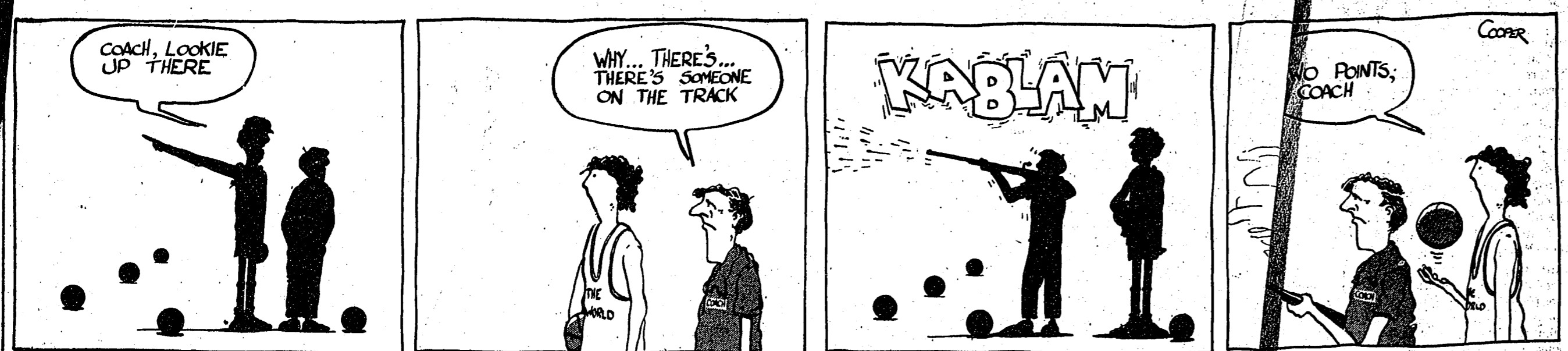


Editorial Opinion



Last year, the Nittany Lion basketball team termed the first phase of its rebuilding program as "the year the lion awakens." This year, they've labeled it "the year the lion begins to run." And since the lion begins to run, that means — just as last year — the University community won't be able to. Since mid-October, the Rec Hall track has been closed to joggers from 2:30 to 5:30 p.m. most weekdays. The athletic department explains it closed the arena and track not for basketball strategy secrecy as was rumored early last year, but so the team could have top concentration during practice. Last year, the closing of the track drew a storm of protest, mostly from irate joggers who were fired up over the inconvenience of walking across campus to the Intramural Building track or who were frozen blue with the prospect of running outdoors on the golf course across from Rec Hall. Non-joggers also voiced

### Who wears out first?

The opposition did, in closing of Rec Hall jogging track. disapproval at the department's reduction of athletic facilities to the public. But this year, when the same action took place, the public didn't even make a peep. Not one staff or student jogger or non-jogger complained, the athletic department reports. Even The Daily Collegian initially reacted to the closing with an "Oh, that again" attitude. The man in charge of the change, Robert J. Scannell, dean of the College of Health, Physical Education and Recreation, surmises that his department has not had to fend off any community fury this season because: "We went through that last year. The reaction to people last year primarily was to something new. "It has become accepted," he says.

any and just as this year's basketball team to do, it wore down the opposition. Scannell says the public has not been disappointed. Intramural Building track is still open afternoons, Scannell says. The fact that it isn't have banked turns like the Rec Hall doesn't matter, he says. Athletic department has also closed off a portion of the Rec Hall for running, Scannell says. The fact that it is a straight path in a park doesn't matter, he says. He also points to exclusive clubs in New York, where the track is nothing but a straight path. Scannell says. It's an appropriate comparison because the level of tuition increases are placing the University in a class with exclusive clubs. during these times when people pay for the same amount, students at the university keep paying more to get less.

## University drops night Loop fare

By PAULA FROKE, Daily Collegian Staff Writer. The fare on Campus Loop buses is now free from 9 p.m. to midnight as a result of a series of meetings between an Undergraduate Student Government ad hoc committee on the Loop and two University business officials. In addition, the price of a term pass has been reduced from \$25 to \$15 in an agreement by the committee, Vice President for Business Ralph E. Zilly and Assistant Vice President for Business Richard L. Crowley. Committee Chairman Allison David said the Loop fare was eliminated after 9 p.m. for two reasons: to encourage more women to ride the bus at night and lessen their chances of being raped, and to help compensate for the 25-cent daytime fare. When the committee was first formed, in the third week of Fall Term, its intent was to get the Loop's fare down to 15 cents at all times, David said. "We didn't start out looking at the rape prevention program," she said. "We started out looking at the 150 percent increase and the dissatisfied students, and we looked at all the different options. This was just one." The University raised the Loop's 10-cent fare to 25 cents this summer in an attempt to recover some of its operating deficit, which Zilly said was about \$77,000 for 1978-79. It was the first fare increase since the system began operating in 1972. David said the committee started out with one question — whether the bus system is trying to cover its costs, or trying to provide a service to students. "We feel the Loop is a service to students," she said, "but by raising the fare to 25 cents it's no longer a service. It's basically a self-supporting operation serving only those students who can afford it." "We realized it had a deficit, but I don't think there's anything wrong with being a little in the hole when you're providing a service to students," she said. But the University believed a 15-cent fare would not recover enough of the deficit, she said, "so we decided on a compromise to keep the fare at a quarter until 9 p.m."

David said the University prefers to view the fare elimination as a rape prevention program, and said the program is a very important part of the change. However, she said, "I also like to see this as a compensation for the 25-cent fare for all students who ride the bus. But the only way they'll be compensated is if they take advantage of it and ride at night." Originally, David said, she had wanted the Loop to be free at 6 or 7 each night, but Zilly and Crowley said a fare elimination that early would cut too much into the budget. Slightly under 20 percent of the Loop's ridership in October came between 6 p.m. and midnight, Zilly said. Zilly said he is not sure exactly how the fare elimination will affect the Loop's budget because the figures are "highly speculative at this point," but said that based on an assumption that about 10 percent of the ridership comes after 9 p.m., the system will lose between 2 and 2.5 cents per rider. Figures on overall Loop ridership since the fare increase took effect would be meaningless, Zilly said, because the weather varies from term to term and because people need time to make an adjustment to the increase. The University has refused to reveal the figures. Generally, however, Zilly said ridership has decreased but revenues have increased. The USG committee last term distributed between 5,000 to 6,000 surveys questioning students on their attitudes toward the fare increase. Of the 1,056 who responded, 45.5 percent indicated they had ridden the Loop less since the increase, said Mark Berg, USG Senate president. Berg said that although the committee had originally wanted to get the fare reduced, "we've learned a lot of facts since then, and judging from that I think we really got the best solution we could have." If the fare were lowered, he said, the students might lose the Loop altogether. David said the committee is "hoping people won't mind putting a quarter in the slot during the day now that they can ride at night for free."

## Legislator says Iran favors shah inquiry

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Rep. George Hansen, on returning from his independent but criticized trip to Iran, said yesterday he had been assured that a congressional investigation of the deposed shah may help ease the crisis in Tehran. Hansen said there had been some cause for optimism about release of the 49 hostages held at the occupied U.S. Embassy, but cautioned that a change in the leadership in Tehran "complicates" the situation. Hansen, an Idaho Republican, went to Iran on his own to try to negotiate the release of the hostages, held for more than three weeks. He has been criticized by congressional and administration officials on grounds of meddling in foreign policy. Hansen said he had assurances from Iranian officials that if Congress would investigate the shah's activities "it seems it would have a good effect." Hansen said the officials included acting foreign minister Iranian Abol Hassan Bani-Sadr. But Bani-Sadr was fired yesterday, reportedly because the ruling revolutionary council thought he was too sympathetic to U.S. concerns. Asked how the change in Iranian leadership would affect the situation, Hansen said, "It complicates it a little." Hansen, flanked by his wife Connie and daughter Joanne, told a news conference at suburban Dulles International Airport that he had seen some reasons for optimism in the crisis. But he cautioned the situation was "volatile" and said the Iranian government did not control the students holding the American hostages.

## Letters to the Editor



**Using death**  
Campus Crusade for Christ must be commended for taking action to aid Cambodia's urgent struggle for survival amidst worldwide air of apathy that resembles the silence prevailed during Jewish persecution less than four decades ago. What I question, however, is Campus Crusade's motive. They seem to be using the Cambodian plight as a means to promote their own religious agenda. Campus Crusade's Vice President Bob Sjogren stated concerning the purpose of Monday's demonstration: "It's not the issue of people starving, but to raise the people's level of man's inhumanity." This statement underlines that their rally's motive was so much to help the dying Cambodians, but rather to disseminate the movement's ideology of increasing the consciousness level of man's inhumanity. Emphasizing the theme of "Christians for Cambodia" served to exclude many non-Christians from the protest. A non-Christian, I believe myself, equally capable of moral conviction and responsibility. I resent that other non-Christians and myself are prohibited from participating in this worthy protest. Let's not let our religious convictions be a barrier to our moral conviction and responsibility. I signed this appeal for Cambodian aid and would simultaneously show our support for the religious ideology which is behind their petition. The petition's statement ended by saying: "Allow yourself (world leaders) to embrace the transcending power of the love of Christ. We, the undersigned, embrace the sentiments of this manifesto." I've watched most of my classmates refuse to let their name be used to help reach the 20,000 signature goal, not because they did not have compassion for Cambodians, but rather because of the petition's religious implications. At this time, swift action is crucial to save millions of human lives. The approach must be to harness the influence of the masses, not to turn it away. For those who could not participate in the Campus Crusade for Christ's protest but are concerned with halting this present holocaust, please show your concern now while there is time left to help. Write to the U.S. Security Council, United Nations Secretariat, New York, New York, 10017. Now that the Communists have agreed to open the Mekong River waterway to accept unlimited foreign aid, it is possible to import the desperately needed \$100 million aid. The goal now is to motivate the world's conscientious nations to lend a hand to their needy brothers.

**How about US**  
Why do you Campus Crusaders insist on trying to save people 12,000 miles away? Look around the world at a number of places Americans have been thrown out of and not welcome. Neither does the rest of the world come rushing when this country experiences a disaster. There are quite a few people in this country who are getting enough, and if you are so big on "moral justice," aren't you helping them?  
Jack A. Smith  
Part-time, non-dorm

**Forgotten freedoms**  
How quickly we forget. Civil rights, freedom to be black, and respecting the difference. And who was it that marched right next to their black friends in the '60s? The Jews. Jews feel prejudice and discrimination just as blacks do. Why, then, is one oppressed group spending so much time and energy oppressing an already oppressed group — the Jews? If you don't think that prejudice against Jews exists, it is only because of ignorance. It was ignorance that held back black progress. It was ignorance that kept blacks from their civil rights. It was ignorance that caused people to believe blacks were not equals. And it is ignorance that is causing people to believe that Zionism is racism. How quickly we forget.  
Jill Fierman  
7th administration of Justice  
Nov. 5

**A cancerous nation**  
"Death to the shah." "The shah must die!" The placards rang out the political cries of the Iranian pathfinders on the campus mall last year. The group intended to inform everyone of the grave travesties caused under the rule of Shah Mohammad Reza Pahlavi. Now the Iranian "mentality" has seen fit to make 60 Americans in their embassy in Teheran, three to kill them if America refuses to release the shah and his vengeful hands. For that one life, for their one mistake, innocent Americans may die. Instead of trying to unite the ravaged nation, the shah has backed this outrageous display of terrorism. The whole idea behind the series of events is to

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**American puppet show**  
Once again, the people of the United States are subjected to a massive propaganda campaign, p.r. for the ex-shah's admission to the United States on "purely humanitarian" grounds. And once again the State Department and the U.S. government are hiding from the American people the truth about the "venom" that existed under the ex-shah. So the shah was admitted on a humanitarian basis. But what about the humanitarian rights of these 70,000 innocent people killed by the ex-shah's army? One wonders, where were the humanitarian concerns of the U.S. government when thousands of Iranian political prisoners were being tortured by the ex-shah's ruthless secret police, SAVAK? It is ironic to see that the world is constantly hunting Nazi criminals, and rightly so. Yet here in the United States the Iranian Hitler is admitted and hospitalized. But this, in fact, should come as no surprise to those even slightly familiar with the long established ties between the CIA and various dictators of the world and their secret police — including the ex-shah, Somalia and others. But the world knows that the revolutionary struggle of the Iranian people will not cease until the all-out elimination of the yoke of imperialism and the establishment of an independent, democratic society. The policies carried out by the present Iranian regime differ from the revolutionary aspirations of the peoples of Iran. The policies include: the undemocratic approach to the question of the Constitution, the elimination of the freedom of the press, and the brutal suppression of the Kurdish people and the other nationalities. I state again, loudly and clearly, that only the people can and will overcome oppression. I ask all American people, freedom loving individuals and organizations to condemn the harboring of not only the ex-shah, but also all the dictators and tyrants of the world who would seek refuge from justice in the U.S. Name withheld upon request Oct. 31

**Student ideas, hah!**  
All knowing administrative fathers that watch over us, did you hear the one about the student proposal that worked? Ridiculous isn't it? A solution from those ignorant, senseless idealists? Don't make me laugh! Oh, you mean the new system for entering Beaver

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