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Editorials

Divestment: Cooperation is key

The morality argument didn't work last spring. The pragmatic, economic argument didn't work Thursday. What must students and University administrators do to convince Endowment Board members total divestment is the most cogent policy to adopt?

Thursday's move by the board to divest from only four companies in the University's portfolio is no more than a piecemeal solution, an attempt to appease vociferous protesters.

The board decided to stick to a policy of splitting ties with companies that do "direct and substantial business" in South Africa. That's a start, but students have been presenting the case for total divestment since a campuswide referendum in 1983; that stance was reiterated in a similar vote in 1985. Several key administrators have recently added arguments from both a humanistic and practical perspective. In addition, Congressional sanctions and the pullout of several major U.S. corporations indicates that divestment is the way to go.

Yet board members still fail to recognize the urgency of divestment. Incredibly, when Chancellor Christopher Fordham, an outspoken proponent of divestment, made the motion to vote on total divestment, no board member seconded the motion. After a motion, why? Are board members

fearful of letting the campus know where they stand on the issue? To not even vote on the issue after such lengthy debate is deplorable.

The decision by members of the Anti-Apartheid Support Group to set themselves up for arrest was as drastic a statement as they believed the board's vote projected. While it may have disrupted the closing moments of the business day, it was a peaceful demonstration that attracted more attention to their cause.

However, the group once again blundered by overstepping the bounds of effective demonstration. When about 40 sit-in participants filed out of the building, someone triggered a fire alarm when, of course, there was no fire. Such idiocy as committing a federal offense during the demonstration gets the movement nowhere.

The divestment debate at UNC has reached an impasse. Group members must decide what to do if University administrators keep their promise to dismantle the shanty at noon today. At this point, bringing down the shanty would be the most prudent move. Thursday's arrests conveyed the seriousness and commitment of the group. More arrests would only send signals of belligerence and obstinacy to Endowment Board members.

This does not mean that the issue should lie fallow. Endowment Board members and student protesters must face each other instead of isolating themselves in their own huddles.

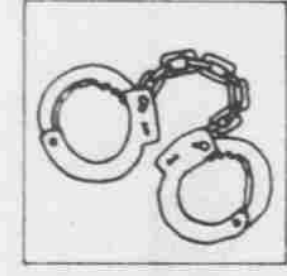
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Tar Heel Forum

Parking fines not the ticket to success

Those who hand these babies out are about as ruthless as an elephant stepping on a mouse with a target on its back. You'll see them, if you look close enough. They hide out under bushes and behind pickups, waiting for you to tiptoe away from your car for just a second. Eyewitnesses say all you can see sometimes is the flash of little white running shoes speeding out to the car's windshield. Even if you had just parked outside of Davis Library for half an hour to do some harmless studying, no good deed will go unpunished.

There are those who will neglectfully leave them on their windshield, displaying them proudly as a blatant protest. They spread them out like a deck of cards, letting them flap in the wind as the week goes on.

After spending some time researching the subject, I found some important statistics pertaining to parking tickets. End to end, the amount given out in one hour during the typical working day would wrap around Hanes Hall 342 times. Stacked together, they would reach a height four times taller than Granville Towers. And crumpled up and neglected, they could easily fit in the average glove compartment.

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Brainy giants?

To the editor:
 John Cook, you used 1/4 of the editorial page of The Daily Tar Heel with your column, "Symbolism fits intellectual pygmies" (Nov. 19). In the column, you did not deal with any issue or explain with care any of the many reasons the Reagan administration is less than satisfactory.

You seemed to avoid effort at educating anyone about the ridiculousness of Reagan rhetoric. Instead, you chose to characterize Reagan as the "Snot Boy." Congratulations, you are an intellectual giant.

Do the DTH editors print such columns just to be inflammatory, or are they intellectual giants also?

MARC ABBEY
 Senior
 Business Administration



Earn morality

To the editor:
 It appears that supporters of divestment are again portraying the issue as one of "us against them." They have measured the UNC Endowment Board for a black hat and are camping out in their shanty to see that they wear it. This disturbs me partly because divestment would be costly for UNC to undertake and would have little impact on firms doing business in South Africa. But it disturbs me more because it is not just.

Students demanding that UNC divest should first divest themselves. They should prepare a list of offending firms and promise to own none of their products. Imagine the impact of such an action. The anti-apartheid forces could then enroll the like-minded in a boycott. They could write offending firms and make it clear to them that future sales were at stake.

Of course, such an action would take a great deal of work

and resolve. It would mean giving up records and stereos and the like. But it would be more just and more credible than pointing a finger at the University and saying, "You do the right thing."

I admire the students who want to take the high ground on the issues of apartheid and divestment. I just don't think they should try to get there without the climb.

MICKAEL K. SALEMI
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Own protest

To the editor:
 I was beginning to feel like a fool until Monday. It was then that I opened the Daily Tar Heel and said, "Yeah, that's the ticket."

Mom and Dad have always said, "Get involved, it looks good in your record." So I'm writing this letter as a notice to all that I will launch my own protest next Monday. I've long felt for the native North Amer-

icans. So to protest the grave injustices done to these folk, I will be constructing teepees in the pit and several igloos in front of the Bell Tower. Marguerite Arnold and her anti-apartheid pals are cordially invited to join me as I do my part to make UNC an uglier place.

Seriously, this campus is as much mine as it is yours. I don't claim a right to deface it and I wish that you would cease to do so. You may have a valid cause, but your methods are obnoxious and I am turned away from your cause. Then again, I think, "Why get an apartment next year when there is now free housing right in front of South Building? Yeah, shanties — now that's the ticket..."

MICHAEL KOMADA
 Sophomore
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Kudos

To the editor:
 Congratulations to Assistant University Editor Jean Lutes

for some of the finest student journalism I've seen in years of reading the Daily Tar Heel. "Shanty Goes Up For Divestment" (Nov. 18) captures the immediacy of last-minute negotiations and eloquently summarizes the different perspectives of student activists, administrators and board members on the vital issue of divestment.

I was especially pleased by the choice of quotes and revealing moments described in the article. The statement from Bill Peaselee, chairman of College Republicans, that the shanty "violates his right to a beautiful campus" is perfect. How to better illustrate the moral bankruptcy and utter irresponsibility of Reagan Republicanism than having its spokesman dismiss social protest as aesthetically offensive and to equate the rights of millions of people with his enjoyment of the lower quad!

Thanks again, Jean Lutes; keep up the fine work.

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THE WEEK

A collection of notable quotes for the week ending Nov. 21, 1986

NATIONAL/INTERNATIONAL

"We are not going to be the glitziest class that ever came to the United States Senate, but I think we are going to be one of the most effective."
 — Newly elected Sen. Barbara Mikulski, D-Md., on the Senate's latest arrivals. The 13 members of the freshman class, including Terry Sanford, D-N.C., arrived in Washington earlier this week.

"I have made no overtures toward them. If you make something more of it, you're just creating fiction."
 — UNC football coach Dick Crum Tuesday on speculation that he had been named the head coach of Purdue University. He said a Durham television station had played a "dirty trick" in starting the rumor.

"Just because we don't vote for divestment does not mean we support apartheid."
 — S. Bobo Tanner, chairman of UNC's Endowment Board, explaining the body's Thursday vote against total divestiture of companies doing business in South Africa.

"We're not going to take it down."
 — Anti-Apartheid Support Group member Dale McKinley on University requests to dismantle the shanty in Polk Place by noon today.

"He has made it plain he would stay as long as I want him, and I want him."
 — President Ronald Reagan Wednesday, responding to reports that Secretary of State George Shultz would resign. Shultz was rumored to be upset with Reagan's arms deal with Iran.

AND SO FORTH

"Kim Il Sung rose from the dead. I don't blame him. I'd come out if the president of Mongolia was in my front yard, too."
 — White House spokesman Larry Speakes Tuesday, after Kim, leader of North Korea, was revealed alive, contradicting earlier reports that he had died. Kim was shown on North Korean television with a visiting Jambyn Batmunkh, president of Mongolia.

"It's company policy to surrender. We shouldn't risk our lives over pizza."
 — Pizza deliveryman Frank FINDER of St. Peters, Mo., who refused a gunman's demand for free pizza. The gunman cussed, then fled. FINDER's superiors later convinced him that giving in was the thing to do.

"I never really knew my father could draw. I think it's neat."
 — Sean Lennon, 11, son of slain musician John Lennon, during a Boston show of Lennon's art.

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