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Quote of the Week

"I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed: 'we hold these truths to be self-evident; that all men are created equal.'"

Martin Luther King, Jr.

Black Week Dedicated to King

WORLD NEWS

by Pat Ladnier

Former hostage Gregory Persinger filed a \$120,000 damage suit against Iran. He seeks punitive, torty, and special damages for Iran's violation of his diplomatic privileges and rights and for assault and battery. Persinger's action directly violates the Carter Administration's agreement with Iran which barred the freed hostages from suing Iran. Nevertheless, Persinger's lawyers plan to ask the courts to overturn that section of the agreement.

An Iranian revolutionary court tried Cynthia Dwyer, a U.S. freelance journalist, on espionage charges Wednesday according to the Swiss Foreign Ministry. Dwyer has been a prisoner in Iran for nine months. A verdict and possibly sentencing may come as early as Monday.

Trouble brews in Poland as Solidarity broke off negotiations with the Polish government. Solidarity, Poland's independent union, and the government were trying to settle a regional strike after 200,000 strikers in the southern region called for replacement of local corrupt government officials. Solidarity leader Lech Walesa urged workers to prepare for nationwide job action if the government uses force to break the 9-day old walkout.

The first woman prime minister of Norway was appointed Tuesday. Gro Harlem Brundtland, a 31 year old doctor with a graduate degree from Harvard, is the world's third woman head of government along with Britain's prime minister Margaret Thatcher and India's Indira Gandhi.

In recent U.S. Senate action, Raymond Donovan, labor secretary designate, and Frank Carlucci, deputy defense secretary designate, were approved despite criticism and controversy. Also, the Senate Intelligence Committee unanimously recommended confirmation of Navy Admiral Robert Imman as deputy director of the CIA.

Phonathon Calls For Volunteers

Volunteers are needed to contact prospective students in the admissions office's "Coast to Coast" phonathon February 9-28. The Admissions office needs at least 75 volunteers in their attempt to contact over 3,000 high school seniors across the United States and Canada.

Obtaining applications is the primary goal of the phonathon, though Bob Logan, Director of Admissions, stressed the importance of making personal contact with the prospective students. Callers will also verify information about the seniors and help them complete their applications.

NEWS FEATURE

Iranian Urges Communication

by Wade Wallace

Recently, the TOWER interviewed Hassan Moshar, a sophomore and the only Iranian student at Graceland. What follows is a biography on Hassan intertwined with some of his comments and thoughts about the events that have taken place in Iran.

Hassan is 21 years old, a business major, and the son of a retired banker whose family lives in Tehran, Iran. Upon graduation from high school two years ago, Hassan decided to go to the United States and attend a college or university instead of finding a job.

At a meeting of the American-Iranian Society, a group that aids Iranian students

The decision to dedicate the week to the memory of Martin Luther King Jr. was due to the major contribution he made in changing the lifestyles of many American blacks. "His philosophy of non-violent protest of unjust laws must be recognized as a major effort to develop awareness of American social problems affecting over 20 million people," said Anderson. She feels that nearly all of King's work is unfinished and that "we need to remind ourselves that

wanting to study in Canada or the United States, Hassan met Kathryn Koob, an Iowan, and one of the 52 former hostages. He talked with her at the meeting where she was "introducing and giving people information" about universities and colleges. "I didn't even know," says Hassan, "that this lady I had talked to was one of the hostages." It was not until their release that he recognized her as the woman he had talked to.

It was Amid-East, a student aid institution, that helped Hassan select the 12 colleges to which he applied. Hassan's decision to come to Graceland was based upon the want to go to a smaller college where "people take care of you more" and "you can go see your teachers better."

Hassan's decision to study in the United States coincided with the revolution that overthrew the Shah at which time 30,000 Iranian students were applying for visas. The revolution resulted in a six month wait after which he obtained his visa from the United States Embassy. Hassan, however, was forced to live for two weeks in the streets around the Embassy so that he could hold his place in line.

Hassan's analysis of the turmoil that his country has undergone is based on a perspective and understanding neither his fellow countrymen nor fellow American students have. "The people," Hassan says, "were ready for the change." Hassan, who supports neither the Shah nor Ayatollah Khomeini, finds each leaders' governing as ruthless and wrong. "The government that is there now doesn't represent all Iranians." Hassan understands the anger of the American mob that threatened himself and 20 other Iranians, and which forced them to flee and skip a week of school at the English Language Center in Boston, Massachusetts, a school he attended prior to Graceland. He fears however, the talk about war and revenge against Iran. "I was really scared about the day when they talked about fighting. Nobody knows what's going to happen in this world. Maybe the Third World War begins—who knows?"

Today, as the only Iranian on campus, Hassan welcomes the isolation as a chance to practice his English. However, he misses the company of other Iranians, particularly his family, which he has not seen in two years. Nevertheless, the

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Hassan Moshar

WIG VACANCY CANCELS COURSES

by Pat Ladnier and Janet Lively

The resignation of computer instructor Eldon Wig has resulted in major schedule changes in the Division of Science and Mathematics, including the cancellation of three computer courses. According to Dr. Darrell Strait, division chairperson, the failure to fill Wig's position has caused an increase in the size of some classes and added preparations for the other instructors.

Approximately 40 students were affected by the cancellation of "The Computer and Society", "Computer Programming I", and "Information Systems: Design and Analysis" classes. Independent study programs will be set up for students who are unable to take these courses at a later time. Wig, a Canadian, resigned unexpectedly in December because of visa and immigration programs. Because of the insufficient time between Wig's decision and the start of spring semester, a replacement was not located. Strait noted that the administration has contact with at least four persons interested in the position and will fill the vacancy by fall.

In the meantime, Steve Murdock, a public school teacher for Mormon Trail Schools in Iowa, has been hired to teach one section of Elementary Functions.

The economics department has been successful in filling the position vacated last fall by Steve Anders. Charles Hudson, a native of Oregon, joined the Graceland faculty this semester as an economics instructor. Hudson, age 23, graduated from the University of Oregon with a bachelor's degree in economics and received his master's degree, also in economics, from the University of Colorado.

Anders obtained a year's leave of absence to work on his doctorate degree at Kansas State University in Manhattan, Kansas.