



News from Seville International Business and Culture Program March 26- April 1, 2007

La Semana Santa es la fiesta en la que los cristianos conmemoran la Pasión y Muerte de Cristo. Su fecha viene marcada por la luna llena. El domingo siguiente a la primera luna llena de primavera es el Domingo de Pascua o Resurrección. La Semana Santa de Sevilla tiene su origen en el Vía Crucis que D. Fadrique Enríquez de Rivera instauró en 1521 desde su palacio, la Casa de Pilatos, en el que se situaba la primera estación de penitencia, hasta el humilladero de la Cruz del Campo. Fijaba así los 1.321 pasos que separaban el pretorio de Poncio Pilatos, donde Jesús fue condenado a muerte, del Monte Calvario. Es una época de reflexión y sacrificio, sin embargo, en Sevilla, la Semana Santa es colorista, "callejera", ruidosa, familiar y alegre como el carácter de sus habitantes.

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Academic News

Did You Get Your Picture Taken?

For those of you that didn't meet with Alayna or Luis last week to get your picture taken must do so this Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday from 2pm-3pm or Thursday 10:30-12:30pm with Luis. Luis is in the library second floor in the computer area.

Penn State Students

You should have received an e-mail from Lorraine Reitz, Records manager from Penn State regarding course accreditation. Some of you have been asking about courses you are taking that are not on the course accreditation list. All questions regarding how to receive accreditation for a course should be directed to Lorraine Reitz lar8@IP.psu.edu as Penn State is responsible for approving your courses. If you need electronic copies of your course syllabi (original and/or English translation) contact Alayna and she will send them to you via e-mail.

Sevillanas with Luis!

Don't go to the *feria de abril* without learning the basics of *Sevillanas*...Luis is willing to give you and your intercambio (in case they need a review) *Sevillanas* lessons! The lessons will take place the week before

fería, likely Monday and Thursday evening. Space in the activity will be limited...more info to come in the coming week.

UPO/IBCP Syllabi

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

Independent Travel Form

Please fill out the CIEE travel form before leaving for your vacations next week...the form is available on the Study Seville website or at the Study Center.

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!

Final Exam Schedule

The Final Exam schedule has been posted on the bulletin board outside of building 14 (UPO). 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.

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

Luis' Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 2pm-3pm and Thursdays 10:30-12:30pm (second floor in the library, multimedia)

Important UPO Dates:

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

Learn about Semana Santa

Thursday, March 29. If you want to learn more about the most important holiday in Seville, sign up for the CIEE visit to see the pasos and virgens from up close. The deadline is Thursday, March 29th at 12h. We'll meet the guide in the doors of the Palacio at 18:00h.

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

As the temperatures start to rise, come out and enjoy the weather by playing sports with CIEE.

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 the 27th at 19h to play volleyball. See you there!

Soccer: See you at Charco de la Pava on Wednesday the 28th at 19h. We'll play for 2 hours.

Cine Club

Jueves 29 de marzo. *Salò o los 120 días de Sodoma*. De Pier Paolo Pasolini. **Sinopsis.** La última película de Pasolini fue estrenada después de su muerte. En una mansión, cuatro señores se reúnen con un grupo de muchachos y muchachas, partisanos o hijos de partisanos, que han tomado prisioneros. En la casa impera el reglamento de los señores al cual nadie puede escapar. Esta ley faculta a los señores para disponer de la vida de sus prisioneros en cualquier momento y de cualquier modo, y las transgresiones se castigan con la muerte. Es una película prohibida en muchos países.

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.

Ensemble Zahir

A concert in memory of Gyorgy Ligeti, César Camarero and Francisco Guerrero. Andalusian artists, trained in Salzburg, will perform famous works by those three musicians. March 28 at 21h in Teatro Central in the Isla de la Cartuja. Tickets 13€.

HELPFUL HINTS: SEMANA SANTA

Duration: Semana Santa begins Sunday April 1 (Palm Sunday) until Sunday April 8 (Easter Sunday)

History: The processional practice derives from the XVI century, tradition consisting of creating "Via Crucis" which go around the streets of the city. The "Via Crucis" involved a journey of prayers and commemorations for the fourteen moments of the Passion and Death of Christ (i.e. the entrance to Jerusalem, "The Last Supper", the beating of Christ, etc...) which took place either inside the church or around the various churches of the city. From this latter technique the first Semana Santa Procession occurred. In these first processions each brotherhood carried their own specific flag with their emblem, but little by little the images of the Virgin Mary and/or Christ on the cross began to emerge, creating the first "pasos". Since the XVII century, different brotherhoods started to appear each having its own procession, but the growth of the majority of the present-day brotherhoods were formed during the XIX and above all during this century.

La Procesion: These processions are organized by different parish brotherhoods (cofradías) from a number of neighbourhoods throughout Sevilla. There are around 50 to 60 processions during the week. Every procession goes through the official route, starting in the Plaza de la Campana along the Calle Sierpes passing the Plaza San Francisco on to the Avda de la Constitución ending at the Cathedral. This official route symbolizes the journey made by Jesus to his crucifixion.

Pasos: Elaborated platforms or floats decorated with religious figures being either that of the Virgin Mary or a representation of the different images of Jesus from an episode of the Passion, i.e. "The Last Supper" or "The Crucifixion". There are approximately 112 "pasos" that go through the streets of Sevilla during Semana Santa.

Costaleros: These "paso" bearers are hidden underneath the platform giving the sensation that the "paso" glides on its own.

Nazarenos: The members (men and women) of the "cofradia" who march in front of the "paso" with candles wearing long tunics and hooded pointed caps.

Penitentes: These hooded barefoot penitents are situated after the "paso" carrying wooden crosses for the forgiveness of sins or the granting of wishes.

La Banda: Each band plays its own special march as well as the common Semana Santa marches.

Jueves Santo: Thursday is the day when more "pasos" come out in Sevilla. Some begin their route in the afternoon and return in the evening while others leave at midnight returning early Friday morning. Also during the evening women wear black dresses with veils as a sign of mourning.

Extra Tidbits: In the "Estancos" you can buy a schedule with all the "paso" information, which includes the streets and hours when they pass. You can either buy a schedule book for the entire week or buy the ABC where they have a daily schedule. The most interesting moment to see a "paso" is during its exit or entrance.