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During the past ten years there have been many challenges to the field of Chicano Studies, but our discipline has continued to survive. Unfortunately, the next decade appears to contain the same challenges, plus new ones, for Chicano Studies. Given the climate currently being developed by the federal government, it looks as though the next ten years will present even greater attempts to stifle non-traditional associations such as ours. In view of this "trend", it becomes imperative for those of us involved in Chicano Studies to work even harder at making our discipline stronger.

This past year has indeed been a very successful one for NACS. This spring we ventured out of the comfortable confines of the Southwest to host our first-ever national conference in the Midwest at Eastern Michigan University. The results were very encouraging and gave strong evidence that the Chicano spirit does exist everywhere, even if accompanied by a little snow. This year also brought the association a new publication - History, Culture, and Society: Chicano Studies in the 1980s. This book is a publication of selected proceedings from the past three annual conferences. The Editorial Committee is currently working on preparation of the proceedings from the national conference held this spring at Eastern Michigan. Finally, our membership is at an all-time high - over 200 dues-paying members!! This is something we need to continue to improve if we are to maintain and further develop our association. Membership forms can be found at the end of the newsletter for you to pass on to someone else to encourage them to join the association.

It is clear that this next decade for NACS will contain major challenges to our survival. However, in view of the accomplishments of our association this past year, it is also equally clear that we can meet these challenges.

Miguel A. Carranza  
Outgoing NACS Chair

## NACS XI HELD AT EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

The eleventh national conference of the National Association for Chicano Studies was held April 14th-16th at Eastern Michigan University in Ypsilanti, Michigan. The conference was very successful and attended by some 1200 participants. There were over 150 presentations given during the meetings. In addition, there was a national Chicano Art Exhibit, a Chicano film festival, and readings of creative literature, as well as other social and cultural events.

The Site Committee, headed by Gary Keller and Hector Garza, should be commended for preparing such an excellent conference. We would also like to take this time to give our appreciation to Eastern Michigan University for hosting the conference. It is a reflection of the strong commitment for Chicano Studies held by our colegas in the Midwest.

## NACS XII TO BE HELD AT THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS MARCH 8TH-10TH, 1984

The twelfth annual NACS conference will be held at the University of Texas in Austin, Texas. March 8th-10th have tentatively been selected as the dates for the conference. The conference site committee is being chaired by Gilbert Cardenas, and any suggestions for topics, sessions, etc., to be held at the conference should be directed to Gil at the following address:

Gilbert Cardenas  
NACS XII  
Mexican American Studies Center  
University of Texas  
Austin, TX 78712

Further details regarding the conference, as well as a call for papers, will be coming in the early fall.

## ELECTIONS HELD AT NATIONAL CONFERENCE

Several elections were held at the ~~XV~~<sup>XI</sup>th Annual conference at Eastern Michigan. New regional representatives were elected at the regional caucuses held during the conference. The new Coordinating Committee for 1983-84 is the following:

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| Carl Allsup (83-84)<br>Indiana University-Northwest        | Midwest Region  |
| Irene Blea (83-85)<br>Metropolitan State College           | Colorado Region |
| Avelardo Valdez (83-85)<br>University of Texas-San Antonio | Texas Region    |

Ed Mayer (83-84)  
University of Utah

Rocky Mountain Region

Fernando Penalosa (83-85)  
CSU-Long Beach

Southern California Region

Alma Garcia (83-84)  
University of Santa Clara

Northern California Region

Gilbert Cardenas  
University of Texas-Austin

Chair, Site Committee

As voted on by the NACS membership at the general business meeting, beginning this year Regional representatives will be elected for two-year terms. In order to provide continuity and overlap from year to year, those representatives serving two-year terms beginning this year are the Southern California, Colorado, and Texas regional representatives. Thereafter, all representatives will be elected for two-year terms. Terms are indicated in parentheses after the name of each representative.

In addition, two positions were open on the editorial committee. Teresa cordova and Juan Garcia were elected to these positions for two-year terms. The Editorial Committee for 1983-84 is the following:

John Garcia (82-84)  
University of Arizona

Teresa Cordova (83-85)  
University of California-Berkeley

Juan Garcia (83-85)  
University of Arizona

#### JULIAN SAMORA NAMED NACS SCHOLAR

At the most recent meetings held at Eastern Michigan University Julian Samora was presented the NACS Scholar award. This award is given to an individual in recognition for their significant contributions to the field of Chicano Studies. Two criteria which this recognition is based upon are: 1) a scholar's personal history of involvement in the development of Chicano Studies, and 2) his/her contributions to scholarly research on the Mexican population in the U.S.

Julian has been a strong supporter of Chicano Studies, not only at the University of Notre Dame, but nationwide. He has been a major catalyst for the works on Chicanos being published by the University of Notre Dame Press. In addition, he has written several major works in the field of Chicano Studies as well as numerous articles. This award is definitely well merited.

## NACS PROCEEDINGS PUBLISHED BY THE BILINGUAL PRESS

The Bilingual Press has recently published selected proceedings from the previous three NACS conferences. Entitled HISTORY, CULTURE, AND SOCIETY: CHICANO STUDIES IN THE 1980S, this book is a collection of articles presented at the Houston, Riverside and Tempe conferences. The initial editorial review of the articles submitted for the proceedings was conducted by the NACS Editorial Committee, co-chaired by Mario T. Garcia and Francisco Lomeli. Final review of the manuscript was performed by the Bilingual Press, under the general editorship of Gary Keller.

The proceedings are part of the membership package for those who are current members of the association. Those persons who join NACS for 1983 will receive a complimentary copy of the book. The Proceedings are being sold by the Bilingual Press for \$10.00. NACS would like to encourage its members to adopt this text for classroom use whenever possible. There are a limited number of single copies available from the association for the discount price of \$8.00. The association will continue to offer the proceedings at this price until our supply is exhausted. To obtain a copy, please send the correct amount in care of Miguel Carranza at the following address:

NACS Proceedings  
Institute for Ethnic Studies  
University of Nebraska-Lincoln  
Lincoln, NE 68588-0335

## CALL FOR CONFERENCE HOSTS FOR 1985 AND 1986

NACS is issuing a call for proposals to host the 1985 and 1986 national conferences. The proposals will be reviewed by the NACS Coordinating Committee and then submitted to a vote of the association's membership at the annual business meeting to be held next spring at the University of Texas.

The proposal to sponsor the annual meeting should indicate in writing the willingness and commitment of the institution(s) and/or community organization(s) to undertake the task. This proposal must come from the program, department, agency or institution who is accepting responsibility for planning, organizing, coordinating, and conducting the conference. The local site committee can expect the full cooperation of the NACS Coordinating Committee, however, very limited financial support is offered by the association. For further details regarding specific guidelines for submission of proposals, please contact any member of the Coordinating Committee.

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