

The Amherst South Africa Support Committee and the Amherst Action Coalition have made several proposals to the Investment Committee of the Board of Trustees concerning the College's stock holdings in corporations which are investing in South & Africa. The proposals are that the college: 1) commit itself to the goal of withdrawal from South Africa of those corporations in which it owns stock; 2) actively work towards this goal by voting proxy in support of shareholder resolutions which call for withdrawal of corporate investment from South Africa and Namibia, end of bank loans to South Africa, and economic boycott of South Africa; 3) make public the commitment to work for withdrawal and all subsequent actions in that direction.

During this week we are conducting a petition campaign to obtain student support for these proposals. Included with this letter is a brief leaflet which outlines the nature of the apartheid ~~xxx~~ system in South Africa and the role U.S. corporations play in that system. This leaflet, prepared by the Africa Fund, is being distributed in order to familiarize students with South Africa and not for the benefit of the Africa Fund. Within the next few days, someone will return to your dorm to talk with you and hopefully gain your support. If you have any questions the person petitioning will answer them. If you have any questions and/or want to sign a petition in support of these proposals and if you missed the person petitioning in your dorm, there will be tables at Valentine between East and West during dinner and outside the Post Office in the late morning to early afternoon.