



## News from Seville International Business and Culture Program February 12-18, 2007

Estamos en la semana de San Valentín. ¿Por qué no aprovechas estos días para conocer al **poeta romántico** español por antonomasia? **Gustavo Adolfo Bécquer** nació en Sevilla en **1836** y es el poeta preferido por los enamorados por su pasión y sencillez. Podrías acercarte a su monumento en el Parque de María Luisa y relajarte leyendo su obra. Un pequeño adelanto de lo que podrás encontrar en sus "Rimas y Leyendas":

Por una mirada, un mundo;  
por una sonrisa, un cielo;  
por un beso... yo no sé  
qué te diera por un beso.

Esta semana se celebra también el **Carnaval**. El más conocido de Andalucía es el de **Cádiz** con su concurso de agrupaciones (la final del concurso es el viernes 16 por la noche). Es una fiesta que tiene su origen en la Roma clásica. Para los cristianos el Carnaval es el periodo que precede a la Cuaresma. El Carnaval es una época de diversión, comilonas, desenfreno en oposición a la Cuaresma, un periodo de recogimiento, abstinencia y prohibición de comer carne que comienza el miércoles que termina el Carnaval, el 21 de febrero.

**Elena García, Activities Coordinator**



## Academic News

### UPO Conversation Groups

The Center for Foreign Students has organized 6 weekly Conversation Groups which students can sign up for in the Center for Foreign Studies office. The Conversation Groups will count as extra credit for your language classes. They will be run by students of the Masters in Teaching of Spanish as a foreign language Program and will meet once a week for 50 minutes (Tuesdays or Wednesdays). It's a wonderful way to practice your Spanish with other students so sign up! Each group will have a maximum of 8 students. The timetables are: 10:30-11:20, 11:30-12:20, and 12:30-13:20.

### **Trip to Morocco**

The itinerary for the Morocco trip is now posted on the Study Center website. Click on daytrips y overnights. There will be a mandatory meeting for all students going on the trip February 20<sup>th</sup> from 8pm-9pm in the Aula de Grados, Facultad de Filología, in the University of Seville main building. During the meeting, you will meet the trip guide, Abdel, who will go over the itinerary, and answer any questions that you might have.

### **UPO Student "Luis"**

Have questions about the campus? Don't know how to print documents? Want to get involved in volunteer opportunities organized by the UPO? It will be warm soon...don't know what bus to take to get to *Matalascañas*? Go talk with Luis, the UPO student intern, who is also on campus to assist you. Luis is in the library, on the second floor near the computer tables the following days and times: Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays 2-3pm and Thursdays 10:30-12:30. You will be receiving an e-mail from Luis in the coming week (luis\_ruda@yahoo.es).

### **Alayna's Office Hours**

UPO: Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 10:15 to 1:15  
University of Sevilla: Monday and Thursday 9:00-5:00, Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons, Friday 9:00-14:00. You can reach Alayna in the CIEE Academic Office by phone at 954 551 507 or e-mail abrown@ciee.org

### **CIEE Study Center Activities**

Remember that all CIEE Study Center activities will be posted in the newsletter the week of the activity. If you would like to sign up for activities, you can do so with Alayna during her office hours on the UPO or with Elena, the Student Activities Coordinator. You should always carry your CIEE Student ID card with you, and especially, for any cultural activities as student discounts are applied.

### **Moving Dates**

If you think that you want to move to a different home-stay, see Nancy Merchant (nmerchant@ciee.org) in the Student Services Department in the Study Center. The next moving date is Thursday, March 1st. Be sure to speak with Nancy before the date of the move.

### **Important UPO Dates for this week:**

Tuesday, February 13<sup>th</sup> 3-4pm: UPO Social/Cultural Activity-Intercambio Event  
Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup> 3-4pm: UPO Social/Cultural Activity-Intercambio Event

## **General News**

### **We Want Your Photos!**

In the few weeks that you've been here, we're sure you have quite a few photos by now...why not put them up on the Study Center Website! We'll showcase a new photo each week on the cover of the newsletter (but only if we receive photos) so show off your artistic talents! It's a great way for your family and friends back home to see what you've been up to as well. To upload photos on the webpage, go to [www.ciee.org/studyseville](http://www.ciee.org/studyseville). Click on "Submit your Pictures" at the bottom of the page.

### **Tour de San Luis y la Macarena**

On Saturday, February 17<sup>th</sup> we'll take a walk around two very famous sevillano neighborhoods: San Luis and La Macarena. We'll see Santa Angela's church, the famous baroque church San Luis de los Franceses, and we'll visit the *basílica de la Macarena* to talk about *Semana Santa*. Sign up in aula Almería by Thursday, February 15<sup>th</sup> at 17h. The day of the tour we'll meet at the door of the Palacio at 10h.

### **Learn about Carnaval**

This Friday, February 16 come to the Palacio for a session about one of Spain's most fun holidays: Carnaval. We'll learn about the history, activities, and traditions, and taste the typical pastry: *el pestiño*. If you want to participate, sign up in aula Almería by Thursday the 15<sup>th</sup>. There are only 15 spots available, so make sure to sign up sooner rather than later.

### **CIEE Sports**

The sports for this week:

**Basketball:** This Tuesday the 13<sup>th</sup> at 19h, at the IFNI sports complex. Irene will be there ready to play.

**Volleyball:** Come to IFNI on Tuesday, February 13<sup>th</sup> at 19h to play volleyball with Laura. See you there!

**Soccer:** Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup> at 19h. Celebrate Valentine's Day with some exercise at Charco de la Pava. Laura will be waiting for you!

### **Cine Club**

Thursday, February 15th at 21h. "El Factor Pilgrim". Sinopsis: Un español, un italiano, un inglés y un sueco. Un negocio de una libra que acaba transformándose en veinte mil, y una leyenda, la leyenda de Davis Pilgrim: ¿qué ocurriría si se demostrase que los Beatles son una gran mentira, que la mayoría de sus grandes éxitos hubieran sido compuestos por un cateto escocés unos años antes y no por los chicos de Liverpool?.

### **Eating and drinking in the Palacio**

Please keep in mind that the only place you are permitted to eat and drink in the Palacio is in the aula Jaén. It can be used as a cafeteria from 14 to 15h. Thank you for your help in keeping the study center clean.

### **Computer Lab**

The computer lab is open from Monday to Thursday from 8 to 20:30h, and on Fridays from 9 to 13:45h. Please respect the opening and closing times.

## **Things to do in your free time:**

### **Lunes de cine**

The University of Seville sponsors a weekly movie screening in the Pabellón de Uruguay. This week, on February 19, they're showing "Quién teme a Virginia Woolf" (Who's afraid of Virginia Woolf?) at 17.30 and 20h.

### **Jueves Flamencos**

La fundación El Monte presents a weekly flamenco show every Thursday. This Thursday, February 15, La Macanita and Mari Angeles will perform "Dos voces gitanas." At Sala Joaquín Turina, at 21h. Tickets are on sale at the box office and by phone (954-484-848).

### **Flamenco Fashion**

If you like fashion and want to see a very particular Andalusian style, go to the Palacio de Exposiciones y Congresos in Sevilla Este from February 15-18 to see runways full of color and rhythm.