



News from Seville International Business and Culture Program February 26 – March 4, 2007

El **miércoles 28** es festivo por la conmemoración del referéndum que, el 28 de febrero de 1980, ratificó el acceso al nuevo régimen autonómico a través del artículo 151 de la Constitución. Andalucía era considerada una comunidad histórica equiparable a Cataluña, País Vasco y Galicia, motivo por el que este día fue elegido como **Día de Andalucía**.

El 18 de febrero de este año los andaluces fuimos de nuevo llamados a las urnas para votar la reforma de este estatuto. El sí a la reforma consiguió la mayoría, aunque, la baja participación empañó la jornada. La clase política no consiguió, a pesar de la campaña, llevar al electorado a las urnas. Tan sólo algo más del 36% de los andaluces acudieron a votar.

Elena García, Activities Coordinator



Academic News

CIEE Final Course Registration Form

For those of you that have class on Tuesday, it's very important that you stop by the CIEE office on the UPO campus to sign your final course registration form with Alayna. Alayna will be in the office on Tuesday from 10:15-1:15. If you do not have class on Tuesday, you must meet with Alayna during her office hours no later than Wednesday, March 7th between 10:15 and 1:15.

Class Withdrawals

If, after the Add-Drop period, you decide not to continue in a class (for important academic reasons only), you will need to speak with Alayna first before withdrawing from a class. The Last day to withdraw from a class is Friday, March 2nd. Please remember that you will need to provide written approval from your study abroad advisor at home to withdraw from the class. This approval can be sent to Alayna via e-mail, but you must personally go to the CIEE office (either on the UPO or University of Sevilla) to fill out and sign the necessary forms. You will receive a "W" (withdrawn) on your CIEE Grade Report. Please keep in mind that your sending school may have its own policies concerning possible "withdrawals" while studying

abroad. The Sending School has the final word on approving or not approving a requested withdrawal. If you decide to not complete the requirements of a class after the final withdraw date, you will receive an "F" on your grade report. There are no exceptions to this policy. This policy is the same policy followed by US universities.

Writing Center and Language Tutorials

Are you having difficulty writing in Spanish and expressing your ideas? The CIEE Writing Center is there for you! The Writing Center is located in Aula Cádiz on the first floor of the CIEE Study Center (*Palacio*). The Writing Center is open Monday through Thursday from 9.00 to 17.00 and Friday from 9.00-14.00. CIEE language professors and Spanish students majoring in the Spanish Language at the *University of Sevilla* staff the center. Not sure when to use the *subjuntivo*? CIEE also offers language tutorials if you are struggling with certain areas such as reading, writing, comprehension, and speaking in your Spanish classes. To make an appointment in the Writing Center or to request a language tutorial, send an e-mail to Juli Martínez at mjimenez@ciee.org. Be sure to specify in the e-mail what it is that you need help with (i.e. writing on a current political issue, use of the subjunctive, etc.) Juli will also be in the Writing Center the following days/times: Monday-Thursday 9.00-10.00h and 15.00-18.00h, Fridays 10.00-14.00h. Take advantage of this wonderful opportunity to improve your written and spoken Spanish!

UPO Conversation Groups

Timetables for the Tuesday/Wednesday Conversation Groups are: 10:30-11:20, 11:30-12:20, and 12:30-13:20.

Moving Dates

The next moving date is approaching quickly...Thursday, March 1st. 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.

Luis' Campus Hours

Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays 2-3pm and Thursdays 10:30-12:30. Luis is on the second floor of the library in the multimedia area. You can also get in touch with him via e-mail: (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

Important UPO Dates for this week:

Wednesday, February 28th-Saturday, March 3rd: Trip to Morocco
Friday, March 2nd: Last day to withdraw from a class

General News

Visita a la Casa de Pilatos

Tuesday, February 27. Come discover the most important Renaissance palace in Seville. Find out about the origins of Semana Santa here in Seville, enjoy the classic sculpture collection, and contemplate the mix of Islamic and Renaissance styles. Meet the guide at 16h in the Palacio. *The deadline to sign up is Tuesday, February 27 at 12h.*

Lunar Eclipse

Saturday, March 3. On Saturday night there will be a total lunar eclipse. The Earth will be aligned directly between the moon and the sun, and therefore, the Earth's shadow will completely hide the moon. The best time to look for it will be at 23:20h. An eclipse of this magnitude won't be repeated until 2010, so don't miss your chance!

CIEE Sports

The sports for this week:

Basketball: This Tuesday the 27th at 19h, at the IFNI sports complex. Irene will be there ready to play.

Volleyball: Come to IFNI on Tuesday, February 27th at 19h to play volleyball with Laura. See you there!

Soccer: Because Wednesday is the Día de Andalucía, a regional holiday, there will be no soccer. See you next week!

Cine Club

"*Todo por un sueño*" de Gus Van Sant. El jueves 1 de marzo. Sinopsis: Suzanne (Nicole Kidman) tiene como máximo sueño convertirse en una presentadora-estrella de la televisión. Su primer peldaño en la escalada a la cima de la popularidad es un trabajo como mujer del tiempo en una cadena local. Pero aspira a mucho más. Con la ayuda de tres estudiantes, empieza a rodar un documental sobre los jóvenes e hoy. Su desmedida ambición le lleva a utilizar a los chicos para ejecutar un terrible plan: acabar con su marido (Matt Dillon), un serio obstáculo para sus sueños de gloria.

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.

Important Notice

Please do not throw toilet paper in the toilets in the Palacio. Here in Spain the pipes are narrower than those in the U.S.A. Disposing of toilet paper in the toilets is likely to clog them, as happened last Monday and Tuesday. Thank you for your collaboration.

Things to do in your free time:

Día de Andalucía

El Parque del Alamillo, on the Isla de la Cartuja, will celebrate the regional holiday with a big public party, open to everyone. From 12h onwards. For more information, go to www.parquedelamillo.org.

Spoken Word Festival

The Music and Word Festival returns to Seville with performers like the author Nick Hornby, the singer John Sinclair, the guitarist Mark Ritsema, and more. In the Teatro Lope de Vega from March 1-3 at 21h. For more information, go to www.palabaymusica.org or call the theater (954-590-867).

Lunes de cine

The University of Seville sponsors a weekly movie screening in the Pabellón de Uruguay. This week, on March 1, they're showing "Escrito sobre el Viento" (*Written on the Wind*) at 17.30 and 20h. Free.

Curso Intensivo de Sevillanas

El Centro de Arte y Flamenco de Sevilla is a new dance academy offering intensive sevillanas classes to get you ready for the Feria. The classes begin on March 5, and are every Monday and Wednesday from 20h to 21:30h. If there's a group of students interested in taking classes, but are unavailable during those hours, the academy offers classes at other times as well. For more information, call 954-915-971 or go to www.cafs.es. The academy is located on c/ Torreblanca Nº 1 (next to la Plaza del Pumarejo).

Istanbul in Sevilla

La Fundación Tres Culturas and the Turkish Embassy have organized a week of dancing, history, poetry, photography, and food from Turkey. From February 24 to March 2 in the Pabellón Hassan II on the Isla de la Cartuja. Free. For more information go to www.tresculturas.org.