COALITION FOR A FREE SOUTH AFRICA

Blockade telephone access 280-6537/6538, 864-8461/8442 Coalition address: Malcolm X Lounge, Hartley Hall, Columbia University

We are the Barnard members of the Coalition of a Free South Africa. One hundred of us are currently participating in the blockade of Hamilton Hall. We are demanding University disinvestment of all holdings in corporations doing business with the apartheid government of South Africa.

Columbia is currently seeking to take disciplinary action against three Barnard students for their active participation in the blockade. We expect, as a separate and autonomous institution, that Barnard should take a stand, or make a statement on Columbia's disciplinary action.

We have sent letters to, and spoken with, President Ellen Futter, Dean Schmitter, Charles Olton, and General Council for Barnard Katherine J. Rogers in an effort to obtain a definitive statement concerning Barnard's policy toward our participation in the protest, and Barnard's position on their own disinvestment.

The response we have received in regard to Barnard's disciplinary procedure has been vague and incomplete. In a fairly lengthy meeting with President Futter on Monday afternoon, we learned that the President, due to an unexplained lack of information, was unable to respond to either of our questions: Barnard's position on our action, and the progress of the investigations into alternative investments.

Barnard's silence on both of these issues is unacceptable. Therefore, we reiterate our demands. We wish to state that if Barnard is not going to support our position in this action, then Barnard should at least insist on equitable discipline. Barnard should not allow Columbia to single out three of us for the actions of a hundred, just as Columbia cannot single out random individuals' actions from the actions of the entire coalition.

We stood together in the chaining and locking of Hamilton's doors, we have stood together in the cold and rain for the past six days and nights, and we will leave together when Columbia responds to our demands - in solidarity.

Signed, Barnard Women of the Coalition for a Free South Africa

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