

Darrin Silveria

A DAY IN THE LIFE OF Darrin Silveria is exhausting ... and exhilarating. Like other CSUF students, Darrin goes to class, studies and maybe — just maybe — he finds a little time to watch TV. But the one thing you'll never find Darrin doing is worrying about what to do next.

He knows what he wants and goes after it with the determination that makes him a winner. Even Darrin believes he's involved in too many extracurricular activities, but he just can't help himself.

"I'd rather push myself and do a lot than hold myself back and not accomplish these very high goals that I've set for myself," says the legislative vice president for Associated Students Inc.

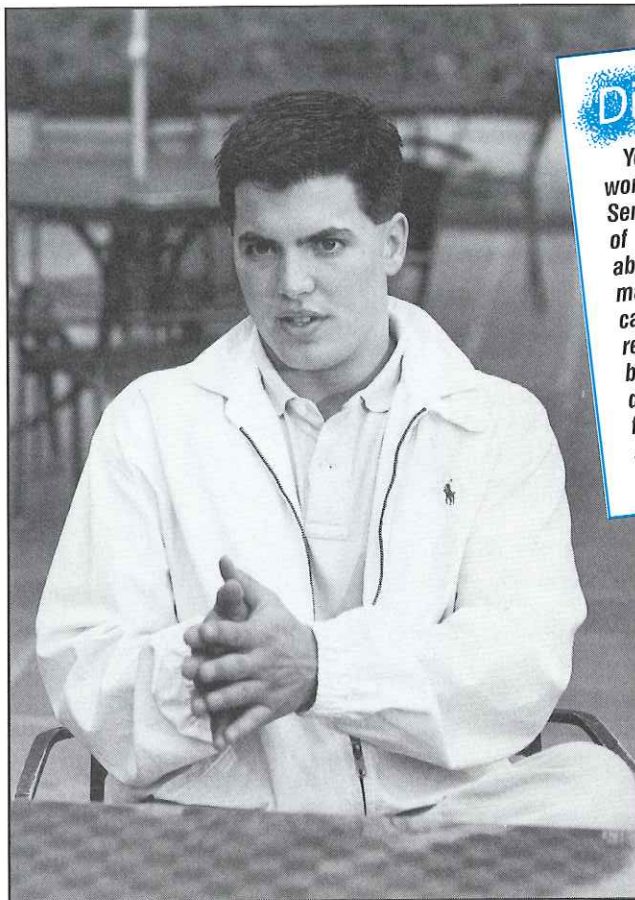
In this elected position, Darrin's primary responsibilities are chairing the Student Senate, appointing senators to standing committees, serving as a liaison to various committees, and interacting with university faculty and administration.

"It's a great chance to accomplish things for other students," Darrin adds. "We hold a very large budget each year, in excess of about \$800,000. We allocate funds to different clubs and organizations and to individuals. In essence, we're the student government of the university — students working for students."

At age 22, Darrin has already accomplished more than some of us will achieve in a lifetime. He doesn't take all of the credit, however, noting that his parents played an important role in his success story.

"They always cared about what I was involved in, whether it was baseball practice, a speech contest or a leadership conference," says Darrin, who also thinks it's "great" that his sister Michelle is attending CSUF.

In addition to his parents, Darrin has had other mentors — from a fourth-grade band director to coaches to academic advisers to friends. When he was a high school freshman he met a state officer for



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You know him best as the hard-working student who chairs Student Senate meetings and, as president of Sigma Chi Fraternity, leads about 75 brothers. However, you may not know that Darrin Silveria can add yet another job title to his resume. Yes, during Christmas break, Darrin made his modeling debut by doing a two-hour shoot for Heritage West Magazine. He says it wasn't a big deal and that he doesn't plan to change his major.

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the Future Farmers of America (FFA). This individual made such a strong impression on Darrin that he too was eventually elected to this prestigious position.

After his term of office with FFA, he was recruited very heavily by the large agricultural schools — Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo, Chico State, Pomona and also UC Davis. However, he decided to come to CSU, Fresno.

"Prior to being recruited by Fresno State, I had full intentions of going to UC Davis, and then I realized some of the potential that lies here in the Valley — especially with agriculture and the university's technical offerings as far as computers. These are real advantages, so why not pursue an education here rather than somewhere else?"

But the question is, did this junior who has a strong desire for a career in agricultural management make the right decision?

"I'm very satisfied. Academically, it's great, and I'm active in my fraternity as well, serving as president right now. I'm striving to continue our strong tradition of excellence on the campus and in the Greek community and to promote positive brotherhood among ourselves at the house.

"Five or ten years from now I'll remember my involvement in the fraternity. The bonds of brotherhood that we have at Sigma Chi are pretty phenomenal. I don't see going to any other university and developing such close friends as I have with my fraternity brothers."