DIVESTMENT:
CHOIR listened

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About one tenth of the Hampshire student body--estimated 120 in all--were awake and even vibrant at the challenging hour of 7:30 a.m. last Saturday, present for the Committee on Investment Responsibility (COUR) meeting at the Red Barn. The purpose of the subcommittee meeting was to discuss and vote on a resolution condemning the University's holdings in the top 15 American weapons contractors, of which Hampshire invests in five.

After an hour's discussion, the vote was taken and the motion was passed 4 to 2. Cheers and applause rang through the barn as Alim Turley, Hampshire treasurer, and Nancy Hux globe, trustees, the two COUR members who voted against the proposal, raised themselves with their papers.

About everyone present at the meeting expressed the general quality of the discussion and the substantial amount of effort several students had put into the proposal. Once Physical Plant worker said "When I first came to Hampshire, I thought it was just a bunch of long-haired rabble-rousers... I was impressed by what I saw today. My mind has changed." Trustee Cora Weiss told the other trustees that "We should be thanking these students for what they are doing." This statement was followed by more applause.

During the meeting, one student announced that Hampshire in fact still held investments in two corporations doing business in South Africa, using and Hart Industries--in direct violation of the COUR statute against Hampshire. Investing in South Africa. Said Treasurer Turley, "I'll look into it first thing Monday morning," Cora Weiss responded, "But how did this happen in the first place?" Turley thought about something into his frohopp. The point was clear; it was herd member's attention to the issue of divestment that this violation of a Hampshire statute would have been discovered.

This COUR meeting gave students a feeling of victory; they had followed through on all administrative demands, from writing an extensive report, to holding public discussions. About 40 students slept in the Red Barn when it was announced that the COUR meeting had been re-scheduled to the unlikely and inconvenient time of 7:30 Saturday morning. They were not to be turned away, and round one was theirs. But it was only round one. The proposal still has to be passed by the trustees as a whole in their May meeting. There are several it is likely have already expressed their contempt for the proposal, and their intention to defeat it. It is certainly not hopeless, but will be a difficult fight, and we need student participation more than ever before. Please get involved, there's a lot more to be done.
WHAT IS CAVELLINI, ANYWAY?

by Russel Schieflstein

This story was published in the incorrect sequence in last week's "Apostrophe." The article should read as follows. Our apologies.

"What's Cavellini?" someone asked me the other day. As a Dilbert aficionado, I should have known, but I'm afraid I didn't. I've always been one of those people who just take Dilbert for granted. But I've been reading the Dilbert comic strip for over a year now, and I've never seen a single mention of Cavellini. In fact, I've never heard of him before.

"Cavellini?" I asked, "is that the name of a comic strip character?" The person I was speaking to looked at me as if I were a complete idiot. "No," he said, "Cavellini is an Italian restaurant. It's the most popular restaurant in Italy. It's been around for over 200 years. It's famous for its pasta and pizza."

"I've never heard of it," I said, "but it sounds great. What's your favorite dish there?"

"Ah," he said, "the spaghetti and meatballs. It's the best. I always order it."

"I'll have to try it," I said, "the next time I'm in Italy."

"And don't forget the gelato," he added, "it's the best in the world."

"I'll make sure to try that," I said, "thanks for the tip."