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March 28: In a follow-up of the March 17 meeting, Bronx City Councilmen, including Gilberto Cereza-Valentinis, Wendell Ford, and Eileen Ryan, met with Mayor Koch to urge him to approve the renovation of the 500 Grand Concourse building. Acting City Borough President Anthony Santiago has reminded the college community of its responsibility. Scheduled classes can not be held on campus or in facilities with which the college has contractual agreements. Former El Coqui was in effect (April 17) the takeover is still in effect.

April 4: At a meeting with Bronx Borough President Abrams, Deputy Mayor Badillo and Controller Harrison Goldin, Mayor Koch reiterated his stand on the Hostos project. No master plan for the building. It was at this meeting that Mayor told Borough President Abrams that even a master plan would not insure approval of the renovation.

April 14: Mayor Koch met with Chancellor Kibbee and the members of the Board of Higher Education. The meeting was initiated by the Mayor as a result of increasing community pressures for the completion of the Hostos project as well as other CUNY construction projects. Mayor Koch reiterated that he would not change his position regarding the Hostos project until the City University submitted its master plan, which, he indicated, will be completed by June 1.

Mid-April: By this time, a number of campaigns were put into effect to press the issue.

A Professional Staff Congress (PSC) lobbying campaign, including a personal letter from the union's head, James Polisboys, to Mayor Koch on Hostos's behalf.

A letter-writing campaign conducted by Father John Luce of St. Ann's church to garner the support of churches and pastors throughout the metropolitan area.

A letter-writing campaign by Assemblyman José Serrano of the South Bronx to line up federal elected officials and friends of agencies founded or created by the Assemblyman who write Mayor Koch to urge him to approve the renovation. Assemblyman Serrano also wrote Mayor Koch urging him to approve the Hostos project.

These are questions posed by the Hostos Urban Health Studies Department, questions which the department promises to answer in its newly opened Nutrition Information Center.

Headed by Prof. Carlos Hernandez, the department's nutritionist, the center will act as a repository of materials that will answer the above questions and help interested students and faculty and staff members to:

* Lose weight painlessly.
* Plan family meals.
* Shop intelligently for groceries.
* Cook meals effortlessly and enjoy it.

Prof. Hernandez, who is also an excellent cook, will be on hand by appointment to personally counsel individuals on their nutritional needs and goals. (continued from page 3)
Prof. Perl and Friends Find One Grant Leads to Another

Prof. Sondra Perl of the English department and two of her colleagues from other CUNY campuses have learned that a grant from one agency or foundation can spawn another from yet another source.

Largely because of their work in the Writing Development Project which has been funded by a grant from the Federal Government (See the March issue of El Coqui), they have been selected by the Bay Area Writing Project to conduct a program to discover the causes of poor writing among grade school and college students and to develop teaching methods that can improve these deficiencies quickly and efficiently.

The Bay Area Writing Project, located at the University of California at Berkeley, is one of the most innovative and successful writing programs in the nation. Starting from a local center is Berkeley, the Bay Area Project is now expanding across the country, setting up regional resource centers for English teachers wherever there is a need for writing improvement in the schools. The Bay Area Project is funded by the Carnegie Corporation and the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Prof. Perl and her colleagues—Prof. Jacques Bretenor of Queensborough Community College and Richard Sterling of Lehman College—will be the consultants for carrying out the Bay Area Program in New York City. Their version of the program will have three major components: a four-week, intensive Summer Institute (July 10 to August 5) for 25 teachers drawn from colleges and schools throughout the city and metropolitan area. The participants will work with the directors of the Writing Development Project to develop innovative approaches to teaching writing at all levels, grade school through college. Here, the Summer Institute will be highly selective. Participants will attend free of charge and will support their effort.

The project also calls for ongoing consultation among the participants. Those who have completed the Summer Institute will return to their schools to run workshops, conduct seminars and distribute materials that will help their colleagues address their writing problems. Provisions have been made to allow the other participants means of holding the workshops and demonstration sessions in their home schools.

The Puerto Rican Culture Week activities were sponsored and coordinated by the Puerto Rican Studies Department and the Puerto Rican Student Organization.

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The famous jibaro, a type of Puerto Rican stew made with beans, rice and meat, is a staple dish in the island's cuisine. However, some diets tend to emphasize certain food groups at the expense of others. Prof. Hernandez teaches a number of nutrition courses geared for liberal arts as well as health science students.

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Dental Students Participate in National Children's Health Week

True to their tradition, students in the Hostos dental hygiene program journeyed to local public schools during National Children's Health Week in February to instruct grade schoolers on proper toothbrushing techniques and dental health.

They also went to entertain. At Community School 30-31, they performed a puppet show, written by students in the dental hygiene program, which dramatized the need for regular dental health care. The show was masterfully performed by students Karen Roberts and Vera Banks.

A second group of students went to P.S. 90 where they showed a film on oral hygiene to an assembly of third graders. The movie was followed by a question-and-answer period which served to inform the children of their dental needs.

The dental hygiene student's participation in National Children's Health Week was in cooperation with a program organized by Ms. Madeline Honigfeld of the Dental Hygienists' Association of the City of New York. Coordinating the Hostos effort was the college's chapter of the Junior American Dental Hygienists' Association and students Silvia Mirich and Cheryl Handfuss.

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The project also calls for regular, ongoing consultation among the participants. Those who have completed the Summer Institute will be offered a further opportunity to conduct the workshops and demonstration sessions in local school districts throughout the city. The focus of the Bay Area Project, says Perl, "is on consultation and dissemination of information and knowledge. This has always been the key element in the Bay Area's success. Participation is not ended with the completion of the Summer Institute but continues throughout the school year."

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... scheduled by stopping by Room 418 of the Office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs or calling extension 1087.

Prof. Hernandez teaches a number of nutrition courses geared for liberal arts as well as health science students. Continuously, he faces major obstacles in convincing his students that the secret to proper nutrition is eating foods in proper balance. The good diet, according to him, includes four basic kinds of foods: dairy products, meats and fruits and vegetables.

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Prominent figures from the Puerto Rican community have been active in various cultural and educational initiatives. Rafael Anglada, a journalist and proponent of Puerto Rican independence, and Kal Wagenheim, a leading journalist and student of Puerto Rican culture, participated in the Puerto Rican Culture Week activities.

NewsBriefs

Prof. Louis Brown of the Biology Department was recently elected to a three-year term as a member of the board of directors of the Sickle Cell Disease Foundation of Greater New York, highlighting his commitment to medical education and research.

Prof. Casado was also recently cited by the Comité de Acción de Trabajadores Hispanoamericanos, a new committee, for his contributions to bilingual education and the community.

Thirteen Hostos students have been selected for inclusion in the College Entrance Examination Board's 1978 Talent Roster of Outstanding Community College Graduates. The roster is mailed to admissions directors at all accredited, baccalaureate degree-granting institutions in the United States and Puerto Rico, for their use in identifying promising minority students whom they may wish to recruit. The students are: Nigel H. Beckford, Barbara H. Beckles, Evelyn Calderó, Carmen Clemente, Shirley A. Dickerson, Ingrid E. Doyle, Olga M. Gonzalez, Dianne Green, George E. Morris, Lourdes M. Ortiz, Italia Peña, Hilda N. Quiñones, and Thidora Smalls.

Prof. Dario Casado of the Social Sciences Department presented a paper on Teaching the Metric System at the annual convention of the National Science Teachers Association which was held in Washington, D.C. in early April.

Prof. Pablo Cabarera, chairman of the Puerto Rican Studies Department, is producing a concert series by Puerto Rican opera artists which is being sponsored by the Institute of Contemporary Hispanic Art. The series will feature opera vocalists, including Ms. Pulito Torro, a well-known mezzo-soprano who has sung at Hostos in the past. Serving on the Institute's board of directors are several individuals familiar to the college community: Maritif Hernández (chairman); Sandra López de Bird, former member of the Board of Higher Education and a champion of the Hostos cause during the crisis year of 1976; Miriam Colón, director of the Puerto Rican Traveling Theater; and Prof. Cabarera.

Hostos student José Rivera has been selected as a winner in the College Entrance Examination Board's Engineering Scholarship Program for Minority Community College Graduates. Mr. Rivera will receive an award of between 20 and 80 percent of his expenses at whichever engineering school accepts him. The grant is for one year and is subject for renewal for an additional two years.

The Bronx Arts Ensemble will feature musical compositions by Mr. Manuel González, director of student activities, at a concert to be held at the Woolworth Chapel in Woodlawn Cemetery on March 14. The Ensemble will play selections from Mr. González's opera, Nela. During the Save Hostos campaign of 1976, the Bronx Arts Ensemble, under the direction of Mr. William J. Scribner, gave a benefit concert to raise funds for the campaign. Scheduled for 2:00 p.m., the concert of May 14 is part of the annual Bronx Week celebration. The Ensemble will give another concert at Woodlawn at 2:00 p.m. on April 2. The program will feature Renaissance and Baroque music.

Prof. Peter Roman, chairman of the social sciences department, presented a paper entitled "Historical Necessity: Theoretical Implications of the Electoral Road to Socialism" at the annual convention of the New York Political Science Association which was held in early April in Albany.

Acting Dean of Faculty Amador Muriel has been appointed to the American Association of Physics Teachers' (AAPT) area committee on Physics Minority Education which is exploring ways of increasing opportunities for minority men and women in scientific and technical studies and in the related professions. Dean Muriel's appointment came after the AAPT's annual meeting in March in San Francisco at which the organization recognized its "professional obligations to the American communities of minorities."

Prof. Harcourtt A. Carrington of counseling services was a panelist at the American Personnel and Guidance Association Convention held in Washington, D.C. on March 10. The title of his presentation was "Support Services for the Adult Student."

Prof. Carrington also presented a lecture entitled "Deviant Behavior: Is It Sometimes Appropriate?" at a special all-day conference for counselors which was sponsored recently by the New York City Personnel and Guidance Association.

Prof. Ernest Knight, chairman of the Biology Department, presented a paper on teaching the metric system at the annual convention of the National Science Teachers Association which was held in Washington in early April.

Mr. Manuel González, director of student activities, has been among the faculty and staff members who have recently participated in the Hostos Speakers' Bureau program. He recently spoke to a group of senior citizens at the Bronx-based Project HAND (Helping Aged; Needy; Direction); his presentation focused on Puerto Rican and Caribbean music. For his efforts, he received the following message from the center's education administrator, Ms. Pat Hogan, which typifies the gratitude expressed by the agencies and centers served by the Speaker's Bureau: "I owe at HAND want to express to you our thanks, and appreciation for the time and trouble you took to make our Window's Day Session truly inspiring. And, as for myself, my deepest gratitude for giving of yourself so as to turn others back on to life and happiness."

Prof. Anita Cunningham, chairman of the Dental Hygiene Department, presented a paper in March at the 55th annual session of the American Association of Dental Schools which was held in Washington, D.C. Prof. Cunningham's paper was entitled "Evaluation of Three Facilities in the Training of Dental Hygienists: Community College, Dental School and Hospital Setting."

Hostos graduate Carmen Arroyo was recently appointed executive director of the South Bronx Community Corporation. Mrs. Arroyo is the former chairman of a local South Bronx school district; she is presently attending the College of New Rochelle where she is pursuing a degree in government.