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The ELI Weekly

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SERIOUS Changes

Don't throw your cigarette butts (or ANYTHING) on the ground!

Folks, the university is getting very, very serious about smoking areas and litter. They are targeting smoking areas in a new campaign to enforce them in general and to reduce the amount of litter thrown on the ground around them.

Here at Norman Hall, the only officially sanctioned smoking area is at the two tables right under the tree at the edge of the small parking lot on the north side of the building, directly across from the Credit Union. The two tables in the middle of the parking lot are NOT a smoking area.

University Police will be watching to make sure that people do not throw their cigarette butts on the ground any longer. This is considered litter. People caught throwing their litter on the ground will be issued citations to appear in court, and the fine for littering is \$500. Don't risk it, please. Be sure to carefully put out your cigarettes and throw the butts in the trash bin.

Exit Test Schedule

On Thursday, December 11th, we will be giving the CELT, our exit test in the **Norman Auditorium, Room 137**. There are no regular ELI classes on this day. **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 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 from the ELI. The schedule is as follows; sections refer to Reading/Writing classes. If you are not taking Reading/Writing, please come to the ELI Main Office to receive your time.
8:45am-11am:
 Sections 10, 20, 30, 31, 32, 1, 2, 3
1:45pm-4pm:
 Sections 40, 41, 49, 50, 60, 4

TOEFL Walkover

The TOEFL Exam is on Friday, December 5th, at 2pm at the Communicore at Shands. We will be providing a walkover for you at 1pm. Meet at the Norman Garage.

Commencement

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, 2008.

The ELI Commencement Ceremony will be held at the Reitz Union Auditorium on Friday, December 12th, 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!

End of Semester Barbecue

This weekend, we are holding our End of Semester Barbecue at Lake Wauburg. This is a chance to celebrate the end of the semester and say goodbye to friends. We will go to the North Entrance of Lake Wauburg. Canoe, paddleboat, kayak and swim on the lake owned by the University of Florida. Eat some of the best barbecue chicken, corn-on-the-cob and coleslaw ever made. Play volleyball, frisbee, football, and soccer. Listen to music and enjoy the Florida sunshine! Don't worry if it is cold out. If we want we can eat inside and stay warm!

WHEN: Saturday, Dec. 6th. Meet at Norman Garage at 11am. You can come back to Gainesville whenever your car chooses to return, probably around 4pm.

Because it is inside, we will have the BBQ even if it is raining.

COST: Free!!! Entrance to the lake, canoe rental, kayak rental, and paddleboat rental are all free with your UF ID. The barbecue (catered by Sonny's Pit Cooked Barbecue) is free also!

TRANSPORTATION: This is a carpool trip. Lake Wauburg is about a 20-minute drive from Norman Hall. Sign up on the Activities Board by 5pm Thursday, December 4th.

WHAT TO BRING: Bring your UF ID. Wear your bathing suit if it is warm enough to swim!!! Also bring sunscreen. Most importantly, bring an appetite for good food and fun!!

Birthdays

The following are ELI birthdays from December 5-January 4:

Students:

December 7: Abdullah Al Ghamdi
December 7: Yu-Ciao Guo
December 9: Chang Geun Bae
December 13: Yujin Lee

December 14: Angelica Salcedo
December 16: Qiang Wang
December 19: Lina Jeong
December 20: Juliana Marques
December 21: Andrea Gutierrez
December 21: Adin Ouedraogo
December 25: Yu-Chi Chang
December 26: Mohammed Eltaher
December 28: Wei-Ching Chang
January 1: Ahmed Al-Jumaili
January 1: Eiad Dahnim
January 1: Sangbum Kim
January 1: Ugurlu Koray
January 1: Mahamat Radjab
January 3: Hyejung Kim

Staff:

December 12: Zoe Witty

Happy Birthday, one and all!

Grammar

Q: What's the difference between "take" and "get"?

A: Both are verbs of receiving, but the main difference is that "take" specifically means that you initiate the receiving.

Q: When can I use "and" at the beginning of a paragraph?

A: Only when you're speaking or writing a direct quotation. Otherwise, use a conjunctive adverb such as "also".

Manners and Culture

Q: Why do Americans ignore grammar rules when speaking?

A: Nearly everyone does, to some extent. This is how we create slang and idiom and how language evolves over time. Language is not a static, unchanging thing. It lives because it's spoken by a nearly infinite variety of people with a nearly infinite variety of thoughts and ideas. Think about it. When you speak in your native language with your friends, does it sound like the exact same language that your grandparents or even your parents use when they speak to their friends?

Quote of the Week

Man invented language to satisfy his deep need to complain.

Lily Tomlin



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