

COMMENT

Why Seek Revenge?

by Mark Kern

While I was home in the Washington D.C. area during Winter Term, several thoughts struck me about the current political mood in the nation. The thought I am writing about concerns the return of the former hostages.

Washington was a very festive place on inauguration day. If anything could upstage a presidential inauguration, especially a Reagan inauguration, it would have to be at least as spectacular as the long-awaited return of our hostages. However, as the specifics of the treatment of the hostages came out, there was a sudden change of temperament. I began to hear the cry for revenge. We were angry and needed to blow off a little steam, yet some very seriously proposed that Mr. Reagan ignore the agreement with Iran made in good faith by Mr. Carter. The excuse they came up with was that any contract made under duress was not a valid contract and, after

all, our national honor was at stake.

It seems to me that these are the same people who cried for "peace with honor" at the close of the Vietnam era when, in truth, pride, not honor was at stake. Now these same voices are again crying "honor" while again they are talking about pride. How can we guard honor by dealing dishonorably with another nation? If one is dealt with dishonorably, it is not by returning dishonor that one protects one's own honor. Indeed, the only nation in the world that has the power to dishonor the United States is the United States. Our only threat to our honor comes from within, from those who would sacrifice our honor for the sake of selfish, boyish pride.

I was pleased when Mr. Reagan replied to the question about retaliation by asking, "Why seek revenge?" Thank you President Reagan.



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Letter to the Editors

COMPUTER TIME-SHARING SYSTEM DEFENDED

Dear Editors:

I would like to respond to the letter about computer terminals which appeared in the last issue of the *Tower*. But first, I feel that a few items need to be clarified.

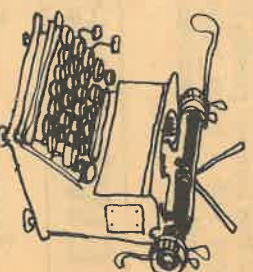
First of all, there are not 40 terminals on campus. There are 28, only 26 of which would be feasible for use by students. Secondly, the time-sharing system used by Graceland's computer does not give priority to the Administrative users of the computer. Everyone using the computer has an equal priority after he or she has logged onto the computer.

I agree with the letter in its statement "...changes need to be made." However, I disagree strongly with the implication that

the Administration has not addressed the problem of computer access. It is my understanding that the disc storage and main memory of our computer is being expanded this spring. I'm sure that this is at least partially due to student problems.

Terminals will continue to be a problem, however. We do not really have the physical locations to place many more terminals, and the cost of new terminals (about \$2,500 for a "good" terminal) and new communications lines is rather extensive. So what can be done?

A swapping arrangement with the Computer Center has been in effect for the last semester, for one thing. This has given students 2 additional terminals during



evenings and weekends. I realize that this is not a total solution to our problem, but it will help. And it shows that the Administration is aware of our problem as students, and that "they" care about us.

I do not feel that any one interest group should have priority for computer usage at Graceland. Computer Science students have no more right to terminals than Sociology or Art students. And the Administration has the same right to the computer as the Academic sector of Graceland. A computer is a multi-purpose tool, and it should be used as such.

Michael R. Hartung

CALENDAR

February 6	COSA Dance 9 to 12 p.m. MSC
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February 7	Music Company 7 p.m. MSC
February 7	Movie "House Calls," 9 p.m. MSC
February 8	General Worship 10:45 a.m. MSC [special guest: Charlotte Willis Graham]
February 9	Black Panel Discussion 6 p.m. Americas Room
February 10	MSC
February 10	Harold Field and Wendy Beharry Dance Group 8 p.m. MSC
February 11	Gospel Choir 7 p.m. MSC
February 11	Movie "Golden Girl," 10 p.m. Coliseum
February 12	Movie "A Piece of the Action" [Following basketball game] Coliseum

COSA

B.S.U. Plans Campus Activities

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a member of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints and a graduate of Graceland College.

Monday night's activities include a panel discussion at 6 p.m. in the Americas Room. The panel includes five students of Graceland: Ken Tripp, Archie Clark, David

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Back Together Again

Can you believe it? It seems like the 1980-81 school year just started yesterday, and *poof*...it's already second semester. And I'll bet this one will go even faster than the first! I hope you'll all find this semester both challenging and enjoyable.

As your GSG President, there are a few things I would like to share with you as this spring semester gets under way. First, I want to say that I felt last semester was great in terms of student concern and activism. You spoke out for your rights, and you helped make changes that have long been needed. I'm sure there will be many more "controversies" this semester and I hope each of you will remember that you are the student government and that together we have the power to act in our best interest.

However, I feel that we need to constantly be aware of the ramifications of what we say and do, for what we do today will certainly affect the Graceland of tomorrow. Although I was very pleased to see the campus buzzing with activities such as inquiries and investigations last semester, I felt that sometimes we took a little too much delight in simply accusing people or trying to hurt some person or group of people. Now don't get me wrong—I believe in strong action and I know that there are times when we as students have to get tough in order to maintain our rights. But let's just remember that when it comes on right down to it, we're family up here on the Hill. Sure, we'll have disagreements among ourselves. But let's try to settle them in a diplomatic way. The backbiting only makes life here at Graceland more bitter—we don't need it.

At any rate, it's really great to see everyone back safely and to be a part of all the enthusiasm that comes with the post-Winter Term reunion. I hope this type of enthusiasm stays with us all the rest of the year.

So, let's get to work on continuing to make Big 'G' a better, more meaningful place to live and learn—together!

Scott Ourth
GSG President

Hanes, Rodney Langley, and Lelee Anderson. The topic to be discussed is "Reactions to the Civil Rights Acts." The movie, "The Lost Man," will follow the panel discussion at 8 p.m. in the M.S.C.

The Harold Fields and Wendy Beharry dance group will be featured Tuesday night at 8 p.m. in the M.S.C. Other activities include a Gospel choir Wednesday night at 7 p.m. in the MSC and the movie comedy, "A Piece of the Action" Thursday night after the basketball game at the Coliseum. A "gong show" will occur Friday night at 8 p.m. and a BSU Sweetheart dance Saturday night at 8 p.m. in the MSC ends the week's events.

Iranian Encourages Communication

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experiences he has had, have left him with a strong impression about people. "Somebody really shouldn't judge," he says, "about something without really being sure about the thing. I shouldn't watch something from t.v. and say hey, this is no good. No, I should go and really see with these, my two eyes, that this is not good. Then I could say it is not good. I think the best thing is talking. I really encourage it—here at Graceland College—student should come and talk with us—not just me—you know, but with all foreigners. This is the best way for communication."

CAREER CORNER

SENIORS...

RESUME/CREDENTIALS WORKSHOP

Monday, February 9, 4:00-5:30 p.m.
Tuesday, February 10, 4:00-5:30 p.m.
Tuesday, February 10, 6:30-8:00 p.m.
Wednesday, February 11, 4:00-5:30 p.m.

RECRUITERS ON CAMPUS

Tuesday, February 10 - U.S. Army, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Group Session for seniors.