

Accuracy In Academia

(CPS) -- Accuracy in Academia, the ideological watchdog group that began hunting for "liberal" professors earlier this fall, has begun to name names and, according to some, to apply pressure on administrators to rein in -- if not fire -- the professors.

In its first newsletter, AIA accused Arizona State political science Prof. Mark Reader of using his classes to espouse his views on nuclear weaponry.

AIA National Director Matthew Scully says AIA will be naming three more allegedly-leftist professors in its next newsletter, which the organization distributes to 5,000 people and organizations.

Scully estimates there are 10,000 leftist professors working on American campuses today, and reports classroom "monitors" -- anonymous students who inform AIA of what they perceive as leftist teachers -- have already turned in the names of about 100 instructors since the program began in September.

"I would assume a good number (of the complaints) are valid," Scully says.

So far, Arizona State U has stood behind Reader, the lone professor named publicly.

"There have been no reprisals against Reader," says Brent Brown, Arizona State's vice president of community affairs. "He is a respected member of our faculty."

"The administration has come out on my behalf, fully and completely," Reader affirms.

"We don't think professors are above criticism, it's the methods (AIA uses to monitor lectures)," Molotsky explains.

"What's really disturbing is

that they are enlisting students who won't reveal their identity," she says.

"Spies in the classroom break trust between people," Reader contends. "Students have told me that they are less willing to speak up in the class and professors don't feel free to talk privately to students anymore. They don't want conversation to become public property."

Scully, however, disagrees with Reader's public lectures, largely because he uses too much class time to discuss the threat of nuclear war.

"He devotes his whole class to the nuclear issue," Scully says. "If you call a course one thing, you should not teach something entirely different."

"The changes are false" Reader says. "What's so lovely (is that) I have so much documentation. It will show that they are inaccurate."

An anonymous AIA monitor contends Oakland University Prof. Karasch presents only the "leftist" viewpoint about Central America in her classes.

Scully refuses to elaborate on the Karasch case, and Karasch did not return phone calls to College Press Service.

Scully says AIA looks into its monitors' reports before "reviewing" professors in its newsletter.

But AIA's investigations and professors' confidence their schools will support them haven't muted the alarm in the academic community.

"I have never had the volume of responses to any issue as this one. It's of great concern," Molotsky says.

The implications of what AIA is

trying to do worry Reader. "It's absolutely frightening."

"One step leads to another, McCarthy started by labeling people communists, but then some of them lost their jobs," Cal-Davis administrator Bill Antaramian observes.

"This is what was done in Nazi Germany. Students did this for Hitler when he was getting started," Antaramian adds.

Scully contends AIA's objective is merely to "make free and open debate," on views exposed by leftist professors.

ASU's Reader attributes the effort to what he sees as AIA's unwillingness to allow free and open debate.

"Most political thinking (today) is being cast against the possibility of extinction of the human race," he says. "These people don't want to think about the extinction possibility."

But Scully asserts it's the professors who aren't thinking.

"They (professors) have led an insular existence. A word of criticism to them represents censorship," Scully observes. "When you have an ideological fever swamp, a little chill might do them some good."

"Nobody expects professors to be bias-free," Scully says, but he wants them not to abuse the spirit of academic freedom by advocating their views in class.

"If professors don't tell students how lucky they are (to live in the U.S.), they are not doing their job," Scully believes.

He does not think "conservative" professors advocate their view in class.

"We need not pretend to need to monitor conservative profs abusing their position," Scully says.

Senate Auction

By Kasha Viets

Hey, do you remember Service Saturday last year, and how much fun it was? Well, this year Todd Reitzle and Andrea Wiener, with the backing of the Senate have got something even better planned. On March 1st, at 7:30 pm in Sternberger Auditorium, they will present to you the Third Community Auction. It's all about students helping students, so they can stay in school.

We all know how much our "dear" President is cutting back on the national budget so as to keep down the deficit.

Unfortunately, he is also making it rather desperate for those students who want to go to school but can't because of financial difficulties. Nonetheless, three years ago Roger Pettingill came up with the plan. He was, at that time, the president of the Community Senate, which gave him cause to come up with a creative alternative for Guilford students on a low budget. The result was two successful auctions in the spring of 1983 and a follow up in the spring of 1984. A total of \$5000 was earned at the time. Last year, Service Saturday made \$1200, and this year Todd and Andrea are hoping to top that amount with \$5000. They both admit that it is a challenge, but they also add that this will be the auction that will appeal to everyone.

So far, they have a good response from the Greensboro and Guilford Community. They and a few others have set themselves a task of phoning businesses ranging from antique dealers and rug merchants to alumni, trustees, and board of representatives. People such as Sheridan Simon and Jay van Tassel have been donating such gifts as a planet on paper and an all day canoe trip respectively. Others who have heard the word are calling up and donating \$5 certificates to bookstores and restaurants, as well as furniture, drinks, and food. Bill and Bev Rogers have also decided to give two charcoal sketches. "There will definitely be

something for everyone," says Todd.

This is no dry auction, folks. Though Bobby Starr, a Guilford alumni, will be doing the calling, there will also be a silent auction, a quick sale, special attractions, babysitting services, and more. And though the excitement is high around the Senate quarters, the hardwork and motivation towards their goal has by no means been forgotten. "Learning to help at an early age is important," stated Andrea, a last semester senior. "Since I came back from Munich, I have wanted to do something worthy for the school. Helping for such a cause is really worthwhile, because you know you are giving someone a chance, who might not have it without your help." So far, two student loans have been created which are helping out 33 students. It is the students who created it, which means that they are always setting a precedent for the next Senate leaders, not to mention the fact that this sort of energy motivates many others to help. "People see that we really do want to help these students, and so therefore are more willing to give us a helping hand," says Todd.

One of the main reasons that Todd and Andrea feel so good about this auction is because of the help and advice they have been getting from Jim Freeman and Nathan Bohn. "Those two are old hands at this sort of job," laughs Todd. It is from them that they have been able to get lists of merchants who are willing to donate. Nonetheless, they still need many more to call up these merchants and also to pick up the goods. All it would take is one hour of one day a week. If you don't want to do that, then actually helping on the day of the auction is also needed. So how about it, folks? For more information call Andrea Weiner or Todd Reitzle at ext. 303 or write to P.O. Box 17709. By the way, some choice prizes include a weekend in Florida, a trip on the Photon, renovating a 110 year old log cabin, and a sailboat ride on several lakes. Just think about it.

Famous Last Words

The Guilfordian ventures to add this new column in our next issue. Student or faculty who are leaving Guilco, vent your feelings, be they good or bad. Send entries to P.O. Box 17717.

Senate elections are **THIS FRIDAY** the 21st in Founders Lobby. Our ticket is: Nathan Bohn --president, Edith Caggiano --vice-president, Cliff Tatum --treasurer, and Susan Morris --secretary. We all are currently working with the Senate and together have eight years of Senate experience. This experience provides us with ideas for improvements within the Senate and the college as well as the knowledge of how best to accomplish those goals.

To find out about our goals and our experience pick up a detailed explanation sheet from our poster in Founders Lobby and come to Candidate's Night Wednesday the 19th in Boren Lounge at 6pm. And please feel free to contact any of us in our rooms or the cafeteria.



Unusually springlike weather sees the reappearance of hibernating sport.

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