Chicano speakers say education helps, hinders

"I want my kids to have something to be proud of," said the Rev. Bob Navarro. "I've re of cultures that were lost a., . don't want that to happen to my people.

Chicano minister from Omaha who said he "made it in spite of the system", Navarro spoke on Chicano liberation with three other Mexican-American panel members Tuesday at Centennial College.

Addressing himself to the small audience of mostly Mexican-American students. Navarro aid his education becomes a tool and everything becomes a cause to him.

The other panel members agreed that their education had helped them to get where they are but that it is just the apposite for most Chicano

"The droupout rate for Chicanos in Nebraska is 60 per cent," said Gilbert Pampas, who works in the area of civil rights for the Justice Department in Washington.

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"That means one of two things-either Chicanos are 60 per cent inferior or the education system is wrong.

The Chicano has always tried to use the university as a springboard but now he is caught up in limbo, said another member of the panel, Sam Ramirez.

A member of the Southwest Council of La Roza, a catch-all organization for economic, public health and other Chicano problems, Ramirez said that a degree definitely doesn't guarantee a job for a Chicano.

'Education is not motivating the Chicano child, said Froben Lozada, Director of Latin American Studies at Merritt College in Oakland, Calif.

Froben said 80 per cent of Chicano students in Southwest California are in special education programs and that many are in mentally retarded programs.

The reason for this, agreed the panel, is the language deficiency problem which causes a reading problem. "These children are not mentally retarded to this degree," said Froben. "They are judged by IQ tests which perpetuate white, middle-class values.

"Whose fault is it that the Chicano child fails and who's to blame for the outrageous rates at which they drop out of school? The teachers are mentally retarded."

"They aren't given the tools in the United States that they

States is practically nothing."

'Someone is holding us down. Why don't you hear of Chicano composers and artists in the United States?" queried Navarro.

"Does the Chicano get credit for what they taught the Americans about cattle and breeding or the agriculture development in California?' said Ramirez. "Never."

Cornstock comes to East Campus

An East Campus rock festival has been appropriately named Cornstock. Cornstock will be May 22 from noon to midnight on the East Campus mall - - rain or shine.

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"And look were we are economically and educationally. We are still a subhuman type of category which the Anglos have risen above. This assimilation and integration bit is a farce."
Lozada added that whites will never respect Chicanos until they become a threat. "As long as we are taken for granted they will continue to laugh and sneer at us.'

"Because of the sheer number of whites in America they can suppress the Chicano people," said Nevarro. "And that's when the hated learn to hate."

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need," said Navarro. Compared to a country where the population is 85 per cent Mestizo, the achievment level of Chicanos in the United 2081688 Students' spring session Wednesday 10:30 a.m.- Gilbert Pampas-Political Mobilization of the Chicano People 1 p.m. - Dave Beckman-Community Power Structure p.m. - President Joseph Soshnik, Dean Russell Brown, Steve Tiwald- Problems of Administration p.m. - David Levine-Mathematics as Applied to Crucial Social Problems 3:30 p.m .- Al Haack-Wriggly Reptiles 7-10 PM 7 p.m. - Gary Wolf-Bicycling

Student Union - Raincheck in Ballroom

9 p.m.-June Levine-Foreign Film Rap Thursday

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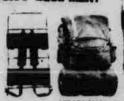


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