



TIN SOLDIERS AND EL PRI IS COMING: CONSEJO UNIVERSITARIO OF THE NATIONAL AUTONOMOUS UNIVERSITY OF MEXICO, 1960'S

Opening strong with the 50th anniversary of the Mexican Revolution, the 1960s was an eventful decade for Mexico. Now in the fourth decade of one party rule citizens are starting to demand expansions of social liberties, and an increase of democracy. Add to this the upcoming 1968 Mexico City Olympics, which some view as overly expensive in light of the economic inequality prevalent throughout the nation, and you have a recipe for political intrigue and an environment ripe for change. Amidst all of this the National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM) must navigate a challenging series of questions while still maintaining its place as one of the largest and most prestigious institutions in Latin America and the world. What does 'autonomous' mean in a one party state where you are reliant on government funding? How can the interests of students, administrators, and faculty be balanced in an increasingly polarized world? What steps must be taken to ensure that UNAM remains on the cutting edge of higher education? What direction will educational discourse take in this uncertain time? The Consejo Universitario will have the unenviable task of resolving these issues among others while also handling the various crises that the 60s may bring about. Do you have what it takes to govern a complex bureaucratic system that presides over 50,000 plus students?



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