



## Letters

### Universal Jogging

When you think about it the physical is related to everything in life — the emotional, spiritual, moral, intellectual, political and including all of the earth and universe.

And it seems since these things are physical they are part of the huge, intricate pattern of nature. To experience this subtle but powerful rhythm inside nature takes countless hours of intense concentrated work on the technique of your specific task—be it swimming, walking, tennis, jogging or whatever your physical exercise is that couples your body to intellect.

From this perspective of being eventually unified with the universe, exercise would in time build the awareness of body and environment to the point of sheer ecstasy—when your imagination has to join your ethereal physical awareness just to stay balanced.

One pathway for this old yet rare realm of physiological consciousness would start on a very difficult day when your body is run-down. And if you can muster enough mental concentration to fine tune on this day you force a new discipline to emerge — the playing with a pain or perfection threshold, and following a far more advanced structure than ordinary hard work.

In this way the average morning jogger is temporarily forced to subsume this new path of energy under a new lifestyle in order to stay reasonably comfortable.

Yet to establish such a strong foundation is only the beginning—as in the athlete, who, after years of hard, intense work on his discipline and form, is still missing something. He needs a structure to work with that will open his body and mind to the subtle yet powerful kinetic energy in the biosphere and that big room called our universe.

The athlete can work long and hard to achieve these rare natural occurrences. Still, all too often we dismiss these occurrences as luck, karma or even a miracle ... when a distance runner picks up a sudden stream of energy to kick in the last five laps of a 10,000.

Looking back you may curse all those years of wasted potential yet relish the rock-hard foundation you have laid down from which you can start.

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### Bell tolls for thee

In response to David Greene's "Dear protester..." letter of Jan. 30: your premise that "individual choice; individual voice" is the only form of rational protest is, I believe, true... in symbols of ink and in the vacuum milieu of the distant planet simplistic. As much as you and would enjoy reveling in our own individual realms, we live among, with and for other people.

You propose that these "vile" protesters should quiet the University to ultimately test the validity of their convictions. No, Mr. Greene, that's much too simple. Everyone who owns a car, watches T.V., flies in a plane or uses a calculator to compute debts and credits indirectly supports South Africa. All of these products, the quintessence of our

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way of life, contain chromium.

This element is not found just anywhere.

Because this country lacks a credible amount of chromium, we have to import this strengthening, high-technology alloy from the Soviet Union and South Africa. Please forgive the absence of any statistical data, Mr. Greene; I am not an economics major.

Yes, Mr. Greene, life is absurd. But we have to start somewhere. And the bell tolls for thee.

**Richard Lee**  
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### Courageous protest

The members of the Black Student Union commend the protesters for the courage they portrayed at the sit-in at Johnson Hall last week. Although we don't always agree with the tactics used by the Revolutionary Communist Youth Brigade, we thank them for keeping the issue of the South African divestment alive. Without a display about South Africa every week, the student population and administration seem willing to let the issue lie unattended in the hope that it will quietly disappear.

We want everyone to know that the racist regime governing South Africa can not be ignored, and we will not let them rest until they change their brutal policies and return the governing of that country to its original owners.

**Marva Fabien**  
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Black Student Union

### Can't flee the issue

The apathetic complacency and smug self-centeredness espoused in David Greene's letter (January 30) ironically found its ally in the "Me First!" cartoon on the same page. To propose activism merely on the basis of self-interest is to propose callous indifference to the struggles of all abused and victimized persons. If, as Greene propounds, one is to refuse to acknowledge any obligation to justice and humanity, the prevailing selfishness would exalt Mussolini as hero and totally preclude the extension of human rights witnessed in the 1960's.

It is folly to challenge the protesters to leave the university, just as the "If you can't stand the heat, get out of the kitchen" philosophy was not viable against the anti-war movement during the Vietnam conflict. Indeed, constructive change never resulted from fleeing a disturbing situation nor any other acts of cowardice. In fact, the effectiveness of opposing a policy from within greatly outweighs outside criticism.

Perhaps the most vital point to remember regarding such groups is that, despite objections one may have with their tactics and procedures, to dismiss their cause merely on the basis of these actions is an unaffordable luxury. Just as the fact that Thomas Jefferson owned slaves cannot negate the premises of the Declaration of Independence nor can Sir Thomas More's wealth invalidate his Utopia, it must be recognized that beneath the external issues lies an injustice far more important than having one's studying interrupted.

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opinion

## U.S. supports Iran's tyrant

Submitted by  
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On Monday, Jan. 9, 1978, once again the Shah and his international terrorist allies (U.S. and Israeli military advisors) aimed their guns toward thousands of innocent demonstrators in Iranian cities. On this bloody day, the police attack left 162 killed (among them 80 students), 400 wounded, and a thousand arrested in Qum; and 5 killed, a hundred wounded and some 400 arrested in Mashhad (The Washington Post, Jan. 11, 1978). According to the most recent news from Iran the number of people killed in this blood bath has exceeded well over 1,500, mostly because of government's refusal to allow the critically wounded people to be accepted into the hospitals!

This is certainly the bloodiest brutality by the Shah's police since June, 1963, when more than 15,000 peaceful demonstrators were killed in the streets by the Shah's American trained and supported army.

The recent cold-blooded murder took place after two days of public boycott, sit-in, and peaceful demonstrations by men and women protesting the criminal and widespread suppressions of social, civil and human rights in Iran and demanding the return to Iran of the great Muslim leader, his Eminence, Ayatollah Khomeini, the consistent supporter of human and civil rights and liberation of workers and peasants, from his 13 years of exile in Iraq.

It is significant to note that this bloody violence and shooting of peaceful demonstrators at Qum and Mashhad, which was also accompanied by mass closure of stores and universities all over Iran took place:

1) At the close of President Carter's trip to Iran, after which he praised the Shah as being "deeply

concerned about human rights, and that in some aspects of human rights Iran has experienced considerable progress over the last 20 years!!" (The Washington Post, Jan. 11, 1978); and

2) Just before Farah's (Shah's wife) trip to New York to be entertained, as a "Guest of Honor" by some of the most powerful U.S. capitalists and politicians (The Washington Post, January 13, 1978)!!

Condemning such murderous operations by the Shah's notorious dictatorship, the Muslim Student Association (MSA) calls upon all freedom loving people of the United States to demand that their government stop aiding this puppet regime's continual mass murder of Iranian people who are bravely resisting his Fascism.

Particularly, demand that President Carter (the smiling hypocrite) explain whether such brutal violence by his so-called "powerful ally" is the result of an agreement between the Shah and his administration during his recent visit to Iran?!!! Does this represent Mr. Carter's human rights policy in Iran?!!!

We strongly condemn the communist camp's shameless and opportunist silence, and hence aiding the barbaric regime of the Shah.

Along with the desire of the people of Iran, the MSA demand that the U.S. Government censure the exiling of his eminence Ayatollah Khomeini, and the recent violent attack, as well as all the Shah's furious and gross violations of the human and civil rights of the Iranian people.

Down with U.S. Imperialism!

Down with "Red" Imperialism!

Long live the heroic struggle of the Iranian people against the neocolonialism of the East and West!  
Victory is near!

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### Parallel process?

It has been brought to the attention (Emerald, Jan. 31) of the R.C.Y.B. that the State Board plans to increase tuition for the umpteenth straight year. It is our informal legal opinion that they lack the authority to do so. Whereas the increases in tuition are making college attendance more and more a question only for the wealthy, and whereas the University has systematically butchered minority programs and eliminated minority recruitment, we feel that their "legality" should be questioned.

The next step is for the State Board to spend two months drafting a letter to the R.C.Y.B. posing all possible questions concerning the legality of the proposed tuition increase. Then our legal research staff will spend two to three months thoroughly researching the matter so that we can present our formal legal opinion.

Meanwhile, the State Board

must cancel all plans to raise tuition — just as they jumped at the chance to stall their divestiture of the Southern African stocks.

**Jonathan Draper**  
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### Right to life

I would like to criticize the Emerald for its biased reporting of the recent decision by the Legislative Emergency Board not to use state funds for abortions in Oregon.

The prevalent attitude of the articles in the last few days has been "Isn't it terrible that lower income women can't have the abortions they want." The arguments used by the proponents of abortion funding have been horrible. They stress that it's cheaper to provide abortions than to pay welfare for a woman and her baby or to put the child up for adoption. Have we

sunk so low that human life is measured by state dollars? It is always easier to exterminate life than to sustain it. The same argument can be used to put away the old and the sick who may no longer be contributing economically to society.

Since the 1973 Roe v. Wade decision by the Supreme Court, the state cannot prohibit abortions during the first trimester. However, the state does not have a duty or obligation to expend state funds to further abortion. Rather, state funds should be utilized to promote life by encouraging and developing adoption services.

No person has an absolute right to control his or her body or life. By its decision, the Emergency Board preserved "human rights" for thousands of unborn human beings. Let us hope that our state legislature will also vote to limit abortion and choose life.

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