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## President Sets Facilities Goal

### Muriel Designated Acting Dean

Acting President Anthony Santiago, appointed to his new post in August by the Board of Higher Education, has set the renovation of the Security Mutual Building and the creation of an Hostos community advisory board as priorities for his administration.

At this year's first faculty meeting, Acting President Santiago said, "If Hostos is to survive, in the long run we must acquire more space so that we can grow. If we remain small and in rented facilities, we are vulnerable."

President Santiago also charged the Hostos College Senate with the responsibility of following through with recommendations for the creation of an Hostos community advisory board which the Senate approved in principle last spring. At that time, the Senate's Executive Committee appointed a



Acting President Santiago addresses audience of community notables during Hispanic Week activities at the postal service headquarters in the Bronx.

committee to study the formation of the advisory board. The members of the study committee are Profs. Victor De León, Robert Wheeler, Thomas Joyce, Angelo Aponte and Clara Watnick.

At the faculty meeting, Acting President Santiago announced the appointment of Prof. Amador Muriel, former chairman of the physical sciences department, as Acting Dean of Faculty. Prof. Evangelos Gizis had resigned the deanship over the summer.

Acting President Santiago assumes his new position after four years as director of the Hostos Division of Community and Continuing Education. Believed to be the first blind person to head a college or university in the United States, he has a diverse background in education and

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The Security Mutual Building stands like an empty hulk in the autumn sun as students mingle in courtyard of former tire factory at 475 Grand Concourse that houses Hostos today.

## Renovation Funds Are Denied

"Not again!"

That was the simple and painful reaction of an Hostos staffer who seemed to be reflecting the dismay of the entire college community upon hearing that, yes, once again, Hostos was denied the means to renovate the Security Mutual building at 500 Grand Concourse.

The latest attempt to secure the funds for the renovation was begun last winter when the college and staff members of the CUNY Office of Facilities Planning began the long and complex process of applying for federal funds under the Local Public Works Program which is administered by the U.S. Department of Commerce.

The Board of Higher Education had, in turn, approved the application in February and it subsequently received the support of Bronx Borough President Abrams. Significantly, the funds for the renovation were to come from the federal government so that the city and the State Dormitory Authority, both of which have not been able to sell bonds on the public market, would not be burdened. It seemed as though the Local Public Works Program afforded the city and CUNY an ideal opportunity to complete the long-delayed Security Mutual project.

What happened? The truth is that no one at Hostos or the CUNY central office is absolutely sure. The final decision on how the federal funds were to be distributed was made by Mayor Abraham Beame, although many projects were apparently eliminated even before they reached the mayor's desk.

As Acting President Anthony Santiago explained at this year's first faculty meeting, "All we know is that somewhere between the Borough

President's Office and City Hall our project was cut out. Neither I nor the people at the Board of Higher Education know how or where, but the decision to deny us the money was probably made by bureaucrats."

One staff member at the Borough President's Office offered the following explanation: "The mayor obviously did not think that it was appropriate that, with the funding problem of the University, the Security Mutual project was advisable."

A staff member at the city's construction office had yet another explanation: "Let's face facts: The city colleges are not exactly the darling of the world these days."

Whatever the immediate reasons for the rejection of the project are, ultimately the Hostos bid was not approved because the college and the community it serves are politically weak. Perhaps most telling is the list of projects in the Bronx which received

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## Senate Elects New Chairman

### Assails AFT On Bakke Stand

The Hostos College Senate convened its first meeting of the year on September 29 and elected a new chairman and two members of the Hostos presidential search committee. The Senate also voted overwhelmingly in favor of a resolution demanding that the American Federation of Teachers (AFT) withdraw a brief filed on behalf of the complainant in the landmark Bakke case which is before the Supreme Court.

The new chairman of the Senate is Prof. Victor De León of the biology department. He replaces Prof. J.A. Betancourt who had held the position in an acting capacity since last spring. Prof. De León set increased activity on the part of the Senate, including attendance of representatives at Senate meetings, as a priority. His term of office is for one year.

The two faculty members elected to the presidential search committee were Prof. J.A. Betancourt and Prof. Cyril Price of the dental hygiene department. Under guidelines set by the Board of Higher Education, the presidential search committee is to be composed of the chairman of the Senate, the two faculty members elected by the Senate, two students designated by the Student Government Organization and an Hostos graduate who is also to be selected by the student government.

In action on the Bakke case, the Senate objected to the *amicus curiae* or supporting brief which the American Federation of Teachers filed on behalf of Alan Bakke, an unsuccessful applicant to the medical school at the University of California at Davis, who has claimed that he was the victim of reverse discrimination because a quota system at the medical school favored the admission of minority students with

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## Speakers Bureau Setting Engagements

The Hostos Speakers Bureau is resuming operations this fall with engagements at several local community agencies and senior citizens' centers.

Community groups interested in availing themselves of the service, which Hostos provides free of charge, should contact the Office of College Relations and Development (attention: Speakers Bureau) at Hostos for a list of speakers and their topics. The topics include health care, careers and counselling, science and the arts and education.

Engagements are limited to the boroughs of Manhattan and the Bronx. Many of the Hostos speakers are able to lecture in either English or Spanish. A

minimum of three weeks' notice is usually required to schedule and confirm a speaking engagement.

Thus far, some 33 Hostos faculty members, administrators and staffers have volunteered to lecture in the program. They got off to a good start last spring with engagements at such local agencies as the Boston Secor Senior Center, the Alianza Civica Tropical, the East Harlem College and College Counseling Center and the Mount Eden Multi-Service Senior Citizens' Center.

Faculty or staff members interested in participating in the program should contact Ms. Anne Jackson of the Office of College Relations.

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## President...

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social work. He holds a bachelor's degree from City College and a master's degree from Hunter College's School of Social Work. After working in the early sixties as a case worker at the Industrial Home for the Blind, he became one of the first directors of the Mobilization for Youth's first neighborhood services center in New York. In 1967, he was appointed the director of the Brooklyn Center of ASPIRA, and by 1970 he became the Assistant Executive Director of ASPIRA of New York. From that position, he helped lead a court challenge of the Board of Education for its failure to provide equal educational opportunities to Spanish-speaking children.



Acting Dean of Faculty Amador Muriel confers with Priscilla Talbot, assistant to the dean.

In 1970, the Board of Education named him director of recruitment and training of Spanish-speaking teachers. While still with the Board, he supervised the publication of the Jenkins Report, a study which led to the expansion and improvement of bilingual education in the city school system. In addition, Mr. Santiago served the Board of Higher Education as a member of the Commission on Open Admissions. As a member of a local school board on Manhattan's West Side, he played an important part in the school decentralization movement.

Acting President Santiago is married to the former Elizabeth Anne Sheehan, and he is the father of three children ranging in age from eleven to six.

Dean Muriel is a native of the Philippines where he graduated from a high school program in livestock and poultry raising (he once said he was "trained to raise pigs and chickens") and the University of the Philippines from which he received a bachelor's degree. He subsequently moved to New

York, and earned a master's degree and a Ph.D. in physics from the State University of New York at Stony Brook. Since then, he has taught at the University of the Philippines, Towson State College, Stony Brook, the CUNY Graduate Center, where he is a doctoral advisor, and Hostos.

Dean Muriel has also conducted research at the Brookhaven National Laboratory and NASA's Institute for Space Studies. In addition, he has taken controversial stands on the role of science and the scientist in society, maintaining that technology and the applied sciences should take precedence in underdeveloped societies.

Dean Muriel's wife, Gloria, is a practicing pediatrician. They have two daughters, aged ten and eight.

## Students, Bank Help Recruit

The mid-summer Hostos student recruitment drive was a resounding success thanks in great part to the students, faculty and administrators who volunteered their time for the effort.

Special thanks also go the management of the local branch of Bankers Trust which permitted Hostos recruiters to set up a table at the bank near the Hub section at 149th Street and Third Avenue. Bankers Trust has offered additional help to the college through the office of Mr. Dan DiMuro, assistant vice-president of the bank. That help has come in the form of direct grants to the office of college relations and development to cover miscellaneous expenses in the office's grants effort; the bank has also donated the funds for all the photography appearing in this year's volume of *El Coquí*.

"Our special thanks go to Bankers Trust for all their help," said Mr. Carlos Velázquez, assistant director of admissions who deployed the Hostos recruiters. "We were very well received there and received everyone's full cooperation."

If there was a slogan for the recruitment drive it was: "Everybody in the Hostos family is a recruiter." Among the faculty volunteers were: Profs. Anita Cunningham, Magda Vasillov, Isaias de Jesus, Judith Nowinski, Louis Browne, John Scarry and Rosalina Vélez. Representing the English department was staff member Miriam Soto. The student volunteers were: Evelyn Santiago, Evelyn Monge, Lourdes López, Lawyer Anderson, Nancy Cruz, Beverly Simons and graduate Benny Díaz. Noe Mercado, a staff member of *Eco/Echo*, the student newspaper, contributed by writing an article on the recruitment drive which was included in an issue of Spanish-speaking daily *El Mundo*.

According to Mr. Velázquez, the recruiters met with considerable success as the college met its goals for the fall semester. He said, however, that many high school students who had originally expressed an interest in Hostos, decided in the end to go elsewhere. After surveying these prospective students, he concluded that, by and large, they decided against Hostos because the college did not have the physical facilities — especially the athletic facilities — available at other colleges.



A crew from WABC-TV's *People, Places and Things*, a weekly half-hour program, films the vast expanses of the interior of the Security Mutual Building. The area shown above is but one wing of the building's third floor; it is roughly twice the size of the Concourse Building's Combo Room. Acquisition of the building would permit an enrollment of over 5,000 at Hostos' present rate of occupancy.

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Local Public Works funding. Among them are:

Over \$2 million for the continuation of the new gateway and orientation facility at the Botanical Gardens.

Nearly \$3.9 million for reconstruction of the City Island Bridge.

Over \$2 million for a Yankee Stadium parking lot.

Nearly \$3.25 million for three schools in the Parkchester section of the Bronx.

Over \$1.5 million for sewer and street reconstruction at the Albert Einstein peripheral.

Nearly \$4.7 million for buildings at the Bronx Zoo, including a primate building, or in other words, a monkey house.

Indeed, there is something out of kilter in a city which passes over a much needed project at a struggling college in favor of a parking lot at a ball park and a monkey house at the zoo. And there is an obvious lack of vision among the city leadership when, in the face of warnings from several federal agencies that the needs of Spanish-speaking peoples are being neglected, it chooses to undermine the viability of the only bilingual institution of higher learning in the eastern United States.

Recently, for example, a Justice Department official pointed out that the nation and the New York metropolitan area were experiencing a sizable influx of Hispanic-American immigrants with

special social, economic and educational needs. He added that the single highest concentration of the nation's Hispanic population was in New York City.

The upshot is that Hostos continues to hold ESL and basic composition classes in rooms intended for 20 students that are brimming with as many as 35 and 40 students while the Security Mutual Building rests like a vacant hulk across the Grand Concourse from the former tire factory that houses Hostos today.

Having set the renovation of Security Mutual as "the highest priority" of his administration, Acting President Santiago has begun to explore ways to obtain funding either through the city's capital construction budget or through a bond sale by the Dormitory Authority. Lehman College, for example, was able to persuade a consortium of savings banks to buy Dormitory Authority bonds to fund construction of several buildings on its campus.

Figuring heavily in President Santiago's strategy is the creation of the Hostos community advisory board which was approved this year by the college Senate and which it is hoped will be composed of individuals who would be able to influence decision makers to complete the Hostos project.

"Whatever we do," President Santiago said at the College Senate's first meeting of the year, "we've got to make sure that we follow the Security Mutual project from one bureaucrat's desk to the other so that we don't get passed over again."

## Senate...

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lesser qualifications.

The case has been the center of considerable controversy as scores of organizations and prominent individuals have supported both sides in the debate, although no institution of higher learning has filed on behalf of complainant Bakke.

Clearly, the feeling of those representatives at the Senate meeting who argued in favor of the resolution condemning the AFT brief was that a decision in favor of Bakke would seriously undermine most of the hard-won gains in the civil rights movement.

As Acting President Anthony San-

tiago put it, "All constitutional issues aside, what all this comes down to is discrimination and racism. It would be a great setback to all that's been accomplished."

"What counts here," said Prof. Edward Maynard, who introduced the resolution condemning the AFT, "is not the fine arguments of law. What counts is the effect that a decision for Bakke would have on society in general and our goals for equality."

The resolution, which will be sent to AFT headquarters via telegram, reads as follows:

"The College Senate of Hostos Community College demands that you withdraw the *amicus curiae* brief in support of Alan Bakke vs. the Regents of the University of California."

## Hostos Receives Diverse Grants

Hostos has received at least \$262,193 in competitive grants for the 1977-78 academic year, according to Ms. Anne Grosso, director of the Office of College Relations and Development.

The total does not include a Vocational Education act grant administered by The New York State Education Department, which has been approved for the medical laboratory technology program as the award has not yet been set. The total also excludes a grant of \$103,270 from the National Science Foundation which is to be spent over a period of three years. (The grant is now in its second year.)

Following is a description of the grants received thus far:

... English Department: A three-year grant of \$195,911 from The Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education (Department of Health, Education and Welfare) to be shared with Lehman College and Queensborough Community College over a period of three years to develop a model of writing development among non-traditional students; \$72,403 for the first year; Prof. Sondra Perl project director.

... Library: A grant of \$3,855 from the U.S. Office of Education for library acquisitions; Prof. A.J. Betancourt project director.

... Physical Sciences Department: A grant of \$103,270 over three years from the National Science Foundation for the creation of a science resources center and the improvement of the physical sciences curriculum; Prof. Amador Muriel project director.

... Dental Hygiene Department: A \$10,368 grant under the Vocational Education Act (VEA) for supplies, audiovisual materials and other equipment for the "expanded functions" aspect of the dental hygiene

curriculum; Prof. Anita Cunningham project director.

... Business and Accounting: A \$32,000 VEA grant for the creation of an accounting laboratory in which students will gain practical experience of accounting procedures on accounting machines; Prof. Fred Soussa project director.

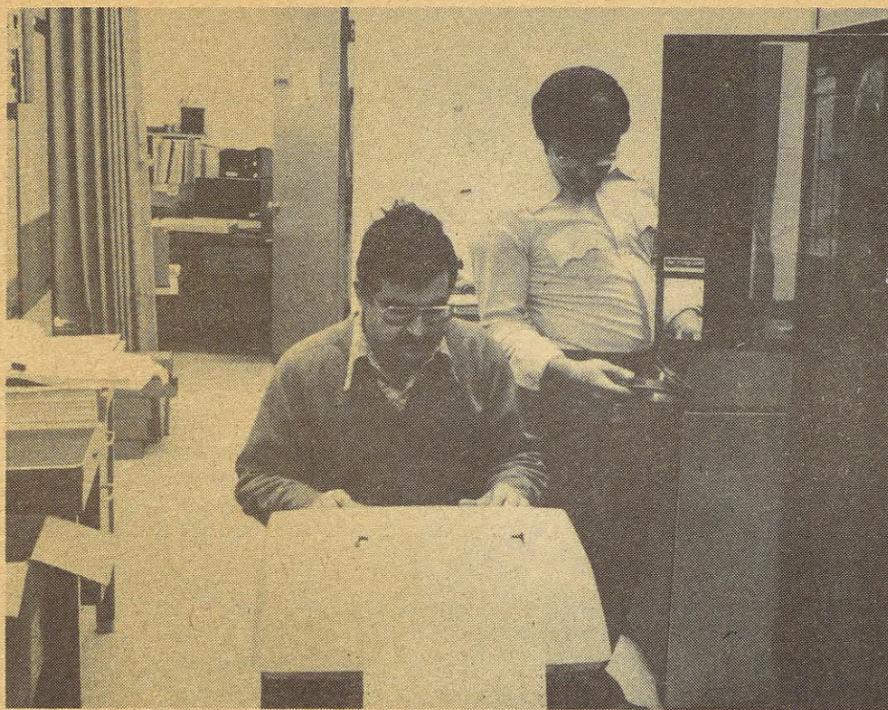
... Early Childhood Education Department: A \$4,570 VEA grant to prepare audiovisual learning packages for the department's curriculum; Prof. Paula Zajan project director. (The grant was technically awarded for 1976-77, but was not received until early summer 1977.)

... Community and Continuing Education: A grant of \$30,915 from the Bureau of Occupational and Adult Education (HEW) for a community consumer education program for low-income consumers of limited English-speaking ability; Mr. Anthony Santiago project director; Ms. Alida Pastonza coordinator.

... Community and Continuing Education: A \$33,961 VEA grant for the Minority Small Business Rescue Project; Mr. Miguel Mendonez project director.

Several of the grants are for projects which are considerably innovative. Articles on these grants will appear in future issues of *El Coqui*.

Ms. Grosso will be joining forces with Mr. Pepe Barrón, Vice-President for Program Development, to present a grants seminar this fall for faculty who are interested in writing grants proposals, an activity which can be extremely rewarding. They are also scheduling a number of visits by officials from government granting agencies and foundations. Faculty members will be notified in advance of these activities.



Mr. Jorge Rodríguez, systems analyst (left), and Mr. Julio Sánchez, computer operator in the new computer center on the sixth floor of the Concourse building.

## Computer Moved to Concourse

Over the summer, the Hostos computer center changed location and hands. In a move to save on rental expenses, Hostos gave up the space at the Melrose Building on 161st Street, which the college had occupied since its inception, and moved the computer to the sixth floor of the Concourse Building.

The computer is now under the purview of Acting Dean of Faculty Amador Muriel who last year had begun exploring ways with faculty from the physical sciences and biology departments of implementing computer-assisted instruction (CAI). Dean Muriel says that the computer will now be called upon to perform the usual administrative tasks as well as to provide some modules, especially drill exercises, in computer-assisted instruction. His hope is that the proximity of the computer will encourage faculty to experiment with this medium of instruction.

Says Dean Muriel, "Now there is no distance between faculty and the computer."

Several faculty members are taking advantage of that proximity. Prof. Julio Gallardo of the physical sciences department is continuing the work in CAI which he began last year when the computer was being used in the science resources center. And Prof. Linda Hirsch of the English department is beginning to have some basic English skills exercises programmed into the computer.

Made by the Digital Computer

Company and referred to as a "PDP-11/40," the college computer is a good one. Although it is a "mini-computer" (as compared to some of the IBM behemoths), it nevertheless has extraordinary powers. A total of 15 terminals can operate on the computer at once, and it can be used to solve arcane problems in astro-physics or just print the mailing labels for this newspaper.

The day-to-day operation of the computer is in the hands of Mr. Jorge Rodríguez who, as a systems analyst and programmer, determines the needs of individual users and writes the programs which instruct the computer to perform many and varied tasks. Assisting Mr. Rodríguez is Mr. Julio Sánchez, a computer operator who has been with Hostos for several years and is "very familiar" with the computer.

Mr. Rodríguez is now working on a number of projects including the computerization of the registration process. He indicates that the computer has "tremendous potential" for the college community, and that various offices and departments throughout the college are using terminals regularly. Among those are the radiological technology department and the Office of College Relations and Development which has computerized a 3,500-entry mailing list. The English department will soon have its own terminal.

Similar to typewriters, the terminals can be used from any office in the college. They are linked to the computer by telephone, and, because they are on casters, they are very mobile.

## Development Officer Is Appointed

Pepe Barrón, a leading figure in bilingual-bicultural education and the community college movement, has been appointed vice-president for program development at Hostos.

Mr. Barrón will be responsible for conducting research of public and private funding sources on a nation-wide basis; for exploring Hostos program needs with officers of federal programs and private foundations and corporations; and for providing the necessary personal follow-up on grant applications submitted by the college to the various federal programs and private agencies. In addition, Mr. Barrón will be chief development advisor and strategist to Hostos' president, Anthony Santiago.

The 40-year-old educator's distinguished professional career, which has focused on the educational needs of the nation's Spanish speaking, has particular relevance for Hostos. As Executive Director of el Congreso Nacional (The National Congress for College Affairs), Mr. Barrón was responsible for modeling an organization which develops and promotes postsecondary educational programs, especially at the community college level, for Spanish-speaking communities across the nation. Previously, Mr. Barrón served in a similar capacity as the director of the

Spanish-Speaking Fomento at the American Association of Community and Junior Colleges.

At Pima Community College in Tucson, Arizona, Mr. Barrón was co-director of the bilingual program and served as chairman of the college's Intercultural Committee which was responsible for providing faculty training in intercultural curriculum and teaching methodologies. He has also served as an educational consultant for a number of countries, including Costa Rica, Guatemala, Mexico, and Peru, and has helped organize and participated in several White House conferences on education and Spanish-speaking Americans. In addition, Mr. Barrón has conducted numerous research studies in the area of community college bilingual-bicultural education and has taught the social sciences, Spanish, and ethnic studies at the undergraduate, high school, and elementary school levels.

Mr. Barrón, who is married and the father of three children, holds an associate degree from Los Angeles City College and bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Arizona. He is a doctoral candidate in higher education administration at the University of Southern California.

## Democrats Value Hispanic Vote

A report by the national committee of the Democratic party released over the summer has revealed that Hispanic voters across the country contributed significantly to Jimmy Carter's victory last November.

The report pointed out that, whereas it has been generally acknowledged that the overwhelming support of Black voters for Jimmy Carter was crucial to the Democratic presidential candidate — especially in the South — the Hispanic vote was equally important to Carter in

two key states, Texas and Ohio.

And in New York City, which in effect carried the state for Carter, the Democrat received an unusually high vote of confidence from Latinos.

As the report put it, "Carter did best in New York, with its [large] Puerto Rican community, collecting 89 percent of the Hispanic vote."

"Carter," said one Hostos staffer, "felt compelled to call up Beame on the night of the election to thank him for

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**WHAT IS, WHAT COULD BE:** Staff members in the office of the Dean of Students are hard at work in cramped conditions during recent telephone recruitment campaign. Conditions such as these prevail at the Concourse building while across



the street the Security Mutual Building remains unused. The Hostos staffers are (from left) Louise Merced, Carmen Clemente, Virginia Maldonado and Josie García.

## News Briefs

**Prof. Victor De León** of the biology department has collaborated on an article entitled "Stored and Polysomal Ribosomes of Mouse Ova" which appeared in a recent issue of *Developmental Biology*. The article is related to extensive research on embryonic development which Prof. De León has conducted at the Cornell University Medical College.

**Prof. Carlos Quiroga** of the English department published two articles — "Etnocentrismo lingüístico: actitud negativa bilateral dentro de la educación bilingüe" and "Situación del educando hispano hablante en los Estados Unidos" — in the spring edition of *El Condor Literary Review* which is published in Puerto Rico by the Ana G. Mendez Educational Foundation. The articles deal with what Prof. Quiroga terms "the negative attitudes taken by college ESL teachers during the . . . presentation and imposition of 'the second language.'"

Prof. Quiroga is presently finishing a follow-up article with the cooperation of **Prof. Bowman Wiley**, also of the English department. The article delves into the roots of ethnocentric attitudes in the ESL classroom.

Hostos graduate **Alcides Torres** ('72) has returned to New York City after serving for three years as a counselor in the department of corrections in Puerto Rico. Mr. Torres was a member of the charter class of Hostos Community College. He went on for a bachelor's degree in sociology at Lehman College and a master's degree, also in sociology, at City College. Two of Mr. Torres' sons, **Jay** and **Amos**, are also graduates of Hostos, and have served the college as employees and loyal friends through the years. During his three years in Puerto Rico, Mr. Torres, senior, was the pastor of a church in San José, Río Piedras.

Hostos graduate **Emilia Torres** graduated *summa cum laude* from City College last June.

**Prof. Pablo Cabrera**, chairman of the Puerto Rican studies department, was

the stage director for the world premiere performance of *Macias*, the oldest known Puerto Rican opera, which was presented at the Opera de San Juan over the summer. The opera was written in the mid-nineteenth century by Felipe Gutierrez y Espinosa, a Puerto Rican composer whose talents had not been recognized until lately. Gutierrez had originally dedicated the opera to king Alfonso XII of Spain, but it was never performed and it soon fell into oblivion. The opera was rediscovered recently in the Royal Archives in Madrid by Puerto Rican historian Lidio Cruz Monclova. The Opera de San Juan's production of *Macias* was appropriately dedicated to Spain's present king, Juan Carlos. It was the cause of considerable commotion in the operatic world, not only because of the work's superior quality, but also because it is the oldest opera from the Caribbean area. Says Prof. Cabrera, "*Macias* changes almost completely the panorama of Puerto Rican music."

The costumes and scenery used in the premiere of *Macias* were largely the result of efforts by Prof. Carmen Marín of the Puerto Rican studies department who was called in to research the period and place—13th century Spain—of the opera. Prof. Marín's assignment was particularly challenging because the 13th century remains a relatively obscure era in Spanish history.

Prof. Cabrera also narrated one of the recent segments of *Realidades*, a national bilingual Latino series shown from time to time on public broadcasting stations. Entitled "Who's Afraid of Bilingual Education," the segment reviews bilingual programs at several schools across the nation.

Also appearing in a segment of *Realidades* entitled "Your Vote is Powerful" were the **Hon. Jack John Olivero**, a member of the Board of Higher Education, and former chairman of the Puerto Rican Legal Defense Fund, **Congressman Herman Badillo** and **Raquel Creitoff** of the Office of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico who was among the community leaders who campaigned for the creation of Hostos Community College.

**Prof. Leroy Sparks**, chairman of the radiologic technology department, has collaborated with **Dr. A. Brent Garber**, a nationally known figure in health

education, to produce a modularly designed medical terminology program entitled *Learn-a-Term*. Published by Aspen Systems Corporation, the program is designed for paraprofessional health care personnel who use medical terms, but may not know what they mean. Prof. Sparks and Dr. Garber have based the Learn-a-Term program on teaching experiences at Hostos. (Dr. Garber has lectured at Hostos.) The program has been used with great success at Harlem and Roosevelt Hospitals.

**Prof. Graciela Rivera** of the visual and performing arts department has been included in the latest edition of the *International Who's Who in Music and Musicians Directory*. The volume outlines Prof. Rivera's rich career which began in 1952 with her debut in the title role of Lucia di Lammermoor at New York City's Metropolitan Opera. Prof. Rivera was the first Puerto Rican to sing a title role at the vaunted Met. She has since performed in opera houses in major cities in Europe, the United States and Latin America.

**Acting Dean of Faculty Amador Muriel** has published a paper entitled "Illustrative Calculations Using Projection Techniques" in the August 1977 issue of the *American Journal of Physics*. The paper presents an explanation of how physicists can predict the interaction of two bodies in a physical system. It is based on highly theoretical research which Dean Muriel began in graduate school and completed while at Hostos. The *American Journal of Physics* is a pedagogical journal intended primarily for doctoral level students and teachers.

Hostos graduate **Heriberto Seda** has been elected chairman of the committee on committees of the Lehman College Senate. Mr. Seda is also the founder and president of the *Asociación Estudiantil de Educación Bilingüe-Bicultural*, a student/faculty organization at Lehman which promotes bilingual, bicultural education.

## Democrats...

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delivering New York. You'd think that in some way he'd do the same for the city's Latins."

Still in all, the Democratic National Committee's report emphasized that Hispanics "came nowhere near measuring up to their potential" last November. "For every two Hispanics who voted," the report claimed, "three potential voters did not."

A perfect example of this unrealized potential was the meager turnout of Hispanics, particularly Chicanos, in California, the nation's largest state and a treasure chest of electoral votes. As the report claimed, "if Texas and Ohio [and New York] show the difference the Hispanic vote can make, California shows the difference it might have made." It concludes that, had Latino voters turned out in California at the same rate as they did nationally, the state would have swung to Carter.

The lesson to be drawn from the last national elections is clear: Hispanics are a burgeoning power in the nation, and, as the Justice Department, the Commission on Civil Rights and the Bureau of Labor Statistics have acknowledged, they are growing in numbers. How effectively Hispanics make their presence know, will depend on how effectively they wield their political clout.

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