

IEP NEWS



DIRECTOR'S CORNER



Elena Moore, IEP Director

As Term A winds down, we will be trying to accomplish as much as possible in the next two weeks. On October 10, IEP will have a party before students and

instructors take a break. Students who plan to travel will need to see Ms. Crider first.

Term B will begin on October 20. We look forward to some new classes, our Halloween party—yes, with costumes—the Great Gulf Coast Arts Festival downtown, our traditional IEP soccer game, Conversation Lunch with faculty and staff, the IEP debate, and much more. Now that we're fortunate enough to have Ms. Kathy Jones planning

and organizing activities, the IEP calendar is filling quickly. For a final look back at the summer of 2008, read our students' reviews of summer movies.

Good luck to all students who will be leaving us at the end of Term A. Do stay in touch. Pensacola and the International Center at UWF will always be your second home.

COMMUNICATIONS WORKSHOP

Rachel Errington conducted a communications workshop for the advanced classes. Ms. Errington discussed journalism and public relations.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October 10



**Term A
Ends**

October 20



**Term B
Begins**

October 31



**Halloween
Party**

November 7



**Arts
Festival**

November 17-21



**UWF Celebrates
the World**

IEP IN PHOTOS

Cross-Cultural Dating Workshop

Dr. Brian Turner of the Counseling Center spoke to IEP students about intercultural friendships and dating. Dr. Turner covered some of the areas in which misunderstandings are likely to occur because of different expectations and answered questions.



Japanese Tea Ceremony

Our students were graciously received at the Japan House by Ms. Shigeko Honda and volunteers to participate in *chado*, the traditional Japanese tea ceremony. Where else in Pensacola could one have this lovely experience?



HISTORY OF CHADO, THE JAPANESE TEA CEREMONY

"The way of tea, chado, must be acquired by means of the movements of your own body and through one's own experiences."

From the book *The Spirit of Tea*.



The tea plant probably originated in the mountainous region of southern Asia and was brought to China and consumed for medicinal purposes. By the Tang Dynasty (616-907), powdered green tea was mainly used for ceremonial purposes in temples, but was also appreciated for its taste by laymen.

Tea was probably brought to Japan during the height of cultural contact with Tang China. The drinking of tea was confined to the court aristocracy and Buddhist ceremonies until the twelfth century. The properties of tea were extolled for promoting both physical and spiritual health. In the thirteenth century, instructions for tea ceremonies were drawn up although the ceremony in its present form dates from the sixteenth century.

Appreciation of tea did not remain confined to temples. Its popularity spread among the court nobles of Kyoto and the warrior class, then through Japanese society. Today each tea ceremony links participants to almost 900 years of history.

IEP MOVIE REVIEWS

Hancock

"The more power, the more responsibility." Hancock tells you that



this is not the truth.

Have you ever had an experience when you want to lend somebody a hand, but what

you did made the result worse? If you have, the movie you must watch is Hancock. You can learn to make what you did get what you deserve and make your image better.

In my opinion, Hancock is a thriller movie. In the beginning of the movie, Hancock has saved many lives in Los Angeles over the years, but nobody respects him for what he has done because he damaged buildings, trains, roads, cars, or anything that got in his way while getting the job done. One day, he saves the life of Ray, a public relations executive. So Ray makes it his mission to change his superhero's image and have the public respect him.

Will Smith's acting made the movie impressive, thrilling and funny, which attracts all audiences. He always makes the role he acts deeply impress on the audience's minds.

From my perspective, Hancock is the best movie in 2008. This movie tells you that you can do somebody a favor, but what you do may not get a good result; you must do the job in the correct way. Besides being a kindhearted person, you should learn the right methods of doing things.

Si Hao, China

Kung Fu Panda

Have you seen the movie Kung Fu Panda? If not, I will recommend it strongly to you. It's an American comedy animation which suits everyone.

It is a story about an enthusiastic, big, and clumsy panda named Po. Po's an apprentice noodle maker who daydreams of fighting alongside the stars of the Kung Fu World. Unexpectedly chosen to fulfill an ancient prophecy, Po's dreams become reality. Po puts his heart and his girth in the task, learning hard from his guru, Master Shifu. Ultimately, our unlikely hero Po turns his greatest weakness into his greatest strength and defeats the vengeful and treacherous snow leopard, Tai Lung.

This attractive and funny movie is directed by Mark Osborne and John Stevenson. Not only are there many elements of comedy, there are a lot of classical strips in the film. For example, the turtle once said, "Your mind is like water, my friend, when it is agitated, it become difficult to see, but if you allow it to settle, the answer becomes clear." "Yesterday is history; tomorrow is a mystery; but today is a gift. That is why it's called the present."...



In short, Kung Fu Panda is a film which is full of laughter and morals, and you can also see some Chinese culture there. So enjoy it!

Cecilia, China

Batman: The Dark Knight

The film Batman: The Dark Knight breaks the patterns of what we are all used to seeing in the Batman movies. It can easily fall into several categories or genres, but it is mainly considered a thriller and an action movie.

This film has not only an interesting story, but also, its characters have a realistic side which the audience had not seen before. Batman (Christian Bale) together with Harvey Dent (Aaron Eckhart) and Lieut. James Gordon (Gary Oldman) join their forces to fight against Gotham's enemies. There is somebody that emerges among those enemies: the Joker (Heath Ledger). He is the mastermind that leads the group to accomplish their terrible plans in the city of Gotham. However, the Joker's goal goes beyond those frivolous schemes. He has something bigger, and that is to reveal Batman's identity. Many battles between good and evil take place, not only the usual ones. The movie also refers to the inner battle within each person. It shows even the most honorable people have a dark side.

To conclude, even for those who are not fanatics about movies based on comic legends, Batman: The Dark Knight will fulfill your expectations. It has a great story, actors, special effects, and last but not least a great director. I would definitely recommend this movie.



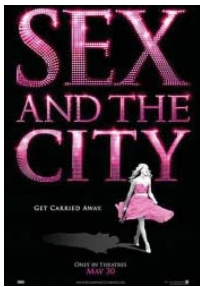
Gabriela, Honduras

IEP MOVIE REVIEWS (CONT.)

Sex and the City

I know that almost all American, especially girls, love Sex and the City very much. They are dreaming of being one the characters. If you are interested in these characters, I think you should watch it.

This movie is set in Manhattan in N.Y. The main characters are Carrie, Samantha, Miranda, Charlotte, and a sexy guy, Mr. Big. The girls are best friends.



In the movie, all the characters meet difficulties. For Carrie, she finally has a good relationship with Mr. Big. They love each other very much, but

Mr. Big still cannot decide whether they really should get married. For Samantha, she lives in L.A. She feels alone because her best friends live in N.Y. Also she has cancer and continues to recover from it.

For Miranda, she has her family. She seems to be happy. Inside, she has lots of things to do, for example, housework, her job, and the problem

is to take care of her mother-in-law. For Charlotte, she is the one who does not have a serious problem. She has her own happy family and she is finally pregnant. Some of this movie's fascinations are their fashion, lifestyle, and friendship. There are lots of scenes which they discuss daily life happily, honestly, and sometimes seriously. I think this friendship is very ideal. Although they can't be what they used to be, they still respect each other. I laughed, cried and also I learned lots of words from this movie. I recommend this movie to the person who just wants to enjoy love, friendship, and fashion.

The day may come when we pay the penalty of environmental destruction. This movie is a thriller movie, and it contains many creepy scenes.

Mika, Japan

The Happening

The plot is about some poisonous chemicals in trees drove people crazy and made people suicidal. One day, honeybees disappeared suddenly, and it was a trigger for the happening. It happened in New York at first. The cause of this incident had been a mystery, and governors and

researchers had thought it was the work of terrorism. However, it had spread to many places rapidly. People couldn't stop the happening. Once



the wind blew, the poisonous chemicals were released. After a multitude of people died, the mutation stopped suddenly.

This movie had a good opening scene. In a science class, Elliot was talking about honeybees. He told his students that mankind would be extinct if honeybees were to become extinct. He also told students honeybees were disappearing all over the U.S. It gave us a hint as to why people started to kill themselves in the next scene.

Do you think this kind of happening won't happen? Maybe you are correct, but if we continue to destroy the environment, it may happen someday. I like the concept of this movie. However, there's not a strong story between characters. I do not recommend the movie if you don't like these scenes.

Saya, Japan

IEP SESSION DATES

Fall 2008

- August 22 - December 12 (14-week term)
- August 22 - October 10 (7-week term)
- October 20 - December 12 (7-week term)

Spring 2009

- January 9 - April 24 (14-week term)
- February 27 - June 20 (7-week term)
- March 9 - April 24 (7-week term)

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