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Puerto Rican Week on Campus

All of us are enriched by the presence on campus of Puerto Rican students who have a beautiful pride in their rich cultural heritage. The students will share it with the UMass-Boston community and the Boston community when they will conduct Puerto Rican Week program from April 22 through April 25.

All are invited to participate in program events:

April 22, 12:30 p.m. The Raising of the Puerto Rican Flag on campus

Place: In front of the University Library

April 22, 1:00 p.m. An Interpretation of Puerto Rican Music by Ramon Rivera and Rosalyn Castro.

Place: College I Auditorium

April 23, 12:30 p.m. The Theatral Group "Himpacto Hispano" will be performing the Puerto Rican play Tiempo Muerto De Ballester.

Place: College I Auditorium.

April 24, 12: p.m. The Puerto Rican Nation and the Struggle for Independence: A Historical Perspective of the Class Struggle 1810-1974, by Professor Ricardo Campos, Centro De Estudios Puertorriquenos, City University of New York. A presentation of the film Los Nacionalistas.

Place: Science Auditorium

April 25, 12:30 p.m. The Urban University Vis-a-vis the Puerto Rican Community, by Dr. Sarah Nieves, School of Education, University of Mass-Amherst.

Place: Science Auditorium

April 25, 7:30 p.m. Cultural Presentation.

Place: Science Auditorium

April 25, 10:00 p.m. A Puerto Rican Dinner-Dance with Los Bravos De Boston (Admission free)

Place: College I Cafeteria

Organization's background: The Puerto Rican Student Union (PRSU) came into being as a result of efforts by members of the Puerto Rican student body at the University of Massachusetts-Boston, to develop a resource and coordination mechanism that would advocate for the entire Spanish-speaking student body at the university as well as for the entire Puerto Rican community in Greater Boston.

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The PRSU was created in 1972 and during its short history, the organization has sponsored a number of political, academic and social activities that have been of benefit to the Spanish speaking student body at the university as well as to the larger Puerto Rican community. Among the activities have been a Puerto Rican Week and a Community Action Program which took place at the Cardinal Cushing Center in Boston.

Why a Puerto Rican Week? To bring the attention of the larger university community to the culture, language and situation of the Puerto Rican community both within and outside the university.

To provide the Puerto Rican student body at UMass-Boston with an opportunity to better understand our situation and to provide for a forum for the analysis and discussion of our heritage as a people.

To establish an official linkage between the Puerto Rican student body at UMass-Boston and the Puerto Rican community of Greater Boston.

The committee members are: Efrain Collado, Jose Morales, Carlos Alicea, Ricardo Alonso, Miguel Ruano, Ramon Medina, Wilson Garcia, Juan Gonzalez, Juan A. Rodriguez, Aida L. Velez, Aida Alicea and Benito Martinez.

Rockefeller Foundation Award
to Nancy Jo Hoffman

Some 2000 faculty members of the nation's colleges and universities applied this year for Rockefeller Foundation Humanities Fellowships. Of these 140 were invited to write up program proposals, and when the reviews were made some 34 Fellowships were awarded. Four came to New England and one came to UMass-Boston for Asst. Professor Nancy Jo Hoffman of the College of Public and Community Service.

She plans to do writing and research on "Literature, Literacy, and the Transformation of Values." The Fellowship period is from September, 1975 to the following September.

As a teacher she has found a powerlessness among working-class adults that reading is a lost art. She identifies this with what the Brazilian philosopher Paulo Freire calls the "culture of silence" which can be broken, she says, as "one generates the themes of one's culture and clarifies one's values in the process of becoming literate."

Dr. Hoffman is planning two seminars with students of the College of Public and Community Service in relation to her Fellowship.

Machiavelli in Action

The Italian Department and Chancellor Golino are sponsors of a lecture by Dr. Fredi Chiappelli, Professor of Italian and Director of the Center for Medieval and Renaissance Studies at UCLA, on "Machiavelli in Action" on Friday, April 18 at 3:30 in the College II Auditorium. All are invited.

Deadline

Transfer applications for Sept. 75 admission College of Professional Studies (C-IV) Management Program Friday April 19 (5 p. m. Dean's Office, C-II, 5th floor, room 403.

Our Ticket Takers

The ticket takers toll the bell of parting day. Or, another way of putting it is that when you leave the campus garages at the end of day, you pay your ticket or have it punched—and by four very fine people: Larry Sullivan and Pat Lydon, who are generally at the G-1 level, and Pat Preston and Paul Starkis, at G-2.

You get warm hellos and greetings from this quartet; weather reports, and the pleasantries of wishing you a good evening.

Their supervisor Patricia Donahue tells about one commendation for them. It came from an administrator. "They should have the toll booths operating on the way into work, instead of when we're leaving. We could all start our day with a smile."

Nice People.

Science & Mathematics Career Day

On Wednesday, April 30th, the Science and Mathematics Departments will be sponsoring a Career Day for high school students from Dorchester High School, South Boston High School, Roxbury High School, Jamaica Plain High School and Jeremiah Burke High School.

Many faculty members, staff and students have been involved in planning this program of laboratory sessions and career workshops.

Biology: Ruth Bennet, Karlene Schwartz, George Langford, Herbert Lipke, Walter Rosen, Martha Matteo and students Mabel Chan Teng, Monica Donovan and Norman Underwood. Chemistry: Leverett Zompa, Jean-Pierre Anselme, Nick Margulis and students Cindy Eaton, Mary Killoran, and Valerie Gunn.

Mathematics: Guy Hogan, Taffee Tanimoto, Some Nath Mukherjee, Alfonso Azpeltia, Michael Tomlinson, Joan Lukas, Helen Skala-Kowalski and students Sally Agro, Eduardo Garay, and Shirley Hayden.

Physics: Freda Salzman, Kenneth Ford, Martin Posner, John Shane and students Donna Ajgaonkar, Leo Lynch, and Sue Ferguson.

Staff member: James Case and Annette Stavros (ILT), Janice Keim (Admissions), Nike Speltz (Grant Development and Special Programs) and Gardner Yenawine and Mark Isenberg (Vocational Counseling) and students Ellen Doyle and Linda Upham. The program coordinator is Evelyn Garfield of the Affirmative Action Office.

Julio Cortazar

Dr. Evelyn Picon Garfield (Affirmative Action) is the author of a newly published book Julio Cortazar, a presentation of the Modern Literature Monographs Series, published by Ungar. This is the first study in English of the distinguished Argentine writer noted in the United States for his novel Hopscotch and his short story "Blow-up" which was a widely heralded film.

Dr. Garfield is a specialist in Latin American literature and she introduces in her new book some cogent insights into Cortazar who has been a major force in revolutionizing the Latin American novel.

Neighbors

Our good neighbors at Boston College High School recently had groundbreaking ceremonies for their new STAR complex-- stadium, track, athletic and recreation facilities. Chancellor Golino participated in the ceremonies with B.C. High President Rev. Raymond Callahan, S. J.; Rev. Donald Monan, S. J., President of Boston College; Most Rev. Joseph Maguire and Most Rev. Lawrence Riley, Auxiliary Bishops of Boston; Rev. Michael P. Walsh, S. J., Chairman of the B.C. High Board of Trustees, and other school and civic officials.

Nantucket

The Boston Globe (4/7) had a beautiful full-page feature on the UMass-Boston Humanities Program at Nantucket. The project, supported by the National Endowment for the Humanities, is off to an enthusiastic start.

In the unusually lengthy, education feature in the Globe, the text was written by Prof. Barry Phillips and the dramatic photos were taken by one of the students in the program Monty Monroe.

The article relates some of the independent research projects undertaken by the dozen students who are there this semester.

Success Stories in
Class of '75

A number of Politics majors in College I have won considerable distinction for themselves and UMass-Boston in this year's tough race for graduate school admission. Graduating seniors have been admitted to most of the nation's high-prestige departments of political science, and many have been offered sizable fellowships to boot. A list of students with the universities they have been admitted to follows: Jerrold Greene: Chicago, Princeton, Harvard, Brandeis, Northeastern, Tufts, Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies; Patricia Hanratty: M. I. T.; John Irving: Boston University; American Political Science Association Award; Maria Molloy: M. I. T., Danforth Fellowship; William Stevenson: Tufts; and Maurizio Vannicelli: Harvard, Yale, M. I. T., Wisconsin, Chicago, Tufts, Brandeis.

In addition, Earl Jackson has been admitted to Harvard Law School. And from the College II Politics Department, Eugene Dunne has been admitted to Berkeley, Brandeis, Columbia, Cornell, Harvard, Stanford, and Yale.

Congratulations to all these accomplished scholars.

Chemistry Theses

A communication entitled "Diazoalkanes from Methylsufinylhydrazones" by J. G. Shelnut, S. Mataka and J. -P. Anselme (Chemistry) has just appeared in Chemical Communications, 1975, p. 114. The work is based on the B. A. Thesis of J. G. Shelnut (Class of 1974) who is presently a Teaching Fellow in the Graduate School of the University of New Hampshire.

David E. Dana (Class of 1975) will be defending his B. A. Thesis entitled "Diazoalkanes from Sulfenylhydrazones" on April 16, 1975. A communication based on a portion of the theses and "Aryldiazoalkanes from o-Nitrobenzenesulfenylhydrazones" by D. E. Dana and J. -P. Anselme has been accepted for publication and will appear shortly in Tetrahedron Letters.