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The ELI Weekly

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Commencement

Can you believe it's already here?

Congratulations, everyone. It's been a long and tough semester, and you should all be proud of the excellent work you have done in all of your classes. This coming week is very busy with testing and end-of-semester activities, so please read this issue of the ELI Weekly carefully to make sure you know about all of the things you need to do to wrap up the term. This will be the last issue of the Weekly for the Fall term, 2007.

The ELI Commencement Ceremony will be held at the Reitz Union Grand Ballroom on Friday, December 14th, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. All students and staff are welcome to attend. You are encouraged to invite your friends and relatives as well. Students will receive their grades and class photos after the ceremony. Everyone is encouraged to dress up for the occasion!

TOEFL Walkover

On TOEFL Day, we will meet in front of the Norman Hall Garage at 1pm and walk you over to the Communicore at Shands.

Notes from our Recruiter

Stay in touch with your classmates! Sign up to be alumni of ELI online at www.eli.ufl.edu. Click on *Alumni*, the

last word on the orange information bar. Create a Username and Password. Post a photo and make your profile. If you would like to be available for prospective students all over the world, choose to be an *Ambassador*. Students will be able to email you questions about your experience at the ELI. Don't worry, the students won't be able to see your email address! If you want to receive occasional updates from the ELI, sign up for the newsletter. It's a fun way to be a part of your alma mater, UF English Language Institute.

For students going home after this semester, please consider stopping in to see Lia for a chat about contacts in your home country. The ELI relies heavily on positive word-of-mouth advertising to tell other people about us. If you are going home to school or work, and you would like to have Lia send some ELI brochures to you, your school, friends, or colleagues go see her in 310 NRN! If you can't make it to see her, send email to lia@ufl.edu, or fill out the form in the envelope on her office door and leave it in the envelope or her mailbox in the main office. You are such a valuable resource to the ELI since you can tell your friends and colleagues all about us! Thank you!

Exit Test Schedule

On Thursday, December 13th, we will be giving the CELT, our exit test, during extended Reading/Writing Class Hours. **There will be no late exams and no late students admitted to the exams.** All ELI students are required to attend and take the test in order to receive a certificate of completion from the ELI. **Please remember to be on time.** If you arrive late to the test, you will not be permitted to take it, and you will not receive a certificate of completion from the ELI. The schedule is as follows; sections refer to Reading/Writing classes.

8:15am-10:30am:

Section 31	341BNRN
Section 40	311NRN
Section 41	313NRN
Section 50	340NRN
Section 51	341ANRN
Section 60	341 NRN
Section 3	309NRN

3:00pm-5:10pm:

Section 10/20	311NRN
Section 30	341NRN
Section 1	341ANRN
Section 2*	340NRN*

(*Note—New Room and Time)

Part-timers not taking RW, please see Scott in the ELI Main Office to receive a test assignment.

The Weekend Trip

This weekend, on Saturday, December 8th, we will be holding our **End of Semester Barbecue at the North Entrance to Lake Wauburg**. This will be a chance for you to celebrate the end of the semester and say good-bye to your friends. You can canoe, paddleboat, and kayak on this lake, which is owned by the University of Florida. Eat some of the best barbecue chicken, cole slaw, and corn-on-the-cob ever made. Play volleyball, frisbee, football, and soccer. Listen to music and enjoy the Florida sunshine! Don't worry if it's cold out because we can eat indoors.

This is a carpool trip. Please sign up on the Activities Board by 5pm on Thursday, December 6th; **you need to sign up even if you are driving your own car so that we will be sure to order enough food for everyone**. Lake Wauburg is about a 20-minute drive from Norman Hall. We will meet at the NRN Garage at 11am. You can come back to Gainesville whenever your car chooses, most probably around 4pm. We have an indoor pavilion, so will go even if it is raining.

There is no cost for this trip. Entrance to the lake, canoe rental, kayak rental, and paddleboat rental are all free with your UF ID. The barbecue will be catered by Sonny's Pit Cooked Barbecue, and it's free also! Bring your UF ID with you. Also, be sure to bring sunscreen. Most importantly, though, bring an appetite for good food and fun!

Manners and Culture

Q: Why are teachers really strict with punctuality?

A: It's not just teachers. It's cultural. To Americans, being late is a sign of disrespect, selfishness, and rudeness to the people that you are forcing to wait for you.

Q: Why do you have the electoral system instead of directly electing your president?

A: Wow. You guys really do pay attention! This is a question that a lot of Americans are asking, too. The main issue when our country was created was one of fairness in the division of the states. The current electoral system allows for smaller states (in population) to have a slightly larger voice within the party system. Each state gets a number of electors equal to its representation in Congress. The number is 2 Senators from each state, and then Representatives based on population. And then, in the election, most of the states give ALL of the electoral votes to the party that gets even a simple majority.

Grammar

Q: What's the difference between "have to", "must", and "ought to"?

A: The actual strength of the requirement. When we use both "have to" and "must", we are saying that there is no choice in the matter. It's a complete requirement. There is no difference in strength between the two. On the other hand, with "ought to" and also with "should", we are saying that there is an alternative; it is a strong

suggestion, but it is not a requirement. Parents, for example, when they want their kids to do something, use the first case and not the second one—they don't want it to sound like there is any choice in the matter.

Birthdays

The following are ELI Birthdays for the period December 7-January 18:

Students:

December 7: Yu-ciao Kuo
December 8: Isis Jaimez
December 10: Hyunjoo Kim
December 12: Hongseok Kim
December 12: Jean François Xavier Ouedraogo
December 13: Javier Jahen
December 13: Lucie Kadjo
December 19: Sang Yoon Lee
December 23: Jeong Cheol Bae
December 25: Yin-Wen Chen
December 30: Jeunghee Ahn
January 5: Erico Galvao
January 15: Rehab Al Sultan
January 16: Ricardo Morgado
January 17: Evelio Hernandez

Staff:

December 12: Zoe Witty
December 26: Chanelle Strammer
December 28: Illy Verdés
December 29: Katherine Rodriguez

Quote of the Week

Life is a series of problems. Do we want to moan about them or solve them?

M. Scott Peck



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