

of admission."

The independent college is the only existing Chicano-oriented college in the country, Ramirez claims.

"It's very hard to get support for a college for minorities," he says. "There were nine minority colleges when we put out this year's catalog, and they've all succumbed to political pressure."

Colegio Cesar Chavez has faced pressures and obstacles from the federal government and the community since its founding in 1974.

Opposition from Mount Angel was based on "their attitudes towards minorities and Chicanos in particular," Ramirez said. "Harassment included breaking windows, painting filthy words on sidewalks and buildings, and trying to provoke our people into violence. But since our philosophy is non-violent, we were able to avoid any major conflicts."

"All that has died down, and we are now on good terms with the community," he said.

The legal problems with the Department of Housing and Urban Development ended Sept. 18, 1978 when the colegio bought the campus from HUD for \$250,000.

The campus was originally built by an order of Benedictine nuns as a girl's school. By 1965 it was a co-educational teaching college, and in July 1973 it became Colegio Cesar Chavez.

Its funding comes mainly from the federal government, Ramirez says, with occasional grants from companies like The Tektronix Foundation.

The National Farm Workers Association gave the colegio a grant to construct two solar-powered greenhouses, which are now in operation.

The colegio will not be eligible for any financial help from the state of Oregon until it is fully accredited by the Northwest Association of Schools and Col-

leges. It is scheduled to receive accreditation in 1981.

The colegio is named in tribute to the farm workers' leader Cesar Chavez.

"I wouldn't want to say it's his baby," Hinosa says with a smile, "but he's honored by our naming the colegio after him, and he's been very supportive. He's endorsed us and visited several times."

County approves planners

The Lane County Board of Commissioners approved the hiring of four men for the Planning Commission after finding their selection followed county hiring procedures.

Appointed to the commission are Dennis Cuddeback, investor and junior vice president of Cuddeback Lumber Co.; Dr. Clark Roeder, dentist; Gene James, realtor; and Gary Suthley, cement truck driver.

Controversy over the appointments had arisen when Jane Calvert, president of the Central Lane County League of Women Voters questioned the method in which the nominees were selected.

She also said the candidates should have been

interviewed for the position.

Additionally, brief application forms filled out by the four appointees indicated that all had substantial interest in property development.

According to the Lane County Manual, only two members of the planning commission can be principally involved in real estate, and no more than two can have the same occupation.

All appointees but James were quizzed about their involvement in real estate development by Barbara West, county community relations director.

West determined that Roeder and Suthley were not chiefly involved in real estate, either as individuals or as members of a firm.

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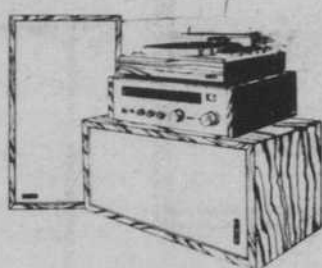
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