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# The ELI Weekly

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## Set Your Clocks

*Daylight Savings Time ends this weekend*

This Saturday night, November 3<sup>rd</sup>, don't forget to set your clocks one hour back, as we will be going off of Eastern Daylight Time and returning to Eastern Standard Time. Officially, the time change occurs at 2am on Sunday morning. If you forget, then you will be here a whole hour earlier than you have to on Monday!

In addition to the change itself, we would also like to make you aware of another issue—safety. For those of you who are out after 6pm every day, be aware that the sun will be setting at around 5:30; starting Monday, it will be dark in the early evening. This brings us a couple of issues:

- ❑ **Bicycling:** If you bike to school, do remember that it is the law in Gainesville (and a darn good safety idea, anyway) that you must have a working headlamp on the front of your bike and a red safety lamp on the rear of your bike after dark. If you don't, it's very difficult to see where you're going, and you will receive a traffic ticket (with a fine of \$95, folks!) if you are seen by the police.
- ❑ **Walking:** You should not walk alone in the dark. You should find a partner to walk with to the bus stops and to your apartment complex.

Start planning now; it's best to be prepared for the time change!

## The Weekend Trip

Come experience the Homecoming Parade, a UF tradition!

Who: All Gator Fans!

What: A parade to celebrate Homecoming! Homecoming is an exciting time when students and alumni come to Gainesville to show their Gator pride! You can see floats from different organizations within the college, Albert and Alberta, the UF marching band, the UF football team, and much more!

When: Friday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>. Meet at the Norman Garage at 11am and we will walk over! The parade begins at 12pm, but we must get a good spot! Be sure to sign up by Thursday at 4pm!

Where is the parade: University Avenue...but don't forget to meet at Norman Garage!

How Much: FREE!

What to Bring: Sunscreen, water, folding chair (optional)

## The Next Trip

Next weekend, we will be holding our second **Volunteer Day** of the semester, and it is also the weekend of the **Fall Arts Festival** in Gainesville. More details will be on the Activities Board and in next week's *Weekly*.

## Smoking

An extra reminder this week, folks. From time to time, there are people smoking in areas where they shouldn't be. We want to be good neighbors!

Smoking is **NOT** permitted in the following areas, and bad weather is not considered an excuse:

- Inside any building on campus
- On **ANY** covered walkway. This includes the entire area around the Education Library, which has traditionally been one of the areas where our students seem to like to smoke.
- Within 50 feet (about 15 meters) of any building on campus. This means that the area outside the Florida Room and the main courtyard (the area with the big tree) of Norman Hall are definitely **NO SMOKING** areas.

There is a designated smoking area on the northeast side of Norman Hall, by the small parking lot, across from the Credit Union. If you must smoke, please use this area.

## Notes from the Office

- **Travel and I-20's**—Even though it's a bit early, there are several holidays coming up. Do remember that if you travel outside the country during this time, you will need to get your I-20 signed in the ELI Main Office before you go, in order to ensure that you will be able to return to the US when the holiday is over!
- **Homecoming and Veteran's Day Holidays**—Don't forget, this coming Friday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, is a day off at the ELI and at UF! Also, Monday after next, November 12<sup>th</sup>, is a day off for Veteran's Day.
- **Library Fines and Infirmary Fees**—Since we're coming closer to the end of the semester, we just want to remind you that now is a good time to think about clearing up any fees and fines that you might have with the university. If there are any outstanding balances owed, we won't be able to release any of your academic information or certificates to you.
- **Noise in the Hallways**—Folks, just a little reminder. We share the 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor of Norman Hall with a lot of other offices and different

people. We would like to remind you please to keep the noise levels down as much as you can. One suggestion is that you do your best to speak English, even between classes. A number of you really do speak a lot louder when you use your native language. It's good practice and it will save a few headaches!

## Birthdays

The following are the ELI birthdays for the week of November 2-8:

Students:

November 6: Guillermo Chiaway

November 6: Chia-Pei Tsai

Staff:

November 2: Michelle Keba

Happy Birthday, one and all!

## Manners and Culture

*Q: Why don't Americans speak more than one language?*

A: Well, some of us do. Your Manners Columnist, for example, speaks three. The answer to your question, though, is mainly one of necessity, or lack thereof. Americans don't learn more languages largely because they don't have to. We are a large country where the majority of people do speak one language. Of

course, many of our neighbors speak Spanish, so that is the most commonly learned second language in the US. Also, much of the world does business in English, and more and more of the world is learning English all the time in order to do business. So, there's not much incentive for Americans to have to learn other languages.

## Grammar

*Q: What's the difference between "like" and "such as"?*

A: Depending on which grammar book you're reading, when we use "like" to mean "such as" (in other words, to introduce an example or series of examples), it's either slang, conversational, or informal. In other words, it's incorrect grammar that a lot of people use anyway. "I enjoy many American foods, like pizza and hamburgers," is the way many of us would express such an idea, but the correct way to say it is "I enjoy many American foods, such as pizza and hamburgers."

## Quote of the Week

We succeed only as we identify in life, or in war, or in anything else, a single overriding objective, and make all other considerations bend to that one objective.

—Dwight D. Eisenhower



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