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March 22, 1988

Daniel Gaytan
MECHA
710 University Ave.
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Dear Mr. Gaytan:

Thank you for your participation in the program "Students Speak Out: Racial Problems And What Students Can Do About Them."

Your presentation was interesting and informative. As you know I must collect the data and publish the outcome of the program. Should you wish to submit your paper, remarks or any materials or contributions to the manual, it would be most welcome.

Sincerely,

Carolyn Dejoie -g-

Carolyn M. Dejoie, Ph.D.
Professor

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October 19, 1988

Mayor Joseph Sensenbrenner
Mayor of Madison
City County Building
Madison, Wisconsin 53703

The Affirmative Action Office (AAO) holds a vital link to our community. The recent decision by your office to place the AAO under the Human Resources Department sends a clear message to the Madison Minority Community that you have no real committment to eliminating institutional racism at all levels of government.

Movimiento Estudiantil Chicano de Aztlan goes on record as opposing your decision to streamline the Equal Opportunity Commission and the Affirmative Action Office, as well as Community Service and CDBG, into one Department without a public hearing. It defeats the civil rights demontrations that took place in the sixties to provide all the rights and benefits the AAO was empowered to protect.

Sincerely yours,

Daniel C. Gaytan
President, MEChA

mf/DG

M.E.Ch.A. MOVIMIENTO ESTUDIANTIL CHICANO DE AZTLAN
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January 27th, 1992

Dear Representatives of UW-Madison WSA:

Movimiento Estudiantil Chicano de Aztlan, a Chicano student organization on the University of Wisconsin-Madison Campus is proud to announce a proposal to sponser a "Traditional Ynka Music and Workshop." The purpose of this event is to bring together students of color at UW-Madison to enjoy the music of the Ynka, a traditional art form unique to this hemisphere.

The proposed workshop and demonstration program will start off with a brief session in traditional Ynka drum and flute construction methods. This will be followed by a selection of Yncka tunes, played by professional Andean musicians. Afterwards, live, contemporary music will be performed by Olmeca, an accomplished local Chicano band.

M.E.Ch.A. invites your organization to support this proposal for the Traditional Ynka Music and workshop. In order for this proposal to come to fruition, we are requesting funding from the Multicultural Council, Nave, and the Interim Multi-Cultural Center.

We hope that by bringing this type of event to campus, the students would gain exposure to a unique cultural dimension of the diversity that exists among the student body. In addition, such a program would enhance the level of Indigenous awareness of the Madison community.

For more information about the details of the program or the funding proposal, please contact Daniel Gaytan, M.E.Ch.A 263-4830. Thank you for ypour cooperation and assistance.

Yours truly,

Daniel Gaytan,

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August 19, 1992

Multi-Cultural Council,

Enclosed is the Multi-Cultural Council Proposal for the Mexican Independence Day Celebration to take place on September 12th, 1992 at the University of Wisconsin-Madison's Memorial Union Great Hall. This is the 25th anniversary of Movimiento Estudiantil Chicano de Aztlan (M.E.Ch.A.) sponsorship of this event through "La Raza Unida" organization.

We are privileged to present through this years activities performers from the Aztec-Mexica culture, Ynka musicians from the Andes, Marriachis from Chicago, and local baseball games and presentations from the Chicano community in Madison, Wisconsin.

We would like to express our sincere gratitude to the MCC for making this landmark event possible and anticipate the oportunity to make this cultural contribution to the UW-Madison.

Gracias,

Daniel Gaytan

Enclosure

The School of Business
University of Wisconsin-Madison

Student Services Advisor
107 Commerce
1155 Observatory Drive
Madison, WI 53706
608/262-6199

September 21, 1992

MECHA
710 University Ave. #205
Madison, WI 53706

Dear MECHA:

On behalf of the Hispanic Youth Career Fair Committee, I would like to invite you to volunteer and be a part of the 11th Annual Hispanic Youth Career Fair which will be held at the Memorial Union, on Friday October 9, 1992. The committee requests that you coordinate volunteers from your organization to serve in various capacities.

The career fair has been set up by various workshop sessions which will consist of about 25 to 30 students per session. Over 300 Hispanic high school students from all over Wisconsin are expected to attend. Hispanic professionals from Madison will speak to the students on how to prepare to enter their chosen career fields. The program will be set up as follows:

9:30 - 10:00 am	Opening Sessions Keynote address: Juanita Valdez-Cox San Juan TX UWF
10:00 - 10:30 am	Workshop I
10:30 - 11:00 am	Workshop II
11:00 - 11:30 am	Workshop III
12:00 - 1:00 pm	Lunch
12:00 - 2:30 pm	College Fair
1:00 - 2:30 pm	Entertainment & Departure

We will greatfully appreciate your commitment and effort toward making this fair an educational and rewarding experience for our high school youth. If you have any recommendations of other people who are interested in encouraging our youth to pursue professional careers please inform them of this wonderful program.

Please inform me if you are willing to volunteer in any (one or more) of the areas as explained in the enclosures. A positive response from your office by September 25, 1992 will help us with our plans. If you would like further information please feel free to contact me at 262-6199, or any of the committee members. We look forward to seeing you soon at the career fair.

Sincerely,

Manuel Angel Diaz
Committee Chair

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September 28th, 1993

Ecuadoran Embassy
12th October Avenue
Ecuador

Dear Sir/Madam,

This letter is intended to inform you that Mr. Rodrigo Pineda has been invited by our organization, Movimiento Estudiantil Chicano de Aztlan (M.E.Ch.A.), to participate in our 1994 Mexican Independence Day Celebration on May 5th-7th at the University of Wisconsin-Madison Campus.

MEChA has been hosting these activities for the last 25 years. We intend to have an Inca presentation with Mr. Pineda assisting with the musical workshops and seminars regarding the rich cultural experience he shares with the Andean people.

It is our hope that this letter will facilitate his coming to our country for the purpose of this activity. We thank you very much for your assistance. If there is need to contact us please contact me, Daniel Gaytan, at (608) 263-4830.

Sincerely,

Daniel C. Gaytan
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Date: 09/20/94
From: DANIEL GAYTAN GAYTAD - HFRC
To: Daniel Gaytan GAYTAD - HFRC
Subject: losleos

Dean of Students Office
attn: Yolanda Garza
Bascom Hall
500 Lincoln Drive
Madison, Wisconsin 53715

Dear Ms. Garza,

On September 17th, 1994, Movimiento Estudiantil Chicano de Aztlan (MEChA) co-sponsored a four member Conjunto (Group) called Los Leos (The Leos) to come to the UW-Madison campus. The Conjunto performed a variety of music which is well-known to the Southwest United States, and only found in Midwest big cities like Milwaukee and Chicago, because of Mexican-Chicano demographics in these areas. Given this fact, it has become culturally rewarding for new and return-Chicano/Latino students to come to this campus and find their music here. It has also been a cultural and educational experience for students, faculty and staff of all nationalities to become familiar with polkas, balladas, salsa, cumbias, merenque and rancheras.

This is our 27th year in having such an event in commemoration of Mexican Independence, we thank you for your help and cooperation.

Sincerely Yours,

Sergio Nute
MEChA

April 18, 1995, 11:07 am

Para MECHA c/o Daniel Gaytan:

Como lo habláramos luego de la conferencia de Florencia Mallon (Abril 10) sobre Zapata, estamos preparando la Semana de Chiapas y tenemos varios proyectos en Marcha. Como muestra de parte de la organización les dejamos un esquema tentativo de las actividades. Por favor NO distribuyan esta información hasta que tengamos confirmación de todo lo planeado. Estamos incluyendo a MECHA como co-organizador de la Semana, si Uds. lo creen conveniente. De acuerdo con Daniel, el Cardinal estaría dispuesto a cobrar entradas para la fiesta del 5 de Mayo y lo recolectado sería destinado al "fund raising" por Chiapas. Queremos confirmar ésto para poder incluirlo en la publicidad de la Semana.

Por favor, podrían ponerse en contacto con nosotros? Necesitaríamos coordinar lo del Cardinal para que nosotros ayudemos a preparar lo que fuere necesario. Esperamos mantener contacto con Uds. para futuras interacciones también.

Muchas Gracias,

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Mexican Student Association
Committee in Support of Chiapas

MEMORANDUM

TO: MECHA

FROM: Diana F. López
Committee Member

RE: Informational Table

I would like to take this opportunity to invite you to have an informational table at the Third Annual Mujer Latina conference being held at the University of Wisconsin-Madison on April 29, 1995. The table will be a plain 8 foot table (you can, of course, bring a table skirt if you have one). If you are providing information free of cost to Conference participants, your table is free. If you tend to do any fund raising at the table University policy requires that you pay an exhibit fee of $12.00 for the table. If you plan to fund raise you may pay by check (make the check payable to Wisconsin Union), cash, or credit card (Visa or Master Card will be accepted). You should plan to pay a Memorial Union administrator the day of the conference. The information tables will be in Tripp Commons at the Memorial Union and we ask you to arrive at 8:00 a.m. on the 29th (take down by 3:00 p.m.); the Conference will begin at 9:00 a.m.

This very important conference for the Latina community would be an excellent venue for your materials.

For your convenience, I have attached a form that can be returned with your table reservation. We ask that you contact the Chicano Studies Program office at 263-4486 and make your reservation over the phone as well. We must have your reservation by April 21, 1995. Enclosed is a flyer about the conference. Thank you for your interest in Mujer Latina. If you have any further questions, please call me at 251-3668 Monday through Friday before 9:00 a.m.

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November 30, 1996

Struggle for Justice
Attn: David Giffey
6686 Amacher Hollow Road
Arena, Wisconsin 53503

Dear Mr. Giffey,

The following is written to support the photo-journalism exhibit: "Struggle for Justice." This project fits into our yearly academic programs to promote Chicano studies and cultural awareness on the UW-Madison campus. We'd like to see if the exhibition could coincide with either our 16 de Septiembre or Cinco de Mayo celebrations.

Please consider that we would begin to actively seek university support in developing and partially funding this activity. Most importantly, we have our own funding sources and budgets that can begin to help you with computer, printing, and publishing. We pledge a $1,000 matching in-kind contribution to this end. Best wishes in this worthy endeavor. En solidaridad.

Sincerely yours,

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Hon. Sen. Herb Kohl
Hon. Repr. Russ Feingold
Hon. Repr. Scott Klug

Since February 9th of this year, the Mexican government has been waging a war against its own people. Under the pretext of eliminating the Zapatista Army of National Liberation (EZLN), the Mexican military appears to be pursuing a campaign of random terror against the civilian population in southeast Chiapas, near the border with Guatemala. Those suspected of sympathizing with the Zapatistas have been threatened, tortured and murdered. Crops have been destroyed, and personal mobility has been restricted. Meanwhile, the Mexican government has refused to enter into a good faith dialogue concerning the demands for justice made by local indigenous and peasant groups. Instead, the government has issued a series of unreasonable ultimatums.

The U.S. government is now giving billions of dollars to bail out the Zedillo government, which will support return-on-investment for foreign investors and support Zedillo's policies to militarily "eliminate" the Zapatistas. Since these are taxpayers' dollars which neither benefit the majority of the American or Mexican citizens, we all have a responsibility to question the need for such a policy.

We urge you to contact the Mexican government and, as our representatives, demand:

- Immediate unconditional release of all Zapatista leaders and cancellation of their arrest warrants on "terrorist" charges,

- Immediate withdrawal of all Mexican military forces from the state of Chiapas and cessation of secret police operations against alleged Zapatista supporters elsewhere in Mexico,

- Immediate moratorium on all U.S. financial and military assistance to the Zedillo regime until it guarantees the recognition of human rights and resumes peace negotiations with the Zapatistas.

Name *Signature* *Address*