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The wait is over!

Two-and-a-half seasons and 69 games later, the UNI women have finally done it. They have won a game. By defeating Mundelein College on Valentine's Day, the UNI women snapped a consecutive losing streak of 69 games.

"It's about time!" said junior Anne McDermott. "It was bound to happen."

For more on women's hoops see page 6.



The effort of players like Margaret Steele (shooting) was finally rewarded with a 75-63 win over Mundelein College on Feb. 14. (photo by Mike Solarte)

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Northeastern Illinois University

Student clubs await homes

by Craig Fischhoff

On-campus student organizations will soon have more office space within the university. As it is, there are some 60 student groups on campus, and only a handful have their own base, the *independent* being one of them.

The current plan is to build between 16-20 more offices. According to Mark Kipp, director of the Commuter Center, 8-10 of these will be built in what is now the southern 1/3 of the game room. Walter Williams, director of Student Activities, says that each office will be in cubicle form and that there will be separate conference and work areas as well. One or two of the 13 pool tables and one of the two ping-pong tables will

have to be taken out, according to Kipp. At this point, it's undetermined whether the supply of arcade games will also be diminished.

The other 8-10 offices will be built in what is now the conference area of the Student Activity Center, located just above Beck's Book Store. These offices will also be in cubicle form with work and conference areas. A secretarial pool will be established for all 16-20 offices, as phone wiring expenses would be prohibitive.

One big question remains: what groups will receive these offices? Melvin Terrell, vice president of Student Affairs, says that a committee will be formed, composed of representatives from vari-

ous student organizations. This committee will work with Student Senate to decide which groups will receive these offices. Williams added that many of the groups aren't in need of office space anyway.

While the plan to renovate the Student Activity Center is free from opposition, the plan for the game room is relatively problematic.

"All clubs need space," according to George Pappas, a member of the Hellenic Club. He advocates partitioning the game room.

A number of people, however, do not share Pappas' opinion. Ed Zamora, Secretary of Student Senate says that such a move would "cut off students'

leisure spot." Bill Dafnis, game room regular, said, "No way. It's [the game room] small as it is."

"There are enough other vacant spaces within the university that they don't need to cut in to the recreational areas," according to student Barry Stolze. Student Max Diaz suggested renovating the maintenance, or "Freddy Krueger" hallways, as they have been termed, that run just south of the game room.

Williams says he doesn't know when construction will begin, but that plans are already being negotiated with an architect, on the assumption that part of the game room will definitely be utilized.

Difficulties mar Homecoming week

by Dan Lutkowski

The execution of Northeastern's first Homecoming in over ten years was not as smooth as silk, but the participation involved was as enjoyable as could be expected.

The Feb. 7 free throw contest and Feb. 14 dart tournament were cancelled when President Gordon Lamb demanded that the basketball and dart games be removed from the cafeteria because the noise was irritating the faculty, according to Homecoming co-chairperson Phil Trocchio. The Feb. 9 pool tournament was a success, but the Feb. 16 ping-pong competition was

cancelled when Trocchio took ill and failed to delegate the responsibility to anyone else.

The Homecoming '89 Committee started with about 25 enthusiastic students, but it soon dwindled down to Stephanie Astor, Jennifer Suesse, Tom Gouliamos and Trocchio. "It is difficult to organize any large activity, but since UNI hadn't held this event for many years, the committee faced additional challenges and added disappointments," said Suesse, co-chairperson, who had worked since September on the event. "There was too much red tape and little cooperation from either Student Senate

or the Student Activities Office," she said, "although Don Bichsel [vice-president of Development and Public Affairs] was extremely helpful; he provided funding for posters and even came in on weekends to hang posters and do extra work."

The committee carefully planned a concert for Feb. 23 in the P.E. building, and acted early to find a well-known group to perform. As Commuter Center Activities Board member Steve Ratz explained, the committee was expecting a minimum of 2000 people from all over the city and tried to book the popular group *Information Society*. Unfortunately,

because the budget was not approved until early February, the committee was unable to sign a contract with the group and finally, the entire affair was cancelled. "Students were looking forward to the concert and were upset," said Ratz.

Still, there was plenty of physical activity on Feb. 24, when the Golden Eagles defeated Roosevelt's Waves in a hard-fought battle. Equally active was the climax of Homecoming '89: the Feb. 24 semiformal dance at the North Shore Hilton in Skokie, IL, featuring the *Marcel's* and Trocchio's own *Foreign Exchange*.

Editorials

Letters

Last edition of *independent* lacked substantive issues

Dear Editor:

The *independent* is wasting student funds putting out issues like the one dated Feb. 20, 1989. That particular issue had no substance whatever. Even by Reagan/Bush standards of avoiding all important problems, this issue is the absence of *anything* important.

But with great daring, "Mental Floss" (appropriately named) written by Don Price, indirectly criticizes the UNI Administration for not coming through on a money commitment to the *independent*. Gosh, what a shame!! Of course when clubs like UPRS, Que Ondee Sola, and others are screwed around, the *independent* conveniently overlooks it.

In terms of encouraging serious debate on campus or national issues, the *independent* is somewhere just barely above zero.

Yours truly,
Daniel Stern
Prof. of Sociology

I will agree that the Feb. 20 issue was not one of our more stellar efforts; the flu bug hit our small staff rather hard and the resultant deadline pressure forced us to scramble for copy.

However, I am sure that members of the MENC, StagePlayers, and men's and women's basketball teams would disagree with you as to the "absence of anything important" in the issue. Although the stories concerning these people did not deal with "important problems," they still have news value—both to the groups involved as well as the reader.

On the subject of my column: Professor, stick to sociology, and do not attempt to teach English—especially reading comprehension. You obviously

did not read or comprehend my statements in the article which clearly indicated that my displeasure stemmed from being lied to by the Fees and Allocations Committee, and not from a reduction of our funding. No organization—including UPRS, Que Ondee Sola, or the *independent*—should have to tolerate dishonesty from elected student officials.

As to our lack of "encouraging serious debate on campus or national issues," I ask you: what newspaper have you been reading? Issues such as the destruction of pre-settlement trees on campus, attempts to deal with student drug abuse and the ramifications of NCAA membership may not be important to you, but I can assure you, they are important to others.

In the future, we may devote an entire edition to issues of a sociological nature; perhaps then you will feel that we are living up to our responsibilities. Until then, we will have to keep on stumbling along, trying to be the best newspaper we can be for the whole UNI community.

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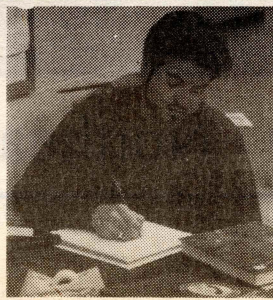
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Mental Floss by Don Price

Not even Perry Mason would touch this case

"Will the prosecution please summarize for the court the facts in this case?"

"Of course, your honor. On Thursday, Feb. 23, between 12:30-2 p.m., the Fees and Allocations Committee did commit the following acts:

— allowed the meeting to conduct business without the presence of a quorum; although quorum was later established, it soon disappeared, as committee members freely left the proceedings in progress.

— as a result of chairman Tom Gouliamos' mistake in note-taking from a prior Fees meeting, the *independent* had to appear before the committee a second time to argue for money which had already been approved for it. With the on-again, off-again quorum situation taking place, no decision was reached by the committee. This occurred approximately four weeks since the initial funding request had been made by the *independent*—and still no formal decision was made by the committee.

— in response to a question from the *independent's* editor, Mr. Gouliamos turned to the other two committee members present and began a discussion in rapid-fire Greek—effectively cutting the editor and his staff members out of the discussion."

"Objection, your honor."

"On what grounds, council for the defense?"

"The prosecution is telling the truth—and what's worse, it's making sense!"

"Overruled. The prosecution may proceed."

"In conjunction with recent findings of gross mishandling of student activities fees and flagrant misrepresentation of the truth on the part of the Fees and Allocations Committee, we ask the court to impose the maximum possible sentence."

"Does the defense wish to rebut?"

"We would, your honor, but we have nothing to

rebut with."

"Very well. Unlike the committee in question, this court recognizes its responsibility and duty to the students at Northeastern. It is with this duty in mind that the Fees and Allocations Committee is hereby disbanded, with members remanded into the custody of anyone foolhardy enough to take responsibility for them. Further, the Student Senate, the director of Student Activities and the vice-president for Student Affairs are all hereby charged to work in concert to develop a new and better way to fairly distribute student activities fees. This court stands adjourned."

Wouldn't it be nice if things worked like this in real life? In a way, they can. You—the students of Northeastern, who have had your student activity fees played with as if they were Monopoly money by a group of power-hungry, dishonest and fiscally-incompetent Fees and Allocations Committee members—can make it happen.

Let Student Senate know what you think. Let Walter Williams, the director of Student Activities, know what you think. Let Melvin Terrell, the vice-president for Student Affairs, know what you think. Let the *independent* know what you think!

People, it's your money. Do you want it entrusted to a committee which has proven that it doesn't give a damn about your interests, or do you believe (as I do) that there has to be a better alternative?

One final note to the committee: it is my most sincere wish that at some point in the future, you will apply for a bank loan and be confronted by three bankers, all of whom discuss your application in Japanese. Perhaps then you will understand how frustrating your dealings with your fellow students have been. Until then, please do all of us a favor and graduate as soon as possible.

Commentary

Article misrepresented drug program

To the Editor:

The abuse of alcohol and other drugs is a widely recognized problem affecting virtually all segments of the society. Nationally, there are approximately ten million alcohol-dependent people whose lives impact powerfully—and negatively—on nearly 35 million family members. Surveys indicate that abuse of alcohol and other drugs including cocaine is especially prevalent in urban areas like Chicago. In this context, Northeastern applied for and was awarded a grant from the U.S. Department of Education to establish a drug prevention program.

Since beginning in January 1988, Northeastern's program, Partners in Prevention (PIP), has been very active. Approximately 350 freshmen participated in PIP-sponsored drug prevention workshops as part of their orientation to the university. Twelve other workshops and speakers have been provided for an additional 320 students. The focus of many of these presentations was the special problems of adult children of substance abusers (minimally 15 percent of all adults) who comprise a group which is especially susceptible to drug problems.

In addition, 10 faculty members developed drug prevention units for courses they regularly teach at the university. An additional course was developed and nine students were selected to be trained for drug prevention work at community and campus sites, and approximately 700 students were surveyed in an assessment of drug use patterns and attitudes towards drugs.

All Partners in Prevention presentations, including in-class units on prevention, were evaluated by students who attended them. The evaluations have

been overwhelmingly positive.

With this background, we were very disappointed by the misimpressions of Partners in Prevention conveyed in a recent article in the *independent*. Denying the clear need for drug prevention work, this article gave the impression that PIP is searching for a justification to exist. Ignoring the substantial and focused programming by PIP this past year, the article conveyed the impression that PIP has not decided what programs to undertake.

The article conveys a misunderstanding of the assessment which is required by the government funding source. The purpose of the assessment is not to find out whether a program is needed but rather to learn about specific problems in the Northeastern community to make appropriate adaptations. In the article the random sampling of classes for the assessment is taken as a sign of disorganization; in fact, the sampling process was systematically organized with input from the Institutional Studies Department of this university.

The article cites the absence of cocaine from a promotional video as evidence that PIP staff are unaware that there is a substantial cocaine problem. We are well aware of the cocaine problem in the society and PIP will continue to provide information and provide programs on cocaine and other drugs, consistent with student need.

We are also aware that far larger numbers in the society abuse alcohol and for this reason, as "clients" for the student preparing the video, selected alcohol abuse as this video's theme.

To most effectively serve the Northeastern community in an area of important need, PIP needs publicity which

accurately describes both the drug abuse problem and PIP activities. We hope the *independent* will be able to do this in the future.

FOR THE PARTNERS IN PREVENTION
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Several references in our Feb. 6 story, such as "erratic action plans," "detached approach," and "lackadaisical appearance" were clearly editorial com-

ments and had no business appearing in a news story. I take full responsibility for allowing them to be printed, and apologize for the misperceptions they may have helped create.

The story's view of the PIP programs was clearly limited in its scope, and failed to provide the total picture of PIP to our readers. A lack of understanding of government funding may have contributed to the story's presentation of information.

The *independent* appreciates PIP's efforts to set the record straight in this commentary.

The Editor

Attention readers: For reasons unknown to us, the Feb. 20 issue "sold out" almost immediately. We would like to know what made this particular issue so popular, so we may produce more like it. Please drop us a line at E-049 with your input.

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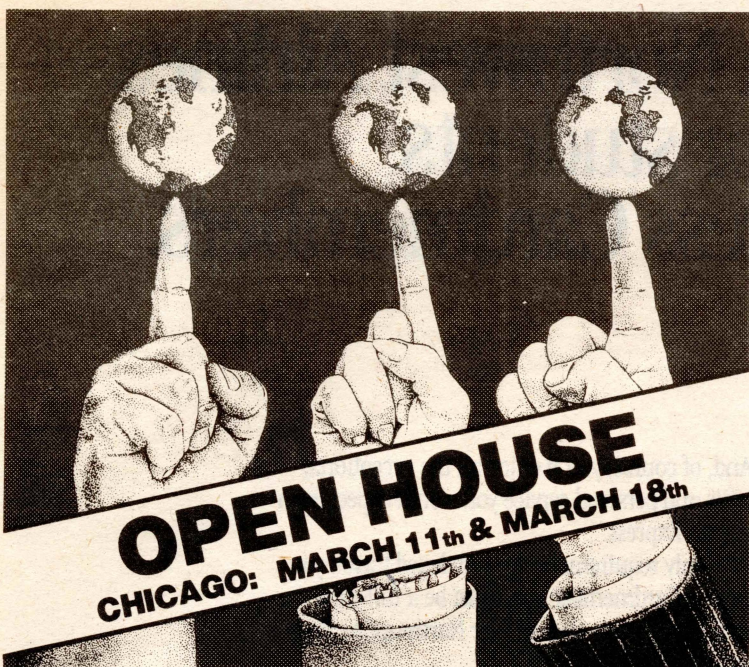
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Commentary:

Recent theatre competition disguises itself as festival

by Valerie Gordon

James Payne's article on the American College Theatre Festival (ACTF) in last issue's *independent* was well-written, but as an attendee of this event, I would like to add a little more color to it.

"Festival," as in "American College Theatre Festival," is a misnomer at best. Webster defines "festival" as "occasion of celebration or merrymaking," and cites "feast," "gaiety" and "conviviality" as synonyms. If those indeed define a "festival," then this event doesn't qualify. It should be called what it is: The American College Theatre **Competition**.

If you've never heard of it, it's a national theatrical contest sponsored by the Kennedy Center to award monies to colleges. Throughout the year, judges travel around the country to the school entrants and select those productions that will become semifinalists to compete at a different "host" school annually. Those productions will vie to be eventually chosen to perform in Washington, D.C.

The monetary awards are not particularly huge, but the status is important. Technically, it's a college competition, but don't be fooled. Don't make the mistake of associating ACTF with a "celebration" or "merrymaking."

For one thing, at WIU this year, students from the various schools were isolated from Western students and students from other competing schools. (This year's competitors included Illinois State University and the University of Wisconsin at Whitewater.) For the most part, the only people you see are the same people you've been rehearsing and performing with for weeks. Now you'll be living with them, too, for five days.

Don't expect to see those other visiting students at dinner, either. At WIU, students were given some money and a restaurant list. That's all well and good, one supposes, except for two things: (1) although a campus map was provided, there was no map of the town to find these places and (2) most of the visiting students didn't have cars to get to some of them. Granted, Macomb is no bustling metropolis, but set-up times for each show and the timespan between shows is short, so without a car, you can expect to miss something.

And guess why. As soon as the audience is seated, the theatre doors are locked! It makes you wonder for an instant if this is meant to keep latecomers out or patrons in. How often have you ever been to a theatre that locked its doors moments before the curtain rises?

If you're getting the impression this is no way to have a "celebration," you're beginning to get the idea of ACTF.

There are workshops, of course, where presumably you can get an opportunity to meet and talk with students from other schools, but a true cynic might view these as commercials for classes. For example, Dr. Jean Scharfenberg led a workshop on "Creating a Character Through Animal Exercises" for an hour-and-a-half, which happens to be a 16-week course at Illinois State. An hour-and-a-half is little more than the time it'd take to review the syllabus in class.

Finally, at the end of five days of performances, come the reviews. Here you sit in a large room and people tell you what they thought of all that hard work. I don't know how the reviewers are chosen but at this particular "festival," it is curious that costume designers critique acting, actors critique directing, etc. Since this

event is on such a large scale, and since this is apparently intended as a learning experience for the participating students, it becomes difficult to understand why this disparity exists.

As for the '89 competition per se, I must cry "foul" at this point. It is difficult to believe that a school such as ISU, with both a student population and theatre department at least three times the size of UNI, needed a **professional** actor in a cast of TWELVE! That's right. "Raisin in the Sun" cast a professional full-time, union actor in the role of the African student. Shouldn't a COLLEGE competition use COLLEGE students? If it were the role of the little boy, that might be understandable. But even then, Bloomington-Normal has 3 public high schools and a number of grade schools. ISU had to pay a fee to Actor's Equity (the professional stage actors' union) to use his services! Equity contracts require that if an Equity actor performs in a show for which he is either unpaid or paid below union scale, the producers of that show must pay a fee of five hundred dollars or so to Equity to waive the actor's right to union wages. Now, if that's playing by the rules, why shouldn't UNI, which is right on the fringes of a large, urban theatre district, employ professionals in all the leading roles when competing? Or any other school, for that matter?

Kind of makes you question what kind of competition this is, doesn't it? Only it isn't a competition—it's a **festival**. After all is said and done, ACTF is a competition and at times one of inconsistency and cross-purposes.

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Win sparks women's team

by Mike Solarte

If the saying 'all good things must come to an end' has anything to do with it, the UNI women can certainly be happy this thing is over. The UNI women's basketball team ended a 69-game losing streak as they defeated Mundelein College by a final score of 75-63.

Anne McDermott and Terri Dawson each had 24 points to pace the Eagles in the win. McDermott sank two of her three three-point attempts while Dawson scored all 24 points from inside the three-point stripe.

Northeastern and Mundelein were tied at 32 at the half. To start the second half, McDermott hit the first of her two three-pointers and that proved to be a lift. Mundelein fought back to tie it at 50 with just over 10 minutes to play. As McDermott was substituted in, Dawson took control and went on a six-point run. That established a six-point lead and that lead would never be lost.

UNI's point guard Bibiana Andrade, a 4'11" senior, chipped in six points but made her presence felt with her leadership.

"All season has been tough. We have played a tough schedule, and we have been outplayed on occasion," said Andrade. "One thing we have not had a problem with is a lack of effort. We have always shown up to try and win."

"It always seems to go along the lines of playing a good first half of basketball and then falling flat in the

second half," said Andrade. "I think that if we had a deeper bench we might be more competitive."

Throughout the season, the Eagles have had a tremendous amount of adversity to face. Freshman Jeannie Meldahl has played the entire season with shin splints, the flu bug has hit the team, and a van broke down on the way to a game. All things considered, this team has maintained a level of enthusiasm far above that of a team that has won just one game over the last two-and-a-half seasons.

Sophomore Margaret Steele has been through the streak for the last two seasons. "The practices are hard because we have so few players," said Steele. "We have only seven players and you need ten to play a full game, so how can you run a real good practice?"

Northeastern went on from 'The Win' to face Olivet Nazarene. Olivet came out on top by a final score of 63-55. Dawson led UNI in scoring with 25 points and 21 rebounds while McDermott chipped in 14 points and nine rebounds.

UNI went up against Quincy College and ended up on the short end of a 90-71 decision. Through the first half, UNI stayed with Quincy, but as the game wore on, Dawson got into foul trouble and with her absence, Quincy ran up a 45-33 lead at the half. McDermott led the Eagles in scoring with 21 points and 10 rebounds while Steele had 19 and Dawson chipped 17 before fouling out in the second half.

Golden Eagles wrap up last NAIA season

by Mike Solarte

While the women's team was stopping its streak, the men were wrapping up their regular season. Northeastern defeated Illinois Institute of Technology 94-90. The game was tied at 17 when Dan Patton scored eight straight points to give UNI the lead. At the half, Northeastern lead 51-43. I.I.T. fought back to take a brief lead, but UNI scored six straight points and never lost that lead.

Angelo Mantis led UNI in scoring with 32 points, 15 of which came in the last six minutes. Patton scored 26 and added eight rebounds while Tony Davis had 12 points.

St. Xavier was next up, but this time, the Eagles were unable to hold off the opposition. St. Xavier won 80-63 and even held a commanding 38-24 lead at the half. UNI closed the gap to 10 points in the second half but Xavier held off UNI with a barrage of three-pointers.

Davis led the Eagles with 18 points while Patton kicked in 14 and Craig Donaldson had 10.

The contest that everyone waited for was the Homecoming matchup between UNI and Roosevelt. UNI came out on top by a final score of 83-64. Davis led the Eagles with 24 points and 15 boards while Mantis had 17 points and 8 rebounds. UNI shot well from the floor with 50 percent.



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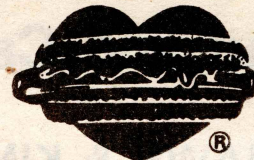
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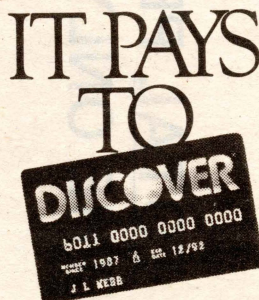
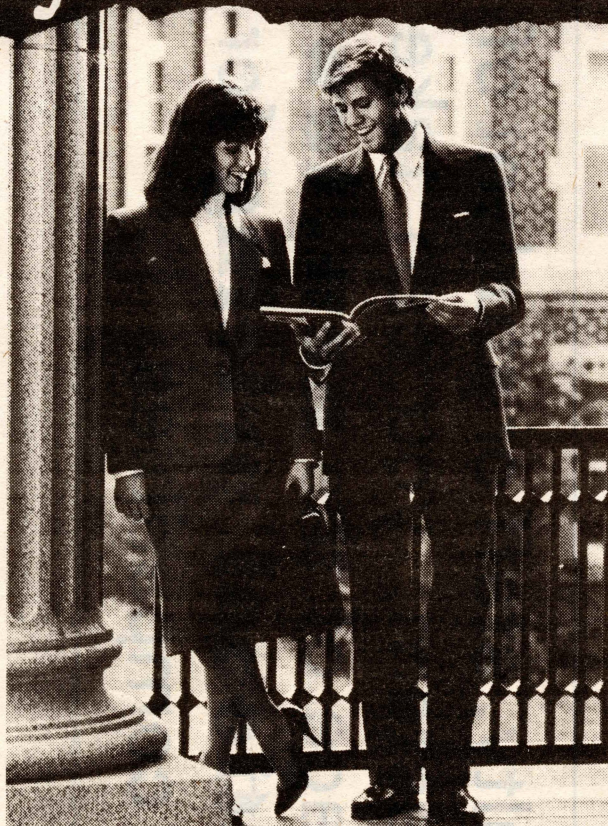
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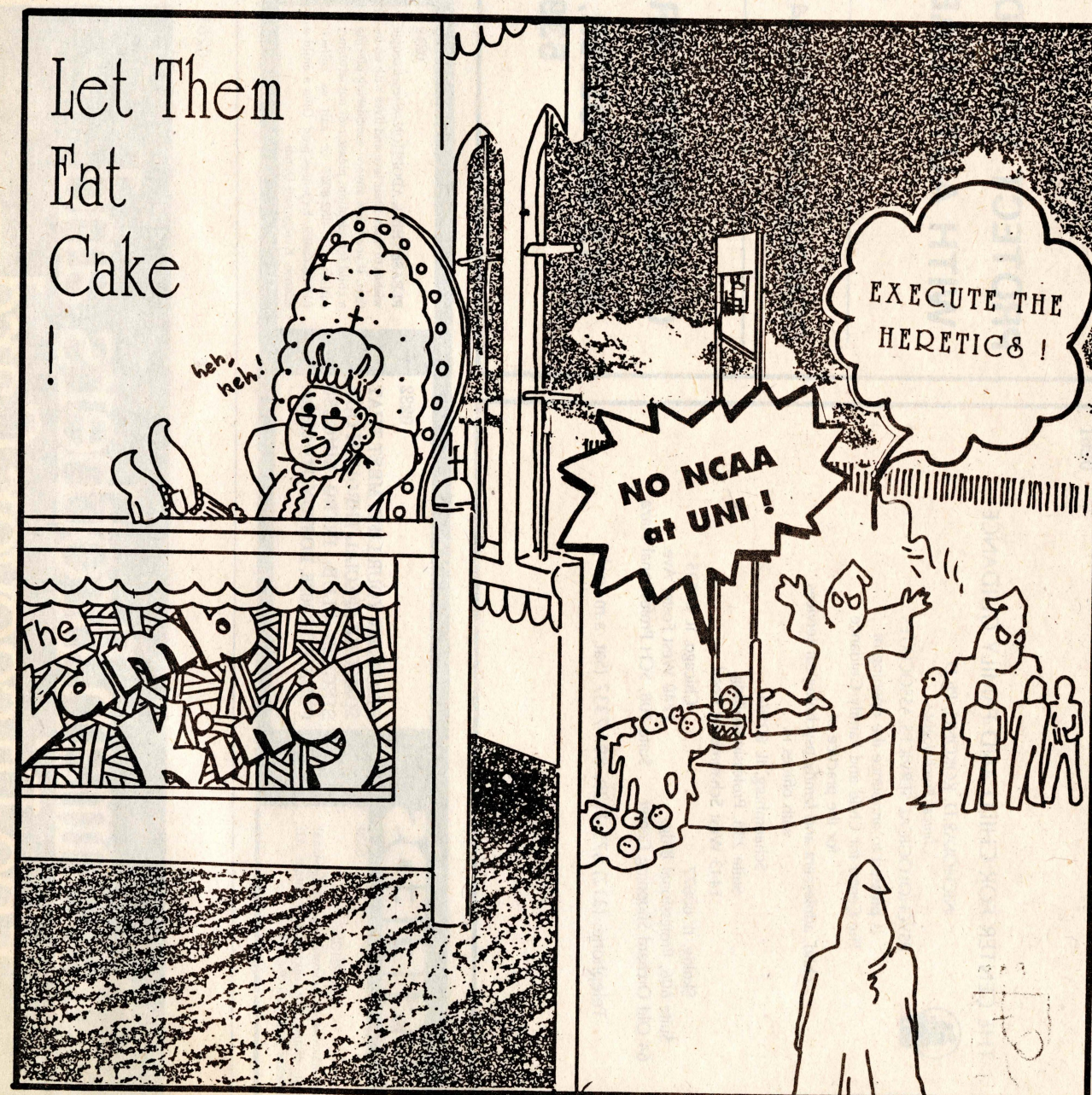
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