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FAITH

Editor:

When I congratulated Eric Cohen on the last issue — I told him it was one of the rare issues that really kept faith with his readers — he mentioned that some students were upset because it was not partisan enough, not hostile enough to the administration. I'm sure that is true. The reaction reminds me of the sad letters city newspapers print from time to time complaining that the newspaper prints too much unhappy news, that newspapers should feature only “positive” news.

In both cases, some readers mistake a newspaper for a propaganda device, and show little respect for the intelligence of other readers. Newspapers print unhappy and unbiased information because it is a newspaper’s job to convey to its readers what is happening. (Editors give comment on the side, but are not essential.) And a good newspaper — college newspapers are no different — doesn’t distort the news to please the preconceptions of those who want only happy news or only hostile attitudes.

So again I thank the Pawprint for at least one issue that respects us enough to give us the news whole, believably, and that lets us draw our own conclusions. Can we hope for more?

Ed White
English Department

UNDERSTAND!

Editor:

There is intrinsic dignity in human beings which must not be ignored or abdicated to any state, institution or tyrant. People have been robbed, raped, beaten, and enslaved by institutions and tyrants until they have lost all but a tiny, fading spark of freedom and dignity. What is beyond freedom and dignity? The state! A state like Cal State, a mentally murdering state; a state more important than the people it is supposed to serve; a state bent on perpetuating itself no matter what the price; a state whose laws, religions and educational facilities force discipline and conformity (at the expense of liberty), and the fear of authority (at the expense of freedom and courage).

Students, you have the right to be treated with respect and dignity. You have a right to demand the end of the harmful systems of grading and testing your teachers impose upon you. You have the right not to live up to some teacher’s expectations. You have a right to stand up to the tyrannies of the Von Murders.

When the Von Murders force you to obey their orders, don’t lie to yourself and say things like “Well, now that I look back on it, it was a good thing.” You know damn well that your whole mind and body revolted at his tyranny. You forced yourself, beat yourself and drugged yourself to get through his class. You do that for all your classes and you know it. They beat you and make you take them for it. Have I been understood?

Van C. Andrews

DANCE

Editor:

Our organization is sponsoring a dance on April the 15th, at the Municipal Auditorium in San Bernardino. The purpose of this dance is to raise funds for the Chicano High School Cultural Center of all our five High Schools.

The dance will be at the Municipal Auditorium Pioneer Park at 6th and E St. San Bernardino. The hours will be from 8:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. The bands performing will be Horn Strings and Things, Resurrection, and the Mexican Cultural Group from San Bernardino Valley College.

The price of the individual tickets are $2.00 (advance) and $2.50 at the door. Tickets may be purchased at all five High schools and at La Esperanza Market at 6th and Mt. Vernon in San Bernardino, Schools and at La Esperanza Market at 6th and Mt. Vernon in San Bernardino.

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GRADES

Gentle People:

I would like to take this opportunity to make a modest proposal. I suggest that a channel be opened which would allow information to flow from the bottom up in institutions such as C.S.C.S.B. The existing machinery and format of grading could be easily adapted for this purpose. Each student would file a grade report (A, B, C, D, or F) for each instructor whose classes the student had attended each respective quarter. These grades would be included in each instructor’s permanent file in the form of an overall average (as the GPA is now recorded). These TPA’s (teacher performance average) would be an integral part of any decisions made regarding hiring, retention, and salary increase or decrease.

On another subject I would like to say that within this institution the group that appears to be most responsive to student needs is the grounds department. I would cite their building of a volleyball court where it is accessible and subsequent improvement of that facility as a concrete example of the grounds department’s interest in both their own job and student welfare.

Yes, Mr. Andrews, you most certainly have been understood.

Editor’s Note: Have students at the “institution” of Cal State San Bernardino (really been, “. . . raped, beaten, and enslaved.”)? Have we (really) been forced, beaten, and drugged (of course, this refers to taking such stimulants as coffee and tea, Mr. Kadyk) into passing our classes? Pawprint would enjoy hearing comments from “all” students regarding this question.

Larry Lingo
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LETTERS

TREES

Dear Editor:

I would like to offer this letter to you in hopes that it may be used in your newspaper. Please feel free to print any part of it, or change or add to it, that it may better the desired results.

There have been many predictions about the future concerning droughts, famines, and such. Predictions such as these have always existed, though usually never finding themselves coming into being. But now more than ever could one imagine a revolt by nature, in her trying to tell us the need for balance and harmony.

Last summer I was invited to share in the harvesting of some fruit trees, I was amazed to see the vast quantity of food that was given from these four trees. The pears, apples, and peaches that were picked that day would have been enough to last a family for many months in a needed situation. I think about the many families in our country having to receive welfare to help in their living. And I think that for two or three dollars apiece, fruit trees could be given to them through their welfare payments or some government help, and in a few years not only would these trees be an excellent source of food and nutrition, but they would also add some beauty to the sometimes very coarse surroundings.

Some friends of mine in college are planning to ask their student senate if for one year they could use their class money for planting their own.

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Editor-in-Chief
Frank Campbell
Associate Editor
Bob Corderman
Assistant Editor
Martina Connelly
Secretary
Robertson Quits: 
Blasts Senate

By Eric Cohen
Editor-in-Chief

Being vice-president of the Associated Student Body (ASB) at Cal State San Bernardino has never been considered a position that earned top prestige. Cal State's present veep, Jim Robertson, requested the following interview to outline the basic motives (in advance) concerning his surprise resignation from ASB.

"I'm tired," Robertson began. "I've become emotionally involved with the whole thing. I'm tired of coming out of senate meetings with a bad stomach."

One of the prime responsibilities of the vice-president is to preside over the Senate. Along with this job comes the task of calling meetings, setting dates, and trying to work out a time slot that does not conflict with student's schedules. Robertson's bad stomach doesn't basically derive from disillusionment with ASB government. "I'm disillusioned with the 'lack' of government," he stated.

"I've called two meetings this quarter and we have been unable to get a quorum. We cancelled six straight meetings in a row during the Winter quarter because of the same reason. I'm not pointing the finger at any single senator, I'm slamming the Senate as a body. I've always assumed that they (Senators) are adult college students. I feel that they are responsible to the people who elected them."

As the presiding member of the Senate, Robertson acts as a liaison between the Senate and the Executive Cabinet. This position throws him into the unique position of being caught in the middle of the ever-present Senate-Executive-Cabinet feud.

"Earlier this year, the Executive-Cabinet exercised a questionable review of the Senate created ASB budget; it was a precedent." This review of the budget, an item that the (then newly elected) Senate had worked on for a month-and-a-half, could only be interpreted as "total lack of confidence in our work."

"I get it from all sides. Senators complain that I don't call meetings at feasible time slots. Various interest groups complain that they can't get allocations because there are no meetings. People from Activities, Prickly Pear, and women's lib are all asking for money. Since we are at the end of the fiscal year, every Senate action requires a budget change. How can we meet with these groups if we can't even get hold of a quorum?" The Senate needs 3/4 of its total body present to officially be in business.

"I don't know why they don't attend," Robertson went on. "I do know that, with the exception of Jaci Roddy (Secretary), everyone involved has been guilty of missing a meeting that they knew was going to be held."

Robertson, despite personal dissatisfaction, feels that ASB government must be maintained. "We need ASB government. I don't think that any single committee could take over (such as Activities). ASB executives work hard. The job becomes a part of your personal life. However, except for a small number of involved students, nobody gives a damn about what kind of job is being done."

Robertson took a poke at officers other than those in the Senate. "I think that many students have lost respect for Breck. (Breck Nichols, ASB President.) He started out fast and put a lot of time into the Fall quarter. But he has been fading rapidly ever since. With the exception of the Treasurer (Jim Roddy), Activities and Sports Committees, all ASB Government, at this point, is a complete waste of time."

Last quarter, the Senate faced a serious crisis concerning low grade point averages. "Many Senators were on probation," Robertson explained. "I overlooked the by-laws in order to keep the thing together. You are not supposed to hold an office if your GPA drops below 2.0."

Robertson informed Pawprint that he had considered attempting to dissolve the Senate on several occasions. "I also considered appointing a president pro-temp, But I knew I couldn't get a senator I could rely on to show up at the meetings. I think the whole thing is funny. The senate has stopped fighting the old battles; why is money being spent, where is it going? They have stopped fighting the old battles and they have also stopped going to meetings."

Cal State's Veep outlined several of the basic problems facing the current ASB Administration. "We have to consider too many special interest groups. I feel that the general student is left out, he is not considered unless he joins a special club or organization. There is too much wishy-washy leadership. Nobody will get involved unless you point the finger at him."

Robertson's observations cannot be considered unique. Other ASB administrations in the California State College system have similar, if not identical, problems. Nevertheless, his resignation (effective with the publishing of this issue) is symbolic of ASB's present situation. Robertson, active in ASB government for two years, is quitting because nobody cares.
Classes Closed? Take This Course!

Editor's Note: Pawprint contributor Rob Blakely had difficulty obtaining several classes during "Spring Registration." In order to make sure the problem would not happen again he interviewed "quite a few" Cal State experts in the art of beating the priority card system. As a public service to lower division students, Pawprint offers the following...

By Rob Blakely

Do you want to know how to cheat at registration? Here is how.

1. Front Door: Guards may check the date, but people are too busy to bother at the back of the registration area. If confronted, explain that you left a book or something. There is almost always silence regarding your entrance. At the priority card checkers (guards) at the doors. If you don't have a priority card high enough to suit you, you may try:

- Student Method (A.)
- The Sneaker (A.)
- The Sneaker (B.)
- Lost Student Method (A.)

2. Back Door: Granted, there will be a lot of people, but no one is on the lookout for you. Enter the car-pool area and talk to Dr. Barkan about joining. Be cool about it... after several minutes, walk into the main registration room.

- It is a good idea to have last quarter's little receipt with you. This will usually silence any questions regarding your entrance. At the front desk, guards may check the dates, but people are too busy to bother at the back of the registration area. If confronted, explain that you left a book or something. If this fails, try:

- Lost Student Method (A.)

3. If you know a student who is not planning to return to school and has a high priority card number, take it. Walk into the S.S. building, give a name that will receive a high priority number and take the packet. This is accomplished during the rush when a new group is entering. An extra diversion, a friend can obtain the guard's attention. He can ask him a question or drop his cards. This has a lower success rate than other methods.

- The Double Method
- Lost Packet Method

4. If you have a friend with a high priority number, have him pick up your cards for you. He enters with a list of your classes as well as his. There are two "card grabbers" behind the windows representing each department. The first time through the line, your friend gets his own cards. He then returns to the "other card grabber" and picks up your cards. Don't worry about being spotted. Do you realize how many people the grabbers help each minute? It is unlikely that they even looked at your accomplice the first time, much less remember what cards he took.

- If successful, your friend pockets the cards and gives them to you, as he leaves the registration area. You relax until it is your turn to go in. Then you "GO" pass the "card grabbers" and go straight to the "Fee Assessment."

And we pondered why all those classes were closed.

Harris Has Flicks for Ecology Buffs

by Frank D. Campbell
Associate Editor

Everybody talks about ecology, but how many people do you really know who practice it? Dr. Arlo Harris of the Chemistry Department knows 22. They are students in his Senior Seminar, "Man and His Environment."

Not one to take an assignment lightly, Dr. Harris delved deeply into this field when he took his first Senior Seminar this quarter. "I read 13 books," he said, "and I've found that our concern with the problem of pollution, in all its phases, is well "grounded." Not content with the books, he approached the chemistry head and asked for funds to schedule films that would be of interest not only to his students but to the campus at large - and the public.

Unlike Aliaddin, who turned to a gnome when in trouble, the theoretical inorganic chemist had to scramble to bring his message to the troops. "Give me a room," he asked, "where I can show films that will tell of our impending doom unless we meet the challenge." He got it. Every Tuesday, in LC27, Dr. Harris shows one or more films on ecology, at 12 noon, for students in his course, others who are - or should be - interested in ecological problems, the public.

If you're one of those unusual people who eat lunch at noon, may Pawprint suggest that next Tuesday you delay the calories and head for LC 27? Dr. Harris shows one or more films on ecology, at 12 noon, for students in his course, others who are - or should be - interested in ecological problems, the public.

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Dr. Harris' first lecture in his Senior Seminar has an impact that should shake us all to our roots. He points out that wine makers utilize bacteria to make their fine vintage wines. The bacteria, he says, produce the alcohol. Step by step they bring it up the alcholic scale. First it is one percent alcohol. Later, two, it climbs, slowly, until it reaches 12 percent. Then nature takes over. The bacteria committed suicide. Bacteria cannot live in a 12 percent alcohol solution. They die.

And so it is with humans. We are contributing to our mass suicide efficiently and completely.

Dr. Harris is concerned with our future if any. And he has...
STATE LOSES AN ARTIST

By Robert Corderman
Assistant Editor

Prof. William L. Haney and the modern art form, that he represents, have something in common, you either like them or you don’t. He is outspoken and unpredictable, if you like him. He is “immature and incompetent”, if you don’t. One is never short on adjectives to describe him.

Before Jesse Hiraoka, then Chairman of the Humanities Division, hired Haney in 1967, GS200 (also Studies in Art) was struggling in enrollment. Last quarter his GS 200 class was the school’s largest.

But this popularity hasn’t swept over the administration and some of his colleagues, as it has with students.

Haney started out here with two strikes against him. “The art department,” said Haney, “resented the fact that the Humanities Chairman had hired me instead of them.” And later remarked, “The only clearly bad review I received was from the department’s chairman”. He was the one who labeled Haney “immature and incompetent.”

As for the administration, Haney said “Flau evidently resented some of my past activities, which he terms unprofessional.” Some of these included being politically active back in his college days at Indiana and New Mexico Universities (he supported McCarthy and some liberal campaigns); organizing an otherwise dying Earth Day here two years ago, that was highlighted by shing lights on Kaiser Steel’s smoke stacks at night (indirectly responsible in forcing Kaiser to create its celebrated baghouse)? and taking part in a group that studied “General Studies Ad hoc Reform.”

One of the faculty members that made up the reform committee, Haney said, “Packer resigned the following year, they’ve tried to get rid of Mankau, Golden has been passed up for promotion three times, and Price and I will be leaving at the end of this year”. Their crime was giving the administration a list of suggestions on how our GS program, which is now being investigated, could have been improved. Their six proposals were ignored.

Fourteen individuals reviewed Haney teaching. Eleven of those reviews were favorable, one was not, and two contained phrases, in which, “reasonable men might differ in interpretation”. This provided enough material for Haney to be denied tenure.

Haney stated that he could easily fight the decision, and win, but since he is leaving to pursue his career as a professional artist in New York next year anyway, it would only be a waste of time.

The three criteria for evaluating teachers are professional standing, service to the school, and teaching ability.

His professional standing—“I was only the second teacher in the history of the California State system to have a nationally recognized art exhibition, and since I have been here, the college has done very well at various art shows (such as the one at the Orange show, where students won seven of nine prizes).”

His service to the school—“I was the chairman of the Lectures and Public Affairs committee, and later, of Student Affairs.”

Haney “seriously doubts” that he will ever teach again, but if he does it will be at a “successful and established” college or university. He says he has become a cynic of late and this reflects in his philosophy: “Never put yourself in a position to be judged by your inferiors”.

But he adds, “This is where I grew up in the knowledge of how life works, and I consider this place to be my alma mater, I do not resent this institution at all.” In fact, he stated that if he ever decided to teach again he would adopt a “straight” approach.

Prof. William L. Haney is “outspoken and unpredictable”.

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BOOK COLLECTION CONTEST

CSCSB’s 4th annual Student Book Collection Contest is now open to all undergraduates. Sponsored by the College Library and the Library Committee, Professors Thomas Brog, Arna Harris, Stuart M. Persell. George A. Wenny, the contest is designed to stimulate interest in book collecting and reading.

Prizes are well worth competing for; 1st prize is $100 and 2nd prize is $50 in books of your choice from Zeitlin & VerBruggen, Los Angeles, and 3rd prize is $25 in books of your choice from D-I Books, San Bernardino. Books are to be chosen from stock, and should be chosen within three months of the awarding of prizes.

Deadline for entries is April 10th. Judging of entries and presentation of awards will take place during National Library Week, April 16-22.

Last year’s winners were: 1st prize, Bob Gordon; History and Experience of the American West; 2nd prize, Harold J. Young, Jr., World War II and the Korean War; Fictional, Historical, and Biographical; and 3rd prize, Kenneth D. Lemmon, Historical Works.

Bibliographies of these prize-winning collections may be examined in the Library by contestants who would like to see examples of annotations, explanatory paragraphs, etc.

Entry blanks and brochures containing complete information concerning rules are available in the Library. Entries should be submitted to Miss Jeanette Benefield, Head of Public Services.
What's Going On?

Book Adoption Policy
The Bookstore-Cafeteria Advisory Committee, with faculty, staff, and student membership, supported the following recommendation brought to the Committee by Breck Nichols, ASB President and Committee member. The substance of his recommendation is that:

Required books for courses that are offered consecutively in the fall, winter and spring will remain in use during the entire academic year.

Figures provided by the Bookstore revealed that for these courses, about one third of the books are discontinued each quarter. It was pointed out that a student cannot sell his book to another student if the book is not to be used again in the next quarter. Book costs represent a significant expense to students, many of whom have modest resources, and therefore steps that could be taken to reduce this expense would be of considerable benefit to them.

Opinion Board
There now exists an "Opinion Board" across from the main elevator on the second floor of the library building. Instead of the typical poster area this bulletin board is set aside for the purpose of facilitating the interchange of ideas and opinions. The hope is that anyone with a statement, gripe, opinion or whatever will write it down and post. Then, others will read it and respond to it, thereby setting up discussion among all segments of the College - Faculty, Students, Staff and Administrators. Many people with ideas or opinions are never heard: this could be a vehicle for expression of these ideas. The only guidelines are that the persons posting identify themselves and that the messages be dated so that stale notes can be removed periodically.

Ed. Note: Why not supply some paper so we don't have to write on the wall.

Soc. Club News
The Sociology Club began the quarter with a proverbial bang at its first meeting last Friday, Marianna King, the club president, announced that the club is going to initiate an Alpha Kappa Delta chapter on this campus, Alpha Kappa Delta is a National Sociology Honorary Society. Sociology majors with a B average in sociology and who are in the upper third in their class scholastically are eligible. The membership fee to AKD is $8 (53 annually).

This coming fall the club plans to rent a clubhouse in San Bernardino and sublet it to sociology students. The clubhouse will house Alpha Kappa Delta and will be an off-campus rallying point for sociology club members.

Student Election
Elections are to be held in four weeks. People are needed to serve on the Elections Committee. This committee will be involved in the planning of the elections. If you are interested, please leave your name and telephone number at the ASB Trailer or with Doris Scott, Activities Secretary (Room S-116), between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. by Wednesday, April 19. The ASB Trailer is located behind the Student Services Building (Old Library). The telephone extension number for the ASB Office is Ext. 347 or 348. Doris Scott's number is 402.

Lippit
On Wednesday April 19 at noon the Political Science Department inaugurates Candidates '72 with Mike Lippit, who will be speaking in PS 10. Mike, who is a Cal State alumnus, is making his first bid for Assemblyman from the 72nd District.

There will be additional candidates in the coming weeks who will be on campus to air their views, meet students and discuss the issues of the June primary. Announcements will be made as other candidates are scheduled to speak. Suggestions for participants in Candidates '72 may be given to Stephen A. Graham A-144 (Ext. 344) or Jerry Weitzman.

You Are Needed!
Have you ever wished that you could do something about improving our society, our social relationships, our own selves? Here is an opportunity to do something on an individual level. It's called the BIG SISTER program and is sponsored by the Y.W.C.A., San Bernardino chapter.

As a Big Sister, you will have the experience of building a special kind of relationship with a young girl in our community. By spending three hours a week with your little sister, you will each share a part of yourselves, and enjoy it at the same time!

The program is designed for volunteer women who are between the ages of 18 and 50 years, and who have some form of transportation. The girls are usually between the ages of 9 and 12 years and are many times motherless, fatherless, or have a special need for your guidance and friendship.

Please contact Michelle Schultz, who will be registering volunteers in the CSCSB patio area this Wednesday, April 12, Thursday, April 13, and Friday, April 14; or call 884-9596. You can also call Kathy Kerch, Youth Director at the Y.W.C.A, for applications and/or more information, 889-9536.

By Michelle Schultz

The last film is one that is so much in demand Dr. Harris has had difficulty in finding a copy. He has written a friend in New York and hopes it will be here in time to meet his schedule.

Live a little, Go Tuesday - LC 27!
"Hope you had a nice Easter"
STATE'S RADICAL movement, Van Andrews, has started yet another campaign. This time, students are to call their professors by their first names. And surprisingly, our instructors have responded to the program very well. It seems that they do not object whatsoever to being referred to as Doctor John, Dean Bill, etc.

MANY STUDENTS spend so much of their freshman and sophomore years in PS-10, that we are now studying the possibility of somebody completing his first two years here, before having to change seats.

CONTRARY TO rumors, the PAWPRINT staff gets stoned following layout.

AND SPEAKING of PAWPRINT, its notorious basketball team labeled its 1971-72 exploits as a “rebuilding” year. That sounds reasonable since we rebuilt a new team before each game. (Sidelight - At one point of the season things were so bad, we had an intrasquad scrimmage, and nobody won). PAWPRINT said that it would print old jokes.

APPARENTLY OUR $19.50 isn’t enough. Despite the three $6.50 payments students have made to fund the student body, the AS gov’t is still tentatively planning to charge us, St. Bernards, an additional dollar or so to see Mort Sahl, David Frye and a lecture on UFO’s. What activities can this place have that couldn’t be covered by the present $50,000 AS treasury?

BRECK WHO? In a GS180 group, they played a game where students put their names and a short description of themselves on a little card. They exchanged them, and then tried to guess who the person mentioned on the card they received was. Two people couldn’t identify our AS president.

I DON’T KNOW if it shows in this column, but when I purchased this pen from the bookstore, the advertisement stated that it would “write with feeling”.

AREN’T THOSE people who complained over the entire break about blowing a final – but then returned to find that they’d received the highest grade in the class great?

DIRT PARKING lots, located next to the Bi (formerly BS) building and the gymnasium, save students a lot of time and trouble, but they appear to have been designed by the military. On one of them you can get seasick over its roving bumps, while the other one looks like a mine field had once been activated.

GS QUIP - My advisor, the guy who wrote your freshman comp book, upon hearing that I was taking my first upper division class: “Are you a junior?”

I AM NOT going to say that the irrepressible P.E. checkout man, Bob Anderson, resents the fact that I mentioned him in my last column, but for the last couple of weeks I haven’t been able to find any padding for my handball gloves at all.

“COYOTE COLLEGE” is the new leader in our, my, “give CSCSB an alias contest”. I realize it is not the funniest entry thus far, but the contestant that sent it in had the sexiest handwriting. The eventual winner will receive her choice of an autographed picture of the PAWPRINT basketball team, a two dollar bill showing Jefferson sticking out his tongue, and/or a date with my favorite reporter, myself.

WHO IS CSCSB’s BMOC?

ERIC COHEN, editor-in-chief of the PAWPRINT, said “the editor of the PAWPRINT is the most powerful student on campus”.

WHAT’S-HIS-NAME NICHOLLS, AS president, stated “the AS treasurer is the most powerful student on campus”.

ERIC COHEN, the modest gentleman mentioned above, later remarked “I guess (Jim) Roddy could take me in a fight”. Thirty!

Submitted by Alvino Mirabal

I am the foundation of a language unknown to others, a language known only to the bato loco.

The language I speak is a secrecy against those who will betray my world.

I am the forgotten leader of my people for I am the silent leader of the modern rebel in today’s complicated society!

I represent the culture of the past that many cannot accept in the present. I am the poor and the humble who thinks not of himself, but of his Raza.

I have indeed inherited the blood and mind of those who fought en la Revolucion De Mexico.

I have overcome all the victimization, hatred, I see the eyes of destruction and death. I am the spirit and soul of machismo.

I live in the past, in the spirit of Pancho Villa, Emiliano Zapata and Joaquin Murrieta.

I am the wisdom of Benito Juarez. I have become Caesar Chavez and I will be the chicano of the future.

I am the first to be harrassed, discriminated against and rejected by those in uniform, by the anglo and by my own people.

I have suffered materially because of the small pay given to me. I have suffered economically because of the white man’s establishment.

I have been cheated of the opportunity to obtain the skills needed for the complications of today’s world.

I have lacked the knowledge that must be obtained to further my progress for the betterment of my Raza.

I have been fed low education by the racist educator who lives throughout the educational system.

Now, tell me, the bato loco, if I have been given equality in opportunity and the pursuit of happiness?

I say no, but now I am at the root of the struggle.

I carve my name on walls and make letters of different shapes telling people of my existence. I paint the name of my barrio on bridges, in alleys, on street corners, everywhere. I am able to leave the mark of the bato loco.

I am not he who seeks his identity that the anglo has stripped away.

I am the identity that I am. For my identity is in my heart, a heart carrying much pride.

I fight with others of my own kind. For what? Because I am so fed up with the anglo society that I should take it on myself to let my frustrations out on my brothers.

But now, let me explain.

I am the present chicano, I am the one now that will not harm his carnales, for I have awakened.

I have awakened to reality. I have seen the wrong that I have done to my carnales and the wrongs done to me by the anglo.

I am the bato loco of the modern world. No longer in a trance of confusion. No longer rejected by my people who do not care of my existence.

I am the one that my people need for I will fight to the end. I am the power of La Revolucion. I am La Revolucion!!!

My people will understand me more when La Revolucion comes, for I will fight though it means my life.

And, when I am dying, my people will look upon me, not as bato loco, but as a liberator!

Their hearts will be filled with sadness and sorrow. Their eyes will shed tears of love.

As I am dying, I will say to them do not cry, look at me my people and listen to my words, for I am a bato loco.

I do not shed tears of sorrow. I do not shed tears of pity. I do not shed tears of anger. I do not shed tears of love nor joy. I do not shed tears of hatred, nor do I shed tears for my life.

Look at me my people, for instead of tears, I shed blood for my Raza!

Carnales, Ray Avalos was 20 years of age when he was killed in a San Pedro gang fight. When he wrote this, Ray was a ward here at the Youth Training School in Chino. “A Bato Loco”. He was a Soldado Por La Raza.