

Spanish Department Newsletter

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Salsa Dancing at Blackburn

On February 12, 2010, salsa ambassador Julio Barrenzuela came to Blackburn to dance the night away. He taught students, faculty, and citizens of the community all the moves and various forms of salsa.

Reggie Guyton, who attended this event, said he liked experiencing and learning about a unique culture. Guyton loved exploring and embracing Salsa. According to Barrenzuela, the key to salsa dancing is to encourage or challenge oneself to go beyond the basic salsa steps and try other moves such as

the cross step and spin. Barrenzuela also stated that one has more fun when performing more complex moves.

Julio taught the crowd how to have good communication while dancing. The communication is within the guy, who leads the moves of the dance, he said. Another characteristic is looking in the eyes of the dancing partner to understand what kind of form of salsa to dance.

This event was cosponsored by the Dance Club, the



Spanish Department, the Spanish Club, and Multicultural Expressions. Among those in attendance was Ashley Deibert, president of the Dance Club. Overall, the night of salsa dancing with Julio Barrenzuela was full of fun.

— Alisa Schrader

Word of the Month

El cariño
Affection

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Latin American News

Ecuador – In November, 2009, the Spanish Department Newsletter covered the story of Ecuadorean president Rafael Correa's plan to raise about \$3 billion dollars in order to stop drilling for oil on Yasuní National Park for 10 years. Recently, however, Correa's plan has encountered problems. In December, Correa had the chance to sign an agreement with the United Nations that would allow his dream to be realized. However, Correa refused to sign as this plan would mean Ecuador would lose ownership of Yasuní to the United Nations.

Despite the setback of losing donors, government officials, and the support of environmentalists from his



decision, Correa is still working hard to protect both Yasuní and the well being of his country. Correa knows that it is his duty to the people not only to preserve the environment but to keep the already impoverished country supplied with enough funds to insure necessities such as healthcare and education. However, as Correa has learned, he is not doing business with potential donors but with "infantile environmentalism."

— Nicole Eichelberger

Student Worker Spotlight

The Spanish Department is proud to announce Callie Cummings as their Spotlight Worker of the



Month. Callie is the Administrative Assistant of the Spanish Department. Her job involves helping to plan study abroad programs, aiding the Teachers' Assistants, helping to plan events, grading papers, and much more. Callie is a junior from Heyworth, Illinois. She is double majoring in Communications-professional track and Spanish. Callie enjoys cooking as well as a variety of crafts such as knitting, scrapbooking, and sewing. Once Callie graduates, she hopes to write for a major Spanish magazine or newspaper.

— Nicole Eichelberger

Phrase of the Month

Me gusta un reto.

I like a challenge.



For the month of February, the Spanish Department would like to wish Alisa Schrader a *feliz cumpleaños*. Alisa turned 20 on the 12th.



Featured Recipe

Buñuelos

Ingredients:

2 cups finely grated white farmer's cheese
1/2 cup cornstarch
1 1/2 tablespoons light brown sugar
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 egg
Vegetable oil



- 1.) Make sure that the cheese is grated very finely. You can use a food processor for this.
- 2.) Mix the cheese, corn starch, sugar, salt, and egg in a large bowl until well blended.
- 3.) Shape the dough into 1 inch diameter balls.
- 4.) Heat several inches of oil in a heavy pot to 350 degrees.
- 5.) Add the buñuelos, a few at a time, and cook. They will sink to the bottom, then rise and expand. Cook for 3-4 minutes, turning them occasionally, until they are golden brown and very round.
- 6.) Drain on a plate lined with paper towels. Dust with powdered sugar if desired. Serve warm or at room temperature. Makes about 24 buñuelos.

Hudson 222, a Nice Place to Study

Behind Clegg Chapel sits the quaint office space known as Hudson 222. This office is owned by the Spanish Department and is designed to be a place for students to meet with Spanish tutors.

In 222, one can find Professor Rebecca "Becky" Glenn's office. The office is also a cozy place to relax and study. There is a microwave oven (with utensils, plates, napkins, etc. provided), two bathrooms, and a desk for students.

Another feature that 222



Alisa Schrader working hard in 222.

has to offer is the Resource Center, where one can find a vast amount of Spanish resources including plays, information about various countries, textbooks (from 1983 to the present), and magazines like *Vanidades*, *National Geographic*, and *People en Español*.

According to Alisa Schrader, a Spanish tutor, the look and feel of 222 reminds her of "[Hispanic] cities." Alisa believes that 222 is "quiet" and "relaxing" and makes for a good place to study.



The resource center has much to offer.

—Nicole Eichelberger

Spanish Lab/Tutoring Hours for the Spring Semester

Computer Lab. Hours (Hudson 206)

Sundays	Mondays	Tuesdays	Wednesdays	Thursdays	Fridays
3-9:30 pm	2:30-3:30 pm 6-8 pm	6-8 pm	2:30-4:30 pm	4-5:30 pm 6-8:30 pm	8-9:30 am 2:30-3:30 pm

Regular Tutoring Hours (Hudson 204 and 222)

Sundays	Mondays	Tuesdays	Wednesdays	Thursdays	Fridays
7-8 pm (204)	8-10 AM (204) 2-2:30 pm (204) 3:30-4:30 pm (222) 3-5 (204)	6-7 pm (222) 7:30-8:30 pm (204)	8-9 am (204)	2-3 pm (204) 7-9 pm (222) 8:30-9:30 pm (204)	2-2:30 pm (204) 3:30-4:30 pm (204)

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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: nicole.eichelberger@blackburn.edu.

Any and all submissions would be much appreciated! ¡Muchísimas gracias!

SPANISH CLUB

Activities:

- Discussing up-coming events, trips, & fundraisers
- Playing games
- Making friends
- Building Spanish vocabulary
- Watching films in Spanish
- Having fun!

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