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MEChA

Celebration remembers freedom day

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Members of MEChA, the University's Chicano Student Union, will kick off the annual Chicano Cultural Week this afternoon in celebration of Cinco De Mayo.

The Cinco De Mayo (May 5) Celebration commemorates the Batalla de Puebla (Battle of Puebla) of 1862, in which Mexican forces won a military victory over the French army seeking to establish colonies in Mexico. The victory sparked Mexican forces to fight the invasion, which ultimately led to the destruction of French colonial rule in Mexico.

A film entitled, "Mexico, The Frozen Revolution," will be shown at 12:30 today in the EMU Forum, followed by a 1:30 p.m. discussion on immigration, presented by the Willamette Valley Immigration Project, in the Forum.

The MEChA and HEP (High School Equivalency Program) offices have open houses all day today, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. MEChA is located at Room 333 EMU, and HEP is at Emerald Hall.

Other films to be shown throughout the week at 12:30 p.m. in the Forum Room include "Impression of Prejudice," Tuesday; "Sit down, Shut up or Get out," Wednesday; "Red, White, Blue and Brown," Thursday and "Yo Soy Chicaco," Friday.

A variety of guest speakers are also scheduled. Salvador Ramirez of the Colegio Cesar Chavez in Mt. Angel, Ore., will speak on "Chicanos in Higher Education" 4 p.m. Tuesday in 167 EMU. Jose Bustos, candidate for State Labor Commissioner, will talk at 3:30 p.m. Wednesday in 167 EMU. His topic will be "Chicanos in Politics."

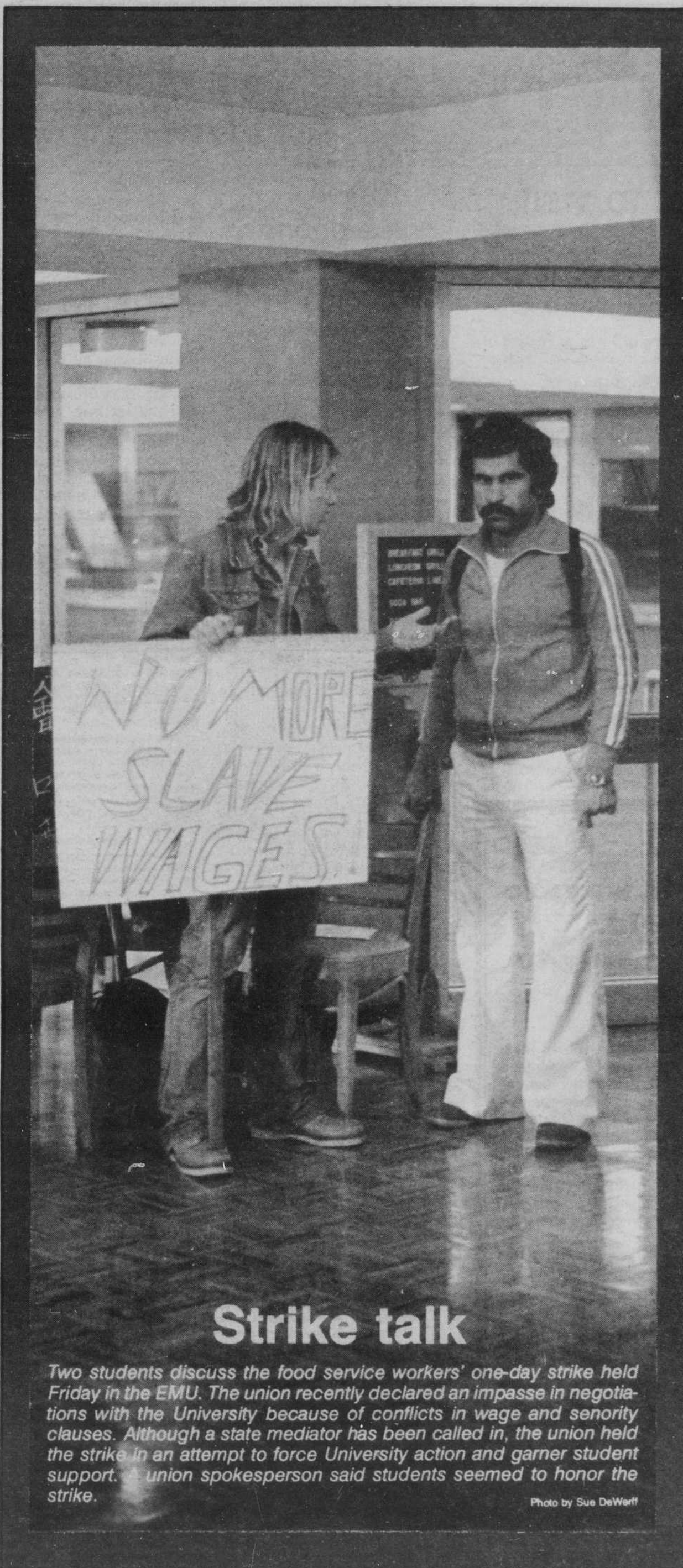
Thursday, Argentina de Erdman of the Oregon Committee to the Humanities, will discuss male-female relations in Mexico at 1:30 p.m. in the Forum Room.

A dance is slated for Friday from 8 to 1 a.m. at the Eugene Hotel, featuring Chicano, Mexican and Salsa music performed by "Machete." Admission is \$1.50.

A pinata and potluck picnic is also part of the celebration agenda, to be held at 1 p.m. Saturday at Skinner's Butte Park for University students, faculty, staff and their children.

The Chicano Cultural Night festivities Sunday round out the week. This evening of dinner and entertainment begins at 6:30 p.m. in the EMU Ballroom. Abelardo Delgado, Chicano poet and writer from Denver, Colo., will highlight the event, which will also feature authentic Mexican food, dances and live music.

Cost of the Cultural Night is \$2 for students, \$2.50 for the public and \$1 for children under 12.



Strike talk

Two students discuss the food service workers' one-day strike held Friday in the EMU. The union recently declared an impasse in negotiations with the University because of conflicts in wage and seniority clauses. Although a state mediator has been called in, the union held the strike in an attempt to force University action and garner student support. A union spokesperson said students seemed to honor the strike.

Photo by Sue DeWitt

Tuition

Committee recommends another hike

Tuition will increase next fall for all University students, according to a proposal endorsed Friday by the State Board of Higher Education finance committee meeting in La-Grande.

The committee will recommend to the full board May 26 that Oregon's three public universities increase resident undergraduate tuition \$9 a term. The proposed tuition would raise the \$181 current rate to \$190 beginning fall term.

The committee recommended that out-of-state students again pay 100 percent of the cost of instruction. This means non-resident undergraduate tuition would rise \$46 per term from \$829.50 to \$875.50. Non-resident graduate students would pay \$441 per term, a \$69 increase, while resident graduate students would pay \$329 per term, up \$6.

The proposed tuition schedule also includes increases as high as \$91 per semester for non-resident law school students.

The recommendation was based upon principles followed by the Ways and Means Committee of the 1977 Legislative Assembly, in estimating student income to fund the 1977-79 budget. The proposed increases require students to pay the same percentage of the cost of their education as they presently pay.

The finance committee recommended that resident undergraduates pay 23.5 percent of the cost of instruction, while resident graduate students pay 28.5 percent of the cost.

In other business, the finance committee discussed its review of capital construction requests for one of three proposed additions at the University.

Major additions for the 1979-81 biennium include proposals for a \$2.65 million additional to the School of Architecture and Allied Arts, a \$3.1 million addition to the College of Education and a \$1.2 million addition to the University Library.

The committee included only the architecture school project in its recommendation to the Legislature. University Pres. William Boyd testified at the meeting, objecting to the dismissal of the two University projects. He said the projects should be presented to the Legislature so it would consider the needs of the University even if funding is not available.

Boyd's comments will be taken under consideration at the board meeting next month in Portland.

The finance committee will ask the board for authorization to solicit bids and award contracts for automatic fire protection systems in Carson Hall and the University Inn, at an expected cost of \$450,000.