

Forum panel airs concern over Iran; shah's U.S. stay leads to differences

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Eugeneans expressed concern about U.S. involvement in Iran Friday at a public forum at Harris Hall, sponsored by the Iranian-American Friendship Committee.

Political viewpoints were tossed back and forth like players in a football game, a member of the Iranian Student Association said.

A panel debate on the forum topic, "No War in Iran," was followed by open public response to the crisis.

An Iranian student identified as Amin said he thought the evening's discussion reflected the "thick" conflict in Iran.

Americans should look at the relationship between Khomeini and the Iranian students holding hostages at the American embassy, panelist Ron Wixman, a University geography professor, said.

"The Iranians have flagrantly antagonized the American people and Khomeini has categorically refused to discuss it with anyone," he said.

A decision in Iran goes "deeper than an equal exchange" of the shah for the American hostages held at the embassy, Amin said. "Iran is concerned more with the United States' influence on the Iranian government."

The hostage-taking had serious political aims, Amin said. He and another panelist, University sociology professor Al Szymansky, said besides returning the shah, the United States should also admit that the shah and other dictators like him served American "corporate interests."

Provocative actions by David Rockefeller and Henry Kissinger to bring the shah into the United States show how those in "powerful positions" can influence the American government, Szymansky said.

"The shah is a puppet for American corporate interests," Amin said.

The shah's return and the embassy takeover are separate issues, said Paul Dillion, a panelist and a member of

Oregon's Libertarian Party. The safe return of the hostages and an open international trial with "set rules" for the shah are necessary, he said. "Iran and the United States must re-establish rules for his extradition."

"The United States should not have the shah slide off to an unnamed country," another panelist, identified as Sandy, from the Iranian Student Association stressed. The move would be like "passing the buck."

The United States should not do any "muscle-flexing" in dealing with the Iranians, she said. "A war in Iran might be the last war."

"Anything the Americans do in Iran will backfire and will mobilize the Islamic world," panelist Szymansky said. And, he added, the United States "will probably have to do something to protect its honor."

Antagonism against Americans might lead to "a small punitive action" by the United States, Wixman said.

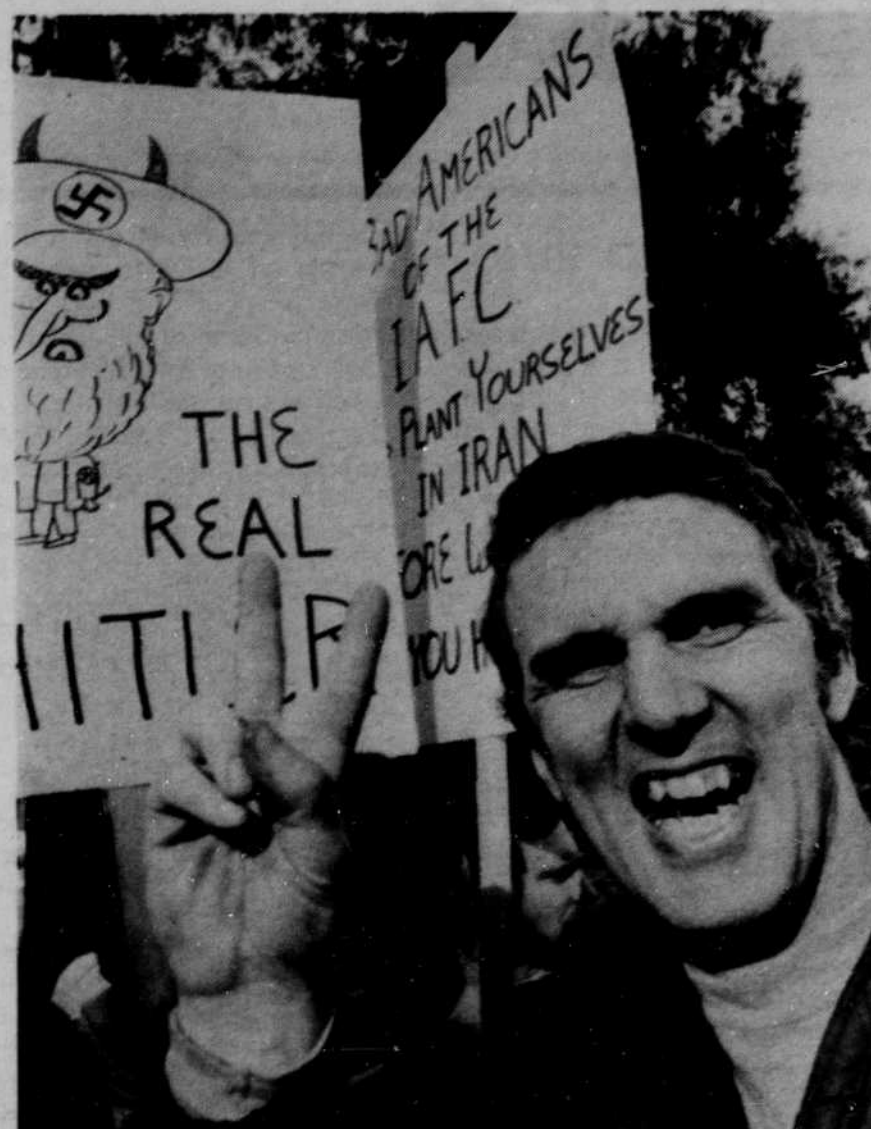


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Friday's "No War in Iran" forum at Harris Hall brought out all sides to speak their piece, or their peace, as this grinning participant demonstrated.

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The University Library will be open special hours this week to give students more time to study for final examinations.

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Corrections

The runners pictured on Page 1 of Friday's Emerald were running in the road running course sponsored by the College of Health, Physical Education and Recreation.



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