

# OPINION/EDITORIAL

## Small Picture

by Kurt Hildebrand

editor

*War, what is it good for  
Absolutely, positively nothing  
Say it again*

Hold onto your hats boys and girls, we are going to war.

Not right away, probably not even while we have a president who would think nothing of fighting to the last eighteen year old.

But someday, and soon. The United States is currently involved in a Naval altercation with Iran (news flash). This involvement might be likened to the U.S. involvement in

World War II before the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor.

We escort ships, provide moral, if not military support to one of the parties, Iraq, and we have made it clear that we have no interest in going to war.

The only problem is, there is a Republican in the White House.

The last Republican to get this nation embroiled in a major (I am talking four years minimum, huge casualties, etc.) was the first one, Abraham Lincoln.

There may be some who say that this is just not true.

After all, wasn't it

McKinley who got us into the Spanish American War. Yes, but was it really a war? Grenada might be considered a war with this criteria.

It is my belief that Republicans tend to favor the status quo.

So, I will play the Amazing Kreskin and predict that this is as far as American involvement in the Persian Gulf will go for at least a year.

But then what? If the pattern holds true, and a Republican is elected, the U.S. will not go to war.

We will just have a depression.

If a Democrat is elected, then all Hell will break loose.

As to the subject which will affect the majority of

the people reading this editorial (if, indeed, there is anyone reading this editorial), there will be no draft for this war.

Well, okay, the government may draft some people, but they will not be sent to fight.

This war will be a Naval war.

The Navy has never drafted anyone.

Which means the government will have to rely on serious public support for the war. Otherwise no one will go.

I see the current conflict as the first shots fired in a war which will have to spread considerably before the U.S. will commit ground troops.

This is a possibility, as always, when a potential

rival is involved, like the Soviets.

But, it seems to me as though once again by no design on anyone's part, the U.S. and the Soviets will end up on the same side of this war also.

Naturally the Soviets will come to the aid of their ally, the Iraqis, against a nation which is on their southern border (warm water ports and all that).

The U.S. will align with the side that puts out the most oil (the conservative sheikdoms in the region) and against the thorn in its side (Khomeini).

The end result will be a partitioned Iran, much like Germany or Korea, and another place where the two powers have to keep an eye on one another.

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**Lloyd**

I cannot speak for all of UNLV's 14,000 students, however, I did want to voice my thanks to UNLV President Robert Maxson for his handling of the Lloyd Daniel's incident.

The most important issue in this whole matter is that UNLV be able to maintain its integrity.

In my opinion, and in the opinion of many of my fellow students, President Maxson took the High

Road in asking for an internal investigation. He followed up this action with the promise that, no matter what the outcome of the investigation was, the results would be given to the NCAA. President Maxson carried out his promise. Now, we must wait and see what the NCAA determines our fate to be.

President Maxson has been entirely aboveboard throughout this entire episode. I personally find

this very commendable.

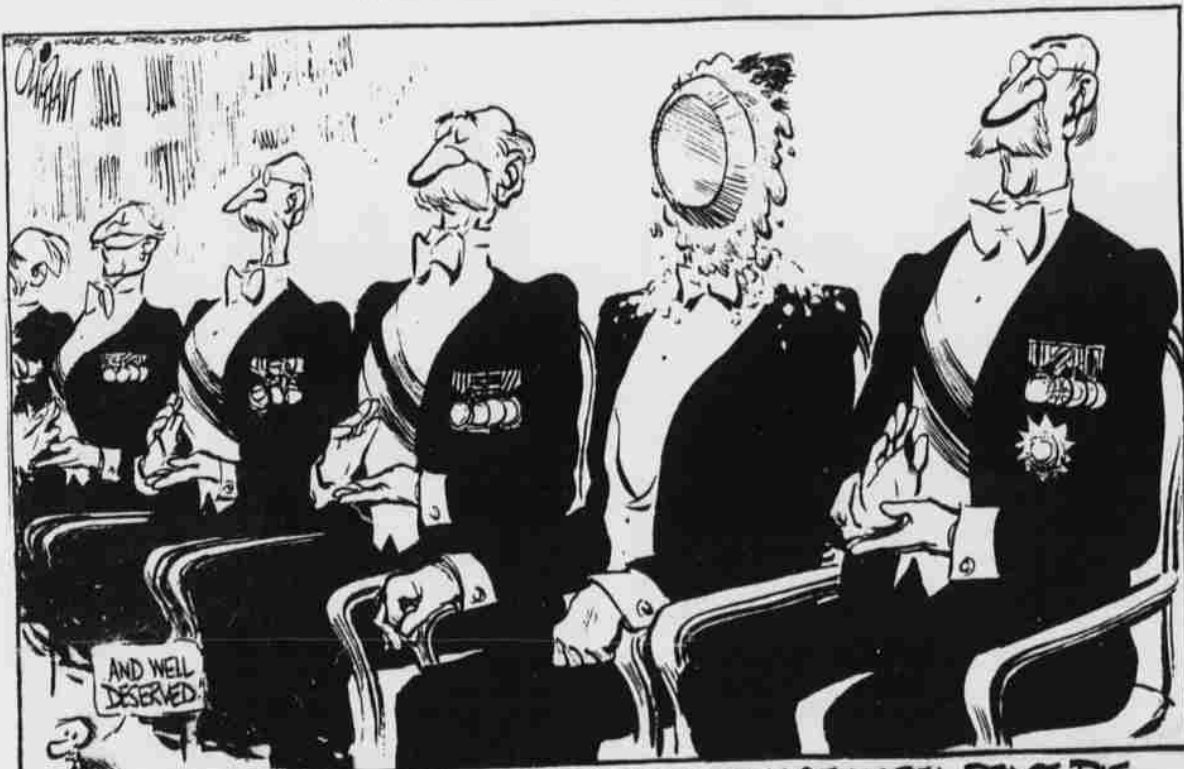
As anyone who has ever been in a leadership position can attest to, it is much easier to push the hard blows off onto someone else. The best leaders, though, take the good with the bad, and always accept the shortcomings of their followers as if they were their own.

In the SMU incident, this type of honest and up-front leadership was not the case. Hence, the whole university, and not

just the athletic department, lost a great deal of credibility and integrity in the process.

UNLV is at a very fragile growing period in its history. More than anyone else, President Maxson knows that a serious incident like this could harm UNLV for years to come. Luckily for UNLV, we have a President who has the strength to face up to our faults and walk into a lion's den with his head held high.

Kirk Hendrick



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