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Shedding some light on Lund

# **Uproar for Upprop**

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lund.dynamo@ gmail.com At its peak, the queue stretched out across Lundagård, wrapped all the way around the Cathedral and wound back towards the AF castle. What could possess 4560 students to line up in the early hours on a cold winter Sunday? Nothing but the sheer love of *Karneval*.

"Since the carnival only occurs every fourth year, a lot of students have heard about since the first day they arrived in Lund," relates the carnival's General, Erik Neppelberg.

Upprop (roll call), which was held February 7<sup>th</sup>, was the day for signing up as a volunteer for Lundakarnevalen 2010. But why such determination to work for free, and why arrive so early?

#### For a noble cause

The lure of a major party, that's what: "There were only a limited number of tickets to the *Karnevelj*, the huge Carnival kick-off," explains Neppelberg. Tickets for that evening, which will take place at the Victoriastadion sports arena on March 6<sup>th</sup>, are indeed

sold out.

But it's not just about the parties, though they are an important part of the experience: *Karneval* is an ambitious project, said to be the largest student-organized event in all of Scandinavia.

"It's all made by students!" exclaims the carnival's Gen-

engages nearly 5000 students, who work for fun to serve almost 100 000 visitors, is a cool thing," declares the 23 year-old student of Media & Communications and Chinese.

Judging by the turnout, it is indeed an honour to hold the title of *karnevalist* (official participant and volunteer).



Waiting for hours to be a volunteer? That's dedication!

eral, the youngest person to hold this post in Lund carnival history. "A huge project that Rumours have it that those at the head of the queue camped out in front of *(continued p. 2)* 

## Welcome to our newsletter!

Welcome to the first issue of *The Dynamo*, a newsletter made by and for students. We thought it'd be nice for international students, exchange or

Masters, to have a forum in which to learn about what goes on, share thoughts, and discuss ideas. We welcome the participation of all photographers, writers, and others! Don't hesitate to email us at lund.dynamo@gmail.com for comments or if you want to come volunteer with us!

the AF doors the whole night, though most enthusiasts started arriving around 7-8 o'clock in the morning (doors were set to open at noon).

### Waiting is part of the fun

Queuing is not most people's idea of a good time (though in Sweden one does get practice with it!), but the atmosphere in Lundagård was definitely festive. Bands marched along, songs and human waves broke out regularly, the student radio offered entertainment, free soup was handed out, portable toilets provided relief, and some keen entrepreneurs sold sausages and hot chocolate to the frozen masses.

Students had brought chairs, mats, blankets and drinks to while away the time. Carnival organizers had set up tents and fences to direct the flow of people, and security guards manned the doors to the building.

Once inside, students received a sign-up sheet and were able to buy tickets to Karnevelj, before being ushered through the AF archives and the length and height of the entire AF castle, decorated for the occasion. Along the way, they participated in a tug of war and witnessed strange dance parties.

Wannabe karnevalists finally arrived in the Great hall from the stage end. Inside, each Karneval team animated a booth. attempting to lure volunteers by selling the merits of their section.

Students had to make a selection, stating where they'd prefer to work: shows (spex, cabaret, circus), media (radio, press), sales (merchandise, tickets, food and beer), construction (parade floats, tents), kitchen (volunteer teams will often take their meals together), and lots more. Many hands and heads are required to put all of Karneval together in time, both at the forefront and backstage.

### Coming up

If they haven't already, students who signed up should receive news shortly those who didn't might still get a chance to have an official role in the Karneval: "We will know how many more people can get involved after the first sorting is done," says Neppelberg.

Though it may be too late to get involved

as a volunteer, it is certainly not too late to get in the Karneval spirit. On March 8th, at 20:10, countdown to the carnival will continue with a secret guest appearing in Lundagård, and tickets to all carnival shows and the dance party will be released on April 24th. Lundakarnevalen itself will happen during three Spring days. May 21st to 23rd.

Some names have already been announced for the main Karneval stage, including Rufus Wainwright, the DJs of Jezebel Sound System and Navi, the "world's #1 Michael Jackson impersonator".

The theme of the 2010 carnival is rätt & fel ("Right & Wrong"), which will be interpreted in different ways throughout the preparations and actual Karneval. "There will be a lot of misspellings and funny twists," hints Erik Neppelberg. "What's important is that the theme does not question right OR wrong, but looks at what can be both!"

Students who are in Lund for a set period of time can feel lucky to have landed on a carnival year. General Erik Neppelberg enthuses: "It's the one thing you can't miss while studying in Lund!"



# is for Blekingska Nation

### The Nations of Lund – From A to Ö

Thanks to Andrea Fokt and Camilla Anger, Can you name a special event in your big secret for now, but there will be par-Blekingska Nation

When were you founded and why: 1697

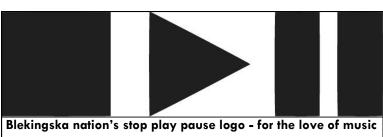
in order to create a network for Blekinge locals in the strange foreign town of Lund.

What is the pride of your nation: the vast amount of great bands who have performed on our small stage - do names like the Cardigans, the Hives, Of

Montreal, Bob Hund, the Radio Dept, Alphaville ring any bells?

What is your nation's symbol and why: "stop play pause" - symbolizes our nation's love of music. The nation's coat of arms is the golden oak with three crowns, in line with the symbol for the Blekinge province.

respectively Ourator and ProOurator at history; founding of our club "Indigo" in ties... 1994 which in all effect brought the Indie music scene to Lund and Skåne. Also our 300 year anniversary in 1997.



What international students can do in your nation: they're very welcome to participate in all our activities, we make a point not to divide those for the international students with our usual ones - we want to make everyone feel welcome everywhere.

What are your plans for Karneval: it's all a

What is vour best beer: La Trappe Quadrupel (or Krusovice Imperial for 20 SEK if your budget is tight).

> Do you offer meals and if so how much: pub-meal (Wednesday) app 40 SEK, café food approx 30 SEK (Fri) three-course dinner (Sittning on Fridays) 140 SEK, brunch (Sat) 50 SEK.

What is your best weekly event: FRIDAY CLUB - the

best pop/rock-music in town. (all Fridays except first of the month; then it's heartbeats, electronic music at its best).

Where are you located: 5 min. west by bike from the town centre. In Vildanden.

Website: www.blekingska.se

## Wallander's Wonderland

### Travel: Where to go around Lund?

If you have friends or relatives visiting and are looking for a day trip, Ystad is a great choice: a nice medieval locality known for its cobbled streets, timbered houses and bloody crime.

Of course, we mean fictional crime. Ystad's international claim to fame today is that author Henning Mankell's chose to locate his inspector Wallander murder mysteries in this quaint Skåne town.

But it's not just fiction fans that will enjoy a trip to Ystad. This pleasant town facing the Baltic sea | an hour away from Lund (there are ferries to Po-

land and the Danish island of Bornholm, it even has beaches not far from the town



Ystad, a lovely little town less than

centre) is full of picturesque Southern Swedish buildings.

The tourist office (next to the art museum) is a good place to begin (they do have Wallander maps). If you're shy or come late, use the selfserve box outside.

The local Bryggeriet produces a nice fresh beer on the premises (Färsköl). There

are lots of restaurants and cafes too, many

in buildings dating back to the Dark Ages.

The well-preserved town can trace its history to the 11<sup>th</sup> century. The famous Sankta Maria church is originally from the 13<sup>th</sup> century. Hang around until 9:15 PM to hear a watchman blow his horn every 15 minutes (until 1 AM) as his predecessors have for hundreds of years.

The striking red brick of Ystad's oldest buildings belies their age. Another wellpreserved beauty is the 14th century cloister adjoining Sankt Petri church, protected by wise locals, now housing galleries and cafes. It is surrounded by lovely gardens.

Ystad can be reached by train, but bus 6 offers a direct connection from Lund C (departing in front of the Skånetrafiken office). Use a Jojo cash card for cheaper rates and partner up with a buddy to share a Duo discount!

For a disturbing intro to Ystad, Lunds Stadsbibliotek has the BBC Wallander trilogy. Less scary is the Ystads kommun website: www.ystad.se. English info hard to find, but it's there.

# Gooey goodness: Kladdkaka

There are many variants of this wonderful chocolate cake, but the general idea is American brownie meets chocolate pudding.

It is not difficult to make, but keep an eye on it so it doesn't bake too long and lose its 'gooeyness'. Most recipes use cocoa powder, but melted chocolate is even better...

Ingredients:

4 eggs

2 dl (+/- 0.85 cup) sugar

2.5 dl (1 cup) flour

1/2 tsp baking powder

200g chocolate (blockchoklad), in pieces

200g butter, chopped in pieces

Melt the butter and the chocolate. Mix in the rest of the ingredients. Pour in a buttered baking pan (springform pans are often used here) and place in the oven (~180°C) for approximately 10 minutes or to your liking - the middle should be set but not hard.

And then knock on your neighbor's doors and enjoy!

### Recipe

**Opinion** 

Did this recipe turn out for you? Something else you'd like to learn to make? Email us at lund.dynamo@gmail.com

### **Unsolved Swedish Mysteries**

# **Coop & Kentucky Fried Chicken**

In this beautiful city of Lund and country of Sweden, there are many things I don't quite understand. This is fine; it's part of the game of discovering a new culture. But that doesn't mean I can't talk about it!

So my question is: who shops at Coopreally? I went to a Coop grocery store three times in my life.

The first time I had just arrived in Lund and there it was: a big supermarket downtown. I thought it should be cheap

due to its size - needless to say I was still new to Lund and not fully aware of the cost of things here.

The second time, I bought passion fruits because they were on sale. The third time, I went to buy milk - it was late and it was the only market open around.

Besides these reasons, why go to Coop? ICA has a better product selection, Netto has the cheapest prices and Willy's has a good combination of both. Heck, when Coop has something on sale, Netto usually

has it cheaper at their regular price!

Maybe I'm naive but 'Coop' sounds to me like 'cooperative' and cooperatives in my head means cheaper. I have read about their membership program but even then, their sales are still not appealing.

This reminds me of Kentucky Fried Chicken back home – it is always deserted but year after year, it remains open.

Perhaps you don't need to sale much - at those prices! - to stay in business.

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# **English-Swedish Mini-dictionary**

How much is this?: Vad kostar det?

Did you say number 6 or ..?: Menar du nummer 6 eller...?

This is expensive: Det är dyrt.

This is cheap (not likely to be used):

Det är billigt.

Do I look like I have any money?:

Ser jag ut som om jag har några pengar?

What is your email?: Vad är din e-mailadress?

Yes, I have time: Ja, jag har tid.

Did you receive my email?: Fick du mitt mail?

Why have you not answered my email?: Varför har du inte svarat på mitt e-mail?

Here is my phone number (a bit unlikely):

Här är mitt telefonnummer.

Don't forget it!: Glöm det inte!

### "Dear Luke": Questions and Answers

### Q: Dear Luke,

I saw you on Arrival Day and you helped me with my luggage at the train station. You told me then to buy a bike ASAP because they are hard to get. I bought one, but I haven't used it yet. -Shimano

#### A: Dear Shimano,

Errr ves, I did say that. I don't know what to say. In the previous recent years, the temperature was over 0 degrees all winter. I think I know why it is colder this year: global warming. -Luke

### Q: Dear Luke,

At what time shall I get in line on Sunday to give my name for volunteering for the Carnival? -Les, Clue

#### A: Dear Clue.

Unfortunately the registration day was February 7<sup>th</sup>. But don't despair: since you will not be volunteering, it means you will have 3 full days to celebrate! Don't miss the dates this time: May 21-23<sup>rd</sup>. Check out our article with info straight from the Karneval General. -Luke

### Q: Dear Luke,

I want to know where can I get a cheap haircut in Lund? -M. Baldwin

### A: Dear M. Baldwin,

The cheapest haircut will remain the one your corridor neighbour will give you. But please, make sure he/she is sober. If you're willing to pay a little, a few places in Lund charge around 120 SEK. There's one near the Lundia hotel and another almost across the Royal cinema downtown. Tip: you don't need to tip (get it!). -Luke

## One person's junk, another's treasure

Saving money in Lund

In the land of IKEA, one finds many stylish, affordable items to furnish an apartment or decorate a student room. But Lund also has a good number of secondhand shops with quality used items – you just might find a barely scratched Billy bookcase at half-price! Profits usually go to a noble cause. Beware, most have odd opening hours that can vary without warning and some are a bit tricky to find.

Erikshjälpen – The granddaddy of secondhand stores in Lund, probably the largest, definitely the best known, but not always the cheapest (compared to others in this list). Clothes, books, linen, furniture, kitchen accessories, electronics, the occasional piano. Open Tues-Thurs 11-18 Sat 11-15. Stora Södergatan 25.

Amnesty - Small shop but great prices and kind volunteers. A bit of everything except big pieces of furniture - great for kitchen accessories, including nice collector plates that could serve as souvenirs. Tues-Fri 16-18 Sat 10-14. Bredgatan 8.

**Lions Club** – Usually no price tags so ok to

nice attendant will certainly suggest rea- Sat 11-15. Bankgatan 15a. sonable prices.

Lots of random items of varying quality in friendly mess; basement full of linen and clothing, ask. Hours subject to change, recently Wed-Fri 13-17:30 Sat 10-

17:15 (check whiteboard on right hand side as you enter the courtyard or sign on shop door). Lilla Fiskaregatan 4.

**Uggleboden** – Great opening hours but staff not as forthcoming as in other shops. Lots of clothing and linen, children's items, kitchenware, books, a few electronics, no large furniture. Mon-Fri 10-18. Råbygatan 17.

Humana – Clothing and accessories only, usually of high quality but with higher prices. Feels more like a vintage shop

bargain, but probably unnecessary as the than other second hands. Mon-Fri 11-18



Röda Korset Kupan – Party wear and vintage clothing and accessories. Might be good to check out if you suddenly require evening wear. Mon-Thurs 12-16 Fri 14-18 Sat 10-14. Tullgatan 14.

Svalorna – A bit of everything over two floors, quite near Spoletorp residence. Really limited hours, but check it out if you're in the neighbourhood! Tues 15-19 Thurs & Sat 10-15. Spolegatan 5 (entrance through the courtyard at #7).

Note Malmö also has its fair share of second-hand shops, but in our experience these are harder to reach from Lund without a vehicle - and we don't mean a bike!

If you have Lund money-saving tips, drop us a line: lund.dynamo@gmail.com.