players both at the University and in the community.

CONTACT: Jon Kageniro (808) 621-0658

University of Washington: Seattle, Washington: Students Against Apartheid of the University of Washington challenged a University claim that it has sold all its stocks in companies doing business in South Africa. The University Regents voted in August 1986 to sell about $2.5 million in South Africa related stock, and a University spokesperson said the University had met its December divestment deadline. However, the students stated that the University still holds an additional $2.5 million in stocks in corporations conducting business in South Africa indirectly and through subsidiaries.

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