

Reagan discourages reports of Iran arms deal

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WASHINGTON, D.C. — President Reagan yesterday tried to quell reports that his administration helped win release of three hostages held in Lebanon by aiding the transfer of defense supplies by Israel to Iran.

Israel, with the blessing of the White House, shipped Iran spare parts and missiles for U.S.-made F-4 jet fighters as well as parts for American-made C-130 planes, radars and other war supplies, according to *The Los Angeles Times*.

Reagan, asked by reporters whether he had a deal with Iran, said: "No comment, but could I suggest an appeal to all of you with regard to this, that the speculation, the com-

menting and all on a story that came out of the Middle East . . . one that to us has no foundation, that all of that is making it more difficult for us in our effort to get the other hostages free."

Later, White House spokesman Albert Brashear refused to specify which story Reagan meant when he said it had "no foundation."

"I'm just not going to comment on what he was referring to, which stories might be factual and which are not. I just can't do that right now because it would be dangerous for me to do so," Brashear said.

Reports of the deal began appearing after the speaker of the Iranian parliament, Hashemi Rafsanjani, said in a speech Tuesday that former White House national security adviser Robert McFarlane had visited Teh-

ran, had been confined to his hotel room and then expelled. McFarlane carried a message from Reagan, said Rafsanjani.

The White House has declined to comment on Rafsanjani's remarks, and McFarlane told reporters in Cleveland yesterday that he could not offer any specifics.

According to reports published yesterday in the *Los Angeles Times* and the *Washington Post*, administration officials began working with Israeli authorities 18 months ago to arrange top-secret deliveries to Tehran of U.S. arms desperately needed by Iran in its see-saw war with Iraq.

The shipments, made with the personal approval of Reagan, began last year and led to the release of three American hostages, most recently David Jacobsen, who was

freed last Sunday by Lebanese Shi'ite Moslem extremists with ties to Iran, according to the reports.

Earlier shipments led to the release of two other American hostages, the Rev. Benjamin Weir in September 1985 and the Rev. Lawrence Jenco last July, the reports said.

The *Times* reported that the deal with Iran was worked out by McFarlane before he stepped down as Reagan's national security adviser earlier this year.

McFarlane traveled to Iran several times with a top aide, Lt. Col. Oliver North, the National Security Council's deputy director for political and military affairs, the *Times* reported.

The operation was run almost entirely by

the White House and was kept secret from officials in the State, Defense and Treasury departments until several months ago, when word began to circulate, the *Times* reported.

News reports of the alleged arrangement blossomed after Rafsanjani's disclosures, and White House officials say they fear that the disclosures may have dashed hopes for the release of two Americans, Associated Press correspondent Terry Anderson and educator Thomas Sutherland, believed held by the same Lebanese radicals.

In Cleveland, McFarlane said, "I'm in the awkward position of being unable to comment about reports of very fanciful, largely fictitious issues that I would be very pleased to comment (on), and I welcome the time when a comment would be appropriate."

Board of Trustees to convene today

By **CAROLYN SORISIO**
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Reports on educational policy and affirmative action, as well as the term length of the student trustee, are some of the issues that will be discussed at today's University Board of Trustees meeting. Undergraduate Student Government President Matt Baker said.

In addition, new student Trustee Mary Greeley-Beahm will present a resolution to the board asking for the creation of a permanent student trustee seat on the board, board President Obie Snider said.

Baker, who is a representative to the board, said he will read resolutions from both the USG Senate and the University Student Executive Council asking for the board's support for a permanent student trustee seat.

Among other issues to be discussed:

• Baker said USG is interested in Executive Vice President and Provost William Richardson's report on educational policy because there is concern both at the University and at the national level about the quality of higher education.

On Saturday, the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching issued a report that sharply criticized the quality of undergraduate education.

• Last month, two trustees — Marian Coppersmith and Jesse Arnette — expressed their concern that the University's policy of selective divestment is moving at too slow a pace.

Both trustees said they hoped to have a report on the University's holdings in South Africa and recommendations to divest from companies that were not meeting the University's standards.

However, Donald Rung, who chairs the Committee on the President's Response to Apartheid, said the committee will not give its recommenda-

tions to University President Bryce Jordan until the committee receives the next report on companies and how they are complying with the Sullivan Principles. The Sullivan Principles are a set of employment guidelines for companies doing business in South Africa.

Snider said the Rung Committee will be giving a report to the board but will hold off on making selective divestment recommendations until the next board meeting.

Because of this, Baker — who is a member of the Rung committee — said it is unlikely that selective divestment will be discussed by the board.

• Also on the agenda is a report on freshmen and minority enrollment figures, said William Asbury, acting vice president for student services.

Earlier this week, the University announced that minority enrollment had increased by 7.1 percent but that black enrollment had dropped by a tenth of a percent. No additional figures were released.

Baker said he hopes to tell the board about USG's concern that the trustees are too far removed from the students at the University.

The trustees' only source of information about students is the administration, said Baker.

In an effort to change this, Baker said, he intends to invite trustees to spend a day at the University as students and will also ask to establish an informational report about student concerns at each meeting.

Baker plans to present the board with resolutions from both USG and USEC, which expressed concern over the length of Greeley-Beahm's term.

Earlier this month, Greeley-Beahm discovered her term as a trustee is for eight months instead of the three-year term she had expected.

The meeting will be held at 9:30 this morning in 402 Keller Conference Center and is open to the public.

Business manager named for 1987

By **CAROLYN SORISIO**
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Glenn Rougier was named the next business manager of *The Daily Collegian* after lengthily debate by the Collegian Board of Directors last night.

Rougier said although he doesn't intend to change the "ideals and thoughts" of the business staff, he does hope to work on more specific things, such as communication between the individual Collegian Inc. staffs.

"I was really happy about both decisions, the decision to pick me and the decision to make Chris Raymond editor last night," he said.

The business division has a 15.8 percent sales increase over last year, Bill Landis, the current business manager said.

Rougier said while it will be challenging to increase advertising sales for *The Daily Collegian*, he wants to work toward increasing sales for *Collegian Magazine* and *The Weekly Collegian*.

"We've done a good job, but I think we can always do better," he said.

Rougier added that his goal to increase the magazine's and weekly's sales corresponds with the new editor's plans to improve the news content of those publications.

Rougier said although each staff has different needs and concerns, he hopes to work with the news division to improve all of Collegian Inc.

"We really are all working for the good of Collegian Inc.," he said.

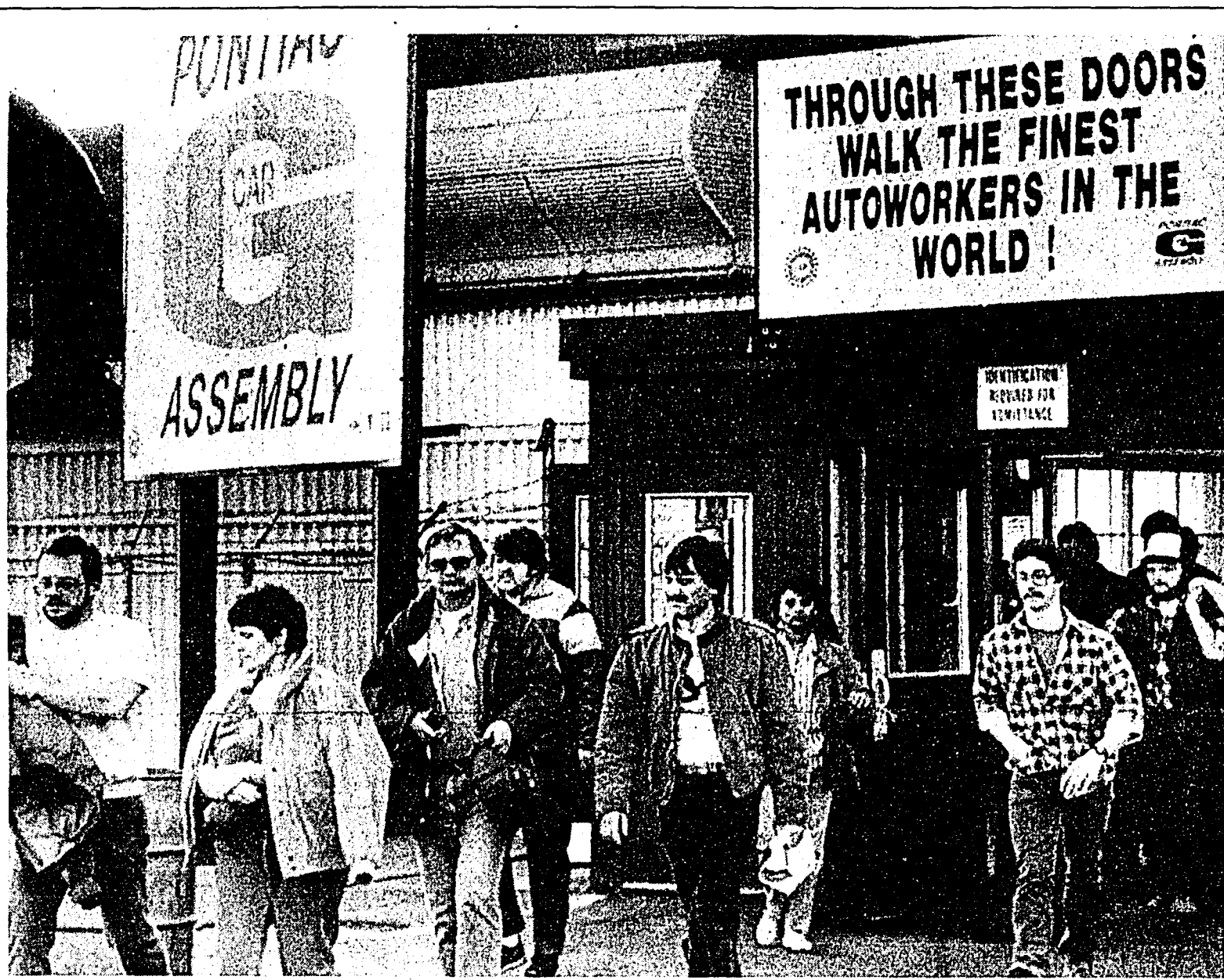


Glenn Rougier

Rougier's strong experience and ability to work well with all types of people will help him in his new job, Landis said.

Choosing among the three candidates was "gut-wrenching," Landis added.

Rougier is currently the assistant sales manager and a member of the Board of Managers. His past positions with the *Collegian* include: major account representative, sales representative and sales trainee.



Workers leave a General Motors Corp. assembly plant in Pontiac, Mich., yesterday afternoon. Earlier, GM announced the shutdown of 11 plants.

GM to close 11 plants in 4 states

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DETROIT — General Motors Corp. will close 11 plants employing more than 29,000 workers over the next three years to reduce overcapacity and cut losses at the No. 1 U.S. automaker, the company said yesterday.

Closing the three stamping, one body and seven final assembly plants in Michigan, Illinois, Ohio and Missouri will reduce GM's fixed costs by \$500 million a year, Chairman Roger Smith said in a long-awaited announcement.

GM and United Auto Workers officials had no estimate of how many workers will lose their jobs, saying it will be months before they know how many workers will be able to transfer to other plants and how many will be retrained for new jobs at GM.

The closings were part of the first phase of a reorganization and modernization at GM. Other assembly, stamping, engine and component plants are being studied, said GM President James McDonald.

"These actions are absolutely necessary to maintain our marketplace leadership and en-

hance the job security of the greater bulk of our workforce," McDonald said.

GM suffered third-quarter operating losses of about \$338 million.

"It's a very constructive move on GM's part. I think as we go forward there will be further closings," said industry analyst Gary Glaser of First Boston Corp. in New York.

Glaser said the closings would benefit the U.S. auto industry by helping balance the ratio between capacity and demand.

The 11 plants are older facilities. Most had been scheduled for shutdown for years as GM invested in newer, more efficient plants and renovated others.

"We naturally regret this decision. We will make absolutely sure that all of our people at every location receive all of the assistance and every negotiated benefit they are entitled to," UAW Vice President Donald Ephlin said.

"Over many years of negotiations, we have created a fairly extensive safety net for our people," Ephlin said.

About 3,000 of the total affected are salaried employees, McDonald said.

GM has spent about \$10 billion building new plants and renovating some old ones to increase

efficiency and reduce costs, creating an overlap of capacity and personnel, Smith said.

Plants to be closed are:

• The aging Fleetwood body and Clark Street assembly plants in Detroit, with 6,600 workers, to be closed by the end of 1987.

• The Flint Body plant and its companion assembly plant in Pontiac, with 4,500 workers making Chevrolets, Buicks and Oldsmobiles, to be closed by the end of 1987 when GM replaces the rear-wheel drive midsize cars with front-wheel drive ones.

• The 4,000-worker Chevrolet-Pontiac-Canada group plant that produces Chevrolet Camaros and Pontiac Firebirds in Norwood, Ohio, near Cincinnati, to be closed in mid-1988 when production is consolidated at a Van Nuys, Calif., plant.

• A 2,200-worker GM Truck & Bus Group plant St. Louis, to be closed by mid-1987 when production is shifted to other plants in Janesville, Wis., Wentzville, Mo., Bowling Green, Ky., and Fort Wayne, Ind.

• A heavy-duty truck and bus plant in Pontiac, with 2,200 employees, to be closed by August 1988 once GM sells its RTS transit bus business and firms up its joint-venture heavy-duty truck agreement with Volvo.

East precinct only temporary

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Student voter turnout in Tuesday's election for the East Halls temporary polling place was probably not enough to establish a permanent polling precinct for future elections, said Board of Elections Member John Saylor.

To accommodate students living in Stuart, Stone, Hastings and Snyder residence halls, the temporary polling place was set up for last Tuesday's election in the Findlay Recreation Hall.

Students from those residence halls complained that the distance of the actual polling area, the Centre County Municipal Building, was inconvenient and discouraged them from voting. The distance is about one mile.

Unlike other University residence halls, these residence halls are in the West College voting precinct of College Township, so students living there had to vote off campus in past elections, Saylor said.

Mary Corman, clerk of the Elections and Records Office, said only about 11 percent of the 620 students registered in the four residence halls voted in this election.

However, Saylor said this percentage is inaccurate because students remain on the voter lists for two years from their last vote.

Because most of the students living in those residence halls are freshmen, registration records are misleading, Saylor said. This year about 160 students registered from those halls.

Saylor said the results of this year's election warrant the establishment of

a temporary polling place at least for the future gubernatorial and presidential election years.

"More students vote in a statewide election," he said, adding, "(the polling area) worked this time."

But, he said, a temporary polling place may not be granted for next year's municipal election or primary because students don't tend to vote during the off-year elections.

"History has shown that the interest is less during those elections," Saylor said.

The numbers will have to be researched closely before considering a permanent voting place, he said. In the past, the expense of a precinct has outweighed the convenience benefit for students.

The board will have to examine the records before making a decision, he added.

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This afternoon, lots of clouds, but it will be a bit warmer. High 55. Tonight, cloudy with fog developing. Showers are possible by morning. Low 47. Tomorrow, milder, but rain is likely. High 62.....Heidi Sonen