

IBM, GM pullout from S. Africa sparks debate

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University officials said International Business Machines Corp.'s and General Motors Corp.'s decisions to sell their subsidiary operations in South Africa were "in line" with the Board of Trustees' divestment policy, but student leaders had a different response.

The University has \$1 million invested in IBM now and \$200,000 invested in GM as of June 3, said David Branigan, special assistant to the treasurer. The University has a total of \$8.7 million invested in companies doing business in South Africa.

IBM announced plans to sell its South African subsidiary yesterday, following GM's announcement Monday to pull out of South Africa.

Carlton Waterhouse, chairman of the Black Student Coalition Against Racism, said the corporations' decisions will make the University's administrators realize they have to review the divestment decision and eventually divest.

"It will have an effect," he said. "You won't find that Penn State is the last University holding stock (in South Africa) by any means."

But trustees President Obie Snider said the moves by GM and IBM "support the actions that the trustees have taken so far."

Steve Garban, senior vice president for finance and operations, said the University will have to wait to see what happens.

"At this time, I don't see a need for any change, personally," he said.

He added that many companies will be re-evaluating their operations in South Africa as a result of IBM and GM selling theirs, but the decision of how to respond to apartheid and the economic conditions in that country should still rest with the individual company.

Snider said the University's policy was based not on actions against companies such

as GM or IBM but on letting the companies directly involved in South Africa act on their own.

"If this is going to happen in South Africa, this is the way it should be done," he said. "It isn't a University obligation to take part in activism."

However, Waterhouse said, "It's a sad situation when the University isn't able to make a decision on whether a situation is correct or incorrect, but waits around for others to decide."

Darryl King, president of Black Caucus, said the decision "says something: Everyone sees (divestment) as a method, everyone except Penn State."

Branigan said the companies reached their decisions because they were losing money and were unsatisfied with the country's slow response to apartheid.

Their decisions were in line with the University policy, he said, adding that "the

burden of all this should be on the corporations' backs."

King said Philadelphia minister the Rev. Leon Sullivan — who developed the Sullivan Principles, a set of guidelines for companies to improve conditions for non-white workers in South Africa — is on the GM board of directors.

Because GM has decided to pull out of South Africa, "indirectly what this says is 'Hey, those Sullivan principles don't work,'" King said.

Garban said the companies haven't made a declaration about the Sullivan Principles yet and the "Sullivan Principles, for those companies that are there, are constructive and provide guidelines."

He added that although the companies will still have a presence in South Africa, it will "not be the same as the full company, pushing and pressing for positive change."

He said that until they decided to leave, the

companies had been a positive influence in fighting apartheid but they "are being pulled from all sides" and had to make a judgment based on the economic feasibility of doing business in South Africa and the pace of social change in that country.

Garban said that as a stockholder, the University did not have a vote in the company's decisions to leave South Africa.

But he said the University has been urging companies doing business in South Africa in which it holds stock to work to end apartheid.

King said other universities realized they could pressure companies to divest but "Penn State has not taken that step."

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Beam Hall office construction a noisy issue

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While University student John Pollock studies, things on his desk start to shake.

"Things on our desks rattle and even fall off," said Pollock (third term-turf management).

The shaking and rattling comes courtesy of the construction work in Beam Hall that will convert 75 percent of the residence hall into office space. Office construction began after the end of Spring Semester 1986 and still continues.

Currently, 68 students majoring in the University's two-year land management program are living in temporary housing on the first and second floor.

The administration decided in the summer of 1985 to close Beam Hall and notified returning North Halls students in the fall that the building was being converted into offices and classrooms.

"Whether we plan to get up or not, we're awakened at 7 a.m." by the construction noise, said Jeff Lansdowne (third term-turf management), a Beam Hall resident. "There is also a lot of dust."

Despite the students' complaints, Donald Arndt, director of Housing and Laundry Services, said he has received positive response from the area supervisors who have talked to Beam Hall residents.

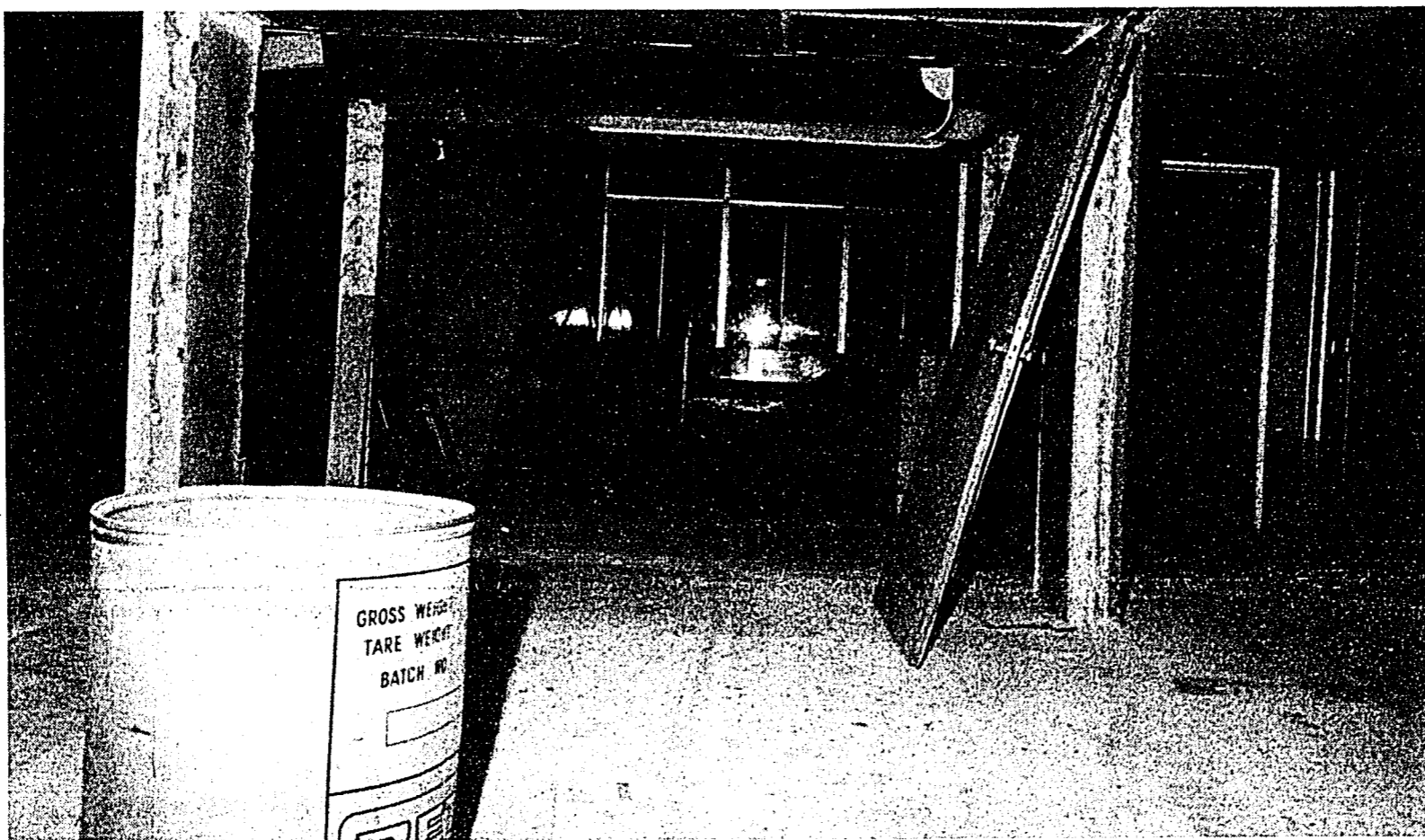
"(Turf management students) like it better than previous years, when they were placed in Nittany Halls," Arndt said.

Lansdowne agreed that Beam Hall is nicer than Nittany Halls because it is a newer building, it's in a better location and the rooms are nicer.

Ken Gosselin (third term-turf management) added this is the first time all turf management students have lived together. "We were split up in Nittany Halls," he said.

But Phil Mick (first term-turf management) said the construction annoys him.

"It's really dirty due to the dust from the construction," he said,



The ruins of the interior of Beam Hall are a stark reminder of the conversion of the residence hall into classrooms and office space now under way. Work

on the building, begun after the end of last Spring Semester, should be completed in about 1 1/2 years.

blackening his finger as he wiped it across his desk, which had been cleaned the day before.

Last week, some of the 68 turf management students living in Beam, who are referred to as "turfers" by students, held an informal discussion with North Halls President Pat Paul and voiced their complaints.

Some of the students, who will be staying in Beam Hall from October until March, complained that plaster and concrete are falling from the ceiling into the showers. They said it is impossible to study in the afternoon since construction starts at 7 a.m. and lasts until 5 p.m., Paul said.

Paul said he is displeased with the Beam Hall issue.

"No one has given me the whole story at any one time. I learn something new every week," he said.

Despite the inconvenience, Arndt said students are making the best of the Beam Hall situation, adding that Housing Services had to arrange for these students to

stay in Beam Hall because there is no room on campus.

Arndt said students will not live in Beam next year. There are tentative plans to move the turf management students to the Nittany Suite building near Nittany Apartments, he said.

Students will not receive any financial compensation because of their complaints, Arndt said.

Beam residents are not the only students affected by the noisy construction.

Patty Adack (sophomore-business administration), a resident of Runkle Hall, the North residence hall farthest south from Beam, also complained of the noise.

Jim Dungan, director of the Office of Facilities Information and Management, said the Beam Hall project is divided into two phases.

The first phase, which involves the completion of 75 percent of the building, will probably be finished by spring break 1987, Dungan said.

The second phase involves the completion of the remaining 25 percent, which will be completed one year after phase one, he said.

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Student leaders dissatisfied with reasoning on trustee

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Gov. Dick Thornburgh appointed University student trustee Mary Greeley-Beahm for a one-year term so she would not serve on the University Board of Trustees beyond her graduation, said Mike Moyle, governor's office spokesman.

However, Greeley-Beahm (graduate-marketing) and student leaders say they are not satisfied with the governor's reasoning.

Questions about the length of Greeley-Beahm's term surfaced at last week's University Student Executive Council meeting, when Greeley-Beahm told the group she had received official notification the length of her term was to be one year.

When applying for the position, Greeley-Beahm said she had the impression her term would be three years long.

When Greeley-Beahm met with former State Secretary of Education Margaret A. Smith's staff last summer to discuss the trustee position, she said she made clear to the Secretary of Education's staff her intentions to remain at the University for three years.

Greeley-Beahm said she hopes to be accepted as a doctoral candidate at the University, but if she is not, she will take continuing education classes and remain involved in the University, she said.

"If the governor had wanted to check, he could have checked with the Secretary of Education before he made such a judgment," Greeley-Beahm said.

Obie Snider, trustee president, said, "I'd be willing to bet that it wasn't done on purpose... what would be (Thornburgh's) purpose in doing that?"

He added that the governor may have made an oversight and "perhaps the students are over-reacting in assuming that Mary's term will end July 1... she can be reappointed."

USEC Chairwoman Sue Sturgis said the governor's reason for appointing Greeley-Beahm to a one-year term is not adequate and she believes Thornburgh put more emphasis on William Schreyer's appointment to the board.

Schreyer, chief executive officer of Merrill Lynch & Co. and chairman of the Campaign for Penn State, was appointed to fill the former student trustee seat of Patricia Walsh, which was a three-year term.

Greeley-Beahm was appointed to fill Jay B. Claster's seat on the board, which ends in July, 1987.

"I believe they picked Schreyer because he is a Merrill Lynch person," Sturgis said.

Paul Critchlow, vice president for corporate communications at Merrill Lynch, said Schreyer was told in the spring he would serve a three-year term on the board.

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10 years in the making

Vinle Burrows, a black actress and women's rights activist, performs last night at the Paul Robeson Cultural Center. Please see story, Page 4.

USG backs Wachob

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The Undergraduate Student Government's executive endorsement committee announced its endorsement of Democratic candidate Bill Wachob for the 23rd Congressional District.

"What students need is a leader who will advocate on their behalf," USG President Matt Baker said. "The undergraduate student executives believe that Bill Wachob is the leader and advocate that students need and deserve."

Wachob, a former state senator, is running against Republican incumbent U.S. Rep. William F. Clinger.

Baker said the endorsement was based on personal interviews with the candidates, public speeches and a USG supplementary questionnaire that was filled out and submitted to USG by both candidates.

Issues in the questionnaire included tax reform's effect on students, state unemployment, the Gramm-Rudman-Hollings Act's effect on budget cuts, pay-equity legislation, defense spending, trade restrictions and the issues of South Africa and Nicaragua.

John Jablowski, co-director of political affairs, said the endorsement was based primarily on issues concerning higher education.

Wachob attended the endorsement announcement and thanked USG, saying the endorsement would have an impact on the election.

"The student vote is very important in 1986," he said. "I would like to give something back to students and I will continue to work for them."

Baker said USG endorsed Wachob two years ago for the same race.

"When you look at Bill Wachob's record there are very few that compare," Baker said. "We urge the students to vote for Bill Wachob."

Baker said USG's endorsement committee will be announcing other endorsements next week. A USG endorsement is made after a two-thirds majority vote from the committee.

The endorsement committee is composed of 10 USG executives: Baker; Vice President Sue Sturgis; Bob Bender, executive assistant; Frank Cleveland, coordinator of the Student Alliance for Education; Todd Sloan and John Jablowski, co-directors of the Department of Political Affairs; Jennifer Bolden, co-director of the Department of Minority Affairs; Cary Hazzard, representative from the Department of Women's Concerns; Susan Pappalardo, director of the Department of International Affairs; and Lizanne Daukas, treasurer.

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U.S. Senate candidate Bob Edgar will appear today at a student forum sponsored by USG Department of Political Affairs at 8 p.m. in 301 HUB.

weather

This afternoon, sunny with a few high clouds. High 64. Tonight, clear and pleasant. Low 45. Tomorrow, increasing clouds with a chance of a shower late in the day. High 66.....Heidi Sonen