

## Inmates release hostages

### Six-day ordeal ends as prisoners surrender to authorities

By LEE LINDER  
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 GRATERFORD, Pa. (AP) — Seven inmates released the six hostages they held for six days and surrendered to authorities yesterday at the State Correctional Institution here, the governor's office said.

"All of the hostages are safe. The convicts are in custody," said Paul Critchlow, Gov. Dick Thornburgh's press secretary.

The release was secured with the help of newspaper writer Chuck Stone, who said of the freed hostages, "They're in great spirits."

Officials still had not officially disclosed the number of hostages involved or the number of captors.

But a high official in the state Correction Bureau, who asked that his name not be used, said all seven inmates involved in the siege were captors. Their remaining hostages released yesterday were six prison employees.

The first break in the stalemate, which began last Wednesday with an aborted escape attempt, came around 5:45 p.m., when cheers were heard in the main corridor of the maximum-security facility — the largest of the state's nine prisons.

Maj. Roy Titler, in charge of the state police, emerged from the prison smiling and said: "I'm going home."

On Sunday, Stone met for the first time with three-time killer Joseph "Jo Jo" Bowen, identified as the leader of the inmates who seized dozens of hostages and holed up in the prison Wednesday night after an unsuccessful escape attempt.

Officials said they were not sure which or how many inmates were involved in the escape attempt, but identified the primary hostage-takers as three-time murderer Joseph "Jo-Jo" Bowen, 35; Calvin "Pepper" Williams, 31; Lawrence Ellison, 26, and Leroy "Gentle Ben" Newsome, 27, all of Philadelphia.

The other three inmates were

identified as Drake Hall, 34, of Philadelphia; Otis Graham, 33, and Frank St. Clair, no age, both of Montgomery County, Pa.

"The investigation is not complete and it may develop evidence that other persons may be involved in the holding of the hostages," said Correction Bureau spokesman Kenneth Robinson.

Bowen, who authorities identified as the convicts' leader, at one point in the negotiations "used a whole series of expletives and put his hands on the sawed-off shot gun," Stone said. "I thought here it goes."

Bowen gave Stone a handwritten list of 12 demands which officials called "somewhat reasonable."

Neither Stone nor authorities would say what the demands were.

"Some of the points... have need of clarification," said Correction Bureau official Kenneth Robinson, before Stone resumed the talks. Negotiators had spent the night going over the list, he said.

Robinson emphasized that Stone was not "acting as a negotiator. He's down there to find out what they want."

The Pottstown Mercury quoted unidentified sources yesterday as saying the demands generally concerned the treatment of Bowen: that after surrender Bowen be allowed visits by his family and not be brutalized, that he not spend more time in solitary than any other person committing a similar crime and that none of the 32 inmates who were originally taken hostage be punished.

The other demands were minor, the paper said, adding there was no demand for amnesty.

Stone said the account "contained more erroneous speculation than there is truth." He did not elaborate.

Officials of the institution have said they would not grant amnesty to the hostage-takers.

Stone, asked to participate in the talks by the governor's office and Bowen's mother, has arranged the surrender of suspects to police on 12

occasions and served as an intermediary in a 1972 disturbance at another state prison.

"It is extremely delicate," Stone said, after meeting with Bowen on Sunday. "I can't tell you how delicate it is. We're dealing with life and death."

In a story in yesterday's Daily News, Stone said, "This situation is for real. And the brothers holding those hostages are not playing, believe me."

The siege started after a guard fired a warning shot at a group of convicts trying to scale the 30-foot prison wall with a makeshift rope. The inmates returned the fire with a handgun, then retreated to the kitchen.

The convicts seized the people in the

kitchen, including inmates, three guards and three kitchen workers. Twenty-nine inmates were freed earlier.

Robinson said a preliminary inquiry found "security problems" in the kitchen Wednesday. Doors from the kitchen to the yard, supposed to be locked at all times, apparently were unlocked, he said.

Two of those taken hostage were diabetics. The captors accepted insulin for the hostages and provided a urine sample which showed the two men were in "good shape," Robinson said.

Stone said he was told Sunday that one of the hostages had taken ill. Bowen cut off the talks, held in a corridor outside the unheated kitchen, to attend to the captive.

## Demands won by convicts

GRATERFORD, Pa. (AP) — Convicts holding staff members hostage at the state prison here won promises of federal custody, safe passage and press coverage in exchange for release of the captives yesterday.

After two days of negotiations, the 12 original demands had grown to a total of 19 points. The points were signed by authorities only on condition that the hostages be freed.

Here are some highlights, excerpted from a list provided by authorities:

- The Bureau of Correction agrees to provide safe conduct for seven inmates — Joseph Bowen, LeRoy Newsome, Wallace Ellison, Calvin Williams, Drake Hall, Frank Sinclair and Otis Graham — to an appropriate housing unit, as designated by the bureau. This also includes safe conduct for medical and police interviews.
- The federal authorities agree to accept the seven inmates if state officials request; the federal Bureau

of Prisons will treat these inmates like any other state boarders.

- Chuck Stone, columnist for the Philadelphia Daily News, who negotiated with the captors, agrees to provide complete coverage of the charges.
- The bureau agrees that it will file no criminal charges against inmates who were not involved in the initial escape attempt or hostage taking.
- No more than six months of disciplinary custody for the inmates if no further misconducts occur.
- Charges will be identified by the Pennsylvania State Police after an investigation has been completed.
- The bureau agrees to provide signed documents concerning the agreements reached in the negotiations.
- The bureau agrees that visits and treatment will not be affected by the present charges.
- The bureau agrees to permit visiting immediately after the prison resumes normal operation.

## Council candidates speak to the issues

Editor's Note: Today is election day. Centre County's most contested race is the State College Municipal Council election. The following story is a wrap-up of the council race. See yesterday's edition of The Daily Collegian for other campaign coverage — including the list of polling places. See tomorrow's edition of the Collegian for partial election results.

By KAREN KONSKI  
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The issues have changed little since the spring primaries.

Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area funds and parking garages have become issues and the subject of a paraphernalia ordinance has disappeared from speeches, but the State College Municipal Council candidates still have varied opinions on all of the topics.

Seven candidates are running for three council seats today. Running on the Republican ticket are John Dombroski, Ralph Way and Gary Wisner. The Democrats are incumbent James Deeslie, incumbent Felicia Lewis and Grove Searly Jr. Centre County's new official party, the Consumer Party, has one candidate running — Ray Boyle.

Since State College has become an SMSA and is eligible for block grant funds, the council must decide what the funds should be used for.

Some of the candidates are hesitant about accepting the funds at all.

Dombroski said he thinks the council needs to look at federal guidelines for the funds and also needs citizen input to decide where the funds would be most beneficial.

"We need to know the ground rules," Dombroski said. "We may have to build or do things in a way we don't want to. There may be rigid limitations (on how the money can be used)."

Searly said he is concerned about accepting the funds because they are only available for the next three years, with no guarantee that they will be extended past the three years.

"Since it's new," he said, "there may be perils to be investigated."

Wisner said he thinks the council should look into specifically what the funds can be used for.

Lewis, however, said she thinks the funds should be used to stop the deterioration of housing downtown. She also said she would like to see the funds used for a project to benefit the entire Centre Region and a project to benefit the county.

Most of the other candidates agree with Lewis that something should be done to stop the spread of deteriorating neighborhoods.

Deeslie said he thinks a stricter housing code is necessary. He said many of the houses downtown are barely meeting the minimum legal housing code standards.

"The sad part is," Deeslie said, "the students living (in the deteriorating houses) are paying just as much as some people in other houses."

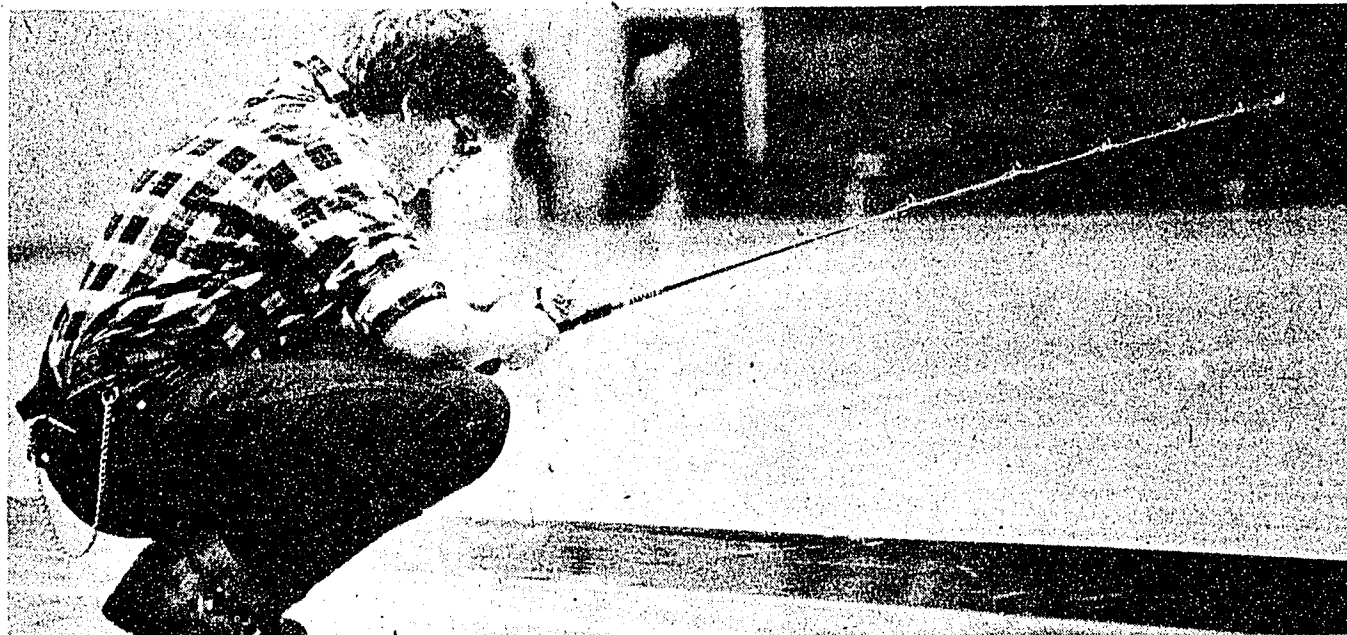
Searly said he thinks the council needs to control its ordinances to maintain scenic beauty but still provide people with an adequate place to live.

Wisner said he thinks that changing the zoning in some areas from residential to commercial may make the building of higher quality apartments easier.

"I don't see anything wrong with remodeling old homes," Wisner said, "as long as they're remodeled into nice apartments at reasonable rates."

An issue that has carried over from the spring primaries is whether to keep the Centre Cab Co. as a municipally run operation or to sell it to private buyers.

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The one that got away

Bob Erdman (1st-animal biological science) tries his hand at casting for the big one in his class in Rec Hall. The students never actually go fishing. They simply cast away.

## Candidates endorsed

By ANNE CONNERS  
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Ray Boyle, Consumer Party candidate in the State College Municipal Council race, was strongly endorsed last night by the Undergraduate Student Government Senate with a margin of 16-1-5.

The senate also endorsed incumbent Democratic candidates James Deeslie and Felicia Lewis by margins of 12-6-5 and 11-5-6.

"(Ray Boyle's) the best candidate that identifies with student problems, but he's not just addressing student problems," said Leni Barch, town senator. "He's aware of other issues downtown."

Richard Hudock, spring candidate for the council and president of the College of Young Democrats, spoke in favor of Deeslie and Lewis.

"At the beginning of the fall campaign, I had an open mind and I did interview all the candidates," he said. "I think Deeslie and Lewis really have student interests in mind, and they're going to maintain the status quo."

However, Town Senator Emil Parvensky said he disagreed with Lewis' stand on how to spend the Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area money. State College was eligible to receive federal funds after being designated a SMSA as a result of the 1980 census.

"We're about to endorse a person who wants to fix the roads when we have Doctor Sun's slums on West College Avenue," Parvensky said. "I have yet to find one road that is low income."

Lewis has said that she is in favor of the funds.

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• Because reorganization of the Centre Area Transportation Authority from a regional to a municipal authority may require at least another month of deliberation, Undergraduate Student Government President Bill Cluck has decided to fill the vacant student seat on the CATA board. Page 4

## weather

Weather systems may become stalled once again this later this week but for today we expect partly cloudy, breezy and cool weather with high temperatures near 58 degrees. Becoming mostly cloudy to night with low temperatures around 43. Cloudy with a few sunny intervals for tomorrow. High temperatures will be in the mid 50s.

—by Mark Stunder

## Alumni association's exec. director reminisces

By DINA DEFABO  
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When Ross B. Lehman, executive director of the Alumni Association, came to the University in 1938, he thought he would only be here for a semester — but he found a world that would intrigue him for the rest of his life.

As a student, Lehman was fascinated by the University, its people and the surrounding community.

"It is here at Penn State where I really began to think, to examine and to explore the world around me," he said. "It is here where door after door after door of knowledge was opening, and I didn't realize some of that until I graduated, though."

"Here you can stop and talk with a student on a street corner or your neighbor or your friend," he said. "You can exchange thoughts with a philosopher or with your barber — you probably live next door to either one."

Lehman has been living next door to philosophers and barbers for the past 33 years — years he spent working with the Alumni Association and greatly expanding alumni programs and services.

And now, as he plans to retire in the spring of 1983, Lehman admits that the place and its people have captured his heart.

"I guess it's really the spirit here and above all you've kept me young — you the students," he said.

"Here I have many sons and daughters and I'm very sincere about that," he said. "It's a lovely place, a lovely atmosphere and the

different types of people will intrigue me until the day I die — the students, faculty and townspeople — and if I sound sentimental, I am."

As a penniless journalism major, Lehman worked his way through college by shoveling coal for faculty members and other State College residents, who Lehman insists offered him the job out of generosity and really did not need to have their furnaces cleaned.

"I had no money for my room and they took care of me," he said. "I expected to stay here for one semester and I made it all the way through college."

"This happened in literally hundreds and hundreds of homes in which people in the community helped students in one way or another," he said.

It was this special relationship that sparked Lehman and other alumni to return the act of kindness by initiating programs and services to benefit the University and community.

"The impact of people within the community upon the University is in many, many ways," he said. "The students have more friends (alumni and community members) here than they realize, and I feel they are not just numbers."

As a student, Lehman was editor of The Daily Collegian and was a member of several campus honorary societies.

After he graduated in 1942, he worked briefly as a news assistant in the University's Office of Public Information, and served two years as assistant city editor of the Lancaster

New Era.

Lehman returned to his alma mater in 1948 as assistant executive secretary of the Alumni Association and was appointed to his present position in 1970.

Under Lehman's leadership, the Alumni Association has nearly doubled its membership and established several programs.

Lehman said he especially likes the Alumni Fellows program, through which distinguished alumni return to the University for three to five days and "rub elbows" with students and faculty in classes and seminars.

Working closely with the Career Development and Placement Center, the Alumni Association invites alumni to come back to campus and give students helpful information about their future careers.

Through the alumni vacation college, another program established by Lehman, alumni and their families return to campus for one or two weeks to attend lectures and simply enjoy the University.

Lehman said he is very happy with the University's Alumni Institute — a one-day institute in which prominent faculty members lecture to alumni and participate in panel discussions.

In 1979, Lehman established the first Alumnae Day Program — a day of lectures on topics of special interest to women.

Now, the Alumni Association's executive board is studying the best way to help students find summer employment, he said.

Because Penn State is special to Lehman, it seems fitting that it was here he met his wife Katey, who died in January.

"My darlin' Katey," Lehman reminisced in his leprechaun brogue.

For 26 years, the Lehmans combined literary talents to write a column titled "Open House," which appeared daily in the Centre Daily Times, he said.

"Kids were always pouring into our house from the neighborhood and Katey had the 'open-door policy' as far as the kids were concerned," he said. "We dubbed our column 'Open House' because it was an open house of thoughts, of ideas — of anything."

Lehman said he hasn't felt like returning to the "Open House" column yet because it was such a joint effort, but he said that he might.

"I feel that this was one of the best positions one could have in a lifetime."

"There always is a time and place for someone else — there are other fulfillments and they are beyond me," he said. "But the fulfillments I've had have been very precious."

And Ross Lehman is approaching the autumn of his life. As he so eloquently put it in his column, which appeared in the Centre Daily Times on Sept. 3, 1980:

"And September gives us a gentle nudge. It reminds us of a different aspect of living, a new pace, an approach of season and a change within us and beyond us.

"So September, thanks for the hint. I may move grudgingly but toward Autumn,



Ross B. Lehman

grouching about the fading flower and the falling leaf.

"But change I will and change I must. I won't feel too bad when the forest spreads its hues and when I reach, for the first time, into my memory book for the first thought and the first new leaf."