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compromise and allow us to play in the NIT (don't forget where you heard it first) just to show that they are not all bad. Keep the crumb. It has been my observation that whenever a punishment is overly severe, it is usually in multiple distinct parts. Several of the parts are there only for bartering as necessary. They surround the main punishment like a moat does a castle. The victim oftentimes imagines that there is a degree of leniency when some portions of the punishment are lifted. On closer examination it is frequently found that those lifted portions are not punishments at all but only a ruse. This is why I say: keep the crumb--we'll eat cake, lose our heads and regenerate.

The NCAA does not understand that we're on a far higher level. They do not understand that they have provided this community with something that pulls many parts of it together. Certainly, there are those who have no interest in these going ons and others who say that the NCAA is justified in what they're doing. The latter are part of that group which are lifetime slaves to authority--any authority. They don't want to make the authorities mad. They do not understand that they need not be concerned with making the authorities mad. Such authorities who do indeed get mad do not need an excuse to punish. Such authorities flagrantly and outrageously misuse their authority. They rely on Argumentum ad Baculum or the appeal force. They believe as did Attila: "Might makes right."

Yes, there are people who had never really had an interest in the university or its athletic teams who are now saying: "They don't pull that crap with the big name schools." "They've been picking on UNLV for years--since I was a kid." "Who do they think they are?" "We'll show them."

We will show 'em. We're going to go through next season like crap through a goose. We're not only going to beat everybody we play, we're going to cause them to go into their locker rooms, kneel down, put their hands together, look heavenward and ask: "Do you think we ought to get out of this basketball business?" When the regular season ends we

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passenger forced his way into the conversation by saying "that sign in front of the District Building that welcomes Nelson and Winnie Mandela to Washington shouldn't have Marion Barry's name on it." I reminded the gentleman that Mr. Barry was still the Mayor of Washington and certainly should be among those who welcomed Nelson Mandela to the nation's Capitol. When I questioned him about how he arrived at this position, he cited a report in the newspaper which alleged that Mayor Barry disrupted the Mandela rally by his appearance at the facility where the event was being held. That same story failed to mention that Barry received a thunderous standing ovation from the overflow crowd. Only Nelson Mandela was more warmly received than Marion Barry.

The trial of Mayor Barry and the repeated airing of his liaison with a woman other

will have left a trail of devastated teams which will rival the trail of devastation left in Europe during World War II between Leningrad and Berlin. Whatever teams do in fact get invited to the "Big Party" will know that whatever happens in the course of the tournament and whoever wins the final game and whatever feeling of accomplishment and triumph they might feel, the real national champions will be in Las Vegas.

than his wife has caused deep pain in the nation's Capitol. My question is, when do the "sharks" stop feeding?

A jury will ultimately decide Marion Barry's guilt or innocence. Until that time, citizens of the United States as well as the District of Columbia are left to wonder if years of investigation and millions of dollars were worth the end result.

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Some conservatives say the inequalities of the Reagan years will come home to roost in the 1990s. They predict an angry populist "soak the rich" mood based on the perception that government helped create a new class of millionaires while stalling progress for poor and working people.

Given that reality, the Administration needs to demonstrate its concern for the hard economic realities faced by the poor.

It has been excellent in conveying its verbal compassion, but unless such concern is evident in its programs, it will become vulnerable to populist political appeals.

Doing right is still the best political strategy. And doing right by poor people is still the best strategy to help us get our economy in shape.

HAWKINS

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termination of discriminatory practice, adopted to correct or compensate for past or present discrimination. As Supreme Court Justice Harry Blackmun wrote in the *Bakke* decision, "In order to get beyond racism, we must first take account of race. There is no other way." Goals and timetables are tools which are used in affirmative action programs to remedy the effects of discrimination.

Q. Are Quotas Required to

Overcome Past Discrimination?

A. No, a quota is a rigid and inflexible number which must be met regardless of the qualifications of the persons considered for a job. Affirmative Action, on the other hand, is a remedy which seeks qualified individuals. Thus, from a given pool of qualified persons, an employer must make a good faith effort to reach a specific goal. Affirmative Action does not require an employer to have "X" percent of individuals from a specific group.

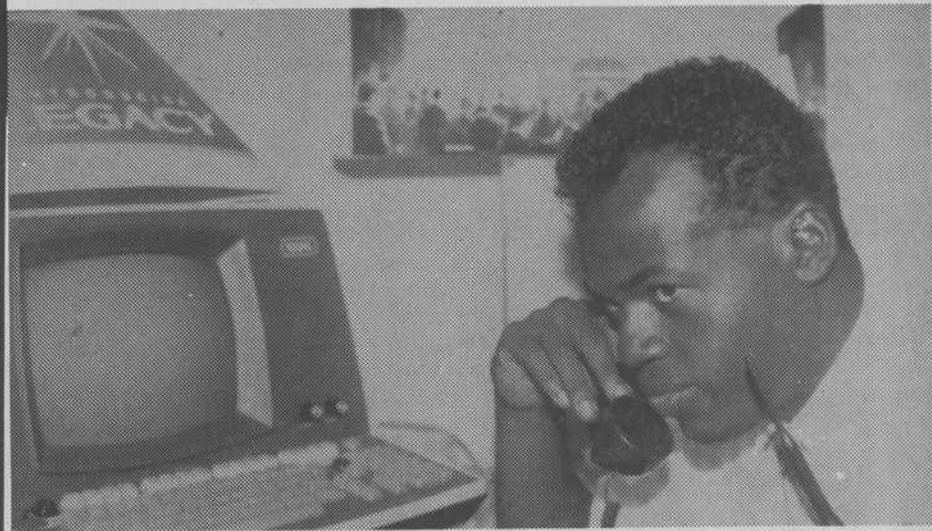
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