La Pluma MEChista

Movimiento Estudiantil Chicano de Aztlán
Universidad Estatal de Arizona
25 años de resistencia - abril, 1969 - abril, 1994
En Memoria de César E. Chávez

Bienvenidos Hermanos...

Well, first of all I would like to welcome all incoming, transfer, and returning MEChistas to ASU. As most of you know, on April 22nd of this year, we lost one of the most influential leaders of our Raza and we are dedicating our entire year of events including the National M.E.Ch.A conference to the Memory of ***César Estrada Chávez***.

To continue the struggle of *César Chávez* and our *Movimiento*, we must seek social and economic justice which is still eluding our Raza. M.E.Ch.A. was established on the basis of "brotherhood, and a resolve to undertake a struggle for liberation in a society where justice is but a word." We are a new generation of *activistas*. However, we must look back to the origins of our *Movimiento* and the events which led up to it. We must communicate with our *veteranos* and educate ourselves *de Nuestra Herencia*. We are the role models for our *carnalitos* and the future leaders of our Raza. We must take on the responsibility teaching *nuestra juventúd*. This rhetoric is not new. It has been around for decades and yet here we are at the end of the 20th century still looking for answers. This is an issue that we hope to address in our immediate endeavors.

I look forward to the day when our Raza can grow up, here in Aztlán, regardless of the ruling government and learn about self-identity, political consciousness and our cultural legacy. It is in this spirit of unity, that I ask all of you to join us during this commemorative and critical year to move forward as a unified Xicano Nation.

Xicano Tiahui,

Armando Torres

La Generación Xicana: 25 años despues...

The theme selected for the 1994 National M.E.Ch.A. Conference, *La Generación Xicana: 25 años despues...* reflects a deeper understanding of the conditions of our people by a new generation of activists. The resurgence of the *Movimiento*, the need to reflect upon the past-- failures and successes-- and the desire to create a new movement free from the prejudices of the past have led to a new consciousness among MEChistas throughout Aztlán. The "Decade of the H-------" left a great void in our communities. While our people saw a few succeed, the vast majority of *Raza* were left to fend for themselves amidst a growing nativist reaction to the '60's and '70's movements for liberation. The war against the *Movimiento* in the '70's and the Reagan Revolution sucked the energy from many committed warriors, absorbing them into the very system that they fought against *con tanto corazón*. The capitalist-materialist values of the dominant society overwhelmed Chicanismo, and many professed the end of the *Movimiento*.

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DEADLINE DATES:

9/5/93	Call for Presentations Keynote Speakers Invited
11/13/93	2nd National Liaison Meeting ,ASU
12/1/93	End Call for Presentations
2/5/94	Early registration begins 2nd Conference Newsletter
3/15/94	Early registration ends
4/15-17	1994 National MEChA Conference

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ASU M.E.Ch.A. believes that the *Movimiento* did not die, but instead went underground. Many of the *veteranos* of the Movement continued struggling for justice for our people, amidst constant pressures to conform and assimilate. With the 500th anniversary of the invasion of Ixachillatlan by the Europeans, MEChistas and other Raza youth began once again questioning the dominant society about the absence of our history, the lack of respect for our cultures and traditions, and a deeper recognition of ourselves as an indigenous people. The workshops for April's conference will reflect the lessons learned over the last 25 years of struggle, the present-day conditions of our people, and will seek to develop solutions and long-range plans for our future generations. ***lpm***

Call For Presentations

ASU M.E.Ch.A., the Valle del Sol M.E.Ch.A. Central, and the Centro Aztlán Region of M.E.Ch.A. invites, requests and encourages the participation of all M.E.Ch.A.'s in the upcoming 1994 National M.E.Ch.A. Conference to be held April 15th - 17th, 1994 at Arizona State University in Tempe, Arizona. Any M.E.Ch.A. can submit a proposal for a workshop, panel, or presentation. However, it is the responsibility of each campus to coordinate the workshop they've requested, including acquiring the speakers, financing their travel, accomodations & meals, and ensuring that the workshop is held as scheduled. Written proposals for workshops, panels or presentations must include the following:

1) a brief description of the workshop (1 paragraph or less) demonstrating the connection to this year's theme;
2) a budget of expenses required for organizing the presentation (for clerical purposes);
3) a proposal for how the funds will be generated (so that we know you are serious) and
4) names and brief biographies of proposed presenters.

The presentations which best reflect the theme will be selected by the steering committee. All proposals must meet the format specified above. **The deadline for submissions is December 1, 1993.**

These proposals can be mailed to ASU M.E.Ch.A. at Arizona State University, REACH Office, Box #53, Tempe, AZ Aztlán, 85287-0512.

FECHAS DE M.E.Ch.A. ASU-FALL 1993

EVENTO	*FECHA*
Opening Reception/ 1st Meeting	September 8
1st M.E.Ch.A. Jam	September 10
Temascal	September 11
La Pachanga, Chicano Faculty and Staff	September 17
General Meeting	September 22
Tlahtokan Izkalotl Xicano Spiritual Council	September 23-25
N.C.M.C. Unity Conference at ASU	September 25
General Meeting	October 6
Segundo Encuentro Continental Temoaya, México	October 7
General Meeting	October 20
Regional Meeting	October 23
Halloween Jam	October 29
General Meeting	November 3
National Liaison Meeting	November 13
General Meeting	November 17
Xicano-Mexicano Student Encounter at *Hermosillo, México*	November 19-21
César E. Chávez Memorial Scholarship Dance/ 25th Anniversary Banquet	December 3