

Accreditation endangered? Reed protests JFK College coup; objects to 'Communist takeover'

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Alan Reed, assistant professor of political science, has written a letter to the North Central Association of Colleges (NCA) protesting the "Communist takeover" of Wahoo High School by John F. Kennedy College students.

Reed would not discuss the actual content of the letter, which was sent Friday to Dr. Glen Shafer, chairman of the NCS state committee.

Reed, however, in an earlier letter to a Lincoln newspaper, said he "intended to request that the NCA investigate the educational standards of JFK College and consider

revoking their accreditation." The protest letter came as an aftermath to a Feb. 23 experiment in which 51 JFK College students, under the direction of Associate Professor Robert L. Wiseman, staged a mock Communist coup in the Wahoo High School.

The college students invaded the school and established a totalitarian, Communist regime. They dressed in green and white uniforms and carried billy-clubs.

No physical or verbal abuse was used, just strict regimentation. Smiling, backtalking and free discussion were not allowed.

Rule violators were sent to an interrogation room. For punishment boys did pushups and girls stood in corners. The ultimate punishment was liquidation — being banished to the principal's office.

The principal and teachers of Wahoo High School had agreed to take part in the experiment.

The controversy began later when seven University of Nebraska faculty members, including Reed, wrote a letter to a Lincoln newspaper saying that the experiment did not demonstrate the school system under Communism. The university faculty members agreed on the objectives of the experiment, but said that such objectives could not be accomplished in the manner attempted at Wahoo. The faculty members said the "whole idea should be relegated to the garbage can."

"My objections to this experiment fall under two categories," Reed said.

"First, the experiment produced a distorted emotional impact on the students. Ac-

ording to the student newspaper up there, one-fourth of the students thought the Communists had really taken over."

"The possibility of such a takeover is remote," Reed continued. "According to J. Edgar Hoover of the FBI, there are only 6,200 Communists in the United States and they are scattered and weak. But the students were not told whether or not exercise was real."

Secondly, such an experiment must have a realistic setting which is not possible here, Reed said. There is no way to duplicate a takeover. There would be shooting, burning and violence.

"If they were trying to duplicate a takeover, this was not accurate or sufficient," Reed said.

"Was it an educational exercise or were Mr. Wiseman and his students just having fun and games?" Reed questioned. "If they were just having fun, it certainly wasn't presented that way."

Other study methods exist

If students want to study Communism, there are films, books, slides, newspapers and a thousand other sources available that accurately depict the situation," Reed pointed out.

"I doubt if this whole idea of simulating a takeover is useful at all," he said.

A political science technique known as "gaming" which involves a small number of advanced, well read students attempts to duplicate a situation as closely as possible. Thus, a better knowledge of the subject is gained.

"This was not what they



Photo by Dan Ladely

University assistant political science professor Alan Reed . . . seeks investigation of "Communist takeover" of Wahoo High School.

Recall drive supporters solicit SDS Anti-Page group seeks 500 names

Supporters of a recall petition against Richard Page, Abel-Sandoz president, will seek the support of Students for a Democratic Society (SDS) in their drive. Clark Spivey, the petition's organizer, said Sunday.

He said he would attend Monday night's SDS meeting to seek the group's support in his campaign to obtain 500 signatures in the residence hall complex.

If the 500 signatures are obtained and the Abel-Sandoz cabinet approves the petition's validity, a recall election would be held within two weeks.

"We will parallel the SDS support, if we get it, with a new round of action in the dormitory based on more than one front," he said.

Although petition backers have obtained only 5 signatures in the last weeks bringing to 285 the number of names obtained thus far, he said the group has not exerted much effort the past two weeks.

Spivey, an Abel Nine resident, and other supporters contend that the current head of the Abel-Sandoz Residence Association (ASRA) has failed to reflect the Abel-Sandoz residents feelings on the open housing issue.

Rather than trying to censure Page, the recall election would force him to withstand a vote of confidence, Spivey has said earlier.

The petition reads: "We, the undersigned, petition the recall of Richard Page, ASRA President, because of the inadequacy in his leadership in this period of disquiet relating to open house policies."

Campus Calendar

MONDAY, MARCH 4
All events will be held in the Nebraska Union unless otherwise noted.

INTER-VARSITY—8 a.m.
BAPTIST STUDENT UNION—8 a.m.

PLACEMENT OFFICE LUNCHEON—12:30 p.m.

BUILDERS - SPECIAL EDITION—2:30 p.m.

PANHELLENIC—3:30 p.m.
BUILDERS - CALENDAR & DIRECTORY—3:30 p.m.
GREEK WEEK—4 p.m.
TASSELS—4:30 p.m.
UNION FILM COMMITTEE—4:30 p.m.
DESERET CLUB—5 p.m.
TOWNE CLUB—6:30 p.m.
UNICORNS—7 p.m.
TOWNE CLUB MOTHERS—7:30 p.m.
MATHEMATICS COUNSELORS—7:30 p.m.
LAW REFORM SOCIETY—8 p.m.
N.I.A. - CULTURES ON CAMPUS COMMITTEE—8 p.m.

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NFU courses conduct seances; try 'Black Arts', Kierkegaard

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If the interest of his students warrants it, Burdick noted he would like to conduct seances and apply the Black Art in other ways.

Brueland, whose course is entitled "Some Nineteenth Century Writers: Dostoevsky, Kierkegaard, and Nietzsche," said that he organized the course to meet the interest of

his students from an NFU course last year.

A first-year graduate student in philosophy, Brueland noted he will be using a philosophical approach to guide his students, but the course will deal primarily with novels and theological writings.

Commenting on his planned methodology, Brueland said that rather than study the

three writers, he would like to examine some of the ideas they suggest to his students.

"We can get off the subject and talk about certain philosophical problems," he said.

Native foods at Arab Dinner

Arabic food and native music highlighted the annual Arabian Night Dinner held Friday according to Bruce Eveland, People to People publicity chairman.

Fawzi Hermes, Secretary of the Nebraska Arab Association welcomed the capacity crowd and Ali Al-Timimi served as Master of ceremonies.

Dr. Robert Hall, former University geography professor was the featured speaker.

Abel-Sandoz schedules Spring Fling Apr. 18

Abel-Sandoz is sponsoring a Spring Fling to Colorado, Apr. 18-21, with transportation and lodging provided for \$51.

Loveland, students living outside of Lincoln and Omaha may be picked up at the Interstate interchange closest to their city, he said.

Open to all University students, the Fling will be to a guest ranch near Loveland, Colorado.

Lodging, meals, transportation and facilities at the ranch are included for the price. Students can also make use of horseback riding and trails.

In addition there will be excursions to Loveland and Boulder, according to Gary Granquist, spokesman for the residence association government.

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