

Cinco de Mayo

Students share Mexican culture

Mariachis, music, and burritos were all part of Cinco de Mayo day at Ravenswood which was climaxed and highlighted by smashing pinatas.

Cinco de Mayo celebrates the Mexicans driving the

French out of Mexico in 1867.

La Raza de Ahora, headed by Francisco Espinoza, organized the festivities. Burritos, hand made by the senioritas of the group, Edie Alevar, Estella Gutierrez, Ana Zavala and parents of the

members were sold at noon.

Jay Comancho with Raphael Miranda, Jose Alevar and Juvenal Sandoval were in charge of the pinatas.

Discounting the day's profits, Francisco explained "the money we made isn't very important, but sharing our culture with others is what we really want to do."

Highpoint of the day was the pinata smashing. Two hundred students crowded around as people were chosen to try to break the candy filled animals. People who didn't get a chance to swing were happy watching the others and collecting candy.

The day's end was surprising when the last pinata was broken. Students who rushed in to get candy came out with only confetti.

"It was a good feeling to see all of our friends there," Francisco stated, adding, "Money made from the sales is used to expose the students to the Mexican culture, which is not being exposed in our educational system today."