



News from Seville International Business and Culture Program March 19-25, 2007

Este miércoles 21 de marzo el Sol se sitúa en la vertical del Ecuador, es decir, se produce el Equinoccio de Primavera en el Hemisferio Norte. La nueva estación llega a Sevilla acompañada de la Semana Santa, la Feria, las Cruces de Mayo y la Fiesta del Corpus. Sería una pena no disfrutar de todas las ofertas de ocio y cultura que la ciudad nos ofrece en este tiempo. Apaga durante unas horas el ordenador y embriégate de un aire que ya huele a azahar y a incienso mientras el sol calienta tu cara en una tarde de lectura en la rivera del río. Recuerda que el sabio uso del ocio es el máximo exponente de la educación y la civilización.

Elena García, Activities Coordinator



Academic News

Pictures Next Week

For those of you that have a break in classes between Monday-Wednesday (2 - 3) or Thursday (10:30-12:30), you must stop by the UPO library and see Luis. He needs to take a headshot of each of you. It's very important that you see him next week. For those of you that are not available during these hours, you will need to stop by Alayna's office hours either Tuesday or Wednesday between 10:15-1:15. It will be worth it!!

Save the Dates

Students have been asking if they can leave the program after their last final exam....the answer is "Yes". However, keep in mind that the UPO farewell reception is Friday, May 18th. There will also be an IBCP/CIEE End-of-Semester Party which will be held on Thursday, May 17th, likely in the evening. We know that a few of you have final exams Friday morning, but it will be a nice diversion (at least for a short time) from you studies...put these dates on your calendars!

UPO Syllabi

If you need electronic copies of your class syllabi to send to your home university advisor (original or English translation), send an e-mail to Alayna and she will send them to you via e-mail.

Final Exam Schedule

The Final Exam schedule has been posted on the bulletin board outside of building 14. It's very important to check the schedule before finalizing your return flights. Please remember that exam dates cannot be changed UNLESS you have two exams at the same time or four exams on the same day. In any of these cases, you should talk with Manolo in the Center for Foreign Students.

May Calendar Correction

The IBCP-UPO Farewell Reception (sponsored by the UPO) will be held on Friday, May 18th and NOT Saturday, May 19th as written in the academic calendar. You will receive further information about location of the reception (will be in the center) towards the end of the semester. Also, the Last day of Final Exams/Program is Friday, May 18th.

Problems with Housing

The last date to make a housing change for the semester has passed; however, you can always talk with Nancy in Student Services. Her office hours are Monday-Thursday 9am-5pm and Fridays from 9am-2pm. You can also send her an e-mail nmerchant@ciee.org

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:

March 21st (Wednesday): UPO Spanish Table from 3-4pm in the Cafetería Pl. América

March 28th and March 29th (Wednesday and Thursday): UPO outing to the cinema with Spanish students (sign up in the Foreign Student Center for the day of your choice)

General News

Daylight Savings Time

Last week the United States "sprung forward" into daylight savings time, but in Spain the time doesn't change until early morning March 25th. So remember, until that date the time difference between the two countries is 5 hours, not 6.

Concursos de APUNE

La Asociación de Programas Universitarios Norteamericanos en España (APUNE) is sponsoring two contests for study abroad students. Entries are to be submitted via email, at coordinator@apune.org. If you have any questions, talk to John Luria (jluria@ciee.org).

First prize is for a poem, story, or essay about an experience you've had that has been particularly meaningful during your time in Spain. Grammatical accuracy, creativity, and originality will be judged. Maximum 750 words. First prize: €125; Honorable mention: €25. **Requirements:** 1. You must be a current study abroad student in Spain. 2. The submission must be limited to 750 words. 3. In order to make a submission, you must send two emails. The first should have your pseudonym, the work's title, your name, telephone number, email address, and your program information. 4. In the second email, send the text. The document should contain the title and author's pseudonym. 5. Deadline: April 23, 2007.

The second contest is for a photo that symbolizes or captures a key aspect of your study abroad experience. Creativity and expressiveness are the criterion on which it will be judged. Don't forget to title the image. Prize: 50€. **Requirements:** 1. You must be a current study abroad student in Spain. 2. The photos must be in JPG format and have a minimum resolution of 300 pixels per inch. 3. In order to make a submission, you must send two emails. The first should have your pseudonym, the photo's title, your name, telephone number, email address, and your program information. 4. In the second email, send the photo. The document should contain the title and author's pseudonym. 5. Deadline: April 23, 2007.

CIEE Sports

The sports for this week:

Basketball: This Tuesday the 20th at 19h, at the IFNI sports complex. Irene will be there ready to play.

Volleyball: Come to IFNI on Tuesday the 20th at 19h to play volleyball. See you there!

Soccer: See you at Charco de la Pava on Wednesday the 21th at 19h. We'll play for 2 hours.

Cine Club

"Hedwig and the Angry Inch" by John Cameron Mitchell. Thursday, March 21 at 21h. **Summary:** Hedwig nació varón, un chico llamado Hansel que soñaba con encontrar su otra mitad, pero de mala gana se sometió a una operación de cambio de sexo que le permitió casarse con un soldado americano y alcanzar la libertad al otro lado del muro de Berlín. La operación salió mal y Hedwig se quedó con esa "pulgada irritada" que da nombre a la película. Abandonada y divorciada decide formar un grupo de rock...

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:

March Madness

Looking for a place to watch the tournament? Texas Lone Star Saloon (c/ Placetines 25) in conjunction with the North American Sports Network is going to be showing all the games. The tournament runs from March 15 to April 2. For more information call 954-560-491.

Concert in the Palacio

Tuesday, March 20 at 21h the group *Tanguedia*, composed of Francesco Manna (Italia, flauta travesera), Lili Pita (Brasil, percusión), and Chiqui García (España, guitarra) will play a selection of music from Argentina and Brazil. Free.

Fuera de Control

The ninth edition of the ZEMOS98 festival will explore the contradictions, truths, and lies about the concept of "control." There will be a series of screenings, conferences, concerts, and other performances to encourage people to move beyond mainstream culture. From March 19-25 in various places throughout the city. For more information go to www.zemos98.org.