North gives ‘truth’ on Reagan involvement

WASHINGTON (UPI) - Lt. Col. Oliver North, the key figure in the Iran-Contra scandal, began to tell Congress his story Wednesday, giving what he said was "the truth" to the question of what President Reagan knew about the diversion of Iran arms sales profits to the Nicaraguan rebels.

North, dressed in his Marine uniform with six rows of ribbon medals pinned to his chest, held a private late-afternoon session with a select group of lawmakers and lawyers from the House and Senate Iran-Contra committee. They were to question him under oath only about Reagan's involvement in the affair.

The closed proceeding lasted about 1 1/2 hours and lawmakers did not give details of his testimony. The fired White House aide is scheduled to testify in public starting Tuesday.

Spokesmen for the committee described the atmosphere as "friendly and business-like."

"The truth," North told the senators before the session when asked what he was going to tell the committee members. "When asked if he had anything else to say, he smiled, winked and said: "Have a nice day."

North walked down the office building hallway accompanied by his lawyers as he gave a thumbs up sign to a staff worker who came out of an office.

Photographers and reporters were allowed in the room briefly, but were ushered out before the questioning started.

Committee members decided to hold the meeting late in the day after North's lawyers appeared in federal court where they are scheduled to testify in public starting Tuesday.

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Coach picks

Above, cage coach Rich Harrison introduces Robers "Bobby" McCullum, 33, as one of his new assistant coaches Wednesday afternoon in the Student Center Mississippi Room. Scott Howard, 26, right, also was named during the press conference to join the two assistant coaches before coming to SIU-C.

McCullum was at the University of Alabama and Howard at the University of Iowa. See story, Page 12.

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**Jordan gives Waldheim royal welcome on arrival**

AMMAN, Jordan (UPI) — Jordan welcomed Austrian President Kurt Waldheim with full military honors Wednesday, and a newspaper said Jewish charges that he covered up a Nazi past made him a "noble victim of Zionist terrorism and prejudice. Flags of Austria and Jordan and welcoming banners were draped throughout the capital. Small crowds and an occasional band lined the street to greet Waldheim who received none of the fierce protest that accompanied his audience last week with Pope John Paul II.

**Haitian rioting subsides, businesses reopen**

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (UPI) — Businesses shut down by two days of government rioting that reportedly left five dead reopened Wednesday but hardline members of the opposition called for a protest Wednesday and traffic moved through the streets of Port-au-Prince and markets and other businesses reopened following the end of the two-day general strike.

**Group claims it abducted American journalist**

BEIRUT, Lebanon (UPI) — A previously unknown terrorist group Wednesday claimed responsibility for kidnapping American journalist Charles Glass and said it is holding him for interrogation as a "spy." In a statement delivered to the Sunni Moslem Voice of the Nation, a group calling itself the Organization for Defending the Liberal People said, "He (Glass) is a spy and will remain in our hands until the interrogation is over.

**Barbie trial disrupted by attorney’s statement**

LYON, France (UPI) — Defense lawyers for Klaus Barbie Wednesday compared Nazi atrocities to Israeli policy toward Arabs and America's involvement in Vietnam, saying a disruption of court by lawyers for alleged Jewish victims of the former Lyon Gestape chief, Nadl Boualita of Algeria, one of three lawyers defending Barbie on charges of crimes against humanity, said that similar crimes were committed by Israel with its 1961 invasion of Lebanon and by the United States in Vietnam.

**Soviet plan could remove arms pact obstacle**

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The Soviet Union informally offered to eliminate all medium-range and shorter-range missiles from both Europe and Asia, removing a major stumbling block to an arms control agreement, officials said Wednesday. Under the proposal, offered several weeks ago at nuclear arms negotiations in Geneva, the United States would forgo converting U.S. medium-range missiles to other systems, said U.S. officials who requested anonymity.

**U.S.-Panama relations slide into new trough**

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Relations between the United States and Panama reached a new low Wednesday when strong protests by a group of U.S. officials accusing the Panamanian government of orchestrating violent demonstrations that badly damaged the U.S. Embassy in Panama City. The U.S. officials was in response to Tuesday's demonstrations that involved about 5,000 people.

**Air Force plane crashes during demonstration**

FORT BRAGG, N.C. (UPI) — A huge Air Force cargo plane that skimmed the ground at 120 miles per hour in a daring demonstration crashed and burst into flames Wednesday, killing five men and narrowly missing 5,000 civilian spectators. Some witnesses said the pilot of the C-130 Hercules appeared to be fighting to keep the plane from hurtling into the grandstand. Three of the six crewmen of the Hercules died in the crash. The other three were rushed by helicopter to hospitals, where another died. The plane crashed within 50 yards of the grandstand.

**NBC management gets workout during strike**

NEW YORK (UPI) — Network vice presidents manned news desks, press agents became editors and unit managers took over NBC's cameras Wednesday to fill in for strikers who walked picket lines for a third day. The strike by 3,500 members of the National Association of Broadcast Employees and Technicians — NBC's largest union, making up one-third of the network's workforce — was barely noticeable on the screen. There were a few technical glitches on "Today," some sound problems on "NBC News at Sunrise" and some simple-minded camera work, but the shows went on as scheduled.

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Rain ride
Another summer shower doesn't stop Nesha Jones, 17, riding on Poplar Street. Highs in the mid-80s and a chance for thunderstorms are predicted through the weekend.

German band to perform at Turley Park

The Sunset Concert series continues at 7 tonight when the Waterloo German Band will play their own brand of foot-stomping polka music to foot-stomping polkas. Formed 30 years ago, the true Bavarian spirit, complete with leider-hosen, Alpine hats and knitted stockings. Included in their performance will be all of the traditional German favorites, from waltzes and broken paa paa music to foot-stomping polkas.

Crisis hotline saves lives, comforts depressed, lonely

By Eric Oestmann

Jim got a phone call one night from a woman who said she purposely took an overdose of iodium. He tried to keep the woman talking, hoping to find out where she lived or worked, but her voice slowly faded until she passed out.

She was located and saved, but even though Jim, who wanted his last name kept confidential, was trained to handle suicide threats at Network, a 24-hour telephone crisis referral system, the incident still shook him.

Network, a service offered through the Jackson County Mental Health Center, gets a variety of calls. Some are from extremely depressed people contemplating suicide but most are from people looking for someone to talk to, Reid Christensen, Network's supervisor, said.

Network receives more than 500 calls a month, mostly from "people who have a problem and want to vent it to someone," he said. If a volunteer can't handle a particular crisis, Network's mental health professionals or another Network volunteer, who also wanted his name kept confidential, said he became a volunteer because he likes to help people in crisis situations. "There are a lot of people who need someone to talk to and I feel I am a good listener," he said.

When the Williamson, Perry and Franklin county mental health service close for the day, calls are forwarded to Network, Christensen said. Network gets calls from police and doctors requesting assessments of people believed to be mentally disturbed. People must be examined by a county mental health counselor before they can be committed to a mental hospital, he explained.

Many calls come from students, especially during semester finals and mid-term weeks or after holidays. "Contrary to popular belief, most people who have suicidal tendencies will hold together during the holidays for the sake of the family and wait until the holidays are over," he explained.
People should fear common disasters

SO, PEOPLE NEED to have common sense shaken into them, or so it seems when it comes to natural disasters.

On June 10, an earthquake registering 5.0 on the Richter scale was felt throughout Illinois and the Midwest. The quake was centered in Lawrenceville, a little over 100 miles from Carbondale.

ALTHOUGH THE EARTHQUAKE lasted only a few seconds, it got many people shook up enough to call their insurance agents to find out how they could get earthquake insurance. Although their motives were backed by material need rather than fear of personal injury, at least the quake demonstrated how little we know about what might occur if a disaster were to happen. That’s more than happens in most instances.

ON JUNE 28, torrential rains flooded most of downtown Carbondale. Many people on the Strip were locked safely inside restaurants or bars, where they could drink to their hearts’ delights with the valid excuse that they couldn’t leave.

Others dared to raft or canoe across South Illinois Avenue, which was blocked with several feet of water. They must not have heard that flash floods have carried people, cinder blocks and houses downstream in minutes. Maybe they had heard but didn’t care — it sure would be fun to be “Captain Blood” for a day.

ON JUNE 28, the area again was hit with a heavy downpour of rain accompanied by several funnel cloud sightings. The wailing sirens and repeated warnings from the National Weather Service did little good: instead of seeking shelter, very few people chose to stand by their doors or sit on their porches, looking to the skies. Places of safety, such as the Wesley Foundation basement, were relatively empty.

THESE PEOPLE must not know that flying shards of glass, a torrent of rain and strong winds can destroy a house in a few seconds. Maybe they knew but didn’t care — it sure would be neat to see a twister really does look like the one in “The Wizard of Oz.”

These reactions were very different than the fearful ones surrounding the earthquake. And fears that another tremor may strike aren’t unfounded: geologists predict that the New Madrid fault may send a disastrous quake our way any day now.

Letters

Handguns are not victims’ cure-all

The June 24 Daily Egyptian contained a letter from David Steck concerning the Bernhard Goetz case. Mr. Steck supported the idea of carrying a handgun as “insurance” against attack. While a very few individuals may have a valid reason to carry a handgun, this is an extremely dangerous and unwarranted practice for the vast majority of Americans.

The idea that a handgun will change an encounter from one leading to the victim’s death into a controlled situation, whereby the would-be victim draws his or her weapon, making the attacker reconsider and flee, is fantasy. Unless one has proper knowledge of handguns and combat techniques, victims are far more likely to shoot a bystander, have their weapons taken away and used against them, or cause the attacker to use his own weapon than they are to foil the attack. Unfortunately, most individuals that purchase handguns for self defense possess neither of these skills. Some have never even fired their weapon.

Furthermore, suggesting that criminals will be deterred by the possibility that their victims may be armed doesn’t hold water. Few criminals ponder the consequences of their actions prior to the crime. Walk it to have any effect, it would increase the likelihood that the attackers would be armed.

On the other hand, the Daily Egyptian’s editorial assertion that Goetz was “looking for trouble” simply because he was carrying a revolver is probably incorrect. More likely, he was simply responding to the concern, and at times paranoia, Americans are experiencing over violent crime.

While a firearm, in properly trained hands, and in the appropriate setting, does have a legitimate role in defense, it is doubtful that a return to the pistol-packaging days of the old American West is the solution to violent crime. Citizens must be willing to lobby legislators, elect judges that reflect their views and pay the taxes necessary to provide the laws, law enforcement, judiciary and penal system which will satisfy the majority. The legal right to carry a handgun could be part of such a system, but I hope not.

In any event, we are to condemn crime and cry out for a civilized society, we must be willing to live within the laws that we have established for that society.

Douglas Marshall, medical student.

Thompson Woods shouldn’t be picnic area

As for the litter, won’t picnic tables sprout on the cleared area and the cleared area will be used for usual beer and soda cans and trash containers overflowing with garbage? The Physical Plant people may find that nature does not care — ivy and honeysuckle vines are less of a nuisance than man’s rubbish.

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Opinions from elsewhere

Tempe (Ariz.) Daily News Tribune

The U.S. Supreme Court has most sensibly ruled that the presence of handguns in public school science classes be scientific dogma.

The high court has thrown down a Louisiana law that required the biblical story of creation to be taught wherever the scientific theory of evolution was taught. The Supreme Court saw that law as a blatant violation of the constitutional concept of separation of church and state.

The high court described the intent of the Louisiana law as “clearly to advance the religious viewpoint that a supernatural being created mankind.”

The Judeo-Christian view of creation is certainly not the only religious “creationism.” The Hindus, Buddhists, Islams and American Indians all have their unique versions of creation. Are they all to get equal weight in the classroom? In a comparative religion class, yes. In a science class, no.

Hunting has, in fact, already begun. After a recent heavy rain, one section of the jogging path was impassable for three days, and the flooding of Camp Lake reappeared. Can anything be done? Some of the most severely affected areas are the picnic areas. Over the years, the clearing of land near Camp Lake has resulted in trees, brush and wildlife being not only cleared, but Chapters universities overflowing with garbage? The Physical Plant people may find that nature does not care — ivy and honeysuckle vines are less of a nuisance than man’s rubbish.

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one in the middle of the year, Brown said.

A tuition increase may be necessary but there will be no decision on that issue until Thompson's cuts are studied, he said.

"It may be necessary and it may not be," Brown said. "We don't have a standby position on tuition right to invoke as soon as the governor's decision is announced.

Among items already trimmed from the budget are the $4.9 million the governor originally requested for new programs and $8.2 million he had budgeted for salaries. The funding recommended by Thompson and April was lower than that had been requested by SIU and the Illinois Board of Higher Education, Brown said. It also was tied to a package of tax hikes Thompson proposed.

Thompson did not find a legislative sponsor for the tax package and it, in effect, died without reaching a committee in either the House or Senate.

Thompson said Tuesday he will have to cut spending further to balance the state's budget because no new taxes were approved by the legislature. In April the governor had said that a "no-tax-increase budget" would mean a $10.7 million cut in higher education spending. He said no new revenues would mean no funding increases for student scholarships, community colleges, economic development initiatives at universities and faculty and staff salary increases.

A no-tax-tuition budget would mean a $12.1 million cut in the Illinois State Scholarship Commission program and would assume a 4 percent tuition increase would be needed, he said.

University officials plan to develop a list of alternatives to recommend to Thompson.

"If he says there will be an x percent cut, then we can tell him where we'd like the cuts to occur," Brown said. "We'll probably develop an alternative for a 1 percent cut, 2 percent cut and so on."

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Bork's nomination brought under-the-counter rendition from civil rights, abortion rights and women's groups but was well received warmly by conservatives.

Nearly all cast the for-the-mercenary opposition debate in momentous terms.

"This will be the toughest fight since then because it tips the balance of the Supreme Court, because the president has used his power in selecting a candidate," said Sen. Alan Cranston, D-Calif.

"There will be the most complete, most comprehensive, most exhaustive study of his background of this nominee that has ever been submitted for the Supreme Court," said Sen. Howell Heflin, D-Ala., a member of the Senate Judiciary Committee.

"I don't think there will be a stone left unturned," said Heflin, adding that Bork either will be confirmed or rejected by the time the new court term opens in October.

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challenging the constitutionality of the special prosecutor's law under which independent counsel Lawrence Walsh was appointed. Walsh is conducting a criminal probe of the Iran-Contra affair and North is widely considered to be a target of that investigation.

The private meeting was the prelude to North's public testimony next week where he will outline for the first time his role in the secret sale of U.S. arms to Iran and the diversion of profits to the Nicaraguan Contras.

North, who was fired last Nov. 25 by the National Security Council for his role in the affair, has so far refused to detail what he knows and held out for a deal with the congressional committees to limit his testimony both publicly and in private.

Under the arrangement, congressional investigators were to ask him limited questions under oath about what, if anything, Reagan knew about the diversion and he will appear in public for four days next week.

Lawmakers, however, reserved their right to call North if needed for more questioning.

North's former boss, Rear Adm. John Poindexter is expected to help North's weeklong session with the committee.

Garage to close for renovation

The two-story parking garage, between the Student Center and Parkinson Laboratory, will be closed for repairs beginning Monday.

Duane Schroeder, a site planner with the Physical Plant, said the repair work should conclude Friday, July 10, "but it could carry on into the following week."

Faculty, staff and students can park free of charge in lots 10 and 1A, between McAndrew Stadium and the Student Center, provided they have parking stickers. All other cars will be charged $25 per hour.

University vehicles normally parked in the garage must be moved to lot 10B, the blue-decal lot just east of the Student Center, said Marilyn Hogan, campus coordinator of parking and place.

Schroeder said the repairs will include renovation of the structure's beam supports and patchwork on the upper level's parking surface.

Holiday alters campus hours

Because of the Fourth of July holiday, campus facilities will have limited weekend hours.

The Student Center will close at 5 p.m. Thursday, and reopen at 8:30 a.m. Monday. The Recreation Center will be closed Friday through Sunday.

Most Library will be open from 2 to 9 p.m. Friday, from 2 to 9 p.m. Saturday, and from 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday.

The Carbondale Lions Club will have free public fireworks at 9 p.m. Saturday at Abe Markowitz Field.

In case of rain, the show will be Sunday at the same time and place.

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Puzzle answers are on Page 7.

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Entertainment Guide

Alexander Cole's — Bob May DJ Show, Thursday, Saturday and Tuesday. 186 WTAO Show. Friday, Thursday and Sunday and Monday. All shows 9 p.m. to 1:30 a.m.

B.G.'s Old Timey Deli presents Comedy Night, 8:30 p.m. every Tuesday. This week: A.J. Winetti and Stuart Olsen will perform. A local emcee will be announced. $3 cover.


SINGLES ENTRIES for men and women's table tennis are due Tuesday with a $1 forfeit fee to the Rec Center Information Desk.

SAILING CLUB will meet at 6 p.m. today in Lawson 131.

MORRIS LIBRARY hours for this weekend will be 2 to 9 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, and 1 to 10 p.m. Sunday.

CARBONDALE LIONS Club, in cooperation with SIU-C, will have a fireworks display at 8 p.m. Saturday, Sunday in case of rain) at the baseball fields south of the Arena.

TWILIGHT SWIM, when all Nataltorium lights are out except the pool lights, will be offered from 7 to 9 p.m. Sundays until August 7 in the Rec Center.

SANDCASTLE BUILDING contest — The Army Corps of Engineers is sponsoring Bend Lake's seventh annual Sandcastle Building Contest Sunday. The contest will be at South Sandusky Beach and is divided into three age classes. Registration is from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday. This sand gala is open and free to everyone.

Puzzle answers

Friday and Saturday, $1 cover. Kevin Hermannely and Michele DJ Show, Sunday.

WDB Show, 8 p.m. to close. Thursday, Dance Party, Saturday. The Third Annual Betty Davis Birthday Party, Sunday, $1 cover.

Hangar 9 — Dusters, rockabilly and blue, Thursday and Friday. Closed Sunday and Monday. The Beat Daddys, old and new dance music, Wednesday. All shows 9:45 p.m. to 1:45 a.m.

Jermay's — Traveling Music Time Machine, oldies, every Friday and Wednesday at 10 p.m.

Mainstreet East — Women's Music, 5-6 p.m., New Frontier 80's.
Boy pilot traverses nation in bid to make record book

WASHINGTON (UPI) - Eeven-year-old John Kevin Hill landed his small plane at 11:37 a.m. today at Greater Cincinnati Airport in a bid to become the youngest boy pilot to fly across the United States.

Hill, of Arlington, Texas, who left Los Angeles last week in a single-engine Cessna 210, landed just before 3:17 p.m. outside Washington. He had taken off on his last leg of the trip from Greater Cincinnati Airport at 11:37 a.m.

In the capital, he hopes to meet with President Reagan.

Hill, who has stopped several times for visits along the way, arrived in Cincinnati Monday from St. Louis.

The young pilot, who sits on three cushions atop his cockpit seat so he can peer out the windshield, hopes the flight will help him in his goal to become an astronaut.

"I decided to get an early start," he said before leaving Cincinnati. "I really like flying."

Hill was accompanied by his flying instructor, Mike Fields, who could have taken control of the plane in case of emergency. However, the boy said he has flown the plane all the way.

"I'm doing it to get in the Guinness Book of World Records," Hill said Monday at a news conference after his arrival in Cincinnati. "It's been exciting so far."
Seaver's retirement shows class, honor

Tom Seaver could have netted $750,000 for a summer sitting on the New York Mets bench, but he has too much honor for that. He has said no to the money, and no to an attempt to play another season.

Although sports fans might think of him as ageing, two decades of big league pitching have taken the spring out of what was once one of the sport's arms ever to hurl a baseball. At age 42, he is hanging up his glove — for good.

Age may make the idols of our youth into mere mortals, but the record books will always make Tom Seaver seem legendary. He won the Cy Young Award three times, and played with the amazing Mets of 1969. He won 211 games, 61 of them shutouts. To recite further statistics would only belabor an obvious point: He is among baseball's best.

"I guess it's time to look back and reflect on what I've done," Seaver said. "It's been a lovely 20 years. I couldn't have asked for more."

Neither could baseball fans.
Basketball staff hires new coaches

By Darren Richardson
Staff Writer

Newly hired assistant coaches Robert "Bobby" McCullum and Scott Howard expressed excitement at being part of Saluki basketball in a Wednesday afternoon press conference in the Missouri Room of the Student Center.

Howard, a volunteer assistant at the University of Iowa since 1985, specializes in recruiting and said the whole Midwest is open to recruiting.

"If you start targeting yourself to one area you make a mistake because there are so many great players out there," Howard said. "I've got contacts in Iowa, Michigan, Indiana and Illinois. Wherever there's a good player, we'll be looking." Howard said in-house recruiting was his main responsibility at Iowa. Prior to that, he served as a graduate assistant at Iowa.

The new coach expects his biggest adjustment to come in the area of personal visits in schools and homes to recruit as opposed to dealing with players telephonically as he did at UI, but was confident he could handle it.

"We have the opportunity to come in and do some great things," Howard said of himself and McCullum, and "I want to do whatever it takes to get us back on top." McCullum was the assistant coach in charge of recruiting and scouting for the University of South Alabama since 1984.

"The idea that by giving one's all, a person achieves victory. He stressed his desire seeing Saluki basketball become a force in the MVC and stressed his commitment to achieving that goal.

He said he was impressed with the beauty of SIUC from the first time he saw it.

"Every university has unique qualities to take. I apply to what a particular kid wants," Mcullum said. "I think the campus here is a selling point in itself.

Saluki men's basketball coach Ray Dorr and SIU's athletic director Howard said McCullum came to the top of more than 75 candidates for the assistant coaching position.

"Both have excellent basketball backgrounds and have had the support of several of the most respected college coaches in the country," Herrin said.

"Both have impressed me with their desire and enthusiasm for the new SIU's basketball program to the level we believe it should be," Herrin said.

"I see about these young geniuses that have the chemistry of the staff is right for us to get the job done," Herrin said.

The NCAA special convention was held Monday and Tuesday in Atlanta, with Acting President Jehn Guyon, chair of the educational psychology department.

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