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For Grinnell College students involved in the campus' South African divestment movement, this year ended on a disturbing note.

At last year's commencement, their tone was markedly more optimistic. At that time, the Board of Trustees, giving in to 14 years of pressure from various student anti-apartheid groups, had passed a resolution providing for selective divestment of firms not complying with the Sullivan accords.

Earlier this semester, they acted decisively on that resolution, selling off the College's limited holdings in MGM/United Artists.

At their recent meeting, however, the Trustees nearly reversed themselves on this issue. Though they did resolve to sell their Ford holdings, they decided not to divest from several larger investments. Also, they cancelled a boycott of MGM/UA films and announced plans to reevaluate their current divestment policy.

Those actions sparked several protests from concerned students, as the accompanying photograph shows.

Further, last Wednesday, several individuals chose to express their dissatisfaction with the Trustee's decision through vandalism. Barber Plaza, some windows in Burling Library, and sidewalks in front of several administration buildings were covered with spraypainted anti-apartheid slogans.

The following letter is a response from Students to End Apartheid, which is carrying on a fundraiser during commencement, to these actions.

To the Editor:

Early Wednesday morning some students spray painted College property to express their views about Grinnell College's relationship with the "Republic" of South Africa. The leadership of the Students to End Apartheid (SEA) does not advocate the destruction of College property. SEA was not responsible for the graffiti, and at our last meeting of the semester the leadership of the group clearly discouraged destruction and disruptive means of protest.

It is crucial that we continue to work creatively and positively to help our school play its part in ending apartheid. Members of the senior class have the opportunity to donate to the South African Scholarship Program. Each graduate who walks across the stage with a red ribbon has donated at least \$4.00 to the Scholarship. We are asking parents of graduating seniors to donate the balance of their continuing enrollment deposit to the Scholarship Program. Any other donations to the South African Scholarship fund would be welcome. Having more black South African students on campus will enhance the cultural diversity at Grinnell as well as give those students a chance to gain the tools they need to overcome oppression in their own nation.

Donations can be sent to President Drake's office, or made at the bookstore. If you are a senior you can pick up a ribbon at the bookstore. It is time to unify to end apartheid. — Phillip Cantor, Students to End Apartheid

# Board divests stock holdings

## future policy in question

On May 3, 1986, the Grinnell College Board of Trustees voted to divest its stock holdings in Ford Motor Company valued at more than \$54,000, according to an announcement made earlier this month by Grinnell College President George A. Drake.

The action was based on a recommendation from the Students to End Apartheid (SEA) and the Trustees' Investor Responsibility Committee. SAMCOR, a South African company in which Ford Motor Company holds a minority interest, sells vehicles directly to the government and its products are used by the police and the military.

The Grinnell trustees chose not to boycott Ford and lifted a boycott against MGM/UA Entertainment Company established March 1. The issues of divestiture and boycott in relation to the apartheid policy of the government of South Africa will be re-evaluated at the next meeting of the board this fall.

"Along with our successful program to provide scholarships at Grinnell for Black South African students," Drake said, "this action with respect to the sale of Ford Motor Company holdings expresses our profound disagreement with the apartheid policy of the government of South Africa. In the months ahead we will be seeking other positive and peaceful ways to support human rights initiatives."

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President Drake speaks with anti-apartheid demonstrators outside Nollen House last Friday. Photo by David Lillenstein.

# Cap & gown donations taken for scholarship fund

Many of Grinnell College's 282 seniors slated to receive the bachelor of arts degree at commencement exercises at 10:30 a.m. Monday, May 19, may give up their caps and gowns and contribute the equivalent of the rental fee to the Black South African Scholarship Fund.

An appeal for donations to the fund went out this week to Grinnell students, faculty and staff from the Students to End Apartheid (SEA). Phillip Cantor, Grinnell senior and spokesman for SEA, said, "The trustees believe, as does the administration and the Students to End Apartheid, that one of the most positive things we can do as an educational institution is to provide some South African blacks the tools they need to initiate change in the nation where they are presently third-class citizens."

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Those students and faculty members who wish to wear the traditional commencement garb and wish to contribute to the scholarship fund will receive a ribbon to wear at the commencement exercises.

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Grinnell President George A. Drake has issued a challenge to personally match all donations, up to \$1,000, made by members of the faculty and staff for the Black South African Scholarship Fund.

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P.S. Good Luck in the Real World! A quotation from GC Senior Suzanne, "I've got a real real job so I'll be needing some real clothes!" Thanks for stopping by!