

Latino Heritage Month

October 20

Latinas Power Brunch -12 pm,
Sulzberger Parlor, 3rd floor,
Barnard Hall

Casa Latina Art Showcase -2nd
floor Lounge, East Campus

October 21

Mujeres Welcome Mujeres-
7:30 pm, Sulzberger Parlor, 3rd
floor, Barnard Hall

October 24

La Escuela Documentary- 8
pm, 304 Barnard Hall

October 25

LHM Showcase- 6:30 pm,
Roone Arledge Auditorium

October 29

LHM Closing Reception 7 pm,
Lower Level McIntosh

Activities Fair Draws Old Friends & New Faces

By Lizet Lopez

The Chicano Caucus kicked off the 2002-2003 school year with its presence at Columbia University's Activities Fair on Friday, September 6. A few members of the executive board, the early risers of the bunch, began to set up our table on Low Steps amongst various other cultural groups. By 10:10 a.m., the otherwise drab table had turned into a festive Mexican mesa. A bright Mexican flag hung in the front, an authentic, multi-colored serape covered the top, and a small figurine, reminiscent of a campesino, drew attention to the contact sign-up sheet. The sun blazed down on the countless people attending the fair as some old friends arrived, anxious to talk about their summer, and as we greeted new faces- first-year students, graduate students, and others that somehow had not "discovered" the group. The contact list grew throughout the afternoon, and board members staffing the table began to develop a not-so-lovely sunburn. Some time after 3:00 pm, Sara and Jackie could take no more. They packed up the decorations and began to leave the scene as they proudly took a look at how many names filled the sign-up sheets. Mission Accomplished.

Barnard-Columbia Chiapas Delegation Brings Peace of Mind to Struggling Zapatistas . . . and You Can Help

The Barnard-Columbia Chiapas Delegation invites and encourages our organization to help them peacefully support the Zapatistas, indigenous peoples of Mexico fighting for equal rights. After years of conflict and a history of uprisings, the Delegation recognizes that students who share their presence as non-natives of Chiapas prevent a slue of crime that might otherwise become victim of without the eyes of international public watching.

The Chiapas region is the second most militarized region in the Americas, next to Colombia. The feeble actions of Fox have not pushed the progress of indigenous rights, but the Chipas Delegation believes there is a direct relationship between what goes on in our country and a step forward for the Zapatistas.

To become a member of this organization is to focus the efforts of the school year toward fundraising so that members can go to Chiapas virtually free. Once in Mexico, this human rights adventure is what you make it.



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Check it Out!

Looking at Law School? Look at LALSA!



Undergrads interested in any aspect **Law School** but don't have a clue where to start? The Latino Law Students Association (LALSA), a great group of Chicano leaders, is eager to meet *you*. This mentor group wants to answer your questions about

- Financial aid
- Career possibilities
- Admissions & the application process
- Classes

If you are interested in this exceptional opportunity, send emails to Gabriel Benitez at gvb2002@columbia.edu or contact him at 853-8462 with your basic stats and interests concerning the group.

Amores Bailar?

Danza Azteca is on campus and would love to teach you this vibrant, traditional indigenous dance. This exotic art form, embedded in our roots, incorporates music, choreography, poetry, theater and thousands of years of cultural history in its movement, costume, and beat.

"The Dance is the link -- the bond between ourselves and our roots is the movement of energy through our bodies that connects earth and sky in an eternal circle."-Noel Morales, leader of an *Danza Azteca* group

If the sound of this moves you, please contact Brenda Chavez, Columbia grad student, at bdc31@columbia for more information.

Questions? Comments? Contact your friendly Newsletter Editor, Evita Mendiola, at emm2004@columbia.edu

CENCOM sponsoring "Latino Explosion: Music, Market, and Media" seminars!

The Center for Communications is an independent media forum focused on bridging "the gap between the communications industry and students interested in media careers." This 3-part seminar focuses on how "Latinos are re-shaping media and changing the rules. Leading execs from Miami and New York explore the new media landscape and reveal strategies that will help you get in on the action." Visit cencom.org for information on the **Latino Explosion** seminar, October 29th, free for students but **MUST RESERVE!** Location: CUNY Graduate Center, 365 5th Ave. (between 34th & 35th Sts.)

CATCH A CULTURE FLICK:



Frida

The life of artist Frida Kahlo--from her complex and enduring relationship with her mentor and husband, Diego Rivera, to her illicit and controversial affair with Leon Trotsky, to her provocative romantic entanglements with women, Frida lived a bold and uncompromising life as a political, artistic, and sexual revolutionary. -Hollywood.com

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Real Women Have Curves

Ana, a first generation Mexican American teenager living in East Los Angeles, has just graduated from high school. Because she is a talented writer, a caring teacher urges her to apply to college. Ana secretly is excited about the possibility, but her overbearing and hypercritical mother, Carmen, insists that it is time for her to help provide for the family by working in her sister's sewing factory. When a crisis arises at the factory, it seems as if Ana's fate is unhappily sealed, but her indomitable will to reach beyond sweatshop life eventually leads her to burst, defiant and resplendent, through every restriction on her life. -Hollywood.com

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