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## Flagstaff residents gather to celebrate Chávez

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Heads turned in curiosity to watch the enthusiastic crowd march through east Flagstaff. Holding homemade signs and shouting numerous rally cries, they marched through neighborhoods celebrating the birth of activist leader César Chávez.

The march was organized by M.E.Ch.A., el Movimiento Estudiantil Chicano de Aztlán. The rally started at Saint Pius X Catholic church and progressed down Fourth Street before turning around at Killip Elementary School and then returning to the church.

The mostly Latino crowd shouted various chants in English and Spanish during the march, including "Si se puede," one of Chávez's most popular mottos.

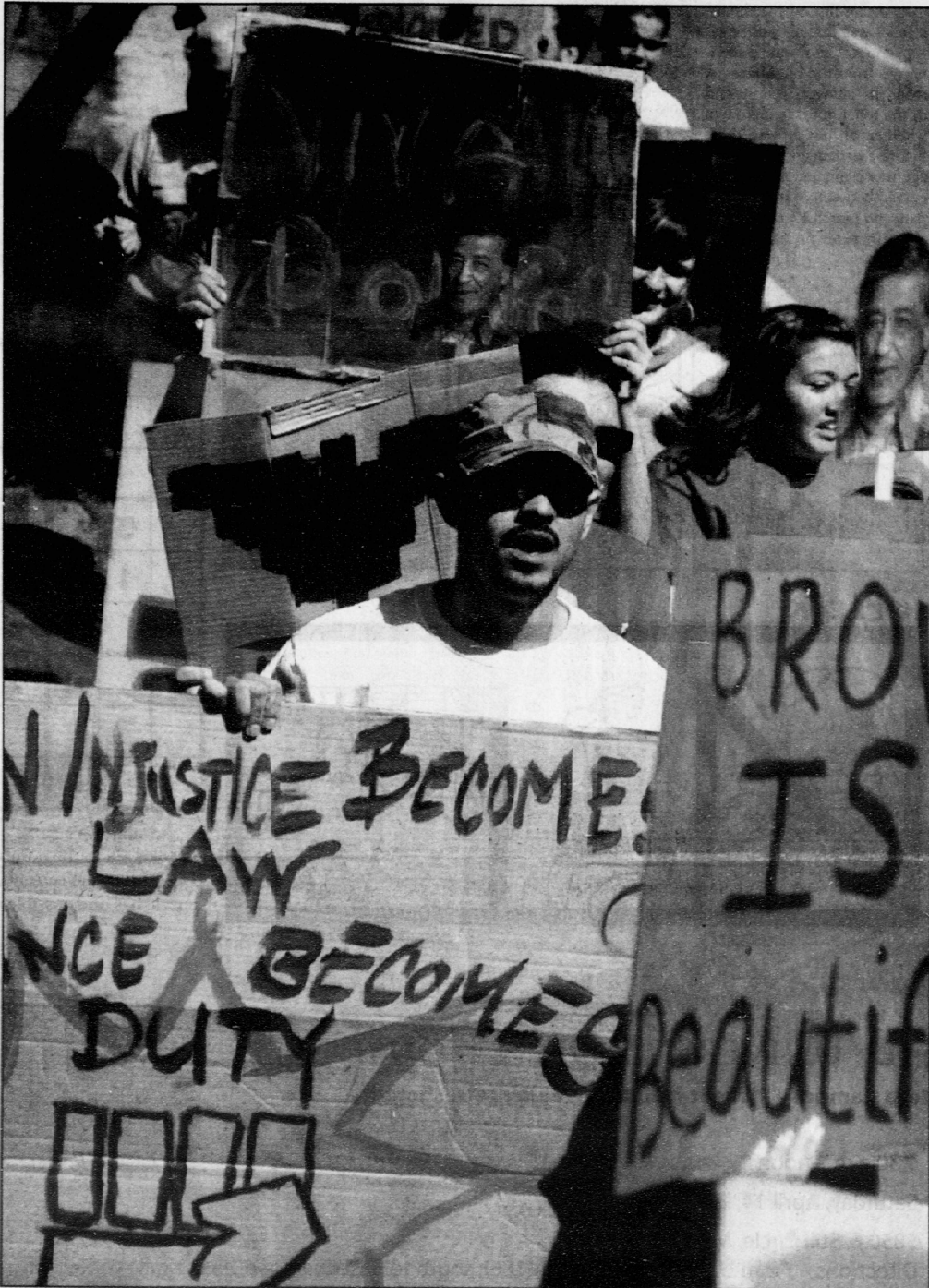
Various members of the crowd held up signs supporting Chávez's beliefs. Chávez supported multiple issues, from education to the rights of migrant workers.

"Chávez was fighting for workers to get basic rights," said Vanessa Reed, sophomore political science major and female co-chair for M.E.Ch.A. "Their bosses would not give them time for breaks or provide any water at all; they were sprayed with pesticides while they were working without regard for their health or personal safety. To top it all off, they were paid way under minimum wage for doing this type of work and suffering this type of injustice."

Chávez formed the United Farm Workers of America union in 1966 with activist Dolores Huerta. Chávez used fasting and nonviolent tactics to attract public attention to his causes. He also campaigned for a wage increase for migrant workers.

Father Chauncey Winkler, associate pastor for the Flagstaff Catholic parish, said Saint Pius agreed to host the rally and supported Chávez's work to help immigrants and migrant workers.

"The rally is to celebrate César Chávez, who stood up for a people who were being ignored, which is something Jesus did regularly," Winkler said. "Chávez was a dedicated Catholic, and his faith was very important to him in his work."



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FLAGSTAFF RESIDENT AND M.E.Ch.A member Aaron Gonzalez marches down Fourth Street shouting various chants such as "Si se puede," one of César Chávez's well-known mottos. About 40 people participated in the march.

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## NAU soldier wounded

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A former NAU student was wounded in Iraq March 20 during a fire-fight. Army Specialist Edgar Bustamante, 22, was shot in the abdomen and the knee, and another soldier in his unit was also wounded during the same incident.

Bustamante, who lives in Tucson, was sent to the Baghdad hospital and then flown to Germany. He arrived March 25 at Walter Reed Medical Center in Maryland, where he remains in the intensive care unit.

Bustamante's wounds required several surgeries. He was on a respirator and was fed through a tube for a time. However, he is now breathing and eating on his own.

Bustamante was serving as a scout with the 1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry at Camp Liberty in Baghdad. He had been in Iraq since November 2006. Bustamante attended NAU from 2002 until 2005, where he majored in criminal justice and was involved with ROTC.

Joel Metcalfe, senior BAILS major and Bustamante's friend since second grade, described Bustamante as a good-natured and funny person who never hesitates to help a friend in need.

"He's an awesome kid," Metcalfe said. "I've known him for a long time and I consider him my best friend. He's a good-hearted person. If you need anything and he's known you for a couple of days, he'll go out of his way to help you."

Metcalfe, who will enter the U.S. Army as a second lieutenant upon graduation in May, said Bustamante left school to join the Army.

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## Student perishes in drowning accident

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Christopher Burchett, junior elementary education major, died in a drowning accident Wednesday, March 21 on the Havasupai Reservation.

At the time of his death, Burchett was on a mission trip with his church on the reservation.

Burchett was cliff-jumping near the Navajo Falls area when he jumped into the water and was unable to swim back to shore.

"He was jumping off cliffs that day," said Jon Knodel, Burchett's roommate. "They'd been jumping off the whole time they'd been down there."

Two members of Burchett's party attempted to rescue him, but were unable to do so.

"I just taught him how to swim last summer, so he wasn't a really good swimmer at all," Knodel said. "People say that the current kept him under, and where that might (have

played) a small, a very small portion in it. Basically he, for whatever reason, wasn't able to swim."

Due to government policies, local Bureau of Indian Affairs officers were not permitted to comment on the incident.

"(Drownings) are nothing that happen often (on the Havasupai Reservation)," said Officer Leonard Vazquez. "It's been several years since the last time this happened."

Knodel said Burchett was focused on his future.

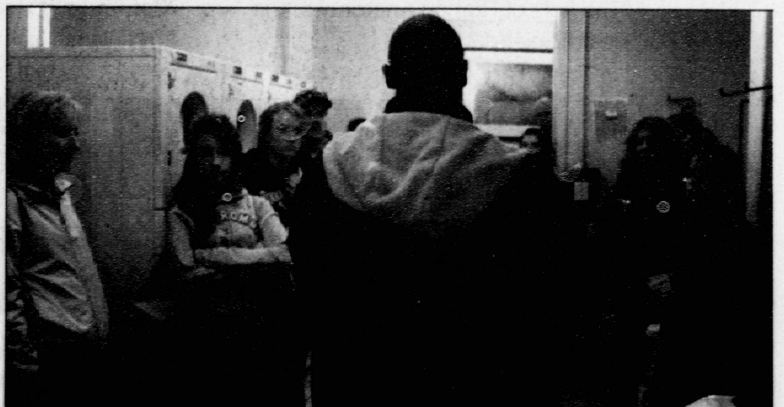
"He was majoring in education," Knodel said. "He was basically dedicating every part of his life to God, kids and education."

Lindsay Schilling, junior BAILS major, said Burchett's life experiences contributed to his personality.

"Chris was the most transformed guy that I've ever met," Schilling said.

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## Prop 300 implemented for fall



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INCOMING FRESHMAN WILL need to show proof of citizenship during orientation this fall. Prop. 300 requires Arizona students provide that information to get in-state tuition.

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Incoming freshmen for the 2007-08 school year will now be asked to show proof of U.S. citizenship at orientation in accordance with the recently passed and controversial Proposition 300.

Passed in November, the bill was designed to limit public program eligibility to

U.S. citizens and legal immigrants. Undocumented immigrants will no longer be able to receive in-state tuition rates, scholarships or any financial aid funded by the state.

David Bousquet, vice president for enrollment management and student affairs, said the bill will not drastically alter current NAU enrollment procedures.

"I don't believe it changes the process dramatically; students already have to demonstrate proof of residency through enrollment," Bousquet said. "(The students) don't have to provide proof at orientation, but it's recommended to get the in-state tuition with little hassle."

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