

Spanish Department Newsletter

Las noticias para ti

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Noche Latina

On the evening of September 19, 2009, the Blackburn College Spanish Department proudly kicked-off Noche Latina, an annual event designed to enhance awareness of various Latin American cultures.

The dancers of the St. Louis Flamenco Society proudly provided entertainment at the event. They performed six dances, wearing a different kind of dress for each dance. Each dress was beautifully designed and handmade. Some of the dances included Jota Aragonesa, Sevillanas Bolera, Caña, Tientos, Sevillanas Re-

gionales, and Rumba Flamenca.

"I do not know how the girls dance! They have to pick up their dresses while they are moving—it seems impossible for me!" says Spanish Professor Rebecca Glen. "It appears as if a person is dancing with three things simultaneously, the dress' terrain, the shoes, and the movement itself."

Also performing at Noche Latina was the Brazilian band, Samba Bom. The audience became relaxed and amazed as they listened to the sounds of Brazil. Samba Bom played a variety

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Noche Latina MC's Mikel Garrett and Kingsly Katanka ham it up on stage.

Word of the Month

Araña

Spider

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Latin American News

Cuba – Here in America, the battle against Swine Flu (H1N1 virus) includes excessive hand washing, getting vaccinated, and perhaps cracking a few jokes about pigs at the dinner table. However, the Cuban government is taking a radically different approach this season.

Simply put, Cuban officials have decided to shun the vaccine for fear that it may fail. Because H1N1 is a virus, it has the potential to change at any time, thus rendering a vaccine utterly useless. Instead, Cuba is

ready to take the war on swine flu into literal terms. Cuba's soldiers are well trained to evacuate and quarantine affected areas. The military is also prepared to close highways and deliver medical supplies in case of an outbreak.

So far, this commando tactic has served its purpose. As to date, Cuba has suffered only 435 cases of the virus with no fatalities. Whether or not these extreme measures are worth it can only be told by the test of time.

Upcoming Spanish Club Trip

On Saturday, November 14, the Spanish Club will host a trip to St. Louis for the Festival of Spain. All students who have an interest in Spanish food, music, and dance are encouraged to come. The event is hosted by the St. Louis Cultural Flamenco Society, who proudly performed at Noche Latina last month. The Spanish Club will provide transportation. Those interested in the trip should be prepared to depart from Demusio Campus Center at 10:00 AM.

Admission is five dollars. If you have any questions, please ask Callie Cummings at callie.cummings@blackburn.edu.



Germán Villagrán and Callie Cummings have a *feliz cumpleaños* in Spanish class.

Birthday Announcements

The Spanish department saw many birthdays during the month of October. Callie Cummings and Germán Villagrán both had their birthday on October 14. Pamela Forbes celebrated her 21st birthday on October 21. Katlyn Halstead's birthday was on October 22.

¡Feliz cumpleaños to everyone!



The St. Louis Flamenco Society dances for Noche Latina 2009.

Directions to Hudson 222

In the spring of 2009, the Spanish department gladly acquired new office space in Hudson Hall. However, this space can be rather tricky to find. If you wish to find Hudson 222 for Spanish tutoring, please follow the directions that follow.

Start on the second floor of Hudson Hall. Now, go down the corridor toward the doors with stairs leading up to them. These are the doors that lead to Clegg Chapel. Enter Clegg Chapel and turn toward the stage. Step up on the stage, take a quick bow if you like, and proceed through the wooden door on the side closest to the door you just came through.

Once you've gone through the door, you should see a flight of stairs. Go down the stairs (without bumping your head, please) until you come across a door. If you come at one of the times listed below, the door should be open and one of our smiling tutors should be waiting there to help you.

The Piñata Contest winner this year is Mikel Garret with her piñata "El pulpo encantador."

¡Felicidades, Miguelita!

Featured Recipe

Torticas de Morón

(Cuban Sugar Cookies)

- 1 1/2 cups shortening
 - 1 1/2 cups sugar
 - 1/4 teaspoon salt
 - 2 egg yolks
 - 1/2 teaspoon fresh lime juice (more or less)
 - 1 teaspoon real vanilla extract
 - 4 1/2 cups flour (more or less)
 - 2 egg whites beaten with 1 tablespoon water
- Preheat oven to 325° F.

Cream shortening and sugar with an electric mixer. Add salt and egg yolk, blend. Add lime juice and vanilla. Continue beating and add flour gradually until the mixture is stiff, but not too dry. Mix well.

Roll the dough into a cylinder about 2 inches in diameter. Slice the cookies about 1/2-inch thick. Place on greased cookie sheet. Brush cookies with beaten egg white. Bake about 25 minutes or until lightly browned.

Piñata Contest Thanks

The Spanish Department would like to thank the following professors for participating in the piñata contest during Hispanic Heritage Month: Robert Huber, Craig Newsom, Jan Zimmerman, Laura Zucca, Maggie Ekstrom, Roy Graham, and Gary Long.

Also, we give a big thanks to those students who participated in the Piñata Contest! *¡Buen trabajo!*

Noche Latina (Continued)

of music consisting of Samba, Bossa Nova, Axe-music, Forro, Chorinho, Pagode, Carnaval music and Batucada. The two-man band used myriad instruments, with which they created beautiful sounds that filled the auditorium with aspects of Latin American Culture.

Another attraction of the evening was the fashion show, which consisted of garments from Peru, Colombia, Spain and other Latin America Countries. One fashion show model, Alisa "Adela" Schrader, a member of the Spanish Department, wore a Colombian outfit which consisted of a decorated black skirt with colorful trimming on the bottom. Her shirt was white with colorful trimming on the sleeves as well.

The food—all made from scratch—was considered by guests and participants to be "delicious." The Spanish Depart-



ment and many other generous participants took the time to make the chicken tamales. All help was very much appreciative for this long cooking process.

Besides the chicken tamales, Dennis Keithley brought homemade quesadillas. Likewise, Callie Cummings prepared lime cookies. Other foods served at Noche Latina 2009

were rice, beans, chips and salsa, and *dulce de leche* cake.

To add even more fun to the evening, the Spanish Department held a raffle and gave out prizes from businesses all over Carlenville and Litchfield. The prizes were in arrangement from a \$20 gift certificate for My Sister's Closet to free tickets to Marvel Theatre.

The Spanish Department student workers breathed sighs of relief as their non-stop work for four consecutive works finally came to a close. The finally applause of the crowd assured them that all of their careful planning and dedication had paid off. The Spanish Department is already making plans for Noche Latina 2010, however, and they hope to make the event bigger and better with each year.

Phrase of the Month

¡Un idioma nunca es suficiente!

One language is never enough!



Spanish Department Honor Workers for September: Callie Cummings (left) and Alisa Schrader (right).

September Honor Workers

The Spanish Department congratulates their September Honor Workers: Callie Cummings and Alisa Schrader, who also were recognized as Academic Honor Workers for September.

¡Felicidades y muchas gracias por el magnífico trabajo!

Don't forget the

Spanish Club!

Weekly Meeting

Time: Tuesdays at 7:30 PM

Place: Hudson 222

Activities:

- Discussing upcoming events trips, and fundraisers
- Games
- Spanish vocabulary building
- Making friendships
- Having fun!

Student Worker Spotlight

The Spanish Department is proud to announce Callie Cummings as their Spotlight Worker of the month. A junior hailing from Heyworth, Illinois, Callie is double majoring in communications professional track, and Spanish. Callie is our Administrative Assistant here in the Spanish Department and helps plan study abroad programs, assists TA's, grade papers, and much more. Callie enjoys cooking, sewing, knitting, and just about any craft there is.

Once she graduates, Callie would like to use her Spanish to write for a major Spanish magazine or newspaper.

Spanish Tutoring Hours

Computer Lab. Hours (Hudson 206)

Sundays	Mondays	Tuesdays	Wednesdays	Thursdays	Fridays	Saturdays
3:00 – 4:00 PM 7:00 – 9:00 PM	3:30 – 5:00 PM 7:00 – 9:00 PM	10:00 – 11:00 AM 1:00 – 2:00 PM 3:30 – 5:30 PM 6:00 – 8:00 PM	3:30- 5:30 PM	10:00 – 12:00 PM 1:00 – 2:00 PM 6:00 – 8:00 PM	1:00 – 2:00 PM	11:00 – 12:00 PM

Regular Tutoring Hours (Hudson 204 and 222)

Sundays	Mondays	Tuesdays	Wednesdays	Thursdays
1:30 – 3:00 PM (204)	2:00 – 3:00 PM (222) 3:00 – 5:00 PM (204)	8:00 – 9:00 PM (222) 11:00 – 2:00 PM (222) 2:00 – 3:00 PM (204) 3:00 – 4:00 PM (222) 8:00 – 9:00 PM (204)	1:00 – 2:00 PM (222) 2:00 – 3:00 PM (204) 3:00 – 5:00 PM (222)	8:00 – 9:00 AM (222) 2:00 – 3:00 PM (222) 6:00 – 7:00 PM (204, 222) 7:00 – 8:00 PM (204)

If you need a tutor during another time that is not listed here, please contact one of the Spanish tutors. See the article above for directions to Hudson 222.

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We want to hear from YOU!

If you have suggestions, articles, recipes, phrases, photographs, or anything else you can think of that you would like to submit to the Spanish Department Newsletter, please contact Nicole Eichelberger at:
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Any and all submissions are be much appreciated! *¡Muchísimas gracias!*

