

Students express views on Iranian situation

by Kathy O'Brien
 "I ask 'what's gonna happen when the Shah leaves this country?' I wonder what they're going to do?" In voicing these questions, Meredith Senior Ruth Franklin seems to speak for many Americans in their reaction to the current situation in Iran.

The American expression of outrage toward the Iranian takeover of the U.S. Embassy in Tehran and the captivity of fifty American hostages has been strong, especially in the student sector. When Meredith students were asked their reaction to the situation in Iran, their responses dealt generally with American strength as a nation and solutions.

Ruth Franklin suggested "it wouldn't hurt for us to be looking at the Ayatollah more closely and trying to understand his position. I don't think the average American understands the Moslem principles he's (the Ayatollah) supporting. I find

it hard to believe, though, that so many Iranian students could come here and be modernized and then return to Iran and accept his 15th century Moslem Rule. How could they accept going back in time?"

Another solution to the current crisis involved dependence of oil. "We've got to show that we have some strength. We could do that by doing without a lot of the oil we are using, but I don't think we will," said Carmen Warren, also a senior.

Warren went on to say "I just don't think we should bomb them. I don't think that is the answer. At this point it doesn't look very optimistic about getting the hostages out. I don't know how to do it; we just need to keep in contact with them."

Dr. Rosalee P. Gates, who concentrates in non-Western studies in the history department also urged restraint in dealing with Iran.

"I would like to see us do the right things for the right

reasons; that is work for world peace because of a sympathetic understanding and a feeling of common humanity for those who are different from us as well as like us.

"This is not to suggest that the U.S. should not be strong or that the U.S. should submit to blackmail by terrorists but it does suggest that we use restraint and the generosity of strength in our dealings with other people."

According to Gates, the need for restraint is also particularly important at this time as the Iranians celebrate the Islamic religious observance "Moharan." She explains this observance as "remembering martyrs and characterized by a great deal of emotional outpouring."

Sophomores Amelia White and Carla Baker said that the hostages in Iran were equally important as the prestige of the U.S. and that "it's a stupid thing to go to war over. We think the Ayatollah needs psychological

help."

One Meredith student, Ginny Vaca, a Sophomore from Nicaragua, declined to comment on the crisis in Iran because of the situation in her own country, which also recently experienced a revolution. She felt it would be inappropriate to become involved.

Student reactions to the situation in Iran have been more aggressive on some other college campuses than Meredith. North Carolina State University has experienced several demonstrations over the past few weeks.

Danny Johnson, a senior at State, suggests food be used as a political weapon against Iran. "They are using oil in the same way. All economic ties should be cut with them. If any of our people get hurt, the military should intervene."

He added that most importantly, the Shah should not be forced to return to Iran.

The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill has

also been the scene of several anti-Iranian demonstrations. Chapel Hill junior Bennet Houston feels the situation in Iran is "an indication that the international respect for the U.S. has gone down. The fact that Iran is a little country compared to the U.S. puts us at a disadvantage because if we had military intervention it would seem to the world like we were picking on a poor little country."

"I don't think there is anything we can do right now, but I don't think we should send them any aid or food. I think the Shah should be sent away from the U.S. but not back to Iran. I don't think the hostages will be killed. If the hostages are killed, the Iranians might as well hang it up," Houston added.

Another State student, Ricky Branch, a junior, said "I think that when all this ends, whichever way it goes, it will have a definite effect on the U.S. position in world leadership.

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Internships

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plete the required application forms and participate in a panel interview. Starting salary is \$11,243, GS-5. Applications must be filed between December 3 and December 10. Forms available at Career Services. Teaching in Japan

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Your Resume - Career Objective

If you are having problems defining what career objectives to include in your resume, do not hesitate

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