

Iranian Crisis

# Americans Maintain Adamant Position

As of this writing, forty-nine American hostages have endured thirty-five days of captivity in the American Embassy in Iran at the hands of an extreme leftist Iranian student group. Such an act of terrorism in itself sets a dangerous precedent for the civilized world; but the fact that the "Iranian government" aids and abets such a flagrant violation of international law indicates what type of government is in control in Iran.

The events which led to the student take-over of the American Embassy are as absurd as the takeover itself. Why did the students wait until the Shah entered the United States to attack an embassy? The Shah resided in Morocco and Mexico for a full year. Surely the Iranians realize they could have taken over those embassies and succeeded in extraditing the Shah back to Iran. The reasoning is simple. The Ayatollah Khomeini seeks a scapegoat for his country in order to avoid world-wide attention on his domestic affairs. Inflation, due to reduction of petroleum production, has caused internal strife within Iran.

Whatever the reasons for the take-over may be, the United States must be firm and mature in its decision on the Iranian crisis. If the United States uses military force inappropriately, it will be called a bully by all nations and Iran will gain world sympathy. While, if the United States does nothing or is ineffective in its actions, then the United States will be labeled a "paper tiger." Most Americans favored immediate military action, but fortunately for the thirteen hostages who have been released, President Carter has not used this resort. For, if Carter had used military action earlier, those thirteen persons, in all probability, would be dead.

In President Carter's November 29 speech about the crisis, he reaffirmed his strong opposition to international blackmail and military intervention as long as the hostages remain alive. Carter also warned that Iran would be in "grave danger" if anything were to happen to the remaining hostages. The facts that thirteen hostages are free, that world opinion favors American policy, and that there is a possibility of the forty-nine hostages leaving Iran with their lives are a credit to President Carter's mature use of American strength.

Throughout crises in American history, Americans have united to defeat the problem at hand. President Carter's mature use of vast American strength should set the example for all Americans to follow. America must not be reactionary in its actions towards Iran, for only a slight minority advocates such an abreachment of international law.

# New Selection For Homecoming Court Under Advisement

By Kelly Ferrell

The 1979 Homecoming event was a successful and well-organized occasion. Lee Coyle, chairman of YRC, did an outstanding job to make the Homecoming unique.

Although Homecoming had many good points, there are still a few improvements needed. One specific improvement that the Constitutional Committee is discussing is a revision of the Constitution in respect to selecting the Homecoming Court. In the past, there have been many different proposals on better ways to

chuse the court, but tradition has stood in the way of progress. I believe that although a majority of the girls deserving the honor of appearing on Court were chosen, there were a few girls who were omitted. I am aware that some situations do prevail, and everything in life is not fair no matter how hard one tries. I don't feel that we, the students of Grimsley High School, have tried hard enough.

The tradition that I have spoken of is that the football team votes on the entire then is voted upon by the

class of senior girls; this list junior and senior classes. I am not knocking the football team when I say that I believe that there is a fairer way to select the girls for Court than starting with the football nominations. (The last thing I need is to be on the football team's blacklist.)

One idea that would still include the football team is to compile the list of nominations by both the football team and the junior and senior classes. Once this list has been composed, the junior and senior classes will mark the deciding ballots.

To the Editor:

In view of the recent uprising in Iran and various protests being made in the U.S., I think a few personal opinions should be voiced. I urge other students to let their feelings be known by writing to High Life. Now on with it.

There are over 7,000 Iranian students in the United States today; some of them support the Shah, some the Ayatollah, some favor holding the hostages, and some are against holding the hostages. A group of students claiming to represent Iranian students at A&T, Winston-Salem State and other colleges have publically voiced their views in support of the Ayatollah, hope for deportation of the Shah, and are in favor of holding the hostages. I consider this a slap in the face. If they don't like the U.S., then they can get out. I would like to see them try to continue their studies in Iran, where there is a noticeable lack of schools for "continued education."

Some people have adopted the idea of capturing the Iranian Embassy in the U.S. and holding those diplomats hostage to balance the scales. This is bad for two reasons: one, Iran doesn't care about these diplomats, most of whom would be tried for something or other if deported, then most likely shot for their so-called crimes; also, this would be lowering ourselves to their level.

# OPINION

## Animosity Towards Iran Growing

I am in favor of immediate U.S. military action against the Ayatollah and the Iranian student terrorists.

Think about it.

Sincerely,  
Van Alston



As a direct result of the Iranian attack on the American Embassy in Tehran, some unidentified person expresses his/her own frustration over the situation by painting anti-Iranian slogans on the Grimsley ticket office. [Long photo]

### Right To Protest

To the Editor:

It has come to my attention that the students at Grimsley Senior High are very uninterested and uninvolved in important world events. Wednesday, the 29th of November, President Carter made a speech on the Iranian Crisis. This speech was not widely viewed by the majority of students. President Carter suggested that

all Americans, in order to show our (the American people's) unity, and our stand against the terrorism in Iran, wear a white band on our arm. I have seen few students and no teachers, counselors, or other staff members wearing them. Considering the fact that many students of Grimsley could be on a battlefield in a few years, the students are very apathetic.

Bob Green

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