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Kidnappers claim six American hostages dead

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BEIRUT, Lebanon — An anonymous caller said Islamic Jihad extremists planned to kill their half-dozen American hostages yesterday, and a second caller claimed they were dead. But no bodies were found in the designated spot.

The captives were to be "executed" by firing squad because indirect negotiations with the United States had reached "a dead end," the first man said in a call to a Western news agency.

In Washington, however, a White House official said "contacts" in the Lebanon hostage case had not broken down. And President Reagan said of the death threat, "Evidently there is no substantiation of that at all."

Since the calls could not be authenticated, it was impossible to determine whether they were a macabre hoax or simply part of a war of nerves being waged by the shadowy Shiite Moslem faction to pressure Washington into making a deal.

Six Americans are missing in Lebanon. Islamic Jihad claimed Oct. 4 it killed one of them, diplomat William Buckley, 57. But no body has turned up.

The other American captives are Peter Kilburn, 60, an American University of Beirut librarian; the Rev. Lawrence Jenco, 50, a Roman Catholic priest; Terry Anderson, 38, chief Middle East correspondent for The Associated Press; David Jacobsen, director of the Ameri-

can University Hospital, and Thomas Sutherland, the university's dean of agriculture.

Islamic Jihad, or Islamic Holy War, believed made up of fundamentalist followers of Iran's Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, had said it would release the Americans when Kuwait frees 17 Shiite comrades serving prison terms for the bombings of the U.S. and French embassies in Kuwait in December 1983. Kuwait refuses.

Several threats were made earlier to try the hostages as spies and "execute" them if the demand was not met. But no deadlines were set. In some other Lebanon abduction cases, calls reporting supposed "executions" have turned out to be false.

A representative of the news agency, which declined to be identified, said yesterday's first call came at 7:15 a.m. (12:15 a.m. EST) from a man who, speaking in classical Arabic, declared the American hostages would be shot by firing squad.

"We wish to tell America that the sad end of the American hostages will not be the last. We shall shake the earth at America's feet and the feet of its agents," said the caller.

He promised to call again at 1 p.m. local time to say where the bodies had been dumped. That call was never made. But another man, speaking colloquial Lebanese Arabic, called the agency at 10 a.m.

He said that "all the bodies of the Americans, including Buckley's," had been dumped in the basement of the derelict, shell-pocked Coca-Cola factory.



Lion down

Ann Broclloff, mobile unit staff nurse, prepares Penn State Nittany Lion mascot Robert Sterling to donate blood yesterday in the third annual Pitt/Penn State Blood Donor Challenge. The winner of this year's rivalry will pull ahead in the challenge. Both universities have won one year — with Pitt donating the most blood in 1983 and Penn State topping them in donations last year. Donors can give blood at various campus locations on Nov. 12, 14, 15, 19 and 20.

About 50 hostages rescued in Columbia

By TOM WELLS
Associated Press Writer

BOGOTA, Colombia — Soldiers blew down walls of the Palace of Justice with dynamite yesterday and rescued up to 48 hostages held by leftist rebels. Officers said they found 50 bodies in the burned-out building after "annihilating" the guerrillas.

Survivors said the guerrillas shot to death six Supreme Court judges, including the chief justice.

Jorge Antonio Reina, a driver for the court, told radio station Caracol that he saw April 19 Movement guerrillas kill four magistrates.

"They shot magistrate Manuel Gaona Cruz here," he said, touching a finger to his forehead. "They made him lie down on the floor and that's where they shot him even though he was insisting that they should try to negotiate" with the government.

Reina said the guerrillas earlier had killed three other judges, including two from the Supreme Court.

Another former hostage told radio station RCN that guerrilla leader Andres Almarales had killed the court's chief justice, Alfonso Reyes Echandia, and auxiliary magistrate Maria Ines Ramos.

Reina said the rebels decided yesterday morning to kill the justices when it appeared the guerrillas' situation was hopeless.

The reports could not be independently verified, and there was no confirmation that the bodies of the justices had been identified.

Most of the bodies were badly burned by a fire that swept the five-story building beginning late



The Colombian Palace of Justice burns Wednesday after guerrillas who held about 50 hostages inside apparently set the blaze to destroy court records. Colombian soldiers blew in the palace walls yesterday rescuing most of the captives and killing many of the guerrillas.

Wednesday night. It was not clear how and when the hostages had died.

Commanders of both the army and national police toured the building's charred and smoking remains. Reporters were allowed to accompany them, which indicated no rebels were alive inside.

A commander of the assault, Col. Alfonso Plazas, said the leftist guerrillas "were annihilated."

Military sources said 50 bodies were found inside and 18 were those of guerrillas, including six members of the high command of the

April 19 Movement, the group the rebels belonged to.

The sources said Andres Almarales, who led the band that seized the palace Wednesday, was one of the six rebel leaders killed. They identified the others as Vera Grave, Afranio Parra, Antonio Jacquim, Francisco Otero and Guillermo Elvencio Ruiz.

There were conflicting reports about whether some guerrillas had surrendered and the number of hostages freed in the final assault at about 3 p.m.

Radio stations RCN, Caracol and Todelar, all of which had reporters on the tour, reported between 38 and 48 hostages freed.

There were survivors with much of their clothing burned away, others barefoot or wearing only one shoe. Some wept silently, others aloud and uncontrollably.

In reports from outside the justice building, RCN and Caracol said the army used dynamite to blast through walls at the building. The government spurned a rebel offer to negotiate earlier in the day.

Mandia improving following surgery

By NAN CRYSTAL ARENS
Collegian Science Writer

Anthony Mandia, the heart transplant patient sustained for 11 days by the University's pneumatic artificial heart, is responding to antibiotics given to combat an infection, a Hershey Medical Center spokesman said yesterday.

Scott Lux said, "Anthony Mandia is in critical and unstable condition, but his fever is responding to treatment with three antibiotics."

Mandia underwent a four-hour surgical procedure Wednesday to drain and irrigate an abscess near his heart, perform a bronchoscopy to clear lung secretions and install a catheter to facilitate administering medication and nutritional supplements, Lux said.

However, Mandia's vital signs are still good, Lux added.

"His heart, although working under the strain in the face of an infection, is working well," Lux said.

Mandia is still being treated with hemodialysis to purify his blood and he is still on a respirator, Lux said.

"Mr. Mandia is fatigued but continues to respond," Lux said.

Infection is a complication of the drugs Mandia is receiving to prevent his body from rejecting the transplanted heart, said Carl Andrews, director of public relations at the medical center.

Without the drug — cyclosporin-A — Mandia's body would attack the foreign tissue and destroy his new heart. However, suppressing his normal immune system also makes Mandia more susceptible to other infections, Andrews said.

Mandia, who received a donor heart Oct. 28, was the first human to be sustained with the University's artificial heart.

When Mandia's diseased heart began to fail on Oct. 18, doctors at the medical center implanted the artificial heart to sustain him until a donor organ could be found.

Task force to present final recommendations

By ALAN J. CRAVER
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The University President's Task Force on Alcohol will publicly present its finalized report once the recommendations are presented to President Bryce Jordan in about two weeks, a co-chairman of the task force said.

M. Lee Upcraft, division director of counseling and health services, said no definite date for the meeting with Jordan or for the release of the recommendations under consideration has been set, but it should be during the week of Nov. 18.

The task force was established to form recommendations on ways the University can improve problems created by alcohol abuse among students.

Undergraduate Student Government President David Rosenblatt, co-chairman of the task force, said it is important for Jordan and students to learn of the recommendations at the same time.

"It's crucial that students know what Jordan has under consideration," Rosenblatt said. "We don't want to paint Jordan into a corner and we don't want to leave students in the dark."

Jordan said he is not sure when he will make a final decision on the task force's recommendations.

"I just can't predict how long it could take," Jordan said.

He said it may take about one month for him to make his decision because he will want to read about alcohol abuse among college students and meet with people concerned with the subject.

Upcraft said once he writes the final report, the task force members will edit and approve it before the recommendations are given to Jordan.

At the meeting with Jordan, Upcraft said, he and Rosenblatt will answer Jordan's questions about the recommendations and explain some of the major ones.

Rosenblatt said he and Upcraft will also explain the concerns of task force members, students and others involved with the recommendations.

The task force approved portions of its recommendations on awareness and treatment programs Oct. 24. Some of those recommendations included increasing the visibility of awareness and treatment programs and developing programs for various State College groups such as public school students, University employees and off-campus students.

Rosenblatt said the final report will include recommendations on alcohol education courses at the University.

Collegian business manager named

By COLBY STONG
Collegian Staff Writer

William G. Landis Jr. was selected as business manager of The Daily Collegian last night by the Board of Directors of Collegian Inc.

Landis' one-year term will begin in January when the current business manager, Karen Jaret, will step down.

Jack Sulzer, president of the board, said the decision was as close as Wednesday night's decision in choosing the editor of the news division.

The business manager presides over the business division of the Collegian.

Landis (senior-marketing) said he wants to foster the spirit of cooperation within the Board of Managers and with the editorial staff.

"It's a matter of getting the departments working together," Landis

said. He added that he intends to stress a positive attitude among staff members.

"That's always something we can improve upon," he said.

Landis has been a member of Collegian Inc. since October 1984 and is now the major accounts sales representative. He is also a member of the Penn State Marketing Association and Career Night Liaison Committee.

In addition, Landis is a member of Delta Tau Delta fraternity, serving as public relations chairman and assistant treasurer, and a member of the Interfraternity Council.

Landis has worked for Toftee's Resort and Country Club, in State College; Eagle Concrete Products, Inc., Accident, Md.; and King's Rook Coffee House, Marblehead, Mass.

Other candidates for business manager were Roland Deal Jr., Kathleen J. Heilman and Susan A. Shamlian.



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Today, a few morning clouds will give way to lots of sunshine. It will be a bit cooler. Low 46. This evening, it will be mostly clear and quite cool as the low drops to near 30.....Heldi Sonen