

## Iran may draw U.S. into unapproved war

Hostilities between the United States and Iran in the Persian Gulf have been escalating continually since U.S. military forces began to escort Kuwaiti tankers and increase their presence in the war-torn region.

First, the Bridgeton, a U.S.-flagged Kuwaiti tanker being escorted by U.S. naval vessels, struck an Iranian-laid mine in July. Next, on Sept. 21, a U.S. military helicopter attacked an Iranian ship laying mines. Then, on Oct. 8, U.S. helicopter gunships sank three Iranian patrol boats after they opened fire on an American observation helicopter.

Most recently, on Friday, Oct. 16, a U.S.-flagged Kuwaiti tanker, the Sea Isle City, was struck by a silkworm missile fired from the Iranian-held Faw Peninsula.

Currently, the Reagan administration is considering appropriate retaliatory action against silkworm missile installations along the Iranian coastline.

As violence escalates in the Persian Gulf, it is becoming increasingly possible that the United States may be going to war with Iran. Not only are the Iranians provoking the Reagan administration with almost daily verbal abuse and now direct military action, but also the Reagan administration has responded proportionately to Iranian initiatives.

As the severity of the Iranian attacks increases, so does the forcefulness of the U.S. response — a relationship that may lead to war between the United States and Iran.

However, before the U.S. military launches a retaliatory strike against mainland Iran, the War Powers Act, which requires the president to report to Congress anytime U.S. military forces are introduced into an imminently hostile region, should be invoked to ensure that Congress and hence the American public approve of the Reagan administration's increasingly belligerent foreign policy toward the Persian Gulf.

Thus far, the Reagan administration has refused to comply with the War Powers Act, arguing hostilities are not imminent in the Persian Gulf and the act is unconstitutional.

After Friday's Iranian missile attack on the U.S.-flagged tanker Sea Isle City, hostilities not only are imminent, but also clearly manifest in the Persian Gulf. Therefore, the administration's argument that the War Powers Act does not apply to Persian-Gulf security policy because hostilities are not imminent is absurd.

The administration also has argued that the War Powers Act is unconstitutional. Although this argument may prove true in court, the War Powers Act was passed in the wake of the Vietnam War to limit presidential authority to commit U.S. forces without an official declaration of war from Congress.

The War Powers Act provides a legal barrier against the United States entering a war without congressional approval — approval from the representatives of the people.

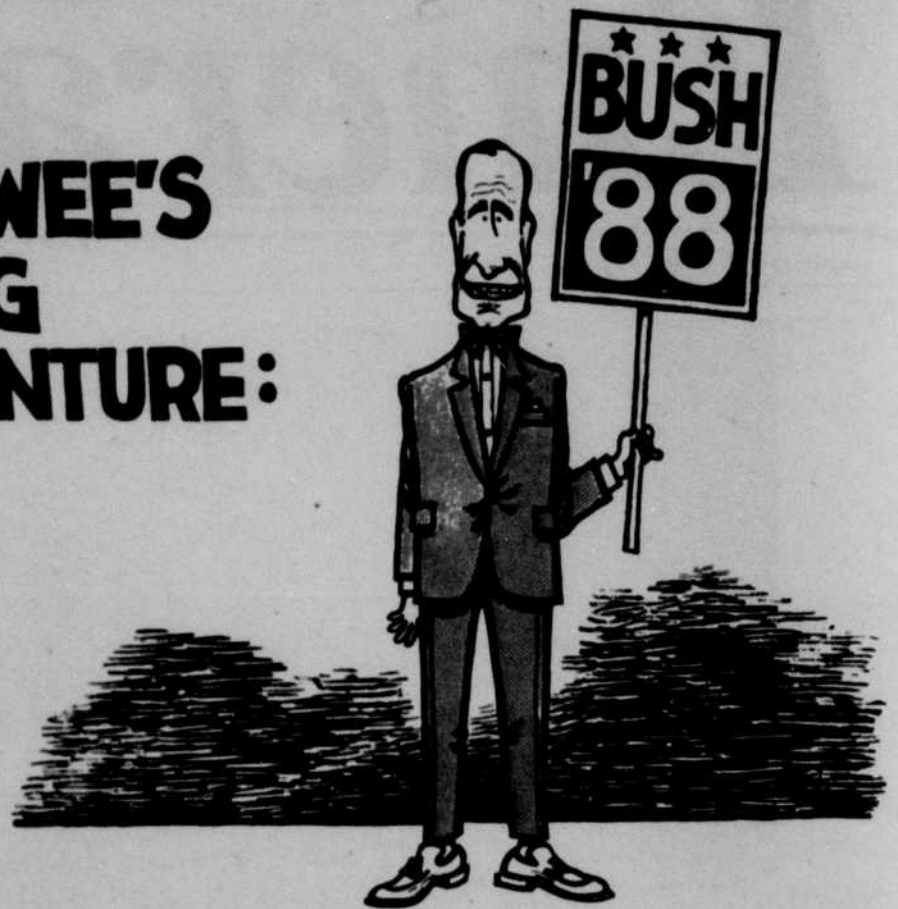
It is debatable whether the War Powers act is unconstitutional; however, entering a war without congressional approval is clearly unconstitutional.

As violence escalates in the Persian Gulf war and U.S. military forces are increasingly involved with it, the Reagan administration must have the approval of both Congress and the American people for its foreign policy to be successful.

The War Powers Act is the simplest, most direct way to facilitate this approval.

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## PEE-WEE'S BIG ADVENTURE:



## Letters

### Games

D.M. Holiman's simplistic concern about gaming suggests myopic analysis of a cultural institution and unsubstantiated correlation between money and social corruption. All of the lamentable examples offered by Holiman are true and we all bemoan behavioral patterns which flaunt morality and defy legal tenets. We decry such acts when they are committed by politicians, educators, musicians lumbermen, students and athletes.

To suggest that television and the visibility afforded through television is the major contributor to athletic immorality is naive. The establishment of the athletic hero heroine is a social creation and to the extent that such superhumans do not live up to our fantasies of perfection, they appear flawed. Not unlike the preacher's children. Athletes are motivated by both status and money. So are journalists, physicians, theologians and professors.

Unlike Holiman, I am not appalled by the individual who decides to dedicate self to a

single activity. I applaud the professional tenacity of my colleagues who spend hours in a laboratory, who become excellent business people, who concentrate on the cello to provide musical interpretations beyond the ordinary, who hone their talents to display the grandeur of humankind. If sport skill is one of those aspects of human grandeur, so be it.

Sports are games. What is "disproportionate and curious" about spending one's life immersed in a game? Games are guided by discernable principle, are voluntary, are attentive to logic, are predicated upon equality and are described as joyful. Not a bad way to create what Holiman suggests is a "freak."

Celeste Ulrich,  
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### Go Ducks

While following the media coverage of the Duck's football team this season, I have noticed the absence of any of the arrogant statements made in the past.

The team's accomplishments on the field this year have been enough to make any football program proud, but likewise the behavior of the players with the press and on campus has been outstanding.

Wins over the likes of Washington and USC have not produced the cocky comments that in years past have been made after wins over teams like OSU and Cal.

This year's team is worthy of respect and support regardless of what happens during the remainder of the season. I do, however, hope that this team will have many more opportunities this year to win gracefully. Go Ducks!

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### Inverted Ideas

According to the Oct. 13 cover story of the Emerald, Tim Hughes, the director of the Gay and Lesbian Alliance at the University, said that they are rallying to show their support for the Washington D.C. gay activist march.

The rally is to protest the Supreme Court stand on the 1986 Hardwick decision stating that sodomy among consenting adults, even in the privacy of their own homes, was unconstitutional.

(The American Heritage Dictionary simply defines sodomy as "anal copulation.")

Hughes goes on to say that "they are taking away our right to love whom we choose in the way we choose."

If I have a girlfriend that I care for deeply and truly love, I can promise you that I am not going to express that to her by engaging in anal intercourse. However, that is my opinion, and unfortunately you are entitled to your own opinion as well.

In the Emerald's article, Tim Hughes went on to state that it is not enough for the government to provide information on AIDS and that you want them to take a stronger stand on the issue.

Well what do you think they have done? By making anal copulation unconstitutional, the federal government is actually attempting to do away with one of the major causes of AIDS.

If you truly want to help fight in the war against AIDS, then gay activists should stand behind the Hardwick decision 100 percent.

Instead of attaching condoms to all of your fliers, why don't you start attaching your fliers to cast-iron trousers?

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