

Banquet closes Chicano week

Speaker stresses student responsibility

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The music of a mariachi band and the smell of enchiladas, refried beans and rice signaled the end to Chicano Awareness Week on Friday.

The Mexican-American Student Association banquet in the Nebraska Union was a time for the recognition and celebration of MASA's accomplishments throughout the year.

"We really wrapped up the week well," MASA President Gabrielle Dalton said.

Tim Soto, a world-renowned motivational leader, was the keynote speaker for the night and got the audience, from youngsters to elders, clapping, yelling and laughing.

Soto's speech was titled "Creating 21st Century Opportunities through Education and Personal Excellence."

Dalton bypassed the typical biographical introduction for Soto by giving her own thoughts on his speaking ability.

Soto showed a "genuine concern with people," she said, when she and other MASA members saw Soto speak at the Hispanic Leadership Conference in Chicago last fall.

He started his speech by asking, "How do we feel about being here tonight?" After only a few audience members responded, he said, "That was pretty weak."

He repeated himself and got a much louder response.

Soto's speech used interaction with the audience as a way to get his point across.

"In my hand is the key to your success. Who wants it?" Soto said, hold-

ing out his arm and an envelope.

After repeating himself several times, one man tried grabbing the envelope, but Soto snatched it away from him. After Soto repeated himself, another young man walked up to the podium and grabbed the envelope.

Inside was a \$5 bill and a piece of paper that read, "Ganas." Ganas means desire.

Soto compared the incident to just waiting for success to come to someone, rather than going and grabbing it.

He went on, discussing the "University of Life." He talked about honor students, the keys to success and respecting parents. Soto told the group parents are always right.

In a whining, mocking voice he imitated students, saying, "No they're not right. I should be free to be me."

He also discussed education. Education is the responsibility of the student, not the teacher, Soto said.

"You're bored because you lost focus. You're not investing in you," he said.

Citing statistics on the status of Hispanic education, Soto encouraged the audience to believe that statistics were just numbers on paper.

He had the audience say, "It's a report, but it's not me. This is paper. I am real!"

Soto also spoke to students Saturday at MASA's annual youth conference. He spoke about youth and how important it is to plan for the future.

MASA recognized its member of the year, Stephan Reyes, a freshman. It also recognized "Amigas de MASA," groups and individuals in Lincoln or at the university who have contributed to the association's suc-

cess.

Soto was excited about MASA's Chicano Awareness Week and said he would be willing to visit the University of Nebraska-Lincoln again.

Feeding off comments about being proud about Hispanic heritage and being a part of America's diversity, Soto said he hopes there will be no need for just a Chicano Awareness Week in the future.

"I want to come back when you have People Awareness Week."

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She said Second Wind first gained a reputation after a scout came in looking for costumes for a production of "Oh Pioneers!"

"They got a card and took it back to California with them," Anderson said. "Then a few months later I got a call and the man on the phone said it was Universal Studios. I was like 'yeah sure.' Then I found out it was real."

After that call, Anderson began working with costume designers on the long-running television series "Quantum Leap."

"Once I got into the business, word just traveled," she said. "We work on a lot of special projects where we will need to provide things like 500 skinny ties. So we go out and scour places to find them."

Anderson said she was surprised after some of the movies she worked on became so successful.

"I was floored when Forrest Gump won an Academy Award," she said. "The first time I saw it, I didn't really like it. Then I saw it a second time and thought it was good."

She said she was surprised at what will happen to some of her clothes once they are in the movies.

"In 'Forrest Gump,' there is a scene where Jenny is wearing a petticoat that came from the store, and she rolled around in the mud while she was wearing it," Anderson said. "I thought 'Don't get it all dirty,' but it was theirs to trash."

But many of the items that never had the same big-screen fame as the pink coat were auctioned off Saturday in its going-out-of-business sale.

Anderson said she recently decided to retire because she is ready to do something new.

"I've been here for 11 years," Anderson said. "It's time for a change of pace, and I'm also lightening the

load. We have so much back stock we can't handle it any more."

Anderson said for her, the work she did with movies was an outside dimension to her regular business.

"We primarily work with walk-in traffic," she said. "We see a lot of people who are just looking for something fun and retro to wear."

Saturday afternoon's auction cleared out the store's remaining back stock.

Clothing, jewelry and shoes, along with virtually hundreds of other items, filled both the front of the store as well as a large warehouse in back. The sale started at 11 a.m. and continued throughout the afternoon.

Some people at the auction expressed remorse at the store's closing.

Lisa Barkley, who is a personal collector of vintage clothing, said she would miss being able to shop there.

"To me, this is like McDonald's closing," Barkley said. "She has been here for so long and has really become the authority on vintage."

Others were just there because they heard about the auction and were interested in buying.

"I just came to have fun," said Dee Mallet, who purchased many items throughout the day. "I'm glad we brought our van!"

Anderson, who left town on the day of the auction because she didn't want to be there to see so much of herself being sold, said she still plans to work in the vintage clothing business.

"I'm not going to quit cold turkey," she said, laughing. "I plan to get a Web page and sell clothes over the Web, but that's not up and going yet."

And she also plans to keep working with films.

"It just depends, because you never know when they are going to call," she said. "You just never know."



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