Captors may free two more Americans

WIESBADEN, West Germany (AP) — Anglican Church envoy Terry Waite said Tuesday "reasonably strong suggestions" have emerged that two Americans will be the next hostages released in Lebanon. He said he expected a message from their captors within 24 hours.

Waite addressed a news conference in Wiesbaden near the U.S. Air Force Hospital, where newly-freed American hostage David Jacobsen was undergoing medical examinations.

Waite, the emissary of the Archbishop of Canterbury, was asked if there had been indications that Associated Press correspondent Terry Anderson, 39, and educator Thomas Sutherland, 55, would be the next American hostages freed.

He replied, "Those have been strong. Yes, I would say reasonably strong suggestions."

"At the moment, the two people specifically in my sights are Terry Anderson and Thomas Sutherland," Waite added.

He said was waiting for a message from the Islamic Jihad organization, which is holding Anderson and Sutherland. The group has made up of pro-Iranian Shiite Moslem extremists, and will notify Waite as to whether or not he will be going back to Beirut, the capital of Lebanon, to negotiate the release of the Americans and other Western hostages.

It was Islamic Jihad that held Jacobsen hostage for more than 17 months. Jacobsen, 55, a hospital administrator from Huntington Beach was freed Sunday. Jacobsen, Anderson, a native of Lorain, Ohio, and Sutherland, of Fort Collins, Colo., acting dean of agriculture at American University in Beirut, were kidnapped separately in Moslem west Beirut in 1983.

Solution for hungry groups

Campus Catering is busy

By Ken Miller

Campus Catering is busy.

The service, which has been operating since Food Services was established, will cater anywhere on the Cal Poly campus, and to any event, according to Peggy Milburn, catering supervisor.

June Phillips, assistant catering supervisor for eight years, said the service is ready for a variety of orders. "The customers order anything they want, and we have it," she said.

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And then there was one

This month, First Interstate Bancorp, America's ninth largest bank, is attempting to buy out BankAmerica, the nation's second largest bank. It would be the largest bank merger in U.S. history.

The motivation behind the merger is easy to understand. BankAmerica is in trouble. It is a victim of bad foreign loans and disinterest in its real estate and agriculture here at home. It has lost perhaps $1 billion dollars in the past 18 months, and has $4.4 billion in problem loans. More than 5,000 employees will be dumped next year.

On the upper floors, a management upheaval is in progress. Former Chairman A.W. Clausen has returned after a five-year absence to clean up the mess many say he created in the first place.

Whether Clausen can pull it off remains to be seen. He may have already run out of time. On Oct. 3 First Interstate boss Joe Pinola, a former underling of Clausen's, made a $2.8 billion offer to B of A shareholders. On Oct. 27, management recommended to the board of directors that the First Interstate offer be rejected. The very next day Pinola pushed another $600 million in chips across the velvet, raising the offer to $3.4 billion. The folks on Wall Street are now saying the offer is tuned.

As a Bank of America account holder, it might be better for me to become part of an overextended First Interstate empire rather than trying to pull my money from under the ruins of a collapsed B of A. But I'm not hitting the withdrawal button yet. I feel, for competition's sake, B of A should be given a chance. It was only months ago that Wells Fargo consumed Crocker Bank. Would California's economy really be served by the absorption of yet another competitive player?

As my friendly Versateller coughs up another $600 million in chips to feed his spending habit, I reflect on what is happening to our economy. In school we studied Adam Smith and his invisible hand theory, which described a perfectly competitive economy. Success came from quality, efficiency, and responsibility. If you sold good lemonade at the right price you would make a profit and expand.

Today's modern economy runs a bit differently. It seems that debt — not positive worth — is the real source of power in business as well as politics. Corporate chairmen and takeover artists reap huge sums of money by arranging paper-financed takeovers of firms larger than their own. Similarly, politicians are returned to office by giving the electorate a free lunch through the miracle of deficit spending.

Today's junior lemonade vendors are concerned not so much with the quality of his product as with a leveraged buyout of the grocery store across the street.

I wonder if we Americans are losing sight of something while we endlessly praise free enterprise. Could it be that the ongoing explosion of giant holding companies is actually bad for the economy as a whole? It can be argued that they act to cure the sick and weak companies from the herd. Increasingly, however, powerful takeover artists like Carl Icahn and Leonard Wolfson are raiding healthy companies for just the cash. Could the billions of dollars being spent on corporate takeovers perhaps be spent on real productive capital to make the nation competitive? It seems that we are buying our goods and services from larger and fewer companies, increasingly isolated from the consumer.

This spring, the aggressive and ambitious Pinola told a meeting of First Interstate stockholders that in the near future American finance will be dominated by a small handful of companies with global reach, and he wants to run one of them. Good for him perhaps, but not so good for us.

Mustang Daily

Of grades and God

An eye-opening poll was released the other day which showed that most college students are creationists who believe that God created Adam and Eve.

College students have long been regarded as one of the more liberal segments in American society. They are commonly perceived to be a group which questions every idea that comes along, particularly such beliefs as fundamental religious teachings. Obviously, this stereotype is no longer true.

The poll surveyed four universities: his own, Central Connecticut State, the University of Southern California and Occidental College in Los Angeles. With the exception of Texas, these are not Bible Belt states, which makes the survey results all the more surprising.

The poll showed that those students who indicated they believe in creationism are less likely to read books, tend to be more politically conservative and have lower grade-point averages than students who dispute that God created the earth in six days.

It is apparent that students who believe in creationism have less intellectual curiosity than their peers. We do not mean to imply that all those who believe in creationism are dolts — indeed, there are many respected scholars who subscribe to the theory — but their educations could perhaps be enhanced through exposure to a wide range of ideas. Informed decisions require information. We suggest these students open their eyes — and their minds.

Letters to the Editor

Negative political ads caused by voter apathy

Editor — Regarding the editorial titled "Down with everyone" (Nov. 2): Once again the Daily resorts to expressing the populist position concerning an issue. This time it's the expected low voter turnout. The editorial writer claims that Cal Poly students are the victims of negative campaigns. Instead of students taking the responsibility to learn the truth about the candidates and issues though, they simply rely on 30-second TV advertisements. An informed voter is the best remedy for the problem.

Available on campus are a host of fine newspapers and magazines which offer extensive analyses of the elections. Unfortunately, apathy triumphs. Some students offer the lame excuse of not having the time, or the ultimate cop-out — "The campaigns are too negative." Hogwash! The fact is, they are too lazy. Few students make the effort to find out for themselves.

Because of this voter apathy and ignorance, the candidates resort to personal attacks. An intelligent discussion of the issues would fall on deaf ears.

The Daily's assertion that "the candidates are keeping voters from casting ballots" is also ludicrous. Low voter turnouts are the norm for the exception.

Certainly everyone wants to see positive campaign themes. With voter enthusiasm and participation this will someday be a reality. Until then, recognize that the apathetic voter is not the victim, but the central cause of the problem.

Opinion

Down to earth

Jeff Kelly

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Newsbriefs
Wednesday, November 5, 1986

Shultz blasts budget trimming
WASHINGTON (AP) — Secretary of State George P. Shultz says congressional budget trimmers are playing “Russian roulette” with national security by slashing funds for foreign aid and anti-terrorist programs.

A campaign against Syria, which he said has been caught “red-handed” in terrorism, is an example of the kind of program that cost-cutters could be hurting, the secretary said.

“Our hearts are in the right place, but where are our resources?” Shultz said Monday in a speech in Philadelphia.

As a result of these cuts and congressional earmarking of funds for some countries, there will be one-third less spending for foreign operations and a 50 percent slash in security assistance to other countries, compared to what Reagan requested, Shultz said.

“After years of educating our own citizens and our allies, after years of building a consensus, America’s hands seem financially tied,” he said. “The probable effect of congressional action on our foreign affairs budget will be to slow substantially our proposed diplomatic security program.”

Speakes vague on Iranian policy
ABOARD AIR FORCE ONE (AP) — President Reagan’s chief spokesman refused to say Tuesday whether the United States had ended its longstanding policy of not selling arms or spare weapons parts to Iran, and cautioned reporters to “be a little careful on reporting. I don’t think it serves the interest of the hostages” held by pro-Iranian elements in Lebanon.

The president, boarding Air Force One in Los Angeles for the flight to Washington, refused to comment on published reports that his former aide, Robert McFarlane, had traveled to Iran as an administration emissary and had been arrested and jailed there for five days before being deported.

Asked what McFarlane had been doing in Iran, Reagan said only, “No comment,” because of the delicacy of the situation.

Later, spokesman Larry Speakes told reporters, “You should not take ‘no comment’ as a positive or negative on this story.” He reiterated, however, that the U.S. policy of “no negotiation, no concessions, no encouraging third countries to make concessions” remains in effect.

CATERING

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This means Campus Catering finds itself serving up everything from cookies and punch to barbecue chicken and hamburgers, Phillips said. “The majority of our jobs are coffee breaks, but we also cater big luncheons and dinners,” she said.

“On things like coffee breaks, we’ll set the function up, which takes about 30 minutes, leave, and clean it up the next day. If it’s a luncheon, we’ll set it up and serve the food to the people, which costs extra. Our biggest time is the summer, because of all the conferences going on,” Phillips said.

The service does not advertise, but is constantly being employed by faculty and students. “Students are big customers of ours. We serve a lot of fraternities, during initiations for example. I really don’t know how we got to be so popular. A lot of new students enroll every quarter and don’t know about the service, but they seem to find out very quickly. I think it’s just word of mouth,” Milburn said.

Anyone can use the service simply by going to the catering office, which is located in the University Dining Hall, and choosing from a variety of menus exactly what they want and how they want it prepared, according to Milburn.

Catering chef Eric Rose said, “Depending on how much money people are willing to spend, our menu runs the gamut from salads to chicken barbecues to almost anything you want. As far as our food quality, I think we do as good a job or better than 99 percent of the restaurants in San Luis Obispo.”

“Our manager there will help people decide what would be best to order, according to their budget. Then, after the order has been filled, everyone involved with the service gets a copy, from the cook down to the custodians, whose trucks we sometimes have to use,” Milburn said.

The pickup truck used by the service is always on the move, said Milburn. “We use a small Datsun truck for all our big jobs. On the average, we have about three to four jobs a day. It’s always different. That’s why I like it so much,” she said.

“We usually use our truck for most jobs, but if the job is in the Chumash Auditorium, we use a tunnel that leads from the Dining Hall to underneath the bookstore. It’s meant for use by the bookstore, but they let us use it when we need it,” Phillips said.

Milburn, who has worked at the catering service for 22 years, has catered to two Cal Poly presidents.

“Two years after I first started working, we catered an inauguration for Cal Poly President Robert Kennedy, and Ronald Reagan, who was governor of California at the time, gave the inauguration address. I didn’t get to talk to him, but I’m told that we got good feedback on our service,” Milburn said.

Phillips, whose only presidential customer has been Warren Baker, said, “The Baker house is very proper. We try our best not to spill soup on anyone when we catering.”

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- The Newman Catholic Center will host a presentation on "Creation Spirituality" by Alexandra Kovats, author of "Prayer: Discovering Life for Young People," at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday in the Cal Poly Theatre.
- Valentine Smith will speak on "Admission to Vet School" at 7 p.m. Wednesday in Science North Room 215. The speech is sponsored by the Vet Science Club.
- The Poly Christian Fellowship will sponsor speaker Peter Wilkes at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Thursday and Friday in the University Union Plaza.

Thursday 6

- Carlye Ward, president of Biodynamics Engineering, will speak on "Biomechanics of Trauma" at 11 a.m. Thursday in Science Building Room E-27.
- Media activist Douglas Kellner will speak on "The Radical Critique of Culture and Media: New Perspectives" at 11 a.m. Thursday in University Union Room 220. The speech will be sponsored by the Arts and Humanities Lecture Series.
- Robert Benson, professor of landscape architecture, will present an illustrated lecture on the quintessential landscape of middle America at 7:30 p.m. in the gallery of the Architecture and Environmental Design Building. A $1 donation will be requested at the door.

Submissions contributed for consideration for publication in Calendar must be received by noon two days prior to the event.
**Guys and dolls**

Despite social taboos, most coed student roommates find that their relationships offer more than traditional hassles such as nylons hanging in the shower

By Chris Barks, Staff Writer

In the living room of a downtown San Luis Obispo apartment, three roommates are reclining on a couch, legs comfortably intertwined. Against the background hum of the television, the trio discuss life in general, while sipping beer and munching on popcorn. Occasionally, either Sarah, Katy, or Michael will toss a few kernels in the direction of the dog... Hey now, wait just a minute. Sarah, Katy, and Michael? As the saying goes, what's wrong with this picture?

If you pose this question to a member of one of the many coed student households in San Luis Obispo, he or she will tell you there is absolutely nothing wrong with that picture. Men and women living together! No problem. For a wide range of reasons, more and more students are opting to live with members of the opposite sex - platonically.

In the late 1970s, the sitcom "Three's Company" first appeared on television. Based on the misadventures of three roommates - two women and a man - the show consisted mainly of sexual titillation, sexual misunderstandings, and sexual innuendos, placed out in broad comedic style. Viewers laughed at a wide range of reasons, more and more students are opting to live with members of the opposite sex - platonically.

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cater there. Still, they're really
down to earth, nice people.

Campus Catering does not
limit its activities to the Cal Poly
campus. "We have done wed­
dings, Christmas parties, and
special functions in and around
San Luis Obispo. They're mostly
for Cal Poly staff and alumni,"
Phillips said.

Part-time employees play a
very important role in the ser­
dvice. "They help us set up our
functions, serve the food, and
clean up afterwards. We really
have some outstanding people
working for us," Phillips said.

Verna Rae LeDuc, a part-time
worker for the service, said, "The
service is busy all the time. I
help them four or five times a
month, and I enjoy it
thoroughly. The jobs I usually
help on are the president's
(Baker's) house, the alumni
house, and the Chumash
Auditorium," she said.

California has highest
hospital costs in US

WASHINGTON (AP) —
Spending one day in a typical
American hospital room cost
$212 last year, with California
the most expensive state to be
hospitalized in, and Mississippi
the least costly.

Hospital room charges jumped
nearly 70 percent over five years,
on average, from a 1980 cost of
$127-a-day, according to
statistics published by the Cen­
sus Bureau. The figures were
drawn from data compiled by the
Health Insurance Association of
America and the American
Hospital Association.

Room charges were only part
of the cost of a trip to the
hospital. Adding in doctors fees,
medication and other charges
raised the average daily cost of a
stay to $369 as of 1983, the most
recent detailed statistics avail­
able from the hospital associa­
tion. At that rate the average
hospital stay was estimated at
$2,789 by the group.

The health insurance associa­
tion's 1985 study of hospital
room charges found that the
average daily cost was $281 in
the state. That was up from a
daily rate of $161 five years
earlier.

Rounding out the five most
costly states to be hospitalized
were Alaska, $274-a-day; Michi­
gan, $270; Pennsylvania, $256; and Illinois, $247.

At the other end of the scale, a
Mississippi hospital room
averaged only $114 per day, up
from only $67-a-day in 1980.

The rest of the five least ex­
pensive states were North
Carolina, $139-a-day; South
Carolina, $140; Arkansas, $141
and Tennessee, $142.

The group found 13 states
averaged higher costs than the
nation as a whole while room
rates were below the average in
13 states.

The hospital association's 1983
studies counted 6,888 hospitals in
the United States, with 1,350,400 beds. That was down
from a peak of 7,174 hospitals in
1974.
Cal Poly's Vera Pendergast goes for the ball against the University of Hawaii on Monday.
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Candidate probed: has 800 ballots

ORANGE COVE, Calif. (AP) — Victor P. Lopez, a candidate for mayor of Orange Cove in eastern Fresno County is under investigation for reportedly arranging to have 800 absentee ballots mailed to his post office box.

While that act by itself is not illegal, County Clerk Galen Larson has asked the sheriff’s department to investigate up to four dozen complaints.

JOBS

From page 1 jobs will come to them, but this is not the case. Competition will be keen, so it’s important for the prospective graduates to begin their job searches early,” he said.

Dan Stubbs, computer science department head, said accounting and business majors have the best chance of employment.

Dan Bertozzi, business department head, said that the demand for business majors has been substantial. “A great many of our students have jobs before they graduate, and the rest get employment very soon after they graduate. I think one of the big factors in companies interested in our graduates is our use of microcomputers. They are playing a growing role in our department, and our students are more in touch with modern technology than a lot of other universities. Both our finance and marketing concentrations have been growing steadily.”

William Boynton, accounting department head, said, “This year, it seems that recruiting by companies is up. We have one of the top-ranked programs in the state, not only because our students are hard-working, but because we’ve been integrating computers, which has proven helpful in competing with other colleges. I see the department remaining stable into the future, because there are so many branches of accounting,” he said.

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