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NACS XVI CONFERENCE SUMMARY

The NACS XVI Annual Conference, "Estudios Chicanos and the Politics of Community," was held in Boulder, Colorado, April 13-16, 1988. Preliminary figures from 1988 Conference Coordinator, Cordelia Candelaria, show a significant increase in membership and attendance. Over 400 scholars joined NACS as members for 1988-89. In addition, daily attendance at the conference averaged over 600 registrants. By all measures, NACS XVI was one of the most successful conferences held throughout the 1980s. Congratulations to Professor Candelaria and the other members of the XVI Site Host Committee!

NACS XVII CONFERENCE ANNOUNCED

The NACS XVII Annual Conference will be held March 29-April 2, 1989 at the Biltmore Hotel in Los Angeles, California. Sponsors of the next conference will be Chicano Studies Research Center-UCLA and other member campuses and focus of the Southern California Region. The theme for the 1989 conference will focus on "Community Empowerment and Chicano Scholarship: Towards Social Justice in the 21st Century." Deadline for abstracts and panel proposals is December 1, 1988. Please make plans now to attend next year's conference. More information will be mailed to NACS members in forthcoming issues of Noticias de NACS.

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HIGHLIGHTS OF NACS XVI ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The 1988 Keynote Address by Dr. Guillermina Valdes-Villalva was entitled "Bridging Communities: Forging an Agenda for CBOs and PhDs." Dr. Villalva told the receptive audience that the National Association for Chicano Studies had come of age. Dr. Villalva said, "You are no longer adolescent. You are now an adult organization." With maturity comes the challenge of continued growth and change. Dr. Villalva spoke to the need for continued commitment by NACS to social action research and to the establishment and maintenance of links with community-based organizations and social justice struggles.

Another key event at NACS XVI was the Political Action Committee Plenary session. The PAC Plenary focused on reaffirming the NACS Preamble and its call for critical social action research. The session was attended by over 300 NACS members and resulted in lively discussion and debate. As a result of PAC efforts, NACS has reasserted the organization's commitment to activist research and expanded the size of the PAC to include male and female members and student representatives from each of the seven regions. Future conferences will continue to focus attention on the goals and activities of the PAC. Look for PAC reports and updates in forthcoming issues of Noticias de NACS.

Among the many exciting panels at NACS XVI were: "The Impact of Emerging Chicano Political Power on U.S. Policy in Latin America" with Willie Velasquez (Southwest Voter Registration Project), Avelardo Valdez (Sociology, UT-San Antonio), Toney Anaya (Former Governor of New Mexico), Mario Obledo (Chair, National Rainbow Coalition and Past President, League of United Latin American Citizens), Eddie Cavazos (State Representative, Corpus Christi, Texas), and Linda Yanez (Attorney, Brownsville, Texas). "European Perspectives on Chicano Studies" with Jean Cazemajou (Bordeaux University), Genvieve Fabre (Paris University), Maria Jesus Buxo-Rey (Barcelona University), Horst Tonn (Erlanger University, Germany), A. Robert Lee (Univ. of Canterbury), and Juan Bruce-Novoa (Trinity University). "Feminist Chicana Sociology" with Mary Romero (Yale), Margarita Decierdo (Univ. of New Mexico), Denise Segura (UC-Santa Barbara), and Maria Linda Apodaca (Open Door Clinic, Covina, Calif.).

Another highlight of the conference: Teatro de la Esperanza performed its anti-war play, "Teo's Final Spin: Bullet Dancing In Times Of War," at the Boulder High School Auditorium. The performance was enthusiastically received.

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RESOLUTIONS APPROVED AT NACS XVI

The following resolutions were approved by the NACS general membership at the Business Meeting during NACS XVI in Boulder.

1. Letter from NACS to Ann Reynolds, Chancellor, California State University System:

On behalf of the National Association for Chicano Studies, we would like to call to your attention the lack of sensitivity on the part of your office to equitably address the needs of the Latino population.

In particular, the extraordinary haste with which your office has moved to replace the President at California State University-Long Beach is of concern to us. The selection of a chief executive is of the utmost importance, and should receive an honest, professional, nation-wide search.

Thirty days is insufficient time to solicit applicants and cultivate candidacies for a chief executive to head a major university, let alone enough time to contact qualified Latinos for the position. In view of the lack of good faith in the past, we demand an immediate re-opening of the selection process so as to give qualified Latinos a fair amount of time to apply.

(Submitted by Southern California Region)

2. Resolution in support of Chicano Human Rights Council:

Whereas The Chicano Human Rights Council (CHRC) was formed to advance the knowledge and use of the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo as it applies to the human rights protection of Mexican Americans and American Indians.

Whereas The CHRC was also formed to establish the Council as a non-governmental organization (NGO) under the United Nations Commission on Human Rights to document and seek redress of violations of the Treaty, as well as to provide training and orientation of delegates for participation in the Human Rights Commission in Geneva, Switzerland.

Therefore, let it be resolved: That the National Association for Chicano Studies endorses the Chicano Human Rights Council and supports the principles and goals of the CHRC.

(Submitted by Colorado Region).

3. Resolution on Health Promotion and Prevention:

Whereas, the National Association for Chicano Studies seeks to better understand, explore, and promote the cultural, economic, historical, sociopolitical and life status of Chicanos.

Whereas, the National Association for Chicano Studies convened its membership and others in Boulder, Colorado to distribute, exchange, and clarify perspectives and issues confronting Chicanos and American society.

Whereas, health promotion and prevention activities in Chicano communities were determined to be of high priority if Chicanos are to attain educational, intellectual, political achievement and influence.

Whereas, the NACS XVI Conference convened a panel on health promotion and prevention to address needs and services in Chicano communities.

Whereas, the NACS XVI membership was in attendance at the aforementioned health promotion and prevention workshop.

Whereas, activities and directions for the National Association for Chicano Studies were delineated for the coming year as a by-product of the aforementioned workshop.

Be it resolved: that NACS will organize, develop, and otherwise as necessary create and implement the foregoing activities:

--Organize, develop, and otherwise as necessary, create and implement a focus within the conference on issues related to health promotion and prevention.

--At each NACS Annual Conference, provide time and space for a health fair whose ends shall be to distribute and exchange appropriate information, materials, and resources on health.

--Draft, review, and submit a letter of understanding to all academic and other institutions delineating the need for Chicano Studies curricula, conferences, and other activities to include health promotion-prevention as an integral component in Chicano Studies.

These activities will be carried out with due diligence by NACS.

(Submitted by Al Mata, Chair of Health Promotion and Prevention Panel and Colorado Region)

4. Resolution on Chicano-Latino Students:

Whereas, NACS and Chicano Studies will depend for their future on Chicano-Latino students.

Whereas, we recognize and appreciate the participation thus far given to us at the NACS XVI Conference.

Whereas, we know that the interests and concerns of the students and the community are a major element of the Chicano Movement and NACS.

Therefore, be it resolved: that more recognition and participation of Chicano-Latino students and community members in future NACS conferences is an irrevocable and essential component.

Be it resolved: that the students are responsible for implementing this participation, and the participation is to include:

1. Having and encouraging active student participation at the foco level, as well as in the planning and organizing of the national conference.

2. Having our participation viewed with mutual respect, by actively listening to and responding to students.

May it also be resolved: that we acknowledge our need for guidance and therefore demand a commitment from you, the NACS scholars, for quality guidance, support, and encouragement. Criteria to be drafted by the students which will indicate the structure for guidance, support, and encouragement.

(Submitted by Student Plenary and Session #56 "Student Perspectives")

5. Resolution on Prenatal Care:

Whereas, many low income Chicana and Latina women have low birthweight babies;

Whereas, low birthweight babies are at highest risk for infant death and disability;

Whereas, prenatal care has been shown to improve birthweight;

Whereas, many low income Chicanas and othedr Latinas do not seek prenatal care;

Whereas, the March of Dimes seeks to reduce low birthweight and

increase access to, and utilization of, prenatal care among all women;

Whereas, NACS, among its many activities, seeks to study and improve the social conditions of Chicanas and Chicanos;

Be it here, therefore, resolved: that the followeing be implemented:

1. NACS will begin to embark on open dialogue with the March of Dimes and any other organizations on the issues of low birthweight and access to prenatal care among Chicana and Latina women.

2. NACS will seek to enter into a dialogue with the March of Dimes at the local community level to address these issues.

3. NACS will make perinatal health among Chicanas an agenda item of priority, along with other health promotion and risk reduction issues.

(Submitted by Colorado Region)

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Editor's Note: In order to help defray the expenses involved in the production and mailing of NOTICIAS DE NACS, a fee of \$50 per listing in the Employment Opportunities section of the newsletter will be charged. NOTICIAS DE NACS is published three times a year (Fall, Winter, Summer). The \$50 charge is for as many repeat listings within one year desired by the person or institution making the request. Please mail job listings to: Devon G. Peña, Editor, NOTICIAS DE NACS, Department of Sociology, Colorado College, Colorado Springs, CO 80903.

Faculty Position, Chicano Education Program. The Chicano Education Program is accepting applications for a faculty position with major teaching responsibilities in Chicano history and culture and developing curriculum in Chicano Studies. Position is tenure track, available September, 1988. Earned Master's degree in social sciences or humanities required. Doctorate preferred. Teaching and curriculum development experience. Bilingual preferred (Spanish/English). Review of applications will begin immediately and will continue until a position is filled. Send letter of application, resume, and three letters of recommendation to: Dr. Carlos S. Maldonado, Director, Chicano Education Program, Monroe Hall 198, MS #170, Eastern Washington University, Cheney, WA 99004. EOE/AA.

Comparative Politics, Latin America. Regular faculty appointment, beginning September, 1989. Ph.D. or near completion of Ph.D. required. Preferred area of specialty, Latin America. Preference to candidates who are also prepared to teach American government, emphasis on minority politics

desireable. Salary competitive. Colorado College, a private, undergraduate liberal arts college, has a unique academic structure in which students take, and faculty teach, one course at a time. Emphasis is placed on teaching, but scholarly research and publication are rewarded. Colorado College is an equal opportunity employer. Women and minorities are particularly encouraged to apply. Applicants should send letter of interest, resume, transcripts, and three letters of recommendation to: Professor Timothy Fuller, Department of Political Science, Colorado College, Colorado Springs, CO 80903.

Faculty Position. International Economic Development. International Dimensions of Poverty, Minorities, and Discrimination. The Department of Economics and Business announces a regular faculty teaching vacancy at an assistant professor level beginning in September, 1989. This position will involve

teaching undergraduate courses in Principles of Economics and Intermediate Micro and/or Macro Economic Theory as well as supervision of student independent work. It will also involve primary responsibility for teaching courses in the area of international economic development. For this purpose, knowledge of and experience in one or more regions of the world is desirable. Preference will be given to candidates qualified to teach courses related to the international economic dimensions of poverty, minorities, and discrimination as well as women's issues. Colorado College has a strong set of courses and faculty in Latin American, Asian, and Eastern European studies. Language offerings and off-campus study opportunities facilitate student and faculty work in Europe, Latin America, and Asia. Additional strengthening of international studies is underway to match increased student and faculty interest. An aggressive program exists to attract minority students and faculty, teach a broad range of courses, and otherwise foster the understanding of disadvantaged groups in society. Applicants should have a strong interest in teaching in an undergraduate liberal arts college and a Ph.D. in economics; experience in teaching, government service, research, or consulting is highly desirable. The College also wants to strengthen attention given to the perspectives of women and minority groups in the curriculum. Those interested should submit a letter of application, undergraduate and graduate transcripts,

vitae, and three letters of reference by November 15, 1988. Send materials or contact for more information: Chair, Economics and Business Department, Colorado College, Colorado Springs, CO 80903. Colorado College is an equal opportunity employer; women and minorities are particularly encouraged to apply.

CORRECTION TO NACS XVI PROGRAM AD.

In the NACS XVI conference program we printed an ad for La Red/The Net on page 34 which has an error in the address. Please note the correct address for La Red/The Net: 17337 Ventura Blvd.
Suite 203
Encino, CA. 91316
Tel: 818-990-1885

FINANCIAL REPORT

NACS XVI Accounts Summary: Final (6-30-88)

REVENUE:

CU Grants	\$11,100.00	
NACS Advance	3,000.00	(loan) *
NACS Memberships	6,315.00	
Conf. Registrations	4,895.00	
Conf. Exhibits & Sponsors	2,872.00	
Dance, T-shirts, etc.	1,000.00	
	5,158.00	
Total Revenue	\$34,350.00	

EXPENSES:

Staff	\$ 8,000.00
Supplies & xerox	3,500.00
Hotel	3,438.00
On-site	1,643.00
Printing	3,400.00
Entertainment	2,546.00
NACS Ass'n charges	1,000.00*
NACS Memberships	6,315.00
Misc.	227.00
Repay NACS Advance less NACS charges	2,000.00*
Repay CSERA/Chicano Studies (CU)	1,500.00
Total Expenses	\$33,569.00

Balance for Colorado Region = \$781.00

* Note: NACS loan to NACS XVI Conference Site Committee less NACS charges: 3,000 - 1,000 = \$2,000. Loan paid in full.

IN MEMORIAM

WILLIE VELASQUEZ
(1944-1988)

Willie Velasquez, founder of the Southwest Voter Registration Education Project (SVREP), died in June, 1988 of cancer. Since its inception in 1974, SVREP has led more than 1000 voter registration drives across this country.

The funeral mass for Willie Velasquez in San Antonio was attended by thousands, including such political luminaries as Governor Michael Dukakis, who delivered the eulogy, and Mayor Henry Cisneros who gave this tribute: "He was as close to irreplaceable as anyone I know....his work must continue."

IN MEMORIAM

TIM FLORES
(1919-1988)

Tim Flores, noted Colorado labor activist and union organizer, passed away in July, 1988 of cancer. Mr. Flores was born in Saltillo, Coahuila, Mexico and came with his parents to the United States at the age of six months. He joined the United Steelworkers of America in Pueblo, Colorado as a young man and served as an organizer for that union over several decades.

Mr. Flores served as the Assistant to the President of the Colorado State Labor Council, AFL-CIO, from 1970 until his retirement in 1985.

Mr. Flores passed his activist legacy unto his son, Dr. Estevan Flores, longstanding member of NACS and a community activist in his own right.

Our deepest regrets and sympathies go out to the families of Mr. Velasquez and Mr. Flores.



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Call for Papers

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Proposals for Sessions, Panels, Roundtables, and Papers
are invited for the XVII Annual Conference of the National Association of Chicano Studies

Working Title:

Community Empowerment & Chicano Scholarship: Towards Social Justice in the 21st Century

Location: Biltmore Hotel

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Date: March 29 - April 2, 1989

Send 250 word abstracts or papers to:

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Chicano Studies Research Center
3121 Campbell Hall
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NOTE: Deadline for abstracts is December 1, 1988. Failure to meet the deadline will result in losing the opportunity to present at the conference.