NACS XX, 1992, TO BE HELD IN SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS
MARCH 25-29, 1992, AT THE SHERATON GUNTER HOTEL

The theme is tentatively entitled "Twenty Years of Chicano Scholarship: 500 Years Towards a U.S. Latino Identity." The Conference Coordinator is Avelardo "Lalo" Valdez, Division of Social and Policy Sciences. The University of Texas at San Antonio, San Antonio, Texas 78285-0655; (512) 691-5614. The Conference will be coordinated through the Hispanic Research Center, Dr. Jesse Zapata, Director at UT-San Antonio; (512) 691-4124. A Call for Papers will be sent in the Fall and subsequent Noticias de NACS newsletters will also be coordinated through the Center.

Approximately 300 attended the 1991 NACS 19 Conference in Hermosillo, México. Sponsored by the University of Arizona, the theme was Los Dos México. There was a wide range of topics discussed in English and Spanish, and by Mexican and Chicano scholars. Lively discussions arose from such issues as the fast track, immigration, feminism, employment and labor issues. Bilingual interpreters assisted at all plenary sessions. It was an interesting conference and we came away enriched by the experiences en el otro lado.

Dr. Carlos Maldonado, Director of Chicano Education at Eastern Washington University is the new General Coordinator of the NACS Coordinating Committee. His address is 198 Monroe Hall, Eastern Washington University, Cheney, WA 99004; (509)359-2404. Maldonado is the Northwest FOCO Representative and has served on the Coordinating Committee for a year. The Coordinating Committee has grown in size in the last year due to the passage of resolutions at the 1990 Convention: that the PAC and Chicana Caucus repre-
CHICANA CAUCUS

The following women are the Chicana Caucus Regional Representatives. For more information on the Chicana Caucus contact:

1. Olivia Arrieta, Arizona
2. Irene I. Blea, National Chair, New Mexico
4. Marfa Dolores Gonzalez-Velásquez, Chair Elect
5. Lisa García, Midwest
6. Clara Lomas, Colorado
7. Merrihelen Posse, Rocky Mountain
8. Lucia Costa Reyna, Southern California, National Secretary
9. Paula Takash, Political Action Committee
10. Chelo Zepeda-Carter, East Coast
11. Juanita Luna Lawha, Texas

The Chicana Caucus Newsletter is distributed to members twice a year: prior to the MALCS Conference and one prior to the NACS Conference. For more information write or call: Irene I. Blea, National Chair, Hispanic/Chicano Student Services, 1153 Mesa Vista Hall, University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, NM 87131-2036; (505) 277-5020.

FREE TRADE AGREEMENT

NACS membership voted in Hermosillo to support a Political Action Committee resolution to oppose fast track strategy to the free trade agreement. As such, the spirit of the resolution was for a need for more information and a more thorough analysis of the issues. The FTA subcommittee is pursuing strategies for more analysis and a Chicano voice in the discussions. If you are interested in either working on the subcommittee or on providing an analysis of the implications of the FTA, please contact Yolanda Reyes, 1202 E. 45th St., #307, Austin, TX 78751; (512) 467-7522.

National Association for Chicano Studies
Financial Statement as of April 27, 1991

Balance: March 22, 1991 19,555.00
Expenses: March 22-April 24, 1991
3-27-91 Debbie Stors (editing) 105.00
February, Tatcho Mendiola (printing) 648.00
Northern California rebate 200.00
Northwest Rebate 250.00
Student Premios (2) 600.00
Total 1,803.00

Income
(closed California account to Iowa) 19,555.00
Balance April 27, 1991 17,752.00

Prepared by Rusty Barceló,
NACS Treasurer on April 27, 1991.

Please note: This budget does not include projected costs for publications, legal fees for securing non-profit status and other expenses which have not come through. These expenses are projected to be approximately $9,000.00. This budget also does not include projected income for the sale of NACS publications and additional money from the New Mexico conference. It is estimated that this income will total approximately $3,000.00. The monies which were transferred from the California account to the Iowa account included income from the New Mexico Conference.
This has been a complicated year for the Coordinating Committee. The search for a conference site was long and difficult. We were fortunate that the Mexican American Studies and Research Center at the University of Arizona was able to host the 1991 Conference, and we are grateful to them for all the work that they have put into this conference on such short notice. Special thanks to Dr. Macario Saldate, IV, Director; Bill Bourland and Tom Geimmon. The 1992 Conference will be held in San Antonio, Texas; the Conference Coordinator is Lalo Valdez. We hope to see you there.

Because we did not have a conference site, we at New Mexico volunteered to continue to publish the newsletter and to serve as a central place for NACS business. However, we are hampered by the fact that we had only one student employee (Helen Tafoya-Barraza) working 5 hours a week. Most of the business concerned the conference, the mailing list and publishing the newsletter. What this year has shown us is the necessity for a permanent site, for adequate support for distributing our publications, for maintaining the mailing list and for publishing the newsletter. We need stability and I hope that we will be able to concretely decide what we need in our permanent site and be able to establish one soon. Carlos Maldonado, the new General Coordinator of NACS, has been working on new guidelines for the site and we hope to have them ready by October.

Rusty Barcelo has been in charge of seeking 501-C4 status for our organization. This will make us a non-profit organization, but one that is able to lobby for causes. We have hired a lawyer and are making progress on this.

Finally we are working on a policy booklet that will clarify policy and resolutions that are not incorporated into the bylaws. This will help to guide future coordinating committees, as well as conference organizers. Devón Peña is in charge of this booklet and we hope to have it ready for your discussion by 1992. I want to thank the Coordinating Committee and those members of NACS who have given us their advice and wisdom this year in the face of difficult decisions. We want to thank you also for your patience.

The New Mexico FOCO was able to support 20 students and staff in attending the conference in Hermosillo. We are pleased that our work last year enabled us to finance them.

Dr. Tey Diana Rebolledo, General Coordinator, 1991.
NACS 1991 RESOLUTIONS

Rocky Mountain Region Resolutions

#1. The Rocky Mountain Region resolves that NACS take the strongest stand against the fast track approach to the Free Trade Agreement; that the Political Action Committee convey this position to the presidents of the United States and Mexico and elected officials.

#2. That NACS take a strong stand against the Quincentennial Celebration; that the Political Action Committee develop an informational pamphlet on these issues; that NACS develop 1992 as the Year of Indigenous people.

#3. It is hereby resolved that the National Association for Chicano Studies does officially endorse and sponsor the National Survey and Directory of Historical Museum Latino Professional Personnel. The National Survey and Art Directory are a project of the Mexican American Studies and Research Center of the University of Arizona. The Principal Investigator is Dr. Antonio Rio-Bustamante, MASRC Research Coordinator. A national advisory of the council of prominent Latino scholars has been established to advise in the conduct of the study and publication. Results will be published by the MASRC, University of Arizona.

Northern California FOCO Resolution

#4. The Northern California FOCO supports the spirit of the resolutions brought forth by the student caucus.

Midwest FOCO Resolutions

#5. The Midwest FOCO supports the spirit of the resolutions brought forth by the student caucus.

#6. The Midwest FOCO also supports the water and land rights of the indigenous peoples on the U.S.-Mexican border.

#7. The Midwest FOCO resolves that NACS support the National Self-Determination of Native Americans throughout the western hemisphere, in general, and the O'odham people residing in Arizona and Sonora, in particular. NACS must actively support the struggle for every land claim and recognition of aboriginal and treaty rights which native people are putting forward. Specifically, as we have met there in the Sonoran desert, NACS must support the O'odham in Sonora and Arizona in their quest to ensure their rights to land and water in the Coborca and Sonora regions of this Mexican state and the Ajo Valley and organ pipe cactus National Monument of Arizona, and to encourage state officials of both countries to openly negotiate with the Hia-ced O'odham program, the Tohono O'dham in Mexico office, and the defenders of O'odham land rights, Inc.

#8. NACS is encouraged to make the nationhood of Native people an integral part of the strategy for Chicano liberation. NACS, an organization of scholars dedicated to struggle, must educate the working classes of all backgrounds about the oppression of Native people, about their struggle for national liberation, and about the working classes' fundamental interest in supporting this struggle unconditionally.

Political Action Committee Resolutions

#9. Whereas, the Political Action Committee determines that the Free Trade Agreement is of critical importance to both Chicana/os and Mexicana/os.

Therefore, we request a mandate from the National Association for Chicana/o Studies to carry out the following strategies to stop review of fast track action:

A) Establish a PAC subcommittee to research and develop an analysis of the Free Trade Agreement.

B) That the information generated be provided to NACS possibly through a plenary on the Free Trade Agreement.
C) Establish links to other groups that are concerned about the Free Trade Agreement.
D) Begin a process to lobby Congress and other appropriate groups.

#10. Be it resolved that PAC will write a letter in support of Gonzalo Santos, SUNY-Binghamton, and his efforts in regard to the National Association of Scholars' attempt to discredit multi-cultural education.

Colorado Resolution

#11. The National Association for Chicano Studies at its 19th Annual Conference conducted on April 24-27, 1991, in Hermosillo, Sonora, Mexico unanimously:

Recalling its dedication to solidarity with all of the People of our Mother Earth who share our condition of institutionalized alienation from our homeland;

Guided by the Natural Law which is the root source of all current International and Domestic Law institutionalized each People's right to peaceful sovereignty and self-determination;

Appreciating that the lands now known as "the Americas" have been inhabited by many and various Nations of Indigenous People since time immemorial;

Having examined the current proposals for a "Celebration of the Columbus Quincentennial;"

Considering the complex historical factors which are responsible for the present situation including:

1) Genocide of the Original People of the Americas of a magnitude unprecedented in human history,
2) Subjugation of thousands - if not millions - of the Original People into slavery,
3) The selfish and irresponsible exploitation and contamination of our Mother Earth which threatens not only the Original People of the Americas but all of its other inhabitants, non-human and human alike, with disease, death, and extinction,
4) The attempts by European-American ideologies to claim that all inhabitants of the Americas are immigrants,

5) The fact that Chicanos, as a People, embody the 500 years of European domination and exploitation, having suffered loss of our original lands, names, languages, lifestyles, and traditions, and

6) The recent attempt to re-name us "Hispanic" in order to claim that our homeland is Spain; and

Mindful of the role an informed and committed People can play in debunking the false mythology of Columbus' "discovery of America" and rectifying the conditions imposed on us by institutionalization of this historic lie:

1) Welcomes the initiatives taken by the Indigenous People of the Americas to repudiate the proposed "Columbus Quincentennial Celebration" with both ideas and actions;
2) Encourages both Indigenous and Non-indigenous People throughout the world to achieve a just and respectful reconciliation based on the true facts of history and regret any glorification of Columbus and European colonization;
3) Reiterates its belief that Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms must be understood, respected, and promulgated by individuals as well as by private and corporate institutions as well as by institutions of local, internal, or autonomous government no less than by States; and

4) Requests its Chair to convey copies of this resolution to all interested parties along with assurances of the National Association for Chicano Studies to directing its membership to develop, implement, and maintain concrete projects to achieve the following goals:

A) Reject the false mythology of a European "discovery of America;"
B) Present an historically accurate account of the activities of Columbus, his followers, and his historical heirs;
C) Repudiate and refute the currently fashionable notion of "Hispanicism" which seeks to paint all Latin-Americans with the same broad brush, a notion which contradicts the fact that the vast majority of Latino people are indigenous to this continent regardless of the European imperial imperative to Hispanicize them;
D) Provide all possible support to the indigenous People of this hemisphere who continue to suffer loss of life, liberty, and property, including demanding that the monies and resources being wasted on "Discovery" celebrations be redirected to victims of 500 years of European and Neo-European domination;
E) Support the return of all sacred objects, including codices and human remains, stolen by and still in the possession of Museums, other governments and other collectors;
F) Seek the immediate cessation of the USA Immigration and Naturalization Service's and the USA Census Bureau's policy of forcing Traditional Indigenous People from the south of the current USA/Mexico border to formally identify themselves as "Spanish/Hispanic" thus forcing them to be accessories to their own genocide;
G) Endorse and encourage further endorsement, of the UN's Declaration of Indigenous Rights; and
H) Reconcile the differences and divisions among the Native People of the Americas resulting from European and Euro-American distortions of this hemisphere's indigenous historical and political processes and also seeking to establish mutually respectful relations with all Peoples, Nations, and Governments who share our concerns for justice and dignity;

Be it further resolved, that NACS, through its Political Action Committee will work closely with the National Chicano Human Rights Council to implement the above stated goals.

STUDENT RESOLUTIONS

The NACS membership voted in favor of the spirit of the Student Resolutions; that the resolutions be used as a guide for the Coordinating Committee and Conference Organizers.

#1 We demand the Chicana/o Studies Department at all educational levels (i.e. in every institution of higher education). In addition, we demand member faculty be responsible for promoting, encouraging, and supporting, student participation and decision-making rules. Furthermore, we ask that NACS organize a press conference publicly stating support of the UCLA Chicana/o Studies Department.

#2 We demand equal representation of women and men at every facet of the NACS conference and decision-making roles.

#3 We condemn the usage of the word Hispanic. It has historically denied us part of our indigenous identity and our national identity.

#4 Be it resolved that the NACS student caucus demands the Free Trade Agreements be debated among NACS members, including student and faculty at the university level, as well as community members (i.e. our sisters and brothers above and below the border) in Mexico, the United States, and Canada. In addition, we ask that NACS state a clear position on Free Trade Agreement, that it publicize through PAC, and that NACS leadership participate in hearings.

#5 We ask the NACS student caucus are against the Quincentennial celebration and commemoration. We demand that NACS endorse the 500 years of resistance and denounce the Quincentennial celebration and commemoration. We propose the following plan of action:

A. State its position in its official letter;
B. To hold a press conference publicly stating its position;
C. Each campus with NACS faculty and students work together to denounce the Quincentennial celebration and commemoration at each individual campus;
D. That NACS Leaders organize an alliance with community, labor, academicians and Indigenous peoples;
E. That the next NACS conference being organized in San Antonio be planned to be a national organization to protest the Quincentennial. Each campus organized at the local level;
F. Address the fact that a resolution has already been passed regarding NACS endorsement of the indigenous people theme “500 Years of Resistance” and supporting indigenous populations efforts in opposing the Quincentennial celebration at the 1990 NACS Conference and has not been followed on or has been ignored; and

#6 Be it enacted by the National Association for Chicano Studies that all pre-conference orientations be organized by MECHA leadership and other Chicano/o organizations in conjunction with NACS regional and student regional representatives for the purpose of informing the students of the history, pending issues, issues and concerns which may be potential resolutions, and a briefing of logistics. Also, that the Plan de Santa Barbara be a part of the orientations as a guideline and source of historical information. In addition and efforts to promote recruitment for students to attend NACS we propose that publicity efforts be extended to contacting all Chicano organizations, that other departments be contacted so they can notify Chicano students in their departments, that regional and student regional representatives work closely on carrying out this network for their own particular region, and that publicity be provided through means of letters, newsletters, fliers, etc.

#7 Be it enacted by the National Association for Chicano Studies that the 1990 Student Caucus resolution be implemented by NACS.

#8 We demand that the speaker of the student plenary be a student selected by the student standing committee through nominations from each region.

#9 We demand that the student standing committee be composed of the student regional representatives, so that there will be no question of who is accountable on the committee; also, so that needs from each region will be addressed, and voiced to the co-chairs, and from them to the NACS National Coordinating Committee.

#10 We demand that the female and male co-chairs be nominated and elected at the second student caucus meeting (not including the plenary) at every NACS conference.

#11 We demand that a student fund be set aside by the NACS National Coordinating Committee and FOCOs which will be composed of monies from registration fees, fund raising, etc., in which both FOCO and NACS will each cover 25% of each student regional representative and 50% of each co-chair. This money will serve for the sole propose of encouraging and facilitating the coming together of the student standing committee and co-chairs for their meetings, and to help the co-chairs attend the NACS National Coordinating Committee meetings.

#12 We propose to ensure the accountability of NACS to the students, and to ensure that the above and previous resolutions be implemented, we the student caucus, will remain informed through the co-chairs, students regional representatives, etc.

#13 Be it resolved by the NACS Student Caucus that a student organized East Coast student FOCO be added and welcomed at the 1992 conference: Whereas, there is an established Chicano community that has been active for the past quarter century on the East Coast which includes professors, undergraduates and graduate students; and, given the tradition and spirit of NACS, an organization founded in part by students, it is of extreme importance to support a resolution which would encourage and foster scholarship by Chicano scholars wherever they reside.
CALL FOR PAPERS
SPECIAL NACS VOLUME
NACS and the Chicano Community
Please send your paper of any length (10-12 pages recommended) on the theme of scholarship and the community. Topics include struggles in the academy, critiques of public policy approaches, U.S.-Mexico relations, the personal as political, and connections to grassroots organizing efforts. Particular topics might include 500 years of resistance, Free Trade Agreement, curriculum development, Chicano Studies in the era of "Hispanic" politics, etc. Our hope is to have the volume by the 1992 conference. Send two copies to Teresa Córdova, c/o Southwest Hispanic Research Institute, The University of New Mexico, 1829 Sigma Ct., Albuquerque, NM 87131-1036; (505) 277-2965.

Deadline: August 15, 1991

NACS ARCHIVE
The Benson Latin American Collection at the University of Texas-Austin has been the designated archives repository for official NACS documents. Therefore, the membership of NACS, particularly former and current coordinating committee members, are strongly urged to send copies of conference papers, abstracts, programs, posters, minutes, resolutions, committee reports, correspondence, etc., to the Benson Collection. Special attention should be paid to the period prior to 1980, as well as those papers from the past two or three meetings. Materials should be addressed as follows:

Margo Gutiérrez
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CALL FOR 1993 AND 1994
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The National Coordinating Committee is soliciting proposals for the 1993, XXI and 1994, XXII Annual Conferences. The proposal should include a realistic budget, supporting letters from key administrators (e.g. Dean, President of the University) projected dates and location. A tentative conference theme should be noted. Please forward proposals to host the 1993 and 1994 Conferences to:

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