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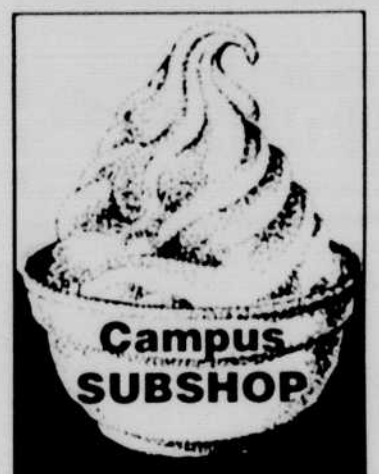

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Judge says don't forget heritage

By Daralyn Trappe
Emerald Associate Editor

A Latino judge from Texas, speaking Monday as part of the Cinco de Mayo celebration, told students of his race at the University to aim high in their goals but always remember the challenges facing "la raza" — the Latino race.

State Circuit Court Judge Pablo Avila spoke of the celebration that goes along with Cinco de Mayo — the commemoration of the day in 1862 when Mexican forces fought off French attempts to capture the town of Puebla. He asked the crowd to keep the true meaning of the day in mind.

"Everytime a Chicano looks to something that will give him a sense of pride, he looks to Cinco de Mayo," Avila said. "There are a lot of things for us to be proud about, but this should be a time for us to think about what happened in Puebla."

Avila issued a challenge to everyone in the audience.

"Every year, make Cinco de Mayo a celebration, but take a moment of your time to reflect on yourselves," he said. "Ask yourself, 'Do I have pride in myself? What have I done for la raza?'

"If you cannot feel that you have accomplished something, then you have nothing to feel proud about. If you can look at yourself and say, 'I have my degree, and I have done these things to help my people,' that's important. And even small things will go a long way."

Avila repeated the words of author Fredrick Douglass, who told blacks in the North during the Civil War they would never be free as long as other blacks in the South were slaves. It is the same for Latinos, Avila said.

"As long as there are la raza who are being oppressed," he said, "we are all oppressed."

Avila told the Latino audience that it is important for them to get their degrees and achieve great things, but a unique responsibility comes with that.

"You will be role models if you are successful," he said. "You will live a life where you will be in the limelight. You will be in the establishment and you will be looked at. Learn how not to be de-sensitized, not to be complacent.

"There is nothing wrong with you attending an Anglo university," Avila said. "There is nothing wrong with wanting to get a degree, wanting a six-figure income and a BMW, as long as you never turn your back on la raza."

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Keller only candidate for Ward 2

The race for Eugene City Council Ward 2 is not much of a contest, considering Barbara Keller is the only person running for the seat left by mayoral candidate Ruth Bascom.

Although Keller is running unopposed, she has built a platform stressing downtown development and housing with a focus on the creation of a new central library in the old Sears building on the Eugene Mall.

Keller said she will support a bond measure to pay for the library.

"Based on the feedback I'm getting, I think it will pass," she said.

Another issue Keller said concerns her is the housing and transportation conditions in Eugene. Specifically, she is worried about the University plan to renovate Amazon family housing and raise rents.

"The lack of provisions to help low-income student families is a concern," Keller said.

On a more general note, Keller said she would use her position to lobby in Salem for the city and University students.

"I would like to move the City Council to be more active on voicing their concerns at the state level," she said.

Barbara Keller

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MEETINGS

Non-traditional Student Coffee Hour will be Wednesday from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. outside the Women's Center.

Student Health Insurance Committee will meet today at 7:30 a.m. in the EMU Board Room.

Campus radio will have a meeting tonight at 6 in Room 154 Straub.

MISCELLANEOUS

Cinco de Mayo:
• Kuiz Kalkatt will speak on the future for Chicanos tonight at 7 in Room 123 Pacific.
• Yoland Lopez will speak about her "Mask of Mexico" art exhibit tonight at 8 in Room 110 Pacific.

University Day ORP orientation will be tonight at 5 in the EMU Oak Room.

Jesus Week 1992 information and book table will be in the EMU Lobby today from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

RELIGION

McKenzie Study Center is sponsoring three 1-hour seminars tonight from 7 to 10.

Dr. Otto Helweg will speak about "The Scientific Evidence for the Existence of God" tonight at 7:30 in Room 150 Columbia. Helweg's speech will be followed by a discussion at 8:30 in the EMU Ben Linder Room.

Deadline for submitting Et Als to the Emerald *front desk, EMU Suite 300, is noon the day before publication. Et Als run the day of the event unless the event takes place before noon.*

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Dr. Otto Helweg is Chairman of the Civil Engineering Department at Memphis State University, having received degrees from the U.S. Naval Academy, U.C.L.A., Fuller Theological Seminary and Colorado State University. He has been a member of the Civil Engineering Departments at the University of California and Texas A & M. He received the National Science Award from the Association of Ground Water Hydrologists and Engineers in 1983 as the most outstanding hydrological scientist in the United States. He has had extensive experience overseas, serving in the Middle East for 10 years. He is a U.N. Expert and served as a consultant for the U.N. in India. His funded research awards total over $1.8 million. He has authored three books and more than 100 technical articles.

Further Opportunities to hear Dr. Helweg:
WEDNESDAY 5/6
10:00 am, **"Ethics and Modern Man,"** Ben Linder room, EMU
The various ethical schools are reviewed and this talk argues that only a Christian world view forms a consistent basis for prescriptive ethics. The main problem is not knowing what to do, but doing what we know; that is, we need an absolute standard, and motivation to strive toward that standard. Christianity gives both.
4:30 pm, **"Betting against God; Pascal's Great Wager,"** Willamette 100
Pascal was one of the greatest minds ever to live. This talk gives a brief overview of his life and explains his "great wager," which basically says that to "bet on God" yields everything to gain and nothing to lose. Modern decision theory seeks to maximize expected utility and sets decisions up in a matrix. Expected utility is explained and a decision matrix is set up to analyze whether or not to accept Christ (a variant of Pascal's wager).
THURSDAY 5/7
10:00 am, **"The Myth of Moral Neutrality In Academia,"** Bean Complex East Conference Room
This talk argues that, in spite of the "theology in/theology out" assumption of academia, one arrives at a firmer basis of truth by acknowledging that one's world view profoundly effects, if not determines, the approach and conclusions scholars make in their disciplines.
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