

Future Events:**December 1:**

Last day T/Th classes

December 5:

Last day M/W classes

December 6:

Spanish National
Holiday—*Día de la
Constitución*

December 7:

Reading Day

December 8:

Spanish National
Holiday—*Inmaculada
Concepción*

December 9:

Final Exams begin

December 10:

Final Exams

December 12-15:

Final Exams

December 16:

- Finals make-up day
- FAREWELL DINNER at
A Casiña 9:00 pm

December 17:

Students must move
out of Housing by
noon

January 10:

Spring '12 Arrival Day

January 13:

Depart for Seville
Orientation Trip

GRANADA AND LA ALHAMBRA

Above: *La Alhambra as seen from Albaicín.* --photo by student Austin Shide

The allure of La Alhambra first captured Suffolk Madrid students from across the Darro River in Albaicín. Spellbound, they gazed across the ravine as the sun set, with the citadel seemingly hovering atop the hill. Student Jennifer Usovicz shared her impressions this way: "I felt like I had entered a passage to another country." After an initial view from afar, the group penetrated the sober walls to discover an oasis of harmony between nature and architecture, a central theme for Moorish rulers. In keeping with the local Moorish atmosphere, students visited a traditional Hamman (hot baths) as well as a Moroccan restaurant. A weekend in Granada is just enough time to realize that you will need to return. Since traditional gypsy caves in Sacromonte are home to a whole branch of flamenco music and dance, students went to *La Cueva de Carmen la Castanera* to experience the extended Carmona family as they danced and sang proudly of gypsy heritage. As the weekend progressed, students moved on and turned their sights to the Spanish monarchs, Ferdinand and Isabella, visiting their crypts. Jen Usovicz summed up the trip this way: "I loved the diversity and clash of cultures in Granada!"



Above: *Students Meghan Jossick and Matthew Shumate taking in the Alhambra gardens.* --photo by A. Shide



ROMAN RUINS IN SEGÓBRIGA



(L-r): Students J. Ianuzzi, J. Kamikawa, C. Kraverath and C. Jourson with Prof. Almudena Cros.

—photo by Prof. William Kavanagh

Students from Sociology 327 and Art History 101 recently made the trek to the province of Cuenca and the archeological site of Segóbriga, the remains of a medium-sized Roman city still in excellent condition. The primary industry for the city was mining; nearby *lapis specularis* (selenite gypsum) was used to make window panes and also for decorative purposes. Segóbriga, at the height of its splendor (1st - 2nd century A.D.), had a theater, amphitheater, large public baths, a basilica, temples and markets. It became the most important urban center in the Roman province of Hispania.

HORSEBACK RIDING

On a crisp cloudless autumn day in late November, Suffolk students ventured out to the Guadarrama Mountains for some horseback riding. Their trail ride led them into La Pedriza Regional Park, full of schoolchildren on bicycles despite the deceptively calm atmosphere. The horses, undaunted by kids on wheels, went about their mission unperturbed, delighting riders with a beautiful view of the Sierra.

L-r: Lauren Lopez, Ms. Jennifer Rogers, Allegra Batista, Meghan Jossick, Sarah MacIsaac, Danielle Sneyd and Shane Hennessey after a gorgeous ride in the foothills near El Botalo.



A NIGHT AT THE THEATER WITH “DISFRUTA MADRID”



“Disfruta Madrid”, a new student organization, went to El Teatro Español this week to end the semester on a high note. Carmen is now playing here, and the staging was truly spectacular. This unusual version of the legendary love story gone awry featured a full bugle and drum corp and a purebred Andaluz horse from one of Seville’s most prestigious equestrian academies.

Shown at El Teatro Español are (l-r): Prof. Lourdes Fernández, Allegra Batista, Cora Kraverath, Nick Denver, Jenna Kamikawa, Rachael Brandon, Sierra Meszaros, Rock Vitale and Bailee Emmert.