

Monologue

Summer ends, but terrorism continues

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Your summer may have been good, but it probably doesn't compare with that of the Americans who were taking the new Middle Eastern express route from Athens to London. You know, the one that makes minor stopovers, three of them, in Beirut for reloading of terrorists. Now the politicians around the world don't know what to do about Lebanon.

Terrorists kidnap innocent victims from decadent countries in the West, then, according to reports from the U.S. State Department, they execute them, (and put them in cold storage?) holding them until an event repulses them so much that they bring out one corpse and pronounce that they have just killed the hostage in retaliation of said act. It is brutal, it is repugnant, it is truly Middle-Eastern.

But wait, the plot recently thickened with the kidnapping of victims from the decadent Eastern Bloc, not known for their swift and generous negotiations. These victims are seemingly killed much faster, or at least we know about it much faster.

Should these terrorists be negotiated with? Will it do any good to negotiate with them? I think not. Their list of demands is surely as long as the list of foreigners in Lebanon. As long as that

situation exists, the countries of the world will be at risk of losing their citizens. The watchword ought to be wait and see, from as far away as possible.

MORE CRAZINESS FROM BEIRUT: It was early August when another suicide bomber from the Shiite sect sacrificed his life for his religion. Only this time, he managed to take with him only one stubborn donkey who didn't get him to his target in time. The dead donkey made a noble sacrifice, to be sure.

It seems that things are warming up a little in the super-power relations. With Senator Packwood predicting that a major accord will be struck between Reagan and Gorbachev, maybe the chilly talks in Geneva will end the possibility of a very cold nuclear winter. Just maybe.

I remember hearing about airline safety records, and how, statistically speaking, flying was the safest way to travel. After this summer of mistreated hostages, ergo, passengers in Beirut, misinformation from the tower in Dallas, and missing tailsections over Tokyo, I wonder if the industry isn't trying to make up for lost time in safety. Perhaps a deluxe oceanliner cruise through the Mediterranean is the safest way to go, I think.

Letters to the Editor

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Why did you come to Clackamas? How do you like school so far?



Shayne Knowles

I'm from the Bahamas and they don't have any colleges over there. Everyone comes over here for higher education. I've been here five weeks and it's really great.



Lisa Smith

I like Clackamas. It's a pretty good school. I'm taking pre-nursing. I came here because it's convenient.

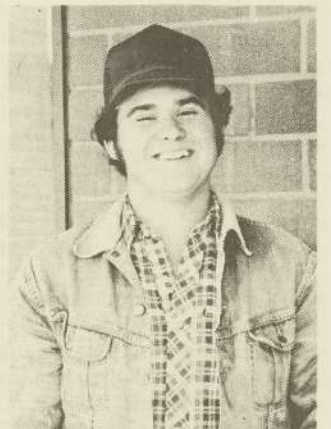


Sheri Rocheleau

I just decided to come back to school. I'm studying elementary education and plan to transfer to Portland State University. I just started college and I love it so far. I'm really learning a lot.

Rich Carrol

I came here because it's a lot cheaper than OSU. I'm a second year student and I'm taking the basic stuff. It's school. I'm taking a lot of science classes, so it's not a lot of fun. It's school.



Gayle Moist

I'm 41 and I came back to get my degree in elementary education. I'd like to be teaching at age 45. As far as this school is concerned, I either lucked out or they have very good instructors here. All of them are very professional.

