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editorial opinion

Of nuclear war and sewers

When the nuclear freeze movement reached Centre County it was partially thwarted by sewers. In August, the Centre County Commissioners passed a resolution that urged the United States and the Soviet Union to freeze the testing, production and deployment of nuclear weapons...



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A little delay Kathleen A. Pavelko's reader representative column, usually appearing on Monday, will appear tomorrow...

reader opinion / the palestinian dilemma

Pathetic attempt

If the circumstances hadn't been so serious, I might have been able to laugh off Professor Feuchtwang's pathetic attempt to justify Zionist/Israeli intransigent attitudes toward the Palestinian people...

Last Wednesday evening was the time designated for an ecumenical memorial service for the recent massacre of Palestinians...

There they were met by Feuchtwang and his little band of groupies who were scurrying around the lobby pushing handout sheets to passersby with the fanatical zeal of airport Moonies...

I repudiate that this certainly wasn't the time or place, but that this agitation was not representative of the Jews — that they belonged to a radical Zionist political faction...

Feuchtwang is a professor in the physical science department, who, for many years, has been volubly vocal on behalf of the Zionist viewpoint...

ing sheep-like, a pitiful remnant of the terrorist Stern gang mentality that was responsible for many more massacres of Palestinians in previous years of the struggle for a land...

As a professor of physics, you should be well aware of the natural laws of mass and saturation, and as a member of the human species, you should be even more aware of the consequential law of genocide...

Larry Kassab, graduate-speech communications Sept. 23

Step down

I have long been an admirer and supporter of the people of Israel; the way they stick together and hold to their beliefs in the face of overwhelming odds is something I wish I could see more often in this country...

My admiration of Israel was suddenly shattered Wednesday night when NBC news showed the Israeli military command post in

the top floor of a high rise building in Beirut — directly overlooking one of the Palestinian camps where the massacre of innocent women and children took place...

I would like to see our president and Congress immediately recall our ambassador from Israel and cease all weapons shipments to that country...

Clifford C. Wilson, 10th-earth sciences Sept. 24

Right to exist

I read with interest the letter printed in Thursday's Daily Collegian entitled Need for Action. The one-sided view of the Middle East conflict taken by the writer deserves a counterpart, for a one-sided view of such a complex issue is too narrow a perspective...

It's true that the massacre by Lebanese Christians (not Israelis, as the writer implies) was a moral and political disgrace,

which ought to lead to Israel Defense Minister Sharon's resignation. Also, in hindsight, the occupation of west Beirut by Israel has proven to be a wrong move indeed...

How can anyone actually believe that the Israeli people advocate the Palestinian killings after their own personal history of being the victims of such atrocities throughout World War II...

David Glassman, 7th-history Sept. 23

Whereas Israeli citizens have expressed outrage and shame for their beloved country of late, I don't recall reading about Palestinian regret after their artillery blasted into northern Israeli settlements...

Does the world honestly believe that Israel condones, let alone participates in, murdering with reckless abandon? Is it not true that this same nation, rightfully or wrongfully, managed to destroy an Iraqi nuclear facility with just one on-ground casualty?

It is this sort of precision in which Israel takes pride, which led to the PLO strategy of making them look bad by hiding among

plight of the Palestinians and their demand for national self-determination. The Middle East Cultures Club (often called MEOCC) tries to serve all members of the University community interested in the Middle East...

But Penn Staters must show that they can examine the Arab-Israeli conflict in a mature and rational way. We all have the right to speak, passionately and (we hope) persuasively...

When partisans of a Jewish Israel or of an Arab Palestine have violated each other's rights by dirty tricks, threats, or physical violence, I expect most Penn Staters to condemn these acts...

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Arthur Goldschmidt spent the academic year 1981-82 as a Fulbright Research Professor at Cairo University.

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A different kind of battle rages at Penn State

By ARTHUR GOLDSCHMIDT JR. Associate Professor of History

Lebanon is not the only battlefield for the Arab-Israeli conflict; another is the campuses of America's colleges and universities. Ideally, the struggle for the minds of articulate young (or older) Americans should be fought with well-chosen words, posters, slides and movies...

Many readers of The Daily Collegian may have been puzzled by accounts of local Arab-Jewish confrontations, angry letters and op-ed articles. Even though I may not be able to shine a beam of truth through the fog of propaganda...

The Middle East conflict is between two national movements that have arisen during the last century. One is called Zionism, the ideology stating that the Jews constitute a nation and that they must gather together to establish a Jewish state...

achieved its goal when Israel was formed in 1948. But because of on-going Arab opposition, Israel and its supporters have had to keep fighting to assure Israel's continued existence. Not all Jews are Zionists; some argue that Judaism is a religion, not the basis for an ideology...

On the other side is Arab nationalism, the ideology that calls on all the Arabic-speaking peoples of the Middle East and North Africa to work together to assure their freedom from outside domination. In a sense, Arab nationalism achieved its goal as some twenty Arabic-speaking countries won their independence between 1918 and 1971.

But because Israel was set up in the former British mandate of Palestine, against the wishes of that country's Arab majority, Arab nationalists, too, must fight on until the whole Arab homeland is free from foreign rule...

70, 1973, and now 1982 have deepened the suffering, the bitterness and the determination of both sides. The United States' government recognized and supports the State of Israel, created as the result of a United Nations General Assembly decision in 1947 to partition what had been the British mandate of Palestine...

Until recently, most Americans supported Israel and even its 15-year occupation of the Arab lands it took in 1967. But the current Camp David treaty, Jerusalem should be internationalized. In practice, the State Department tilts more toward the Arab side, while Congress often favors the White House...

The massacres of the Lebanese and Palestinian civilians in the West Beirut refugee camps of Sabra and Shatila have aroused most Americans, whether elected officials or citizens. The murders were probably

committed by the Christian Lebanese, angered by the bombing of the Phalangist party headquarters and the consequent death of Lebanon's president-elect, Bashir Gemayel. But Israeli troops had occupied west Beirut and were, at least, responsible to preserve order; yet some accounts say that they assisted the massacres...

Indeed, Penn State has organized groups to accommodate this need. Religiously observant Jews have the Hillel Foundation. Supporters of Israel, Gentile as well as Jewish, have Yachad as a Zionist student group. Faculty and staff may join the American Professors for Peace in the Middle East...

The Organization of Arab Students serves the needs of students coming from Arabic-speaking countries; it sometimes invites non-Arabs to attend seminars and other functions. The new Penn State Association for Palestine calls people's attention to the

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