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INTRODUCTION

As we all are aware of, money is hard to come by. And La Voz Estudiantil found no exception. The staff of La Voz asked for a certain type of grant, but was turned down. The staff then turned in a budget to the A.S. (Associated Students) for $800.00 to cover the cost of two more issues. The budget was approved for $700. But this still leaves La Voz short of funds. So what now? The staff came up with many ideas, from selling food to a car wash. The staff finally decided to raffle off a case of wine. 100 tickets were sold at a dollar per ticket.

On Monday November 7th at the Amphitheatre, the winning ticket was drawn. The winner of the case of wine was Fred Gomez. The staff would like to congratulate Fred and thank those who purchased raffle tickets. Without your help this issue would not be possible. Muchas Gracias!

Jesse Marquez

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Does Racism Exist in the 1980's?

During the late 60's and early 70's, Chicanos struggled for the right of education in an institution of higher learning. Today we have the Chicano Resource Center, La Cosa Nueva, E.O.P., Student Affirmative Action, etc.

If it wasn't for our Raza, most of us wouldn't have made it this far. But now we can see that people are trying to take these programs away from us—programs that people struggled and died for because they knew what they were doing was right.

Yes, I know, it's all in the past, so let's forget about it and just live our lives. I say NO! Let's look at some of the things that have happened in the 1980's. First of all, it started with E.O.P. They wanted to take it away from us. Second is the slow termination of MAGS. Third, La Cosa Nueva has already been cut back four hours, Ruben Benítez was unlawfully arrested, and the list goes on.

There is one organization here on campus that will not permit these actions to continue. Yes, I am talking about M.E.Ch.A. M.E.Ch.A. is one of the few organizations that will take a stand for Chicano interests. This organization will fight for what is right and it will continue to do so until our needs are met.

People have a tendency to think M.E.Ch.A. is composed of a group of radicals, but if people come to the meetings and get a sense of what's going on, maybe they will have a better understanding of what M.E.Ch.A. is all about—to protect ourselves from those elements who keep trying to suppress people of color.

It's funny to hear people saying "It's not the 60's anymore" when M.E.Ch.A. is protesting against things that are important to Chicano needs.

Francisco Morales

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You Are Only a Woman

Hide your love so that people may accept you, so they won’t shun you for trembling at his touch. Hide so no one will know you gave it all in a moment of true love. Hide so no one will see you, so no one will know what you have done. Hide no one must know that your love has planted a seed in your womb. Hide so you won’t bring shame to your family, so you won’t hurt your parents. Hide no one will believe you did it for love, no one will care. Hide no one must find out you are so afraid you’ve thought of ways to escape your situation. Hide your fears girl for in this world no one understands and everyone throws rocks at you. Hide for no one can see that like men you are only human. Hide for you are only a WOMAN and your love has given fruit.

Alicia Vazquez

Nuestra Madre

In the morning she’d call out “hijos levantense, ya son las siete” ignoring her call our legs and blankets were pulled off the bed

We could not understand why she did this

Washing and dressing the four of us she’d repeat her saying “van a llegar tarde a la escuela” giving us our almuerzo, with lots of leche she’d chase us to school

We could not understand why she did this

Coming home from school she’d have us do our chores “jugar, para relajar” then our tarea she’d turn the television on to channel 34 and watch her Escuela K-MEX and practice her broken english

we could not understand why she did this

Not understanding our tarea, we would cry she’d comfort us try to explain and help us do it

We could not understand why she did this

Being sunday morning she’d get us ready for misa walking fast we’d desperately try to catch up she’d shout out “apurense, porque salen los perros”

We could not understand why she did this

The next day she’d send us to la doctrina coming home she’d question us on what we learned

We could not understand why she did this

Before we went to bed she’d light a vela by the Holy Cross down on our knees she’d listen to our oraciones tucked us in kissed us and said “duerman con Dios”

We could not understand why she did this

Ahora que somos adultos she still consoles us guides us gives us her consejos helps us listens to our problems y todavía nos ama y nos bendice.

Now we understand

Sylvia Carrasco P.

LATINAS AND THE WORKFORCE

The Chicana/Latina is always striving to better her family and herself. She has many different roles in today’s society: she’s a mother, wife and then a worker. Her responsibilities and sacrifices are many compared to others.

Today’s Latinas make up a major part of the U.S. workforce. According to recent fact sheets released by the U.S. Department of Labor, Chicanas/Latinas account for 39% of all Latino workers in the United States. Their unemployment rate was 9.5% compared to an unemployment rate of 8.8% for Latino men.

A large part of the Latino population is of lower income. In order for families to keep up with the rising cost of living, it is necessary for the women to work. A report from the Department of Labor said an alarming 50% of poor Latino families, with 909,000 children, were maintained by women. Here we see the important role the Chicana/Latina has in the workforce and the family.

The average woman workers is 34 years old and can expect to work an additional 18 years. A woman in today’s workforce earns only 59% of the total income of men. Only through education can the Latina prepare herself to meet the many demands of today’s workforce.
Dedications

To: Cecilio Perez
Ded: You talk too much
From: Juan Pachanga

To: 11th St. Ganga
Ded: White Lines
From: Quico

To: San Jo State Homies
Ded: Shotgun
From: Mr. Smiley

To: Sur Hayward Homies
Ded: Wooly Booly
From: Loco Scarecrow

To: Ramon
Ded: Don't fall in love
From: Rosie

To: Gregorio
Ded: Talk to me
From: Gregoria

To: Gregoria
Ded: Maneater
From: Margaret

To: Pancho
Ded: Happy Birthday
From: Margaret

To: Alicia L. & Tomas R.
Ded: Together
From: Rosa

To: Anita
Ded: I can make you dance
From: ???

To: Mr. Royal
Ded: God Bless America
From: Ralph

To: Elaine A.
Ded: You got a friend
From: Rob

To: Mi familia
Ded: I Do Love You
From: La Smiley

To: Elias
Ded: Undercover of the Night
From: Susan

To: Manuel M. Solis
Song: We Are Family
From: Lupe Solis

To: Guillermo Martinez-Torres
Ded: Nunca Mas Diras Adios
From: Lupe

To: La Cosa Nueva
Ded: Love will keep us together
From: Lupe

To: Angie & Ana Nevares,
   Gaby Parada, Loretta Ramos
Ded: Comadre Power!
From: Lupe Solis

To: Jaime Aguaristi
Ded: I Do Love You
From: Angela Magana

To: Smiley & Efrain
Ded: You Belong Together
From: Muneca

To: Smiley & Chamaco
Ded: Don't let no one get you down
From: Muneca

To: Frank
Ded: Boogie Down
From: Alicia

To: Mari
Ded: Gangi
From: Juan

To: Christina S.
Ded: All Night Long
From: El Rey

To: Debi
Ded: Here's looking at you kid!
From: Steve

To: La Muneca
Ded: All Talk & No action
From: ????

To: Anita
Ded: Looking good
From: "E"

To: Estella C.
Ded: Don't let no one get you down
From: Mr. Smiley

To: La Muneca y El Chamaaco
Ded: Don't let no one get you down
From: La Smiley

To: Leonardo Alvarez
Ded: Doot Doot
From: Maria Vera

To: Delia Mendoza
Ded: Happy Birthday
From: Maria Vera

To: The Staff of La Cosa Nueva
Ded: Don't Let No One Get You Down
From: Ed the Cruzzer

To: Susan/Comrade
Ded: Viva Che
From: A Che Supporter

To: hola
Let: Stay in my corner
From: hi#