



Francisco Espinosa

Wants to take life mellow

Francisco Espinosa, prominent member of Ravenswood's championship soccer team and founder and president of La Raza de Ahora, was born in San Francisco and has lived in Mexico on and off for seven years.

After one year at Sequoia, Frank was attracted to Ravenswood by its low population and variety of classes.

La Raza's purpose is to perpetuate the culture of the Mexican people. "I want to abolish the stereotype image of Chicanos and replace it

with something more realistic," explains Francisco. For his Community Action class Francisco has done bilingual tutoring at Garfield Elementary School.

Francisco expresses appreciation to Tom Marks who has devoted a lot of time to help Latinos because "he is aware of the problems we face in the educational system of today."

Francisco likes to play soccer because "I was really able to identify with it when I came to America because I had played it with all my

friends in Mexico. It also helps me keep in shape and it's an artistic sport."

"I like to do things that involve self-expression," says Francisco. This summer he plans to work as a gardener for soccer coach Marino Mangiola.

"I want to take life mellow for a year," he explains, "to travel, find myself and adjust to new responsibilities involved with being self-sufficient." Then, perhaps, he will study Spanish culture and history and psychology at a community college.