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"STRATEGIES FOR THE NINETIES" FOCUS OF SECOND NATIONAL NAS CONFERENCE

Plans have now been finalized for the second national NAS conference, to be held June 8 through 10 at the Penta Hotel in New York City. We are delighted to announce that Lynne V. Cheney, chairman of the National Endowment for the Humanities, will present the keynote address. Among the other notable figures slated to take part in the proceedings are Seymour Martin Lipset; Brigitte Berger; Peter Greer, dean of the Graduate School of Education, Boston University; Martin Trow; Thomas Short; Donald Kagan, dean of Yale College; John Reist, Vice President for Academic Affairs, Hillsdale College; James S. Coleman; Chester E. Finn, Jr.; Rita Kramer; and Carol Simpson Stern, president of the AAUP. Panel topics include, "The Utopian Temptation in Academic Life," "What the Colleges Owe the Schools," "Leadership in the Nineties," and "Can the Professoriate Reform Itself?"

The conference will also be the setting for a special ceremony at which the first "Sidney Hook Award" for uncommon service in the defense of intellectual freedom and academic integrity will be conferred. The award will be presented

at a special banquet luncheon, followed by an address by its most distinguished recipient, whose identity will be announced in a few months time. This opportunity to honor the memory of the

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late Dr. Hook and to reaffirm our commitment to the ideals we shared with him will be a poignant capstone to the events of the convention.

Once again, the national NAS conference will provide our members with a unique occasion to deepen their sense of fellowship, network, compare notes, and discuss strategy for the new decade. Now that a considerable number of affiliates are organized and active, we anticipate a substantial turnout from around the

country, and interested members will find opportunities to make their own scholarly contributions to the conference. Invitations and additional information will be sent to you shortly. For details regarding advance conference reservations, contact Dr. Richard J. Sawyer at NAS headquarters in Princeton. We very much hope you'll be able to attend.

Michigan Member Helps Defeat University Harassment Code

Can one person make a difference? Our first issue brings news of a NAS member who did, with a little help from our Michigan affiliate. Wesley D. Wynne, a graduate student in biological psychology at the University of Michigan was shocked by what he and others thought was an arbitrary and unconstitutional exercise in ideological censorship under the guise of an institutional "anti-harassment" policy. Instituted in the Fall of 1988, *The University's Policy on Discrimination and*

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variety of documents dealing with academic policy and developments from around the country. Our first project is a broad, multivariate study of the undergraduate curricula of fifty top-tier public and private colleges and universities. We hope to use this information to create the database for an empirical analysis of a number of presently salient curricular features and a historical comparison with their counterparts of twenty-five years ago.

NAS members are *strongly* encouraged to contribute materials. We are especially interested in college catalogues, faculty and student handbooks, alumni publications, intramural university newsletters, policy reform proposals, and student and faculty codes related to the regulation of speech and conduct. These and others documents would help to expand the repository of information available to NAS staff, fellows, state affiliate officers, and others observing major academic trends. Such materials should be sent to the attention of Dr. Glenn M. Ricketts, Research Director, at NAS headquarters.

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NEWS FROM— **CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF SCHOLARS**

By Glynn Custred

A bill has passed the California State Assembly and is now working its way through the Senate which would change the state's post-secondary education code, the legal framework within which California's publicly funded colleges and universities operate. This bill (AB 462) was initiated by Tom Hayden, former radical student leader and now chairman of the Assembly subcommittee on higher education. The legislation calls for a two-track policy of student admissions, one based on academic ability and the other on race and ethnicity, which is designed to increase the presence in higher education of "historically underrepresented minorities," namely blacks and Hispanics. The goal is to achieve statistical balance by the year 2000. It also calls for the development of a retention policy for students on the second track whereby graduation is ensured, and would mandate by law that race and ethnicity be considered a primary factor in faculty and staff hiring so that the faculty, too, will be proportionally representative of the population as a whole by 2000. Finally, it calls for the establishment of institutional procedures for ensuring the correct level of "cultural sensitivity" and behavior on the part of students, faculty, and staff.

Members of the California Association of Scholars have read the legislative report from which the legislation is drafted, and have interviewed one of its authors. The reasoning behind the revisions embodied in both the report and the bill are in fact the same as that encountered in similar moves across the country. It is also couched in the same rhetoric, speaking of the need for "diversity" in the university, the disadvantages of a "Eurocentric" education, the advantages of "multiculturalism," and the duty of society to make special provisions for "people of color."

Members of the California Association of Scholars have been writing op-ed pieces for California newspapers, as well as articles for other types of publications, in an attempt to alert the public and the academic community to the meaning of such revisions. Furthermore, on January 23, several members of the CAS were invited to Sacramento to meet with two senior senators and two key members of Gov. Deukmejian's staff concerned with education, to address the ramifications of diversity and multiculturalism. The group was very well received and looks forward to future opportunities to pursue the discussion of these policies.

To join the **NAS**, send this completed coupon along with a check (\$30.00 for faculty members and administrators, \$15.00 for graduate students) to: **National Association of Scholars, Suite 250 East, Twenty Nassau Street, Princeton, NJ 08542.**

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The NAS Fellows Program is seeking nominations and applications for fellowships for the 1990-1992 term. Fellowships are designed to support activities that are likely to extend the organizational outreach of the National Association of Scholars, or to promote original research on the more problematic aspects of contemporary academic life.

The NAS supports the activities of fellows by disbursing small grants (ranging from \$500 to \$4000) to fund specific projects, and also helps to secure more substantial support for particularly important efforts. As fellows complete their research activities, the NAS will publicize the results.

Each fellowship has a two-year term, which may be renewed four times. As each term expires, fellows are expected to submit a comprehensive report on their activities, accompanied by any materials produced in fulfillment of the program's purposes, which will be used to determine renewal of fellowships.

Requests for a program prospectus and nomination and application forms should be directed to Dr. Richard J. Sawyer at NAS headquarters. The deadline for nominations and applications is 15 April 1990.

FACULTY AND EXECUTIVE SEARCH SERVICE

Members of the NAS are encouraged to participate in our new faculty and executive search service. Under the direction

of Dr. Richard J. Sawyer, formerly dean of the Richard L. Conolly College of Long Island University, this service will be provided free of charge to NAS members. Institutions will be charged reasonable fees for searches beyond our membership. NAS's growing reputation as an organization dedicated to excellence in teaching and scholarship should make our search service an invaluable resource for institutions committed to high intellectual standards and cultural enrichment.

Individuals interested in participating in this service should send us a copy of their résumé along with a brief statement listing the positions sought and any specific requirements for accepting a job.

Institutions wishing to use the service may do so by listing their openings with us and providing a statement that describes the particular requirements for each position. The NAS will meet every deadline, thoroughly evaluate the qualifications of every prospect, check references, and present clients with a carefully screened panel of candidates for the openings they seek to fill.

SPEAKERS BUREAU ON AMERICAN EDUCATION

To further our goal of preserving academic freedom and the open exchange of ideas on campus, NAS has inaugurated the Speakers Bureau on American Education. Dr. Sawyer handles this program as well. The bureau consists of NAS members whose scholarship, experience, and speaking ability make them superbly qualified to discuss a wide range of educational issues from perspectives that challenge reigning academic dogmas. Issues that can be addressed include: academic freedom, academic feminism, affirmative action and the university, the decline of intellectual

standards, education and indoctrination, education in the public schools, ethnic studies, multicultural education, the nature of the core curriculum, peace studies, the quality of textbooks, the place of the Great Books in the curriculum, the politicization of education, the uses and abuses of literature, and Western civilization and its critics.

We invite those who are interested in inserting fresh viewpoints into departmental seminars, public affairs programs, or lecture series to make use of this service.

To find out more about the **Faculty and Executive Search Service** or the **Speakers Bureau on American Education**, write to:

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NAS RESEARCH CENTER OPENS

Curriculum Study Underway

A new addition to NAS operations is our research center, which opened its doors in September 1989. Under the direction of NAS visiting fellow Dr. Glenn M. Ricketts and his associate Thomas O. Meehan, the new center will increase our ability to collect and interpret data on higher education trends and issues, and for the first time will provide the NAS with in-house research capabilities as well as the resources needed to support the research activities of our fellows and affiliates in the field.

Our case will be credible only if we can speak systematically and knowledgeably about prevailing trends in higher education. Thus, the research center has begun collecting a wide

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