

## Oral History

*"I have always tried to do my best"*

**Interview with Enrique Mangual Flores**

**Founder of *Empresas Kikuet***



He was born in Barrio Cedro of Carolina. At a very young age he began selling peppers in the market places. There he discovered that he had a gift for doing business — creating and selling. This discovery marked the beginning of his life's work, a work which allowed him to establish one of the best known food manufacturers in Puerto Rico — *Kikuet*.

Recently, as part of our Oral History Project, specifically the series "Puerto Rican Businesses", we had the opportunity to interview Mr. Enrique Mangual. In a simple, enthusiastic and spontaneous manner, he recounted for us how this business began in the kitchen of his home and how it has now reached the point where there are more than 400 employees. This interview is now part of our Oral History Collection and is available for reading at the Piñero Reading Room.

## Preparations for a second season

**"Utopística"**



*The production team for "Utopística" meets to evaluate the first season and begin plans for the second. From the left: Jaime Partsch, Radames Barreto, Lina Gómez, Manuel Almeida, Rosario Meléndez and Jaime Rodríguez.*

During the month of July taping will begin for the second season of the Piñero Library's program of interviews and analysis "Utopística". The first season was very well received and the production team has great hopes for this season with invited guests who will contribute to the program's goal of promoting a more profound understanding of Puerto Rico in the 21st century. Beginning in August, these programs can be viewed on our channel in [YouTube](#) and on our page in [Facebook](#).



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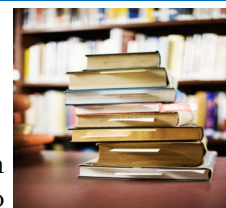
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Monday thru Friday  
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# Books



The following are a few of the books which have recently become part of the Piñero Collection:

Abadía-Rexach, Bárbara I. *Musicalizando la raza: La racialización en Puerto Rico a través de la música*. San Juan: Ediciones Puerto. 2012.

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Enriquez Seiders, Sandra A. *El espiritismo en Utuado: La historia de las hermanas Baldoni*. San Juan: Biblio Services. 2011.

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San Miguel, Pedro L. *Los desvaríos de Ti Noel: Ensayos sobre la producción del saber en el Caribe*. San Juan: Ediciones Vértigo. 2004.

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Wallerstein, Immanuel. *The Decline of American Power: The U.S. in a Chaotic World*. New York: The New Press. 2003.



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