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In response to Ms. Grossenbacher's letter (Nov. 14), I too agree that Iranian students in the United States should not be held responsible for the embassy seizure. But the Iranian demand for the extradition of the Shah is *not* legitimate.

First of all, Carter is not asking Americans to support the Shah. He is only granting the Shah his right as a human to receive medical treatment.

If Ms. Grossenbacher, as an American, believes in justice, freedom, and liberty for all, then I find it ironic that she believes we should bow to a blackmailing, murdering, brutal Ayatollah, or even recognize him as a responsible leader in the world community.

Glenn Simonsen
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Ideas 'unsettling'

If Professor Ivan Volgyes meant to be taken seriously in his proposed solution to the Tehran embassy take-over (Daily Nebraskan, Vol. 13), then one must conclude that for a political science expert he has some unsettling ideas about how nations should resolve disputes among themselves. What he proposes is not much different in essence from the visceral response to the ethnic Japanese when Japan was at war with this country some time ago. His proposal smacks of redneckism and ill-disguised racism, and will in no way advance America's claim to be more "civilized" than the Iranians.

While most Americans are understandably angry at the Iranian situation, it is reassuring to see most of them temper their anger with discernment and good sense. It is particularly pleasing that in this case, UNL students have demonstrated more sophistication than those in supposedly more cosmopolitan campuses, and better judgement than some of their professors.

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Friendliness disappearing

What's happening to Lincoln? No more is it a pleasure to walk on campus, or at least not in the way it has always been. The UNL campus, with all its smiling students, the warmth and friendliness that have always been there—where are they now?

The chill that I feel is not due to winter, nor is it an illusion. It is the taunt that I hear, and the snickers that I see. And who is the scapegoat? . . . me of course, for I look like an Iranian and Iranians are supposedly the "bad" guys. (A rather sad generalization.)

Not all Americans are like that; perhaps only 2 percent. But it takes just one drop of ink to dirty clean water. I don't want anyone to get the wrong impression—I still love UNL, and all the people in it, but the only difference now is that I can no longer expect the same in return.

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Suggestions fanatic

The suggestions made by Ivan Volgyes concerning the situation in Iran were an appalling display of fanaticism to say the least.

Ivan Volgyes (a UNL political science professor) said the United States should bomb an Iranian city if Iran doesn't release American hostages within two hours of a public warning. If the hostages aren't released the United States "should give them another two hours and then bomb another city."

The main responsibility of the United States is the safe release of the hostages.

Not only would the bombing of Iranian cities insure the death of the hostages, it could also start a major war.

I'm glad our nation's leaders have enough intelligence to realize fanaticism vs. fanaticism isn't the answer.

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Calm urged

After reading Ivan Volgyes' comments, I was glad I sought my undergraduate minor in Political Science elsewhere. I don't have any solutions to the problems that exist in Iran, but I have a strong conviction that our best policy is to remain calm and clear-headed. With the potential for nuclear

holocaust existing at our country's fingertips as well as within other countries' means, advocating the bombing of an Iranian city "if Iran does not release 60 American hostages within two hours of public warning" is asinine. Acting by precedent as USSR did in Hungary is *no* excuse for risking the entire well-being of the world. We need to have more than just an eye for an eye, tooth for a tooth, my country your country kind of a response. We need to have a *world* perspective and consider ourselves part of a world community. This situation gives us no excuse to harm what peace there is in this world.

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