

Student unions

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Singleton said. "They shouldn't be afraid to give it a try. We will find something for them to be a part of."

Beginning Oct. 13, the BSU will hold bimonthly meetings. To find out more, students can go to EMU Suite 25 or call 346-4379.

MEChA (Movimiento Estudiantil Chicano de Aztlan)

"When I first came here, I was really lost as to what I was going to do, where I was going to go," MEChA co-director Mario Sifuentes said. "MEChA provided a base for me, somewhere to go when I needed help with anything, whether it be schoolwise or personal."

MEChA provides support and a community for Chicano and Latino students on campus.

MEChA is also an activist group and Sifuentes said this year they plan to address issues of increasing the number of bilingual and Latino workers in Oregon Hall, implementing a Chicano studies program and continuing to educate the University about the Gardenburger boycott.

Another program MEChA sponsors is the Ganas program at Kennedy Middle School where three times a week MEChA students tutor and plan educational programs about Chicano and Latino heritage for children of Latino descent.

"We make them more informed about their background and teach them things they don't normally learn in school," Sifuentes said. "This really gives these kids a sense of accomplishment."

MEChA is looking for more volunteers to help with this program, Sifuentes said. He also hopes to get more student unions involved.

Kicking off its cultural events for the term, MEChA will host Daniel Valdez and Teatro Campesino, a theater group put together by the United Farm Workers. The group formed during the era of Cesar Chavez during the farmworker strikes and boycotts. The performance will be in the Multicultural Center today at 1 p.m.

This term, MEChA is also sponsoring a Día de los Muertos (Day of the Dead) celebration, Nov. 2. This is a traditional Mexican holiday that celebrates death and life.

MEChA is looking for program coordinators and a volunteer to help start a newsletter. For more information, stop by the EMU Suite 30 or call 346-3508. Regular meetings will be held every Thursday at 5:30 p.m. starting Oct. 15.

"I can't stress enough the importance of this office," Sifuentes said. "This place has done a lot of good things and there's a lot to get done."

Multicultural Center

Unlike many student groups, the MCC downstairs in the EMU, Suite 33, doesn't have an active members list or regular meetings. In fact, many students seen in the MCC are members of other unions.

"Our purpose is to provide a place to have meetings, a place to feel comfortable," Resource Coordinator Serena Markstrom said.

Besides its function as a general meeting area, the MCC helps co-sponsor many events with other student unions. "We try to build unity and collaboration within the student unions," Program Advocate Huy Ong said.

Markstrom said the MCC has the largest available resource center for the student unions. Material topics range from local to global issues and are available to be checked out by any student.

One of the main events the MCC is co-sponsoring this term is

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