MEChA FIGHTS FOR CHICANO STUDIES

BY EWAN TOLEDO

El Plan de Southwestern College has not gone as planned. Time for El Plan B. MEChA's 10-point proposal to create a Chicano Studies department got the "once over lightly" from college administrators and faculty leaders, according to MEChA leader Julia Wosick, one of the student leaders who advocated for the plan.

Based on the seminal El Plan de Santa Barbara, the Southwestern College proposal outlines a vision for a modern Chicano Studies program as a frontier campus — America's closest college to Mexico. Student leaders have argued that colleges and universities around America already have modern Chicano Studies programs and curriculum, but not their own college that is between 65 and 70 percent Latino.

During the pandemic, SC student Myriam Ortiz collaborated with MEChA (Movimiento Estudiantil Chicano de Aztlán) on the plan. Ortiz said she was motivated when colleges and universities around America already have modern Chicano Studies programs and curriculum, but not their own college that is between 65 and 70 percent Latino.

CONGRATS GRADS!

southwestern College's new and greatly improved stadium still could not fit all the 2023 graduates and their cheering sections, so for the first time ever the college held two celebrations.

More than 800 students were split into morning and afternoon ceremonies, both of which drew near-capacity crowds to DeVore Stadium. Students were greeted by the schools' presenting professors and to speeches.

Among the special guests were Latin Grammy-winning guitarist and Spanish knight Pepe Romero, a friend of Chicano Studies department Sandra Scheller, and Chula Vista Mayor John McCann, a former student and adjunct instructor.

A resurgent swim team smashed 11 school records and won four conference championships in a meet hosted at the new aquatic center.

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HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENT

Sandra Scheller, the tireless Holocaust educator and human rights activist, was presented the Southwestern College Honorary Degree for her decades of service. Her mother, Holocaust survivor Ruth Goldschmiedova, was the recipient in 2018. Scheller's latest exhibit will be hosted for one year at the Rancho San Diego Library in El Cajun.

HUMANITARIAN FOUNDED SCHOOLS IN TIJUANA DUMPS

BY CAMILA A. GONZALEZ

When David Lynch told a friend that the Tijuana school he taught in was a dump, his friend assumed it was a rhetorical flourish. No. Lynch literally taught in the dump. A humble humanitarian