



Despite accusations of apathy, college students are actively involved in boycotts, protests and consciousness-raising events. Some student groups have organized boycotts against Coca-Cola and Domino's Pizza. Others have spoken out against boycotts.

Coca-Cola's presence in South Africa and the Domino's owner's contributions to Operation Rescue have spurred many students to action on both sides of the issues.

Students boycott Domino's Pizza

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Tulane U.

Student groups at Tulane U., including a chapter of the National Organization of Women and Feminist Activist Committee of Tulane (FACT), are responding to recent donations to the pro-life group Operation Rescue by the founder of Domino's Pizza and its parent company.

The controversy has surfaced over a \$50,000 donation made by Tom Monaghan, the founder of Domino's Pizza, and a \$10,000 donation made by its parent firm, Domino's Farms.

FACT recently distributed posters around campus that offered alternatives to Domino's Pizza. According to Maryann Valiulis, most of the posters were destroyed or stolen.

Nevertheless, FACT plans to put up new posters hoping that the boycott forces the individual pizza restaurants to put pressure on Monaghan so he will make no further donations, Valiulis said.

Eric Smith, manager of a Domino's franchise in the Tulane area, maintains that none of the money from his franchise goes to Operation Rescue, and said that Domino's name should not be associated with the contribution.

"It's a bad decision," said Smith. "None of this store's money goes to that cause (pro-life)."

Valiulis, however, said she believes some of their money must go to the parent company, indirectly supporting Monaghan's cause.

"The money that they make goes to him, allowing him to donate more money," said Valiulis. "It was his right to donate that money, and it is our right to say we won't support you anymore."

Other students at Tulane don't seem to be affected by the boycott.

Sophomore Amanda Phillips said she doesn't believe the donation will have any bearing on where she will buy pizza.

"It doesn't affect my choice, except when I'm ordering with my pro-choice, feminist roommate."



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Students protest Coke sales

AT U. OF MASS

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A petition drive to have Coca-Cola vending machines removed from the U. of Massachusetts began last spring.

The drive was prompted by student opposition to the company's continued investment in South Africa, said the organizer, Christine Robinson.

Robinson kicked off the drive with an information table in the Union to tell students about Coke's involvement in South Africa, and has since collected 2,000 signatures supporting the ban.

"Don't drink Coke because if you do, you're drinking the blood of a dead South African," Robinson told a student putting money into a campus Coke machine.

South Africa's apartheid system legalizes segregation, allowing the country's 4 million whites to politically and economically dominate 22 million Blacks, she said.

"They don't treat blacks as if they were human."

The Coca-Cola company agreed in 1986 to divest in South Africa to encourage the end of apartheid, but actually only relocated its syrup plants to Swaziland, a country that is economical-



ly dependent on South Africa, Robinson said.

She claims the company's 15 bottling plants were sold to independent owners who buy their syrup from the Swaziland-based plants, rendering the move useless since neither the government nor Coke sales were effected.

HAMPSHIRE COLLEGE

Although Hampshire divested from South Africa in 1978 and Coke machines have been removed from campus, Coke products are still served in Hampshire's dining hall. Hampshire student Marcus Hong said, "We're still in the process of getting them to remove Coke." The Dining Commons is owned by the Marriott Corporation. Ray Sheen, *The Amherst Student*, Amherst College

MICHIGAN STATE

Associated Students of MSU voted to support a campus-wide boycott of Coke products in February 1989. ASMSU member Rocky Beckett said, "The boycott is not just against Coke. We are asking students to focus on Coke simply because they don't buy IBM computers every day." Leslie Garner and Joan Patterson, *The State News*, Michigan State U.

AT AMHERST

By Ray Sheen

■ The Amherst Student

Amherst College

Last spring, the Black Student Union and Coalition for a Free South Africa initiated a campaign to educate students about South Africa to obtain a positive response to a referendum on the serving of Coca-Cola products by the Dining Service.

The campaign follows activities to ban Coke products from Hampshire, Mount Holyoke and Smith College.

Manolo Espinosa, an Amherst student, is working with BSU to bring lecturers to campus, including, possibly, a representative from the Coca-Cola Company. Espinosa said the meeting with a Coke representative may be impossible as Coke representatives have been verbally abused during visits to other campuses.

According to Espinosa, the boycott is a consolidated effort by colleges around the nation.

Francis Crowe, Western Massachusetts representative of the American Friends Service Committee's national campaign to boycott Coke, said a boycott of the product is a signal for the other 300 American companies in South Africa to pull out.

SMITH COLLEGE

No soft drinks are served at meals, but both Coke and non-Coke products can be purchased from vending machines. Head of Dining Services Paul Garvey said that "not a tremendous volume" of Coke is sold. Although student Kathleen Kienholz is organizing a boycott, no referendum is planned. Ray Sheen, *The Amherst Student*, Amherst College

FOR DOMINO'S BOYCOTT

Domino's officials say Tom Monaghan's activities and contributions are personal, but evidence shows that he has committed both staff and funds to his right-wing agenda.

In addition to his company's contributions to Operation Rescue, *Detroit Free Press* reported in July that a Domino's CEO and coordinator of Operation Rescue spent three days a week blocking health clinics, on company time, with his boss' approval.

Additionally, Michigan Department of Civil Rights said Domino's has four pending complaints for racial injustice against employees.

Domino's refusal to serve predominantly black neighborhoods has led to a boycott by black churches.

Monaghan also founded an elite sub-unit of the Word of God, which has a chapel in the headquarters where employees are encouraged to worship.

Also occupying Domino's corporate office is the campaign headquarters for Word of God member running for Ann Arbor City Council.

Think about where your money goes before you spend it at Domino's. Danalynn Recer, columnist, *The Daily Texan*, U. of Texas, Austin

AGAINST DOMINO'S BOYCOTT

A debate has begun on campus centering on whether a socially-conscious group has a right to dictate what should be bought at Connecticut College.

The misdirected boycott of Domino's hurts everyone but Mr. Monaghan, and there should be no boycott.

The logic behind an anti-boycott is simple. Each franchise owner pays a fixed amount to the main company, whether or not business is bad. However, Mr. Monaghan will continue to support whatever groups he wants to, and the managers and employees of each Domino's franchise will be hurt.

These people probably do not have Operation Rescue and its impact on the question of abortion on the top of their priority list. I assume they are more concerned with having enough money to feed their families.

Some adamant boycott supporters say that working for Domino's tacitly supports anti-abortionist tactics.

Mr. Monaghan will survive this boycott. However, I am not so sure about the rest of the Domino's team. So, when deciding on how best to protest Mr. Monaghan, take a hard look at who is going to be hurt. If it's the innocent workers, then please, look somewhere else. Ed Kania, columnist, *The College Voice*, Connecticut College