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pic Committee? If the NBA and the fans have one last certain opportunity to salute Magic, this should be it, a salute that goes beyond expensive gifts and tearful speeches. It should be the opportunity for Magic to put on jersey No. 32, lace up his Cons and take the point.

There are other, more tangible benefits to be gained here. Last year's All-Star Weekend theme was Stay in School. Players and rap stars gave stern lectures to school kids about

the importance of an education.

I see the same opportunity in February. Build AIDS and HIV education around Magic's appearance in the game. Think of the powerful messages that could get out: This could be the last time you see Magic play. This disease can — and does — strike anyone. And as for those with AIDS and the HIV virus, they deserve our attention, care and admiration.

To millions of fans, young and old, those messages would blow any lecture away. For these reasons, there should be no doubt.

Suit up, Magic.  
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no shape to play, or he would be playing. It would be quite an anti-climatic end to "All-Star Weekend" if Magic were to collapse mid-way through the All-Star Game.

I think an honorary spot on the West would be ample recognition of Magic's accomplishments. I think an AIDS aware-

ness theme would be a good idea. But don't allow him to play. Give him a microphone and let him ramble on about how great Jordan is or how cute Isaiah is, just leave the playing to the stars of the 1991-92 season.

Shut up, Magic.

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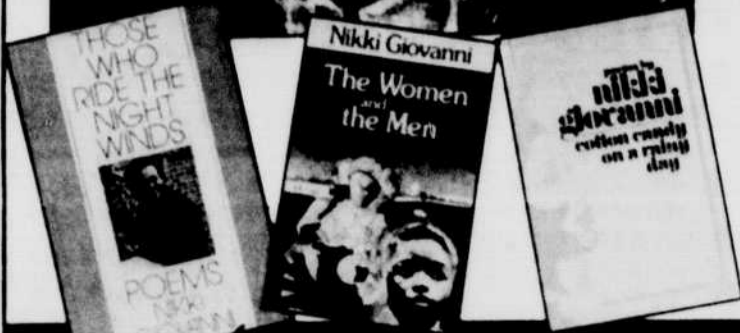
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