

opinions

The Daily Collegian
Tuesday, Aug. 5, 1986

editorial opinion

Closing the door on concessions

The homecoming of the Rev. Lawrence Jenco, the Roman Catholic priest who was held for almost 19 months by Shiite Muslim extremists in Lebanon, returned the plight of the American hostages to the nation's conscience.

But while American hearts were warmed by this "living martyr," the Reagan administration has been criticized for callously abandoning the three remaining hostages by refusing to take an open part in negotiating their release.

However, Reagan stands firm that the United States will continue its policy of "no concessions... no deals" when it comes to terrorists. And really, the president doesn't have much of a choice.

Acknowledging that terrorists like the Islamic Jihad — the group that held Jenco captive — are legitimate bodies privileged to full U.S. diplomatic considerations is just the foot in the door the terrorists are waiting for.

Openly bargaining with terrorists would push the situation far beyond the three Americans in Lebanon and 17 Shiites imprisoned in Kuwait. Talking with terrorists implies that their acts of violence are reasonable ways of expressing demands. Open negotiations set a dangerous precedent,

which could lead to further acts of terrorism against Americans.

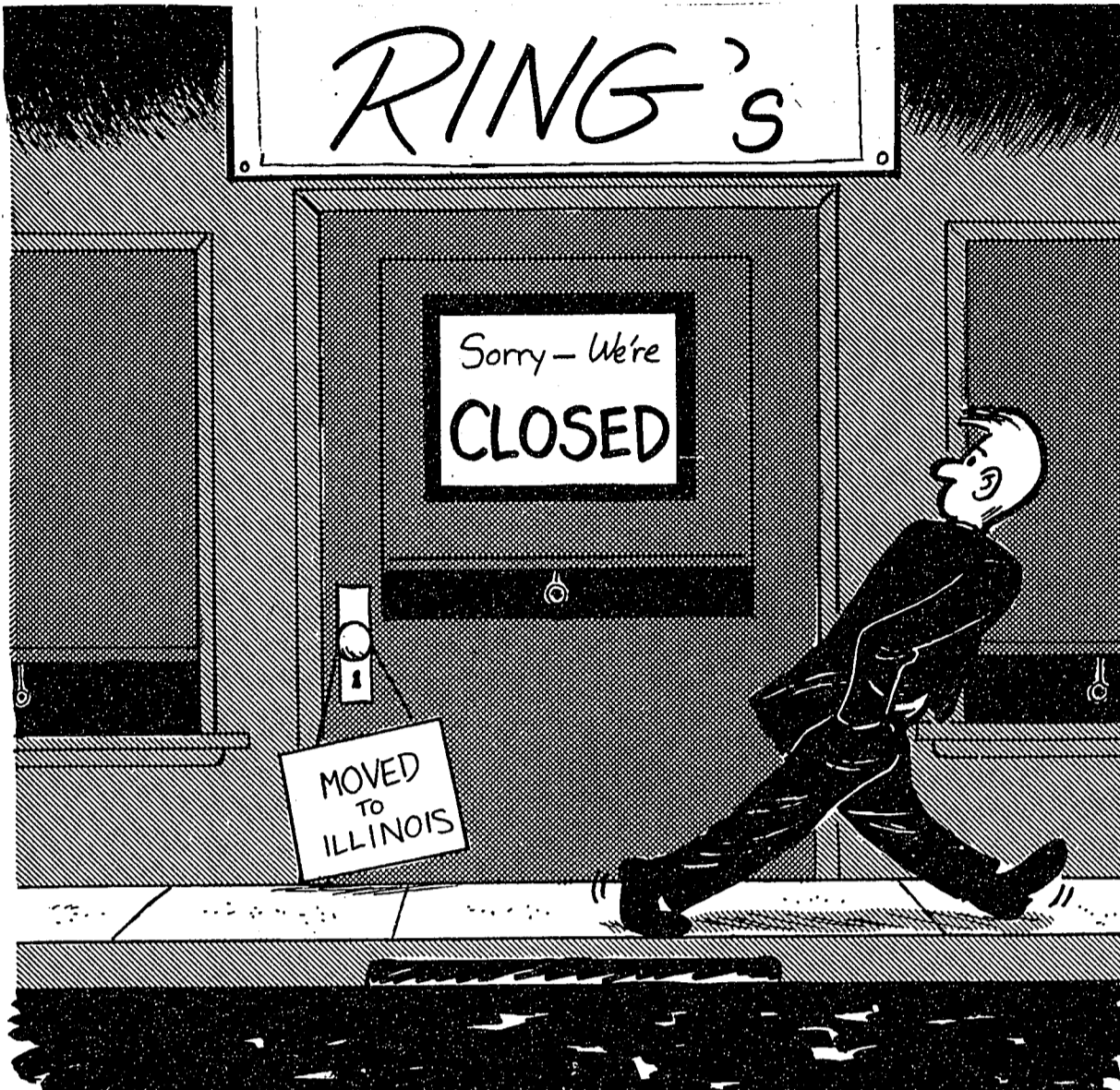
The Islamic Jihad and every other terrorist group would quickly recognize that the United States is willing to negotiate within diplomatic bounds — and willing to cave in to their demands and threats. But terrorists aren't bound by diplomacy.

However, the Reagan administration cannot merely sweep the captive Americans under the rug. Our hostages cannot be forgotten.

After Jenco left Lebanon, administration officials reported that a secret trip to Syria by CIA Director William Casey led to Jenco's release. According to those government sources, Casey met with the Syrians, who have influence in the area where Jenco was held.

Perhaps these behind-the-scenes negotiations are the answer — an action that will result in freedom for the captive Americans without compromising America's firm stand against negotiating with terrorists.

The hostages must not be forgotten, nor should they be ignored. But any steps the Reagan administration takes to gain their freedom should ensure that more Americans will not be taken as bargaining chips.



other views

Rehnquist's nomination

William Rehnquist would not be our nominee. He has voted and written consistently against the claims of minorities and the poor. He has exalted executive and state authority over Congress and the arguments of states over individuals. His sole dissenting vote dignified the Reagan administration's arguments that segregated schools were exempt from taxation... Whether the Senate should confirm him is a separate question, one that could turn on his Senate testimony.

— *The New York Times*

U.S. space program

It is time to set aside any doubts that the U.S. space program is in deep trouble.

American communications firms are unable to

find American rockets to take their satellites into space. The growing backlog of grounded satellites is forcing U.S. firms to look elsewhere for reliable launchers, to Europe, even China.

With NASA's space shuttle program on hold until 1989, the failure to develop a private commercial launch program to compete with the space agency can now be viewed as a costly mistake. The United States is losing a multi-million dollar business to foreign governments, and the country's reputation as the world's high-tech leader is in jeopardy.

— *Charleston (W.Va.) Daily Mail*

The Bolivian drug raid

Critics have charged that the government ought to crack down on the dealer and the user. Granted, drug dealers in particular should be treated like a

Congress and the deficit

The deficit has more than doubled during the Reagan years, due largely to the White House's insistence that spending can be increased without a tax hike.

Congress bought that reasoning hook, line and sinker. Now, however, it will surrender its budgetary discretion to the Office of Management and Budget whose economic theory created the current problem in the first place. It's a perfect demonstration of why horror stories are so scary: The beasts that never die are always the ones that should.

— *The Cleveland Plain Dealer*

Hazardous materials

Nebraska Gov. Bob Kerrey took a rather extreme step in stopping a train carrying radioactive material from the Three Mile Island nuclear power plant. Kerrey ordered the train stopped in Kansas but allowed it into Nebraska after a 3 1/2 hour layover.

Kerrey's order to halt the train before it crossed the Nebraska border was more show than substance. His action, though, emphasizes the need for stricter control over the movement of hazardous materials...

The potential for a major disaster should an accident occur on a train carrying radioactive cargo is too great for the shipments to be taken for granted...

— *Parsons (Kan.) Sun*

Columnist applications available

The Daily Collegian is looking for a few good columnists for Fall Semester '86.

Columnists will be expected to write opinionated, well-researched and well-written columns for the editorial opinion page concerning political issues or topics that are currently capturing the public's attention — either locally or nationally.

The deadline for all applications is Wednesday, September 3, 1986 at 5 p.m. However, no applications will be accepted until Sunday, August 24, 1986.

the Collegian

Tuesday, August 5, 1986
©1986 Collegian Inc.

Nan Crystal Arens
Editor

William G. Landis Jr.
Business Manager

Wire Editor: Doug Povovich
Copy Editors: Sonya Baum, Heather Maloney, Sheryl Weisman

Assistant Sports Editor: Mark Brennan
Arts Editor: Pat Johnson
Science Editor: Kelli Dodson
Graphics Editor: Tony Cicconetti
Photo Editor: Greg Zolkin
Assistant Photo Editor: Dan Oleski

Board of Managers
Sales Manager: David M. Profozich
Office Manager: Mary Lynn Johnson
Assistant Office Manager: Amy Constantine
Accounting Manager: K.C. McClure
Layout Coordinator: Nancy George

Complaints: News and editorial complaints should be presented to the editor. Business and advertising complaints should be presented to the business manager. If a complaint is not satisfactorily resolved, grievances may be filed with the Accuracy and Fair Play Committee of Collegian Inc.

Letters Policy: The Daily Collegian encourages comments on news coverage, editorial policy and University affairs. Letters must be typewritten, double-spaced and no longer than one and one-half pages. For most letters to be typewritten, double-spaced and no longer than three pages.

Board of Editors
Managing Editor: Amy Fellin
Assistant Managing Editors: Raymond, Kris Schmitt
Opinion Editor: Jill Graham
News Editor: Anita Yesho



Ring closes up shop and bids us farewell on his way to The Real World

My father always told me that when it's time to say goodbye, it's best to make it short and sweet. One of his favorite techniques in getting around painful, awkward farewells was making a big scene in the office several days prior to his departure and saying something to the effect of "Now hear this! I do not — I repeat not — want a going-away party held in my honor. Is that understood?"

Now I should point out that my father is not a bombastic, unfeeling ogre, on the contrary, he is a soft-spoken, deeply sensitive man whose insight, intelligence and sense of humor draws others toward him. It is, in fact, that very sensitivity that moves him to take such great pains to avoid saying goodbye, for he knows that if he let his guard down against the feelings of sadness that accompany farewells, chances are good that he might change his mind about leaving in the first place.

This column, then, should be by rights be equally aloof and understated as my father's farewell policy.

Then again, I ain't my dad.

About four weeks ago, some man from Illinois wrote me of an afternoon nap to offer me a job scribbles in his newspaper. It seems he'd seen my scribbles in *The Daily Collegian* and thought that he'd like me to make a mess of his editorial page, too. I said fine, and so, at 7:30 a.m. on Tuesday, September 2, I'll walk through the

doors of the Danville, Illinois *Commercial News* and officially return to that dreaded world we like to call *The Real World*.

Funny thing about this getting-a-job stuff, though, as soon as I decided to go to Illinois, the national pastime suddenly became talking me how lucky I am and how happy I should be.

It is to laugh.

People don't seem to realize that I've already been a part of the real world. Hell, that's why I went back to grad school in the first place. I had a decent job that was paying decent money. I was living at home, so saving money was no problem. My parents had a VCR, a microwave, cable, air conditioning, refrigerators that were always full, and a spare ten-dollar bill every weekend. I had everything a 22-year-old could possibly want.

Everything, that is, except *freedom*. See, while you're at college, it's difficult

to appreciate just how much freedom you have. Now, I'm not talking about freedom from your parents or anything like that; that kind of freedom is probably the only thing college students never take for granted.

Instead, I'm talking about things like those days when you just don't feel like going to class or the times when a beer sure would taste good or the afternoons when you think a couple hours of basketball would be just the ticket to help you get rid of some of that extra energy you've been carrying around.

I'm talking about the freedom to see your best friends any time you want to or cut out for the weekend or watch MTV all night. I know, the kind of freedom that matters.

I'm also talking about the kind of freedom that allows you to delude yourself long enough that you believe you could one day become anything you heart desires.

When I walk past the Undergraduate Student Government offices in the HUB, I see future members of Congress. When I pass a Steamin' Norbert's cart, I see someone headed for Merrill Lynch or Price-Waterhouse. And when I walk into the Collegian offices, I see future members of the staff of the *New York Times*.

Okay, so maybe these are delusions of grandeur. All I know is that it was the prospect of deluding myself about one day becoming an editorial cartoonist that

brought me to Penn State in the first place. And let me tell you that I've never had so much fun in my life as I've had deluding myself at University Park. I've been ironically referred to as "omniscient," had my work termed a "dilatatory diatribe" and had some women claim that I can't appreciate the beauty of a black woman (I just love mentioning that), and believe me, I've never been happier.

Now, as the Frontier of The Real World creeps closer, I can't help but think sadly back to all of the things that I wish I'd done while I was here. And I certainly can't think of any better way to express to you the importance of those things to me than a bona fide, imitation "Late Night with David Letterman" Top-Ten list.

Call it "Top Ten Things Ring Would Like to Have Done before Leaving Penn State." Here goes — Paul, do we have music to go along with this? (Cue the muzak version of "I've Loved These Days" by Billy Joel).

10. See what Bryce Jordan's sneakers really look like.

9. Wear black and sit on the wall on College Avenue.

8. Do a cartoon on how utterly ridiculous it is for anyone to have to pay for a blackbook.

7. Pet a cow at the School of Agriculture.

6. Spend my life savings on a watch at the Penn State Book Store.

5. Look up dirty books on LIAS.

4. Down a few beer bong with Joepa.

3. Conduct research confirming the fact that reading the *Centre Daily Times* can give you zits.

2. Collect a couple of grand from Serrano and a couple of grand from Serrano.

1. Do a cartoon so astoundingly astute that the Board of Trustees calls an emergency meeting to completely divest Penn State's holdings in South Africa.

Well, I guess the time for dreams and delusions is about over now, and I guess I've gone far enough against my father's style of saying goodbye, so I'd better get going. There are just two more things I want to say.

First, for all of its imperfections, Penn State truly is a special place. To those of you lucky enough to be staying on here, I say enjoy it while you can, because one day you might end up in Illinois.

And second, keep on reading this paper, and especially this page. There are some terrific people here working pretty damn hard for you. And besides that, reading anything else is probably bad for your complexion.

Rob King was a graduate student majoring in journalism and the editorial cartoonist for the *Daily Collegian*. Now he is preparing to face certain death in *The Real World*.

reader opinion

Hollywood politics

It appears that the radical right has spoken in Pennsylvania's 23rd Congressional district.

Within the past week, actor and well-known ultra-conservative Charlton Heston has entered the Congressional race between Bill Wachob and William Clinger. Heston, known for his portrayal of "Moses" in the movie "The Ten Commandments," is once again trying to play the role of God's messenger.

In his radio spots in support of Clinger, Heston suggests that "a man can be judged by the company he keeps." He then goes on to list some of Ed Asner's "left wing" affiliations, and states that because of these, we should think less of Bill Wachob. Well, if we follow this logic, it's only fair to point out some of Heston's affiliations as well — just to keep things even.

In the past, Heston has actively campaigned for the Radical Right of the Republican party. A case in point is Heston's appearance at fund-raising and on TV ads for Sen. Jesse Helms of North Carolina. Jesse Helms, a close ally of the Moral Majority's Jerry Falwell, says that Heston is a "right wing" fanatic and is being taught in our public schools, voted against the Superfund, voted for cuts in funding for higher education and labeled Nobel Peace Prize winner Martin Luther King as a communist and a pervert. This, according to the logic of Charlton Heston's radio spot, puts Heston, as well as Rep. William Clinger, on the side of a minority of rightist radicals

Divestment reply

Dear Mr. Baker (Undergraduate Student Government President) and Miss Sturgis (USG Vice-President):

Let's face reality. Your July 28 letter to the *Collegian* certainly avoided it.

First of all, you mention that "the committee for Justice in South Africa has prepared an alternative stock portfolio that over a ten year period has surpassed the yield of the present portfolio." This statement is completely irrelevant to your argument. After the fact, anyone can pick the winners. The portfolio you speak of is based on a ten year period which already occurred, in which the per-

formance of all securities is known. Such a portfolio has no bearing on future performance at all. Just as the winners of the past ten World Series is no indication of who will win the next ten World Series, your ex-post portfolio is inapplicable to the next ten years.

Next, you give us further evidence that "a number of universities have divested their South African-related stocks without losses." The universities that you speak of are not Penn State. They have different budgets, different investment schedules, and different portfolios. In my July 24 letter, I mentioned that if the University divests, it must suffer the consequences of lower yields. You claim that this is a myth. Wrong. If this is a myth, then I must ask you — how do you know? Do you know the actual yields of all securities for the next 10 years? If you did, you could be a millionaire. The fact is, I claimed before, that divestment is a financial sacrifice, in which an attack against the apartheid system is a higher priority than financial decisions.

Last of all, I find your July 28 letter to the *Collegian* to be an attack against my moral values. You have accused me of being pro-apartheid and a White South African sympathizer. False accusation. I am shocked by this racist, cruelly oppressive economic and political system. Yet, I am not obsessed with the answers. I do know that South Africa is a time bomb, and I do not believe that your policies will be effective in diffusing it.

Steven Luttmann
senior-finance

BONUS

Sera-Tec Biologicals is offering a \$5 Bonus for 1st time plasma donors.

YOU CAN EARN \$27 YOUR FIRST WEEK BY DONATING PLASMA

CLIP OUT THIS AD AND PRESENT IT TO THE RECEPTIONIST.

120 S. ALLEN ST. (REAR) 237-5761

9:50 MON., TUES., THURS. 9:30 WED., FRI.

COUPON EXPIRES 8/16/86.

HOME DELIVERY PIZZA

offers fast, free delivery of delicious HOAGIES, CHEESESTEAKS, BURGERS, STROMBOLIS, and SALADS in addition to our outstanding PIZZA. So, dial:

237-7777

today and we'll take care of your HOME DELIVERY order.

Stromboli

Pizza dough stuffed with cheese & your choice of stuffings.

sm	lg
1. Ham & Sausage	3.25 4.95
2. Salsami, Capicola & Pepperoni	3.25 4.95
3. Fresh Sautéed Vegetables	3.25 4.95
4. Spinach, Mushrooms & Bacon	3.25 4.95

(Sauce included in 1 & 2 — others .25 extra)

Pizza

Made the Italian way. Fresh Dough made daily. The finest quality ingredients and that special touch that was created in 1952.

Plain: 7" 2.25 12" 4.50 16" 6.00

(* NOT FOR DELIVERY)

Hoagies

Served on an Italian roll.

1. Hot Sausage	2.35
2. Meatball	2.95
3. Meattless	2.45
4. Italian ham, salami, capicola, provolone cheese, lettuce, tomato, & onions	2.65
5. Tuna provolone cheese, lettuce, tomato, & onions	2.75
6. Ham & Cheese made with swiss cheese, lettuce, tomato, & onions	2.85
7. Turkey provolone cheese, lettuce, tomato, & onions	2.95
8. Roast Beef provolone cheese, lettuce, tomato, & onions	2.95

Items 3-8 heated upon request

Burgers

5 oz. pure beef served on a freshly baked kaiser roll

1. Home burger	1.65
2. Mushroom burger	2.25
3. Bacon Burger	2.25
4. Pizza Burger	2.35

pure beef served on an Italian roll with sauce & mozzarella

cheese — 20 extra
lettuce & tomato — 15 extra

\$1.00 Off Any Large Pizza

or
50¢ Off Any Medium Pizza

(Delivery Service only)

coupon expires 8/15/86

So long, summer!

This is the last issue of *The Daily Collegian* for the Summer Session. Look for the *Orientation Issue of Collegian Magazine* on Sunday, Aug. 24. Ad deadline is 4 p.m. tomorrow.

We will resume publication of *The Daily Collegian* on Wednesday, Aug. 27. Ad deadline is 4 p.m. Friday, Aug. 22.

Have a cool vacation!

the Collegian

©1986 Collegian Inc.

FINAL EXAM SPECIALS

Bubba's BREAKAWAY

LATE NIGHT FOR TWO

Only \$6.14

* Valid during all business hours.

237-7314

Expires 8/10/86

1 1/4" Italian Sub
2 Bags of Chips
2 16 oz. Drinks

* Customer pays applicable sales tax.
* Not valid with any other coupon on same menu item.

Bubba's BREAKAWAY

FREE 16 oz. Pepsi®, Mountain Dew®, or Diet Pepsi®

with the purchase of your favorite 14" or 18" Bubba's Sub

237-7314

Expires 8/10/86

Open: 11 AM for Lunch till 2 AM at Night FRI.-SAT. till 3 AM

* Customer pays applicable sales tax.
* Not valid with any other coupon on same menu item.

Bubba's BREAKAWAY

FREE FRIES

with the purchase of your favorite 14" or 18" Bubba's Sub

237-7314

Expires 8/10/86

Open: 11 AM for lunch till 2 AM at night FRI.-SAT. till 3 AM

* Customer pays applicable sales tax.
* Not valid with any other coupon on same menu item.

Bubba's BREAKAWAY

FREE 16 oz. Pepsi®, Mountain Dew®, or Diet Pepsi®

with the purchase of your favorite 14" or 18" Bubba's Sub

237-7314

Expires 8/10/86

Open: 11 AM for Lunch till 2 AM at Night FRI.-SAT. till 3 AM

* Customer pays applicable sales tax.
* Not valid with any other coupon on same menu item.