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Interchange

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I'M ROGER MUDDY, HERE IN TEHRAN, WHERE A MASSIVE AIRLIFT OF AMERICANS IS UNDERWAY!

AT THIS TIME THE LAST PLANE OF AMERICANS HAS JUST LEFT THE AIRSTRIP!



New Iranian ruler's tactics not helping world situation

As is often the case, the new leaders of the trouble-plagued country of Iran appear to be no better than the old regime of the "exiled" Shah.

The new government of Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini has proved without doubt that the promises made during the transition period in that country were nothing more than that. Promises.

Iranian Guerrillas shot their way into the United States Embassy on Feb. 14 in what proved to be a replay of the famous St. Valentine's Day massacre. Since then, President Carter has initiated an airlift of American citizens from Iran, but the action is too late to save the lives of the slain and wounded lying in the streets of Tehran.

Khomeini came to office with a promise of restoring order to Iran, a country long besieged with rioting and corrupt political machines.

However, if mass murder is Khomeini's method of restoring order, then there is little hope of ever seeing a peaceful Iran.

Don't think that the troubles in the far off country are of no consequence to the American public. No matter how apathetic one is towards the problems of the world, it

won't be long until the effects of the Iranian troubles reach the American gasoline pumps. And if there is one thing the American public won't stand for, it is thinking about the possibility of not being able to drive a block to the Pizza Hut. No gasoline, no American way of life. Sad, but true.

The troubles abroad are indeed hitting home. If it isn't enough that American citizens are having to flee for their lives in a country ruled by a raving, peerless madman, the rest of the country must stand still waiting for our red-tape ridden government to act and keep things running in our own country.

It's about time to wake up and realize that there is more in the Iranian situation than meets the eye. No one gave much thought to the start of the conflict in Vietnam, but to say the least, it has had a lasting effect on our country.

Leaders such as Khomeini are not helping the situation at all by "restoring peace" to an area of the world that could explode any day, sending the rest of the planet reeling into another global conflict. (ja)

Vietnam conflict continues

BANGKOK, Thailand — China's attack on Vietnam was reported stopped about six miles inside the border Monday and Western intelligence sources said some Chinese units may be pulling back.

Unconfirmed reports from Moscow said all Soviet military leaves had been canceled and troops put on alert. The Soviets warned China on Sunday to pull out of Vietnam immediately.

Vietnam said it inflicted heavy casualties on the Chinese, killing 3,500 troops and destroying more than 100 tanks since the invasion started Saturday.

The Vietnamese Embassy in Bangkok said the Chinese advanced no more than six miles into Vietnam.

Peking has said the attack was in retaliation for "armed incursions" by Vietnam over the past year.

A dispute between China and Vietnam has simmered since the communists took over Vietnam in 1975. It has increased over the past year with China accusing Vietnam of mistreating ethnic Chinese, and with Vietnam's backing of the overthrow of the China-backed Cambodian government of Pol Pot.

Sunday, Moscow warned China to withdraw its troops "before it is too late" and said it would honor a peace and friendship treaty signed last November with Vietnam.

Moscow indicated it would not send troops, however, saying: "The heroic Vietnamese people... are capable of standing up for themselves this time again."

The United States said Sunday it disapproved of the invasion and asked the Soviets to use restraint. Government spokesmen said there was no reason to believe American interests were directly threatened.

In Bangkok, a U.S. congressional delegation postponed its visit to Hanoi until Tuesday because of the fighting.

Off-Campus briefs

By the Associated Press
Luanna Steele, wire editor

Venereal diseases becoming problem

ATLANTA — Three little-known venereal diseases often unreported by public health agencies are becoming a major health problem, and one of them causes sterility in women, the national Center for Disease Control warned Monday.

There are eight venereal diseases, of which gonorrhea and syphilis are by far the best-known. They and three others — chancroid, lymphogranuloma venereum, and granuloma inguinale — must be reported in most states.

But the remaining three need not be reported, and as a result, "most people do not realize that it is a sexually transmitted disease," said Dr. Paul Wiesner, director of the CDC's VD Control Division. Nor, he said, do they take the antibiotic tetracycline, which can treat venereal disease.

Of the three little-known diseases, nongonococcal urethritis and herpes, are the most serious.

Wiesner said. The third, trichomoniasis, is mostly uncomfortable, he added.

Infections from nongonococcal urethritis that are occurring now, Wiesner said, "are creating new groups of women who will be sterile the rest of their lives."

"What we are looking at now are the larger numbers in the 1980s who will be robbed of the chance of motherhood because of these infections," he said. "The test tube babe will be their only solution."

"Nongonococcal urethritis affects men the same way that gonorrhea does, except that it is caused by a different bacteria — chlamydia," Wiesner said. That bacteria, he said, "is the most common cause of eye infection in newborn babies and it is the most common cause of pneumonia in infants."

Wiesner said herpes is serious because it is associated with cancer of the mouth of the womb.

Pearl find adds spice to dinner

WHEELING — Sandra Reid never owned a true pearl until her last dinner engagement when she bit into an oyster and found something besides flesh.

"I just thought I had a rock in my mouth," she said. "I just took it out and put it on my plate." One of her four dinner companions said it looked like a pearl.

A close inspection revealed that it was a pearl about the size of a pea.

Lemoine Klug, owner of Kennedy's Seafood Restaurant, said such a find was rare. The unusual discovery caused quite a stir in his restaurant, he said.

"She kind of yelled when she bit into it," he said. "Then everybody else started to order oysters."

Mrs. Reid said she has the pearl wrapped in a napkin at home and intends to have it appraised and perhaps put in a necklace or ring.

Weekend weather depletes salt supply

With road crews scraping the bottoms of salt piles, Highways Department officials in the state are praying that there'll be no more snow this week.

"Another snowstorm would certainly put us at a very critical, critical point," Pat Gallagher, a Highways Department spokesman, said Monday.

The National Weather Service issued a travelers' advisory for Monday morning in West Virginia. But rising temperatures and sunny skies Monday afternoon were expected to melt some of the snow.

In snow-prone Preston County, 12 inches fell Sunday in Terra Alta, making a total of 36 inches on the ground. Terra Alta, which traditionally receives one of the largest total winter snowfalls in the state, has had 167 inches of snow this year, one inch short of the snowfall at this time last year, according to a National Weather Service observer there.

By Monday afternoon, most primary roads and interstates were clear of snow, but many secondary roads were unplowed, Gallagher said. In a number of counties, road crews short of salt

Guardsmen patrol city as tradition is denied

NEW ORLEANS — Off-duty firemen joined striking police on picket lines Monday, as National Guardsmen in jeeps patrolled a city denied its traditional Mardi Gras parades.

Meanwhile, new talks opened aimed at ending the walkout by police, who want their Teamsters Union bargaining unit to include ranking officers. They also are demanding that the mayor agree to binding arbitration.

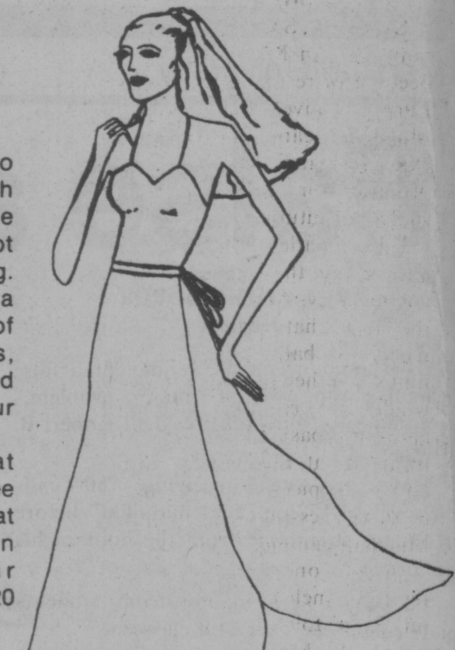
With the remainder of the Mardi Gras celebration hanging in the balance, the city Civil Service Commission opened a hearing on the policemen's wage and benefits demands.

At the same time, a federal mediator called a meeting of the bargaining teams for Vincent Bruno, head of the Police Association of Louisiana, and Mayor Ernest Morial on matters not dealing with money.

Morial, in an amnesty offer, had said any striker who returned to work by noon Monday would not suffer reprisals, but he stopped short of saying he would fire those who did not.

By department count, 350 officers were on the job, while 1,100 policemen continued to defy court orders and stay on strike.

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Capital punishment concerns

To the Editor:

Are we, fellow humans, existing in the era of "an eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth?" Should we cut out the tongue of a liar? Should we burn cancer patients at the stake?

We are making ourselves gods when we issue life or death judgments. If there is one of you who thinks he can handle the responsibility with the perfection of never being wrong, let him speak.

Or maybe we are so apathetic that we are too blind to see that a human that kills another human is definitely ill.

But most probably, it is "more convenient that way," and we just don't give a damn.

Jerry Blair
Pre-Med major
Freshman

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Meetings

Phi Beta Lambda, business fraternity, will meet on Wednesday at 12:15 in Memorial Student Center Room 2W37. All business majors are invited.

AKD, sociology honorary, will have a keg party for prospective members Thursday at 8 p.m. at the Varsity.

Greeks

The Crescent Club, affiliate of

Lambda Chi Alpha, will meet at 9 p.m. today at the Lambda Chi house to have pictures taken.

Lambda Chi Alpha will have a beach party at Riverside Country Club Friday at 9 p.m. Admission is \$2 per couple.

Miscellaneous

Holy Communion service will be today at 4:30 at the Campus Christian Center. Anyone who wishes to attend is invited.

Marshall 'quiz kids' new state champs

MU's College Bowl team is the 1979 state champion having beat all competing schools in West Virginia.

Marshall placed first out of 10 teams Feb. 16 at Morris Harvey College in the state College Bowl Tournament. Morris Harvey took second and third place while the University of Alabama, who was competing for practice reasons, took fourth.

Bringing home the most valuable player award was David Nunley, Charleston junior.

Morris Harvey with a 50-point lead in the first half was matched by MU who closed the gap toward the second half when Nick Maddox, Charlotte, N.C., graduate student answered a "toss-up" question that won the game, according to coach and faculty adviser Robert J. Mutchnick. MU "squeaked it out," Mutchnick said.

Marshall, with a 16 wins and 5 losses record, will compete Feb. 23 in the regional tournament against 18 schools including the University of Pittsburgh, Penn State and the University of Maryland.

MU's team is "favored to win" the regional, according to Mutchnick, based upon past performances.

MU's freshmen team, accompanied the College Bowl team Feb. 16, Mutchnick said, and nearly matched the University of Alabama.

Parent-child relations discussed in workshop

MU students, does your adolescent brother or sister seem impossible to live with? Do they reject all advice given to them? Are you constantly hearing that dejected phrase "you just don't understand" coming from the distressed young vocal cords?

The problem is a breakdown in communication or failure to communicate, according to Dr. Daniel Penrod, associate professor of psychology. The conflict can be solved or at least put into perspective, says Penrod, by attending an eight-week workshop entitled "Parent-Adolescent Communication."

The workshop, scheduled to begin today at 7 p.m. in Harris Hall Room 449, will be conducted by Mrs. Shane Thompson, graduate clinician in psychology. She will work under the direction of Dr. Donald D. Chezik, associate professor of psychology and director of the MU Psychology Clinic.

"This workshop is not designed to teach participants how to be 'perfect' parents, but rather to help parents learn behaviors that may strengthen the relationship between themselves and their children", said Thompson.

Parents deal with a child in a particular fashion for many years. A child reaches a point in his or her life where he or she becomes more independent, says Penrod, and the manner in which the parents have handled their children in previous years is not suitable for the maturing young adult like it was for the individual when he or she was younger.

"The course," said Penrod, "will examine how parents and their children communicate or miscommunicate and how these problems can be resolved."

Anyone interested in registering for the workshop or wanting to obtain more information may call Mrs. Thompson at 696-6446.

Admissions office to recruit on road

Sonny Randle isn't the only one recruiting on the road.

The admissions office's recruiting team is traveling to Mason County Feb. 28 to answer questions of students interested

in attending Marshall and their parents in an informal "Coke Party," according to Linda S. Lay, admissions counselor.

"This 'Coke Party' is part of a follow-up to the College Day

Program in the fall," said Lay.

"We're planning a 4 p.m. question and answer session for students at the Point Pleasant Youth Center, with a 7 p.m. session for the parents," Lay said.

Some 130 invitations were sent out from mailing lists provided by Marshall and Gallia County high school counselors, Lay said. From these Lay said she expects roughly 30-40 students to attend. Yet Lay said this "Coke Party" is not by invitation only, but is open to all students.

Lay, Dr. James W. Harless, director of admissions; Jack L. Toney, assistant director, student financial aid; Melanie L. Howes, Henderson freshman; Tary L. Rhea, Point Pleasant freshman and Jill A. Collier, Gallipolis freshman, will all travel to Pt. Pleasant.

"I'm excited about it," said Howes. "I went to a coke party

last year and they answered all my questions about Marshall."

Lay said that the Admissions Office plans other trips besides the one in Mason County. The alumni associations set up the meetings.

"We'd like for other associations or groups who would like Marshall to come to their area and talk to the students and parents about Marshall to contact their local alumni association if there is one, or to contact them in the admissions office," said Harless.

Student nurses sponsor blood pressure clinic

There will be a blood pressure clinic today in Memorial Student Center from 10 a.m. till 4 p.m., according to Nancy M. Kingsbury, adviser for health programs.

The clinic is being sponsored by the Student Nurses Association, said Kingsbury.

Although most students don't have high blood pressure, Kingsbury said that it is a good idea to get them interested in keeping a check on it. The clinic is also open to the faculty and staff.

Kathryn M. Roberts, nursing instructor, said 20 percent of the adult population has high blood pressure. She said that it affects women more than men.

Some effects of high blood pressure are heart disease, kidney failure and stroke. Roberts says some causes of high blood pressure are vascular diseases, renal problems or are related to obesity. Kingsbury said that high blood pressure has no symptoms.

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