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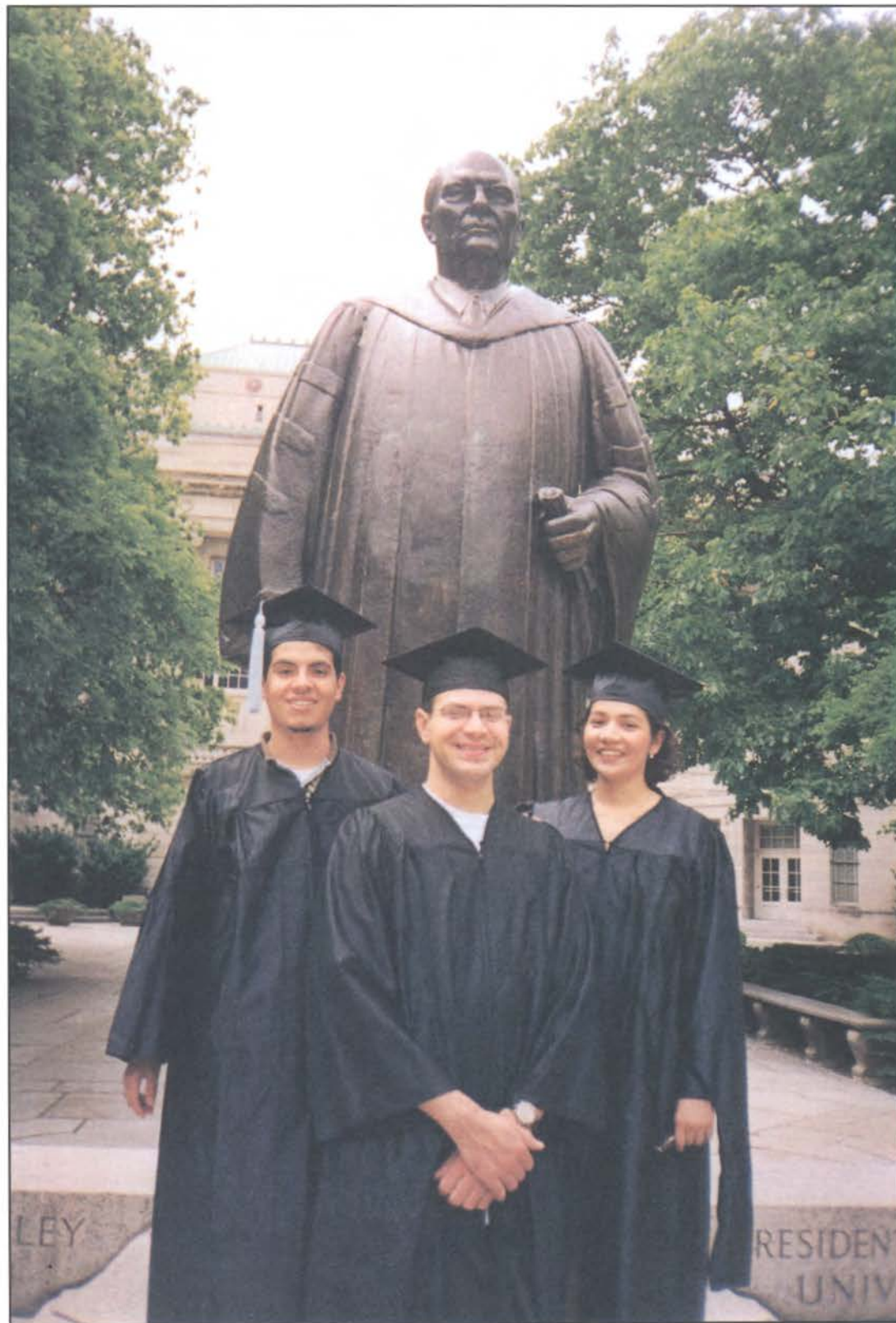
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A year of transition

It was a year of experimenting, survival and learning. In the end, the road seems the same, but the goal lies far ahead.

As I sit down writing this column, I contemplate the events that have happened in my life since August of 1996. Overall, I have learned how to deal with people in situations I was not used to, I faced criticism and I have received praise. All in all, it has been a growing experience, which I think all of us need to go through at some point in our lives.

Being the editor of *¿Qué Pasa, OSU?* has not been easy, but it does not make it less enjoyable. I have been able to meet some wonderful people in the Hispanic community, and many have been featured in the magazine.

It has also been a year of change, the number of pages has dwindled, and a web site has been developed to get into the "information superhighway". There are some people I want to thank, but I will withhold the names, because as they say "you know who you are". To all of those who have offered their help, with articles, comments and their time it is greatly appreciated.

One person that I do want to thank publicly is the previous editor of the magazine, Ezra Escudero, who's kindness, way of being and most of all his love and dedication to see this magazine continue and prosper is truly commendable. Ezra, wherever you are, thank you and best of luck in all your future enterprises.

For the upcoming year, I will make no promises, but certainly an effort to focus more on Hispanic students is something that I will try to focus my energies on.

Currently, there are a lot of changes going on with the University's structure, and we can only hope that these changes will benefit Hispanic students, so their needs can be met.

I also take this time to welcome all

the new Hispanic students that will join the OSU community next year, I wish all the best of luck, and I will also like to offer some advice: be yourself, get involved and ask questions. I stress the latter, because I feel that it will be a good way to get to know people, make contacts, and don't be lost (or feel lost).

Transitions are almost a daily part of our lives, as difficult as it is to go through them, it is also enjoyable to get from one point to the other, always hoping to improve. That is the key in transitions, we see what we are truly made of, not physically, but mentally and spiritually: and it is in conditioning our spirit that we get our ultimate strength to go on with our everyday life.

By Francisco Corral

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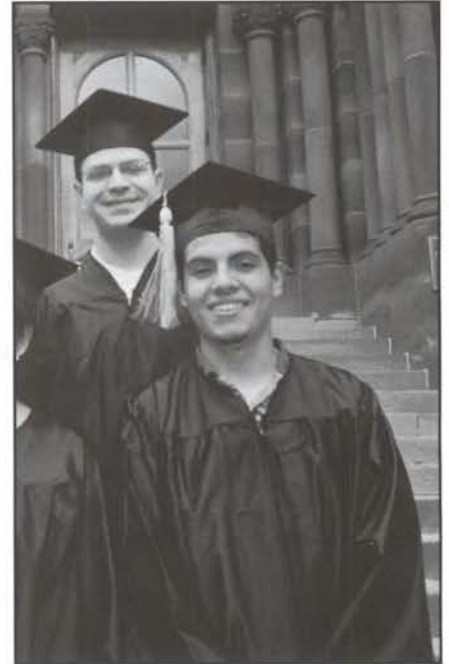
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A Graduation of Firsts

Attending the Spring Quarter Commencement was special indeed, forget that it rained and the fog made it very hard to see, forget that your cap and gown were soaking wet after the ceremony was canceled at 10:46 a.m. Just think about all the over 40,000 people that were cheering their relatives on as they walked, through the race track at the Ohio Stadium, and think about the feeling after getting your diploma.

I was lucky enough to have two good friends graduating that day. For Carlos Rivera it was “more icing on the cake”, as he joins his brother as the two only members of his family to ever attain a college degree (they were also the first ones to get a high school diploma).

For William Dominguez, graduating



meant, that he would be the first Dominguez to attain a college degree. In the wings, a sister and a brother are waiting also to graduate in the upcoming years, an accomplishment that William is very proud about.

It wasn't the easiest of roads for William, he was overwhelmed by the size of the school and he changed majors a couple of times. Originally, from Miami (Cuban descent) he admits that he lost focus and that's what caused him to be here for 5 and a half year before graduating: “It was long, but beneficial, it made me take school more seriously... That is why I advice people to focus quickly ad get a job, this will help you to straighten your situation and focus on your school work.”

Carlos felt that getting involved in the university community was a key for his success: “You have taken an initiative by coming to Ohio State, but you have to also





take an initiative to get involved, hone your leadership skills, and that will help you survive and succeed at Ohio State.”

Being Cuban was a challenge for William, who felt that he had to reach out to the Latino community on campus, which was big in relation to the very small number of Cubans that were part of it: “There is not that many of me, I was forced to start relations with the Mexican Americans and the Puertorricans, so I took them in as my Latino family, because I realized that it was all I had, and I know I made the most of it.”

Carlos Rivera and William Dominguez, are two examples of success of Latinos here at Ohio State. Their stories have the elements of struggle, disappointment and change; but they both have something in common they ended in success. They head separate ways now, Carlos is going to California to start a new stage in his life (as a professional), William will stay here in Columbus working at the OSU Hospital and following his school career by starting his graduate studies in the fall.

It is with great pride that I say that I was there on that gloomy morning taking pictures, and getting a gist of the environment at the stadium. And as the fog was creeping into the field and the



downpour of rain was falling into the masses, this could not deem the spirit of two men who came from distant places to achieve a goal that was consummated on the rainy field.

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Go ahead and get wired...



Paper presented at Conference in San Diego

Victor Mora (Office of Enrollment Management), Professor Duane F. Marble and graduate student Manuel Granados (Department of Geography) co-authored a paper that was presented at the 17th annual Environmental Systems Research Institute Conference in San Diego, California.

The paper titled "Applying GIS Technology and Geodemographics to

College and University Admissions Planning." The paper's focus is the incorporation of Geographic Information Systems Technology to support planning and operational activities in the areas of admissions and financial aid.

Victor Mora, originally from Ecuador, has an MBA with emphasis in Marketing and has been working at Ohio State since 1990. Manuel Granados, from Mexico, is pursuing his Ph.D. in Geography and works for the Office of Enrollment Management as a graduate associate. Dr. Marble, from the U.S., is internationally recognized for his expertise in the GIS field. Dr. Marble serves as a consultant to the Office of Enrollment Management.
by Victor Mora

Latino/Hispanic Student & Community Organizations



Alpha Psi Lambda, the first coed Hispanic/Latina(o)-interest fraternity in the nation was founded in the spring of 1985, eleven years ago here at The Ohio State University. Because it is a Hispanic-interest fraternity, Alpha Psi Lambda has always welcomed people from a broad spectrum of cultures. Its strength lies in its ability to focus on the Hispanic cultures without falling prey to a racist myopia.

Over the last eleven years Alpha Psi Lambda has grown to include chapters at the University of Illinois, Northern Illinois University, Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Purdue University at Calumet, Indiana, the University of Illinois at Chicago and it's most recent chapters at Depaul University, The University of Cincinnati and Ohio University at Athens, Ohio.

Anyone who is interested in becoming a Sister or Brother of Alpha Psi Lambda is welcome to join the family. Please contact Alpha Psi Lambda president Tracy Lynch-Salas at (614)299-9954 or e-mail lynch.90@osu.edu

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The Latino(a) Student Union was first named the Hispanic Agenda when established in January of 1993. By late August in that same year the name was changed to better incorporate female Hispanics in an inclusive manner. Their goals and concerns are in the areas of Recruitment, Retention, and Enrichment of Hispanic students here at The Ohio State University.

Because Latina(o)s are so underrepresented here at OSU, it is important to remind the community that

we are not an invisible minority. It is important for us to take a stand and to have a say in the ongoing commencement of our academic careers. Let us remind the OSU community both near and far that what we bring to OSU is just as important as what we take. Our different cultures and ideas are a definite asset not only to each other, but also to whole state of Ohio.

The Hispanic Business Student Association is a local chapter of the National Hispanic Business Association (NHBA). The mission of HBSA is to address educational and business issues related to Hispanics. You do not have to be Hispanic or business major in order to be a part of HBSA.

This quarter, HBSA'S main objective will be to sponsor resume workshops, mock interviews, presentations given by members, getting to know the major each member is interested in and much more. HBSA has a busy schedule for you, be a part of it!

HBSA Web Site
<http://www.osu.edu/students/hbsa>

Hispanic Law Student Association (HLSA) has been around for about seven years. The main objective and goal for HLSA is to recruit and promote Hispanic students to apply to law school in order to have good representation. HLSA is also involved with other organizations within the national level either being academic or social such as the National Law School Softball Tournament and the American Bar Association.

The law school goes by semester, therefore their semester schedule of activities and meetings has not been established. If you would like more information about HLSA contact the office of Hispanic Student Services.

The Hispanic Graduate, Professional, and Non-Traditional Student Organization (HGPNSO) is a social organization of mainly Hispanic graduates students at OSU. The organization has been in existence for almost a decade. HGPNSO was formed with the purpose of promoting personal development, providing information, and supporting students

with their academic development. At the same time, the organization is committed to providing social activities and gatherings that gives students the opportunity to interact with Hispanics and Latin Americans all over campus.

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The Commission on Spanish Speaking Affairs, assists about 1,100 individual constituents each year, in matters as diverse as putting together health education seminars, making referrals to the Ohio Civil Rights Commission for employment discrimination, and providing information regarding business development opportunities.

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Scott Healy

Scott Healy has joined the family of Ohio State University as its new Director of Admissions. With an impressive background, and having worked in other distinguished universities such as: Penn State, Southern Methodist and The University of Oklahoma, Scott says that his true calling in his job is "...helping students make good decisions about their future, and that's where the admissions area is."

Healy advises the Hispanic community at OSU to create a bond with former Hispanic alumni, and also set up tours for incoming students to OSU, and even other colleges, because maybe OSU is not the right choice for his/her needs. Also, once you are here Scott advises to get involved in the Hispanic Organizations. Scott says that



is through education, and becoming involved that you can achieve that well-roundness that many students seek.

Mr. Healy's door is always open, so if you are having trouble adjusting to university life, stop by 1300 Lincoln Tower and see if he is in. He will be more than glad to give you some minutes of his time.

By Francisco Corral

Tallie Hart



There is nothing that is more complicated in any university (for students) than dealing with the Financial Aid office. Luckily, at Ohio State we can depend on a person like Tallie Hart. She was appointed as the new Director of Financial Aid, at the start of the 1996-97 school year.

Tallie welcomes the challenge and opportunity that comes along with being a part of The Ohio State University. She wants the department not to interfere with the life of students. Tallie feels that it's important to be invisible until students need their services.

Along with a dedicated staff, Tallie

is trying to increase the connection of individuals to staff while decreasing the obstacles that students face en route to making that connection. In short, make students focus on their schoolwork rather than worrying about their financial aid situation.

By establishing communication with students over the internet, e-mail and voice automated phone systems, students don't have to go out of their way to walk to Lincoln Tower. If this ever happens, be assured that Tallie Hart and her staff will do anything to solve your problems promptly.

By Francisco Corral



FYI

Student Services, Programs & Other Resources

Important Phone Numbers:

OSU Information.....	292-OHIO
Admissions Office.....	292-3980
BRUTUS.....	292-9999
Fees & Deposits.....	292-2812
Finacial Aid.....	292-0300
Registrar's Office.....	292-8500
Residence & Dining Halls.....	292-8266
Traffic & Parking.....	292-9341

Public Safety:

University Poilce.....	911
(Non-Emergency).....	292-2121

Student Services:

Admissions Office.....	292-3980
Affirmative Action.....	292-4164
Alcohol Education/ Resource Center.....	292-TALK
Ask-A-Nurse.....	293-5678
BRUTUS.....	292-9999
Change of-Address Line.....	292-7598
Child Care Center.....	292-4453
Judicial Affairs.....	292-0478
Commuter Student Affairs.....	292-0100
Counseling & Consultation.....	292-5766
Ceative Activities Program.....	292-9983
Dental Clinic.....	292-2751
Disability Services.....	292-3307
Fees & Deposits.....	292-2812
EASE (telephone service).....	292-EASE
Finacial Aid.....	292-0300
Greek Affairs.....	292-8763
Health Services.....	292-2112
Appointments.....	292-4321
Dental Clinic.....	292-0158

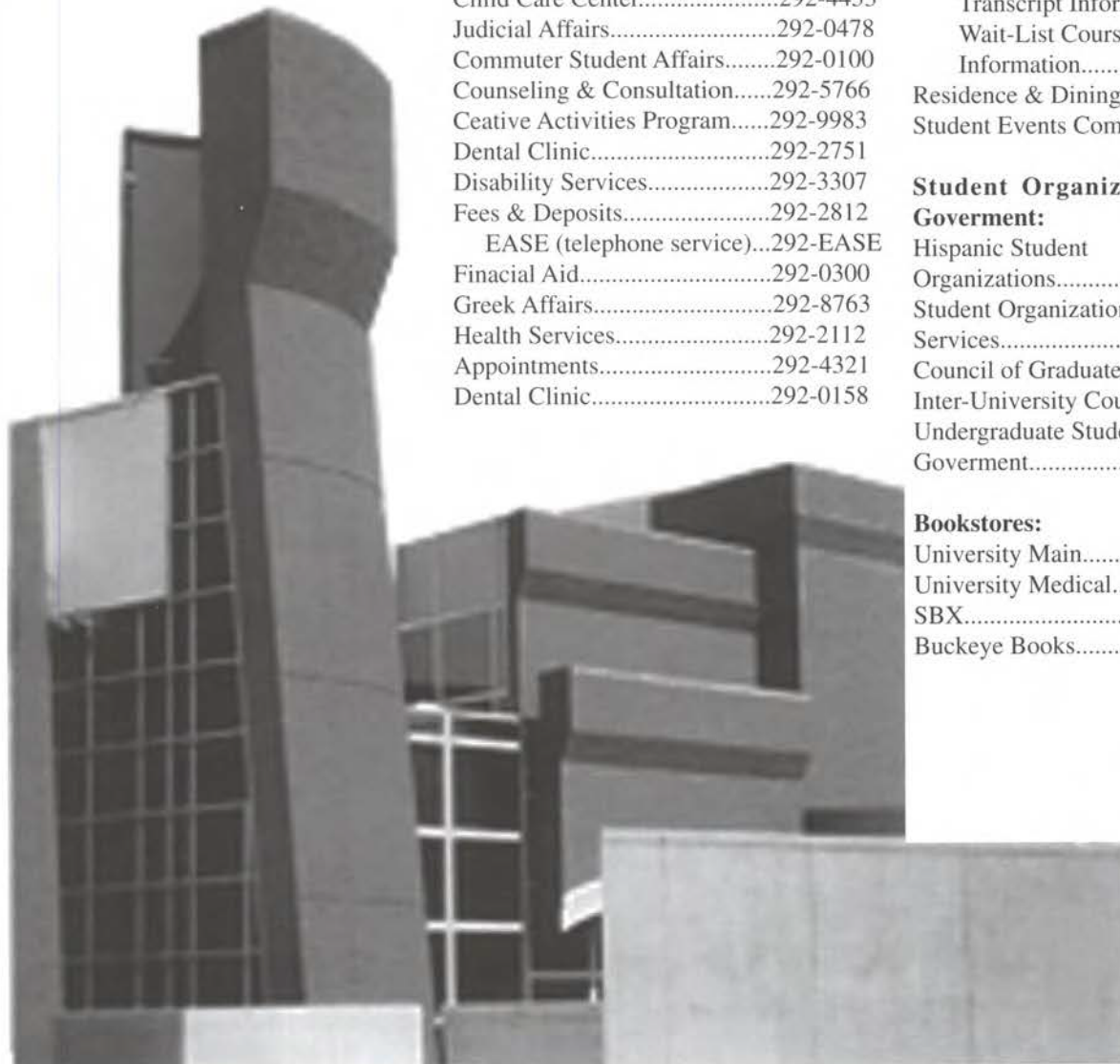
Gynecology Clinic.....	292-0135
Health Insurance.....	464-8500
Office of Minority Affairs.....	292-4355
Mentoring Program.....	292-8732
Rape Education & Prevention Program.....	292-0479
Off-Campus Services & Project Community.....	292-0100
Ohio Union.....	292-7924
Recreation & Intramural Sports.....	292-7671
Registrar's Office.....	292-8500
Grade Information.....	292-2299
Transcript Information.....	292-0776
Wait-List Course Information.....	292-9696
Residence & Dining Halls.....	292-8266
Student Events Committee.....	292-2324

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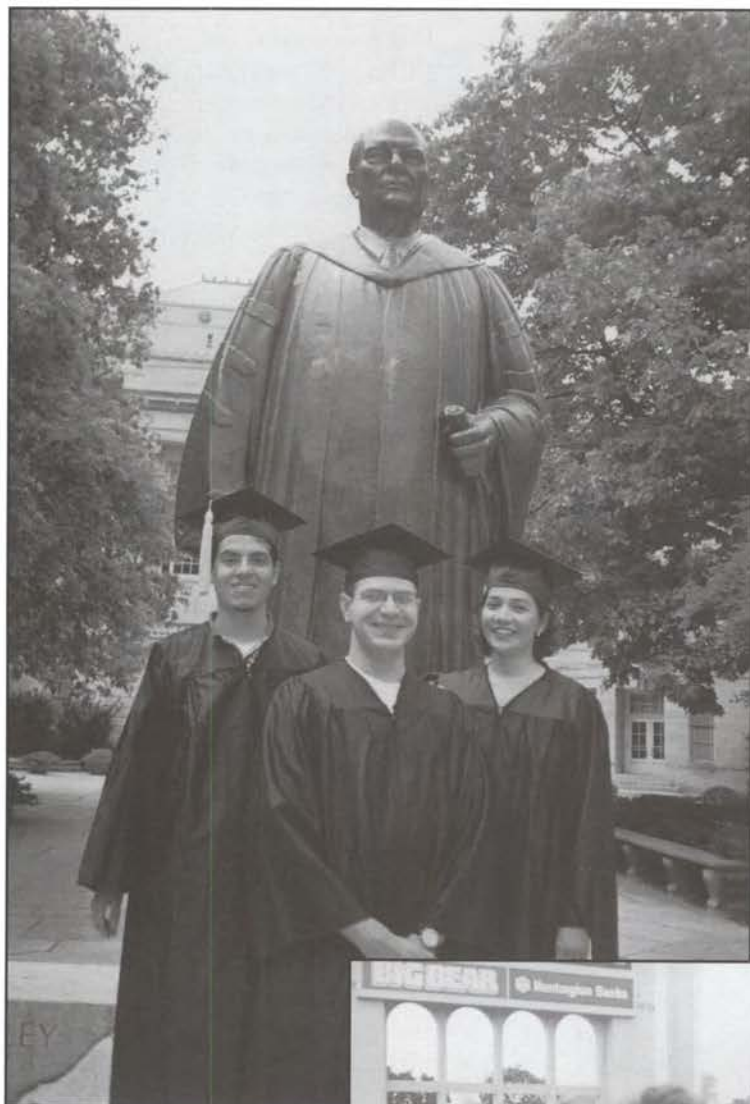
Hispanic Student Organizations.....	292-2917
Student Organization Services.....	292-8763
Council of Graduate Students.....	292-4380
Inter-University Council.....	464-1266
Undergraduate Student Government.....	292-2101

Bookstores:

University Main.....	292-2991
University Medical.....	292-5731
SBX.....	291-9528
Buckeye Books.....	424-9040



Perspectivas



Carlos Rivera, Bachelors in education, (Chicago, Illinois, Mexico):
On succeeding at OSU as a Latino: "You have to have initiative, and you better hone your leadership skills, it is through that that you are going to succeed at Ohio State."

Eddie Jerez, Masters of Arts and Public Management, from Nicaragua:

On his experience at OSU: "My experience at Ohio State has been great. The quality and education I have gotten here has been outstanding, but had I not begin involved with the Latino community, I would not have been able to enjoy and grow as I have."

Advice to Freshmen: Make sure you don't isolate yourself, from the rest of your culture and "compatriotas" here at OSU.



Angelita Cantu, Bachelors in Business,
(Brownsville, Texas, Mexico):
Advice to Freshmen: "Be around people
who are disciplined, or have had some
positive experiences here
at Ohio State. If you
make a mistake don't
punish yourself too hard,
learn from your mis-
takes, also, make sure of
all the resources that are
here for you, and relate
them to your study field.
Take time to explore and
know people your first
year here."



William Dominguez, Bachelors Arts &
Sciences (International Relations)
(Miami, Florida, Cuba):
On making at Ohio State as a freshman:
"My advice to all new students coming in
will be to focus early, because being a
Latino in Columbus, Ohio you are
distracted with all the things going on at
the same time. Like the size of school,
and the job situation... you need to get
your act together, and that can only be
achieved through focusing."

Latino Fest



The city of Columbus experienced first hand what a Latino party is all about. On June 20th and 21st, the Bicentennial Park in downtown was the sight of the second annual Latino Fest. Performers like Jose Alberto (El Canario) and Poncho Sanchez, delighted crowds of more than five thousand each day.

There were also many booths that offered Latino music, jewelry, books, arts and crafts and food. The weather was excellent, and the crowd was in a truly festive mood as they danced and enjoyed the festivities.

All groups of Latinos were there, and they enjoyed the festivities as one.

Last year's fest was only one day, but with the success of this year's festival, it is hard not to think that next year it will be a weekend-long activity.

Many people attended the activity and joined the dancing and the fun, as they wanted to be part of what hopefully will become a yearly tradition for the city of Columbus.

By Francisco Corral





Premiere

Attractions

YOUR WEBSITE FOR THE WEEKEND

<http://www.premiere-attractions.com>

Omar Barriga

After over 20 years of being part of the OSU family, Dr. Omar Barriga has accepted the position of Chair of the Department of Parasitology at the University of Chile. Barriga said that it is a great challenge, part of his job is picking young doctors that will staff the revamped department.

He accepts this new position with pride, after all he is going back home, and is proud of being part of a restructuring process that will launch the university into a new era of improved education: "These changes were needed, this department will go from being strictly professionalistic in its teaching of medicine, and now it will be better rounded." said Barriga.

Dr. Barriga said that it was

tough to leave the U.S., but there was a big motive for his decision: "When your native country knocks at your door and says that they need you to help them progress, it is very hard to say no."

Dr. Barriga was very successful during his 30 years in the U.S., for 20 years in a row he got funding to conduct investigations, and he looks back to his success with a big smile and lots of pride. Now, he has decided to tackle head on a challenge that will help improve the quality of education of his native Chile.

By Francisco Corral

Ezra Escudero

Our former executive editor, Ezra Escudero, is working at Unisys computer systems in Pittsburgh. There he has started working on a company newsletter, that has become very successful. Remembered and loved, by all of who knew him through the four years, he was here, Ezra remain influential to this magazine,

as he helped with ideas and formats for our first issues of this year.

Ezra says he misses Ohio State and all the friends he made here, and he assures that he is doing well, and in good health.

By Francisco Corral



Perspectivas

Here at ¿Qué Pasa, OSU?, we take pride on the achievements of the students and faculty that are part of the OSU Hispanic community. We also try to cover some issues that are of importance to the Hispanic community. In the interview that I had the pleasure to conduct with Dr. Jamie Cano, some of this topics were addressed.

Dr. Cano is a Kellogg Fellow at OSU, chosen from a group of over a 1000 applicants, Dr. Cano is able to conduct research and investigation projects. At the same time he serves as the Chair of the Hispanic Oversight Committee (HOC) and is also part of the faculty of the Agricultural & Environmental Sciences Department.

Q: What kind of work is associated with begin a Kellogg Fellowship recipient?

Dr. Cano: "The whole purpose of the fellowship is that people who are selected, are already leaders in their professions, its philosophy is that you have taken time to help everybody, now is time to help you. They select 40 people and give a leadership training that spans a three-year period. I spent all of my time traveling to countries that have gone through social tensions: Bosnia, China, Vietnam.. I get to go through all over the world. The whole point of this was how to rebuild these societies using volunteer organizations. As a result of this, I'm in the process of writing a book, that talks about how can we use volunteers to help rebuild our world."

Q: How do you associate your fellow to your work ?

Dr. Cano: "The fellowship connects to my work, because it has made me a more caring person. Once you are selected you take 15 psychological tests... to get to understand yourself. Also, you will have the other people that work with you writing about how they felt about you. The greatest thing that I learned is that I didn't listen, I will hear you perfectly, but I will be working on

the computer while hearing you. And through seminars and programs, I now listen to people better, I give attention to people, and has made me a better communicator. I also taught me to prioritize what I do, now I know that if I don't finish work, that's too bad, but when dealing with people there might not be tomorrow for them, and you have to give people their attention. It has made me a better person and a better leader.

Q: How do you feel about the restructuring process that both the Student Life Office and the Office of Minority Affairs (OMA) are going through?

Dr. Cano: "I have not heard anything from anybody about this process, but the rumor is that all the four minority offices of student life are merging into one multicultural office. In the long run I support it, but in the short run I don't. The reason that I don't support it in the short run, primarily because I think that whoever is the overseer of the offices if we are treated fairly or unfairly as a group. My hunch is that we will be treated unfairly. Long term, though is that this is an experiment, this is new, the administration will be listening, will be watching, and in the long run changes will be made so that everybody wins. OMA is a whole different story I met with the Provost and I don't think the administration of the University knows what is going to happen to OMA. Right now there is a vacancy for the vice-provost of minority affairs, and I think that the Hispanic community needs to play an active role of who gets selected, I'm confident that the person who is



chosen works with us. I hope somewhere along the way that the Hispanic community has somebody in one of the top positions in that office.

Q: The Hispanic community is bracing themselves to see how these changes work out, what is your take on this situation?

Dr. Cano: " With all the rumors and actions that are going in the university I think that students, staff and faculty are scared and I recognized that. I think everybody has a reason to be scared, because nobody knows what is going to happen. Are we going to be part of one office and take part in their activities? No, I think that as long as we have different communities at the university level. We will still have Hispanic Awareness Week, Black History Month, etc, how they are put together may change, but I don't think anything will be erased, and there is really nothing to worry about. The Hispanic community needs to be more proactive than reactive, and we need to see what is going to happen, see how it will benefit us, and go forward from that.

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