

C-U CAA

Champaign-Urbana Coalition Against Apartheid



SUCCESSFUL SIT-IN AT CORBALLY'S OFFICE

Last Monday, May 1 at 1 o'clock, we (numbering 120) walked into President Corbally's office to demand a debate on University of Illinois' South African Investment Policy. After a little encouragement (5 minutes of chants) John came out to talk to us for about 15 minutes, saying 'No' in several different ways: "I find it unprofitable to debate issues with students." To aid discussion, he locked himself in his inner office for the rest of the afternoon. We decided to wait, and having time on our hands, we had a meeting. We welcomed new members (including 2 security guards), read poetry, discussed future tactics, and heard prepared talks on the links between apartheid, U.S. racism, multinational corporations, and the University of Illinois. Hugh Satterlee, ex-chancellor for Student Affairs, announced that any students remaining past 5 o'clock would be arrested and expelled. He also insisted that he was not threatening us, but simply wanted us to know it. A few minutes later, Paul Doebel, Vice-chancellor for Administrative Affairs, announced that a University of Illinois representative would be available for a public debate, but that this announcement had nothing to do with our demands. We were all happy to be there by coincidence to hear the announcement nearly one year after the student referendum for divestment.

Having had the administration bow to our demands, we left en masse. We are now waiting to find out what or whom the administration will offer us for the debate since they don't like to be represented in public. The university, the forum for rational discourse, for the free flow of ideas, apparently doesn't even believe its own promotional literature.

We are an organization of students and local people working to support Africans in their fight against apartheid. This action, and divestment are among our first steps toward that end. If you are in opposition to apartheid, we provide a means through which you may voice that opposition. The group is non-sectarian and is not a wing of any political party or group. The next meeting is Thursday at 7:00 in 284 Illini Union.

Regular meetings every Sunday at 3:00 in Wallace Lounge at Allen Hall. Join us against racism.

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