

# Regents vote to divest first S. African holdings

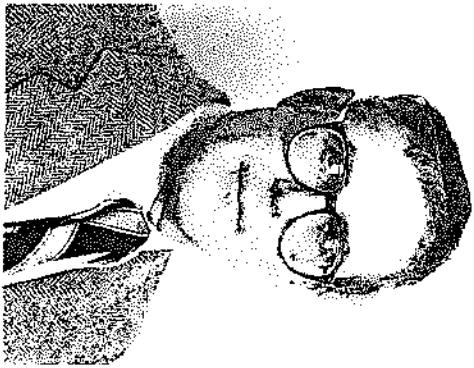
The University, at the direction of the Regents, will begin "prudently divesting" almost \$280,000 (market value) worth of stock in Black and Decker Manufacturing Co.

The Regents voted to divest the stock following a report by James Brinkerhoff, vice president and chief financial officer, on attempts to meet with Black and Decker to discuss its South African policies in relation to the March, 1978, Regental resolution on corporate investment in that country.

Although Black and Decker said it would be "happy to meet with us as a share holder," Brinkerhoff said, "the company said it would not bend from the stance outlined in its previous letter . . . it will not provide the University with copies of its policies in South Africa or comply with a request to report to the University at regular intervals."

Of 47 firms with South African holdings in which the University has invested, Black and Decker is the only one which has not com-

plied at least in part with the March, 1978, resolution. Some 45 companies have affirmed the Sullivan Principles of non-discrimination, while G.D. Searle and Co.



William W. Vasse was appointed acting chancellor at the Flint campus, effective August 1, by the Regents last week. Vasse is chairman of Flint's English Department and a former assistant to the chancellor at Flint.

has outlined, in a recent meeting with Brinkerhoff, a South African code of conduct similar to the Sullivan Principles. Searle also agreed to report annually to the University on performance and monitoring of non-discrimination in its South African branch.

Regents Paul Brown, Sarah Goddard Power, Robert Nelderlander, Gerald Dunn, Thomas Roach and James Waters voted to divest; Regents Deane Baker and David Laro abstained. Prior to the vote, State Representative Morris Hood (D-Detroit) appeared before the Regents with a statement on the divestment controversy from the Michigan Legislature's Black Caucus. He called continued University investment in a company which "humbs its nose" at any reporting system "a travesty."

Several of the Regents expressed displeasure both with Black and Decker's most recent response to the University and with its earlier letter. In that letter, received by the Regents last month, the company said it did not have any

regular reports of policies and practices "to publicly disclose relative to investment policies and social responsibilities in that country and therefore cannot comply with your request." Black and Decker said all its foreign operations were governed by the "golden rule."

"Forty-six out of 47 of the leading companies in the country have agreed to adhere to the Sullivan Principles or their equivalent," noted Regent Gerald Dunn. "This one absolutely refuses —

we're past the point of negotiations."

'Irresponsible attitude' — Regent Thomas Roach expressed disturbance at the "tenor and substance" of Black and Decker's reply. "As a fiduciary stockholder, I felt a month ago (when the letter was received) that this corporation had taken an irresponsible attitude toward its stockholders." Roach added that Friday's report by Roderick Daane, general counsel, on vari-

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## Discrimination charges, construction are concern

Two women freshmen may be making a special trip back to campus this summer — at the expense of Allan Smith, interim president — to discuss their charges of discrimination with the Athletic Department.

Sheila Mayberry and Blaise Supler — both track team members during the 1978-79 indoor season — have presented the University with 16 charges alleging discrimination against the women's track team. Last Thursday, the women told the Regents that despite a University report (released last month by Regent Sarah Goddard Power) detailing responses to all the allegations, they still perceived several areas of discrimination.

Some of the women's allegations, which range from improperly-fitting equipment to poor practice times, "are based on wrong infor-

ant DNA research. The action, which conforms to the recent revision of the National Institutes of Health's federal guidelines, allows EK 1 level biological containment to be used in experiments requiring P3 physical containment. Previously, EK 2 level was required.

The Regents also viewed a presentation on the proposed new Alumni Center north of the Michigan League by Clarence Roy, chairman of the Alumni Center Committee. Hugh Newell Jacobsen is the architect. The Regents postponed action on the approval of a preliminary design and asked for a second report detailing how the architecture would work with other buildings in the area and a possible pedestrian mall along S. Ingalls St.

Several major appointments were approved: Paul C. Boylan, associate dean of the School of

## 'Freespeech steps should stand'

"Tightening up" the University Freedom of Speech guidelines to prevent specific incidents of disruption would run counter to the principles on which those guidelines are based, an *ad hoc* review committee has concluded.

Instead the committee, appointed in February by Allan F. Smith, interim president, has prepared a series of recommendations to chairpersons for dealing with disturbances during a University

for an amended University Judicial System which would allow members of the University community directly affected by alleged violations of the guidelines to complain directly to the University Council. (An amended judicial system, Corpron notes, is presently under review by the Senate Assembly and the Michigan Student Assembly).

The present University Judiciary does not provide for such di-

for a member of the University community who has been directly affected by an alleged violation is go to the civil or criminal court," Corpron explains. "An internal judiciary should be available to provide fair and impartial adjudication of alleged violations" of the campus rules.

In addition to Corpron — who is also the new chairman of the Senate Advisory Committee on University Affairs — committee

vice, Program Solicitation, "Application for Criminal Court Response," P.O. Box 6000, Rockville.

**RESEARCH.** The National Cooperative Highway Research solicits research to develop an analytical procedure to capacity and level of service for two-lane, two-way rural appropriate form for inclusion in a revised Highway Classification. Proposal deadline: June 22. Contact: D. M. Plawchan

**ARTISTS' FELLOWSHIPS.** The National Endowment announces a June 22 postmark deadline for applications for Artists' Fellowships. Awards of \$2,500 to \$5,000 to experienced choreographers of demonstrated merit; up to \$10,000 to established choreographers of national stature. Contact: D. M. Plawchan (764-7247).

**TRAVEL BROCHURE.** The Council for International Exchange has issued a brochure describing its Fulbright Awards Program for university teaching and advanced research. Copies from J. R. Randolph (764-7248).

**INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM.** The U.S. Office of Education has announced a June 18 deadline for its grant program entitled Citizen Educational Understanding. Purpose of the grants is to stimulate and fund educational programs to increase understanding of the U.S. about cultures, actions, and policies of other nations in order to allow them to better evaluate international and domestic impact of major policies of the U.S. and other nations. Applications from: J. R. Randolph (764-7248).

**SPONSOR APPLICATION DEADLINES**

Application deadlines occur within the next few months; for assistance contact DA staff member whose name is in parentheses: J. L. Cochran, G. Cunningham, 764-7247; J. H. Greenway, 764-7242; D. M. Plawchan, 764-7238; J. R. Randolph, 764-7248; M. H. Tobin, 763-1268.

**AGING (Randolph):** Dissertation Grants (June 22).  
**HEM. SOC. (Cochran):** Research Grants Type AC (Open); ACS for New Directions in Fundamental Research (Open).  
**HEART ASSOC. (Randolph):** Established Investigatorships (July 1).

**AWARDS FOR INTERNAT'L EXCHANGE OF SCHOLARS (Randolph):** Awards for Teaching and Research Abroad—American Republics, New Zealand (June 1); Africa, Asia, Europe (July 1).  
**FOR TOBACCO RESEARCH (Randolph):** Project Grants (July 1).

**RUNYON-WALTER WINCHELL CANCER FUND (Randolph):** Research Grants (Aug. 15).  
**SS RESEARCH FDN. (Randolph):** New Research Grants (July 1).

**FOR IMPROVEMENT OF POSTSEC. ED. (Randolph):** Postsecondary Program (June 11).  
**HEALTH CARE FINANCING ADMIN., DHEW (Randolph):** Health Research and Demonstration Grants (June 4).  
**BLINDNESS ASSOC. (Randolph):** Research Grants (June 1).  
**COLLEGE TEACHERS ASSOC. (Randolph):** Research Grants (June 1).  
**FOR AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMIN. (Cochran):** Upper Atmosphere Research Program (Open).

**ENDOWMENT FOR THE ARTS (Cunningham):** Choreographers' Fellowships (June 22); *Visual Arts: Artists/Critics/Photographers/Craftsmen* (Open); Visiting Specialists/General Programs (Open).

**ENDOWMENT FOR THE HUMANITIES (Cunningham):** *Div. of Education:* Consultant Grants (June 15), Development Grants (July 1), Elementary Ed. Grants (Nov. 1), Higher Ed. Projects (July 1), Pilot Grants (Regional Development Grants (Nov. 1); *Div. of Fellowships:* Fellowships for College Teachers (June 1), Independent Study and Research (June 1), Seminars for College Teachers. For Directors (July 1), Centers for Study (June 1); Summer Stipends (Oct. 1); *Div. of Research:* Research Materials (Open), Gen'l Research (Sept. 15), Research Materials (Research Translations (July 1), Research Collections (Dec. 1), *Public Media, Museums and Historical Organizations* (June 1); Special Programs (July 1).

**INST. OF ED. (Randolph):** Law and Gov't in Education, Small

Business Administration (July 1, Nov. 1); *Vascular and Cannabinoids in Treatment of Glaucoma* (July 1, Nov. 1); *Vascular and Circulatory Abnormalities of Retina Including Diabetic Retinopathy—Research and Training Grants* (new research—July 1, Nov. 1) (new training for individual postdocs, institutional training, and NEI Academic Investigator Awards—June 1, Oct. 1); *National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute: Clinical Investigator Award* (Oct. 1), *Studies on Endothelium in Relation to Atherogenesis* (July 1); *National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases: Legionnaires' Disease* (July 1, Nov. 1); *Mechanisms of Immunologic Disease* (June 1); *National Institute of Arthritis, Metabolism and Digestive Diseases: Kidney Disease and Urology, Hematology, Digestive Diseases—Digestive Tract, Liver, Biliary Tract, and Exocrine Pancreas, Metabolic Diseases, Endocrinology, Arthritis, Musculoskeletal Diseases, Clinical Nutrition Research Centers* (July 1, Nov. 1); *National Institute of Child Care Health and Human Development: Implications of Sustained Low Fertility* (July 1); *National Institute of Neurological Communication Disorders and Stroke: Chronic Pain—regular research grants, program projects, clinical research center* (July 1, Nov. 1); *National Institute on Aging: Minority Aging* (July 1), *Genetics Basis of Aging—Drosophila as a Model System* (July 1, Nov. 1); *Various Institutes: Studies on Overnutrition and Obesity* (June 1, Oct. 1); *Basic and Clinical Studies of Cystic Fibrosis* (July 1, Nov. 1).

**REHABILITATION SERVICES ADMIN. (Randolph):** Rehabilitation Short-Term Training Projects (June 15).

**SOCIAL SECURITY ADMIN. (Randolph):** Income Maintenance Research and Demonstration Grants (July 6).

**U.S. OFFICE OF ED. (Randolph):** *Bilingual Education—New Applications:* Elementary and Secondary Programs (June 1), Training Programs (June 1), Support Services Programs (June 1); *Citizen Ed. for Cultural Understanding* (June 18).

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ous alternative stockholder actions to divestment, also influenced his decision.

Regent Robert Nederlander supported Roach's stance. Criticizing the letter, written by a Black and Decker senior vice president, he said "from a fiduciary point of view I would not want to own stock in such a corporation." Regent Paul Brown termed Black and Decker's refusal to adopt the Sullivan Principles or their equivalent "an affront to blacks and to the majority of Americans."

However, Regents Deane Baker and David Laro expressed doubts about whether the University should be involved to any extent in making "theological or ethical judgments on society or corporations."

### Two-way street —

"The issue is not what is or what is not evil in the world but what the purpose of the University is," Baker argued. "If we do start making ethical judgments, we must understand it is a two-way street."

Laro added, "Somebody will buy the stock we sell . . . it will generate a commission . . . and it will have no effect on South Africa." He called for "dramatic amendment or rescission" of the

March, 1978 policy on South African investments.

The Senate Advisory Committee on Financial Affairs (SACFA) is completing a review, requested by the Regents last month, of the March, 1978, resolution. The review is expected for the Regents' June 14-15 session.

## Seek candidates for top IST spot

Robert Taylor, professor and associate chairman of chemistry, heads a faculty search committee to find a new director for the Institute of Science and Technology. The position was left vacant by the death of James T. Wilson last year. Joseph Martin has been serving as acting director.

Search committee membership is still incomplete. However, Charles Overberger, vice president for research, invites faculty and staff members to pass along suggestions to Taylor at 1525 Chemistry Building, 764-7362.

The committee is looking for candidates with a national reputation in the physical, natural or engineering sciences. They should have demonstrated vigorous leadership in organizing research and in managing interdisciplinary programs.