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The Ape “The Newspaper with Hair on its Chest”

Over the years Northern’s had a couple of side newspapers, such as “Letters to a Northern Gentleman”, that have come and gone. But out of all of them there is one newspaper that tends to stand out, and that is “The Ape.” It was called the newspaper with hair on its back, because of its often controversial articles.

In November 1956 “The Ape” had high hopes that it would last- it was well written with a lively style that brought change to the campus. But by February 1957 it had turned into a mudslinging newspaper that created and distorted the views of Northern State Teaching College. The paper had no regard for ethics, and the Exponent questioned whether or not the Ape was helping NSU or harming it. People believed that the writers of the newspaper were just seeking the recognition for having a scandalous news outlet. This is when people started to feel that there was no worthwhile purpose for the paper to be on campus.

When The Ape went out of circulation the slanderous attacks towards the campus by the infamous Ape went with it.

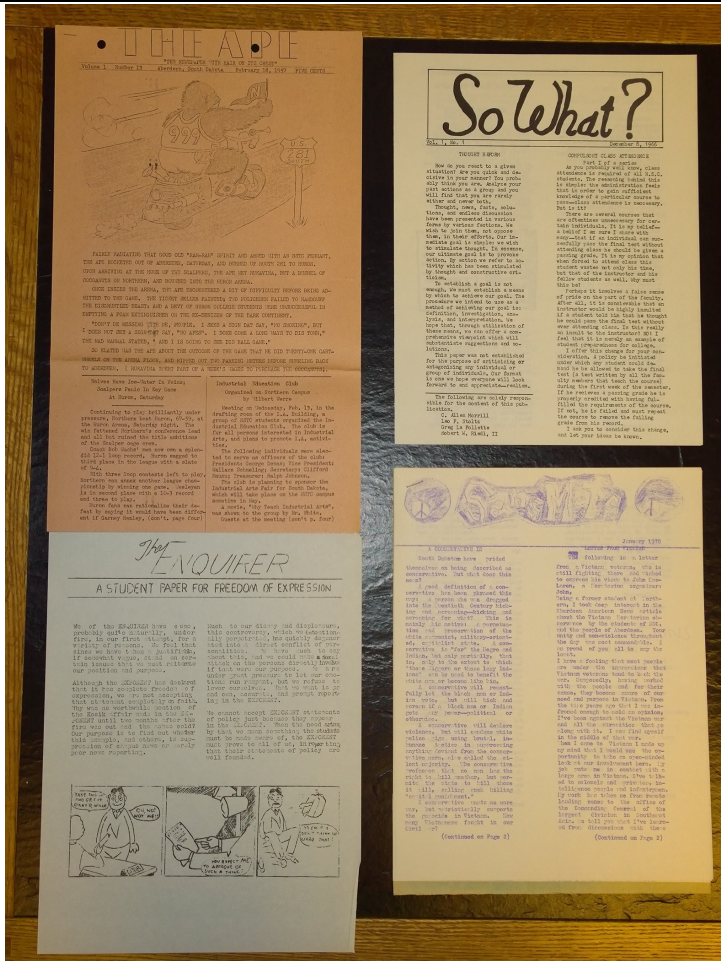


Photo: Various student newspapers throughout Northern’s history.

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