Alumni Spotlight: Cuadro Café

Ruben Requena, ’07 says that his whole inspiration for Cuadro Café comes from his passion for the arts and culture and also his desire to provide a vehicle for talent.

The café itself has an eclectic and non-conformist (they actually serve real coffee) attitude and his prices are based on a student’s budget.

Some amenities that a customer can enjoy are FREE internet! And, he also offers copy, fax, and scanner services.

Ruben and his business partner Eduardo Lopez, a TAMIU Student, provide an alcohol free environment allowing his business to stay open past 2am. In fact, Cuadro Café does not advertise closing times, and he jokes that their hours of operation follow the TAMIU exam schedule.

His support of local artists is literally displayed over every inch of the Café. You’ll also find that you can meet the young artists during their receptions which take place monthly after installations are changed out.

The four month old business is an excellent place to find your muse or just relax, so come visit Ruben and Eduardo at Cuadro Café located at 1701 Jacaman and enjoy a smoothie or a coffee in cool atmosphere!

Alumni Notes

Sabrina Martinez, ’07 said she named her new salon and spa Ishq, the Hindi and Punjabi word for love, because she wants to help people love themselves.

Martinez said she developed Ishq Salon and Spa, which had its first day of business March 4, because she wanted to open a business that gave people confidence and helped them feel better about themselves.

Visit Sabrina at Ishq, located at 1713 E Del Mar Blvd., Ste. 3.
Donald Hale, '02, '05 was selected as Ruiz Home Educator of the Week on 04/23/08.

Veronica Garza Cardenas , '99, '01 far right and her family enjoy a day out! Left to right Rodolfo Cardenas, Violeta Anahi (18 months), Viviana Alexia (3 and ½ years old).
TAMIU Adds a BS in Communication Disorders

Local and area residents interested in pursuing a bachelor’s in communication disorders now have the opportunity to earn their degree locally at Texas A&M International University.

“The program is the first and only training in our area for speech therapists and is the first developed in Texas in decades. This is a big commitment,” Dr. Alan Seitel, associate professor of communication disorders, announced.

Part of the commitment includes the Communication Disorders Clinic.

“There is a crucial need for therapists in our area and both school districts have supported our efforts to develop this program,” explained Melissa García, clinical assistant professor of communication disorders. Communication disorders include stuttering, voice disorders, articulation disorders and language-based disorders. Adults might have a communication disorder as a result of a head injury or stroke. Children might have a communication disorder as a result of starting to talk late or having a language-based disorder.

To qualify for therapy at the new campus Communication Disorders Clinic, participants must apply for a $30 speech evaluation, although the Clinic will accept evaluations from schools.

Each 30-minute session will be $10. TAMIU employees, students and their dependents will receive these services at no charge.

For more information on the Clinic, please contact Melissa García at 326.3139, e-mail mpgarcia@tamiu.edu or visit offices in Sue and Radcliffe Killam Library (KL), room 421A.

For more information on communication disorders classes, please contact Seitel at 326.2688, e-mail aseitel@tamiu.edu or visit offices in KL 421B.

To read the full article:  http://www.tamiu.edu/newsinfo/4-03-08/article1.shtml

Redesigning the Ring

With a 35+ year history, it is time for Texas A&M International University to have a ring that reflects the tradition and spirit of it's past, present and future.

Alumni and students alike have been asking, “where is the official TAMIU Ring?”

A committee of current and former students will be gathering before the end of May to discuss what symbolic elements should be represented on THE RING.

If you would like to be a part of history, and join the TAMIU Ring Committee, please email alumni@tamiu.edu or just send us your opinion!
Thank you for answering our call! For those living in the Laredo area, you may be aware of how the University’s growth has expended student scholarship resources.

Because TAMIU is experiencing tremendous student growth along with an excellent retention rate (one of the best in the State), we’ve found ourselves in a situation where we might have possibly turned away over 250 students this fall.

However, after much generosity was received from the Community, Alumni and Friends, coffers for our student scholarships are looking much more full.

This spring semester, student and alumni volunteers made over 2000 calls to former classmates all across the United States.

**Phon-A-Thon—Thank You Alumni**

We had a great time re-connecting with several of you and hear that many are doing well and living exciting lives!

So far, we’ve received **$2,400** in gifts and are pending another **$1,200** in pledges.

Thank you for your time and your generosity!

**Phon-A-Thon Spring Blast! April 9, 2008. Pictured are Student and Alumni Volunteers.**

**There is still time to help!**

**To join in on this year’s Annual Fund please click**

**Hello Dallas/Ft. Worth Alumni!**

We are looking for all 129 of you to arrange for a get together in the DFW area.

Plans are still in the works and suggestions are gladly welcomed.

If you are or know of an Texas A&I, LSU or TAMIU graduate living in your area, please let them know that we are looking for their contact information.

Interested graduates can contact Kent Pearson, ‘96 kpearson@winstead.com in Dallas,TX or get in touch with Alumni Relations at alumni@tamiu.edu