

Alternative fitness: Spanish club offers dance classes

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“Vamos chicos, vamos arriba!” It is too cold to run outside and extremely boring to lift weights; luckily the Spanish Club is offering a new and fun way to work out and make friends at the same time.

Latin dance lessons are a fantastic way to keep you in good shape and at the same time learn new steamy dances such as Merengue, Reggeaton, Salsa and Urban Hip-Hop. Every Thursday at 7.30 p.m. 10 to 20 students are moving to the impulsive rhythms of Latin music in a positive and dynamic atmosphere. The members of the Spanish club have been surprised of the number of people coming to the dance class and leaving with a genuine smile and sweaty t-shirt.

The Spanish club tries to integrate the various cultures on campus in an artistic and interesting manner. “Dance is a universal language we all are capable of speaking”, says junior Jarred Fisher from South Africa.

The Spanish club is also collaborating with the BC International Student club, thus a great deal of students from all over the world come together and connect with other students on a dance floor moving to the exotic beats of Daddy Yankee, Elvis Crespo and Gloria Estefan.

Freshman Brittany Fowler is enjoying the class in her own way. “I feel very energetic and uplifted after the class,” Fowler said, “dancing helps a lot after a stressful day of classes.”

Come to the dance-class to relieve your stress with your fellow students and learn fun dances. In this class, you will definitely step in and stand out with your fellow classmates.

BC Spanish professor, Judy Pascale-Hoxit is delighted to see a number of students coming together and embracing themselves to a very important aspect of the Latin culture. “I hope that this class sparks the interest of the students to learn the language and take some of the great Spanish classes here at BC,” said Hoxit.

A group of enthusiastic students have also suggested that dance classes should be included in the curriculum and perhaps perform their skills in the annual Brevard College Athletic Banquette. With the current number of students dancing every Thursday, this might not sound difficult to organize. “The dance class put a great deal of effort to bring new students together with older students to help us to adapt to college life and make new friends”, said senior Tiffen Tapia.

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According to data illustrated on the World Trade Organization Web site, the share of the global markets of the U.S. has fallen from 50 percent to 25 percent since World War II. The world has tolerated the over-valued dollar for a long time, but as we have seen lately, the dollar is starting to become a currency which no longer has power over the Yen (Japan) or the European Monetary Union.

The problem is that America has enormous debt and the loans are owned by the next superpower of the world: China.

If the U.S. would focus its reserves to competing with China, then the global economy would look quite different. The Obama

administration has stated that the economy needs to be revitalized. Finding solutions that work can be time consuming, which is why so many ordinary people are suffering.

“One-fifth of the children in the USA will grow up in poverty and for the first time your parents are financially better off than you,” said Barbara Boerner, associate professor of Business & Organizational Leadership. U.S. universities are still the world elite, but year after year it takes more time for the students to graduate, since it requires almost a full-time job to cover the cost of higher education.

“It is devastating to see how so many students are in debt even before turning 20,” senior Katie Spiker said, “and I believe that our government has to change their tactics in order to save our

generation from overwhelming debt.”

All of these issues are the result of globalization. The more connected we are, the more competition there is. When there is fierce competition, our governments find it difficult to reach diplomatic consensus without military interference.

The U.S. has shouted its ideals to the world for a long time: Liberty, wealth and opportunity—but actually now it has to prove these ideals to the world in comparison with the ideals of the “European Dream” or the socialistic capitalism of China.

The question now is: Can the United States afford globalization if American loyalty is to profits and institutions instead to people and progress?

CHEESY BACON LOAF

from Chef Boy-ar-Dave

Average Cost of Meal: \$5 - \$10

Time of Preparation: 5 minutes

Cooking Time: 10 minutes

Serving Size: 5 or more

Ingredients:

1 loaf of French bread

2 green onions

1 package of shredded cheese

2 tablespoons of mustard

bacon bits

¼-½ stick of butter

Instructions:

- Preheat the oven to 400°
- Allow the butter to come to room temperature
- Cut the French bread into 1 inch thick slices
- Finely chop the green onions
- In a medium sized bowl combine the green onions with the cheese, bacon, mustard, and butter
- Mix it all together and spread it over each piece of French bread
- Stack the French bread together in a log and wrap the loaf log up tightly in foil.
- Put the loaf in the oven for 10 minutes.
- You want to leave it in the oven just long enough for the bread to crisp up and the cheese to melt the loaf together.