

"no response, dead issue"
(per V.P. Kennedy)

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Dear President Shapiro:

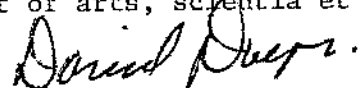
As an alumnus of the University of Michigan, I read with a real sense of disgust a letter by your vice president in charge of state relations, Mr. Richard L. Kennedy, conveying its position on the racist practices of Apartheid in South Africa.

As a student at the University of Michigan, I learned the importance of justice and the dignity of human life and the importance of a true university in conveying these values to the society as a whole. This is why I am appalled at my university for actually lobbying against House Bill 4553 which would dissociate all universities in the state of Michigan from participating in and profiting from the inhuman system of apartheid.

I have examined the Sullivan principles, as an Africanist, and I see them for what they are, a red herring designed to divert our attention from the realities of life in South Africa. The Sullivan principles can in no way stimulate real change and they have not done so in the nearly seven years since they were issued. Rather, the Sullivan principles serve as a window dressing which suggest to the public that things are improving thus enabling these corporations which subscribe to them to continue to cash in on a system which they, economically, find to their advantage.

What is more disturbing to me, however, is the tone of the letter which seems to suggest that the University is willing to submit to the dictates of the corporate world and its system of values at the expense of a university's commitment to an independent pursuit of arts, scientia et veritas.

Sincerely



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