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Mubarak defends commando raid on airliner; claims Libya’s support of hijackers ‘very clear’

Associated Press

CAIRO, Egypt - President Hosni Mubarak’s government launched a vigorous campaign yesterday to defend its commando raid on a hijacked EgyptAir jet in which 58 people died, despite little public criticism here.

Mubarak accused Libya of sponsoring the gunmen who seized the plane.

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Mubarak blamed the deaths on the hijackers, who he said were the first ever to detonate phosphorus grenades during a hijacking. "Not a single Egyptian bullet killed anybody," among the passengers and crew, the president said.

The fire grenades set the interior of the Boeing 737 ablaze.

In Malta, government spokesman Paul Mifsud said the death toll in the hijacking and commando raid was 59. He said one passenger was shot to death by the hijackers and the other 58 died during the commando operation.

Hijackers took over flight MS646 on Saturday evening on a flight from Athens, Greece, to Cairo and forced it to land on the Mediterranean island of Malta. They left 11 women go and shot three American passengers and two Israelis, killing one of the Americans, and threw them from the plane.

Maltese authorities said that 27 survivors of the commando raid were hospitalized, including the man alleged to have led the hijack team. The pilot, Hani Galal, returned to Cairo.

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Eliminating parietals would prove University has faith in its students

The second most popular rumor on the Notre Dame campus, after "Gil Thorpe will be the new head football coach," is a vague gray space between the Pasquerilla and the Memorial Library is going to be the location of two new dorms - and they are going to be coed.

Of Interest

For those staying over break, Saint Mary's will be hosting a High School Women's Choir Festival on Friday. The festival will begin at 9:30 a.m. in O'Laughlin Auditorium and continue throughout the day. Thirteen colleges from four states will take part in the festival, which is open to the public and free of charge. The day's activities will conclude with a performance by Saint Mary's Women's Choir, conducted by Nancy Merak - The Observer

The Memorial Library will open at 10 a.m. on Sundays on an experimental basis, according to George Sereiko, associate director for University libraries. The change in opening time results from suggestions by students in the library's suggestion boxes. Sereiko said the reference and circulation departments and the reserve book room will not be open until 1 p.m. At the end of the experimental period, which will last until February, it will be determined whether the earlier opening time will become permanent - The Observer

A Thanksgiving Mass will be celebrated at noon on Thursday in the Keenan-Stanford chapel. All are invited to participate in the celebration - The Observer

The Clip Joint will sponsor a Cut-a-thon on Sunday, December 5 at Skate-O-Rama Mall from noon to 5 p.m. The cost of a haircut, blow dry and blow out is $6. The Clip Joint operates out of the Village Scene. The funds raised will benefit the mentally handicapped pre-school children of St. Joseph County - The Observer

A Mass commemorating the fifth anniversary of the deaths of four American women in El Salvador will be held in the Keenan-Stanford chapel on Monday at 4:30 p.m - The Observer

A weekly support group for graduate students who would like to meet and share similar experiences and difficulties will meet on Wednesdays from 7 to 8 p.m. at the Wilson Commons - The Observer

On campus for Thanksgiving? There will be a Knights of Columbus Thanksgiving party Friday night from 9 to 11. Admission is $2. Dancing, food and drinks will be at the Knights of Columbus Building - The Observer

Weather

Rain may chase you away today as there is a 70 percent chance of rain. It will be quite cool tonight in the upper 30s. tomorrow night. There will be a 90 percent chance of rain and temperatures remaining in the upper 30s. It will be cooler tomorrow, for Thanksgiving, with a chance of light rain or snow. Temperatures may fall into the lower 30s and 40s.

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Dan McCullough

News Editor

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No more rust

Freshman Jim Peters and Mike Schrimpf take advantage of the winter bike storage that took place on Monday and yesterday of this week. Students were able to bring their bikes to Gate 14 of Notre Dame Stadium. All bikes must be registered with Notre Dame security and there was no charge for the storage.

Share responsibility with bishops, prelates tell pope at Church synod

Associated Press

VATICAN CITY - U.S. and Scandinavian prelates proposed at an extraordinary synod yesterday that local bishops and their national organizations share the pope's responsibility for running the Roman Catholic Church.

Bishops from the Third World, addressing issues of their own region, called for increased church support of clerics working for the poor and oppressed.

The proposals came in speeches on the second day of a two-week synod assessing the reforms of the Second Vatican Council, also known as Vatican II.

Vatican II, held in four sessions between 1962 and 1965, made reforms in Catholic liturgy, ecumenism, seminary education, religious life and church government.

Pope John Paul II sat through all 21 speeches yesterday, taking notes and reading texts, said the Rev. Durward Martin, the synod spokesman.

Bishop James Malone of Youngstown, Ohio, president of the U.S. Bishops Conference, said he believes there are "good grounds" in the Vatican II reforms to justify "some extension of collegiality to the direction of bishops."

In church parlance, collegiality refers to the collaborative relation-

ship between the pope and bishops in Christian teaching and in govern-

ing the church.

The issue of shared responsibility between the pope and bishops is considered a major one before the synod of 165 bishops from around the world.

Bishop John Gran of Oslo, Norway, representing the Scandinavian Bishops Conference, went further.

He asserted that the Vatican II goals on collegiality "hardly have been realized according to expectations."

"If anything, a tendency is felt toward the return to the idea of one man bishop as representatives of Rome rather than administrators in their own right," he said.

Study says drinking age ineffective

Associated Press

CLEVELAND - If the minimum drinking age were raised to 21 na-
tionally it would do little to help cut down on drunken driving, two researchers say.

Researchers said those states that have raised the legal drinking age were related to alcohol, then compared that percentage among 18 to 20-year-olds before the drinking age was increased to the new law took effect.

Figures for the test period also were compared with figures in states that did not increase the drinking age.

Of the states studied, only Texas and New York showed a desired decrease in the percentage of alcohol-related traffic deaths, the researchers said. Those states, however, also passed tougher drunken driving laws.

Some other states showed no sig-
IFICANT improvement, and eight states -- Florida, Georgia, Massa-
ehachusetts, Michigan, Montana, Nebraska, Tennessee and West Vir-
ginia -- had increases in the percentage of deaths related to alcohol after raising the drinking age.

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University of Notre Dame, where he coached from 1947-1962, said that he would like to see the team win more often. "But the bottom line is that we've got a good football team and I expect them to win," he said. "I think any job is a big jump, and I think it's important that we win."

Several players expressed regret at Faust's departure, saying they didn't want to see him go. "I met Coach Faust and I feel like I'm losing the next great head coach," said junior tailback Hakawati Franco. "I think I'm going to be a different person."

"I think it's important that we win," said senior quarterback Joseph Price and freshman running back Tony Gal. "I hope they feel good about me."

Critics of Faust always have complained about his approach to football, but few have been as harsh as when he announced his plans for the future, saying that he had been top-notch in the area of recruiting and that the University of Notre Dame would be kept to him on in a recruiting capacity at Faust, however, denied that he would automatically be staying on at Notre Dame in some regard.

"I would not want them to create a position for me," he said. "I don't think that's fair to the University, and I wouldn't accept something like that at all. Creating a position just to keep a person is not the way to handle a situation of this kind. If the University has to run its place like a business and something's gone wrong, I think that's very unfair to the fans."

"I felt sorry for him being under all that pressure. He never got a break. Maybe things work themselves out eventually, but whatever happened to me didn't help."

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"I think there's winning in other ways than just winning games," said Beuerlein. "I think a win one for Gerry's situation is possible," said Beuerlein, "but I don't know if Coach Faust's announcement will have any effect on the team (the players) first be-"
Reactions to resignation announcement mixed

Players admit surprise at both timing and decision not to inform them first

By LARRY BURKE
Assistant Sports Editor

Gerry Faust's announcement yesterday morning of his resignation as Head Football Coach did not take his players by complete surprise. But while the players said they could see such an announcement coming, most were caught off guard by the timing and by Faust's choice to inform the media first, rather than his players.

"I'm kind of surprised it happened at this time," said senior quarterback Steve Beuerlein. "Obviously we knew something was going to happen soon. We just didn't know which way.

"It's kind of shocking," said junior free safety Steve Lawrence. "I just thought he would wait until after the season.

That opinion was also expressed by senior linebacker Mike Larkin, as well as by junior linebacker Mike Kovalski.

"I thought Coach Faust would have waited until the end of the season," said Larkin. "But I guess the reason he did it now was to take some of the pressure off the team.

"I'm very surprised he made the decision this week," said Kovalski. "But I can see why he did it. He did it for the well-being of the team, the University and next year. It was his personal decision and we have to honor that.

Senior linebacker Tony Furjanic and senior tailback Allen Pinkett, both co-captains, agreed that such an announcement from Faust seemed inevitable.

"It wasn't a real shock," said Furjanic. "Because of our record right now and his contract situation, you knew something was going to happen, but it didn't look good the last few weeks. It was kind of frustrating watching games and seeing what could have been. The general consensus was that it would be bad.

"Everybody on the team knew something was going to happen," said Pinkett, "because it was the end of his contract. We just didn't know when or in what form I feel a sense of relief for Coach Faust because hopefully now everyone will leave him alone.

Senior cooperator Mike Hayden agreed that the announcement was inevitable, but he thought it should have come sooner.

"Everyone knew for a while that something was going to happen," said Hayden. "And I thought, 'Well, that's probably it.' We don't know why they (the administration) procrastinated. The media were acting like vultures, and I'm just glad the commotion is over.

"The way they (the administrators) were leaving things up in the air caused a lot of confusion and turmoil. There was a lot of time spent thinking about the coaching situation instead of football. There was a lot of tension between the coaches and in the locker room.

"They (the administration) should have gotten it out of the way a long time ago. I'm sure they knew that something was going to happen, but it didn't look good the last few weeks. It was kind of frustrating watching games and seeing what could have been."

Student opinion on Faust's decision varies

By ERIC SCHEURMANN
Assistant Sports Editor

There has been a great deal of complaining about Head Coach Gerry Faust during his five years here. Yet so many football games that many players urged him to leave.

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"I thought he deserved the chance to see what he could do for five years, and he got that. He didn't do the job so I don't think he handled the announcement and fielded questions from reporters last night in the Monogram Room of the ACC regarding the resignation of Gerry Faust and who a possible successor might be. Chuck Freedy details administrative reaction to Faust's resignation at right.

"As a senator," continued Ryder, "it has been a long four years, but we know that he has given much of his five years and two days as Irish football coach to the recipient of a number of tributes from staff and administrators following his surprise announcement at his weekly press conference.

University President Father Theodore Hesburgh accepted Faust's resignation with "gentle regret" while attending a conference on nuclear disarmament in Baltimore. Hesburgh's acceptance letter never mentioned football, concisely including it in a personal note to Faust.