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The ELI Weekly

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Midterm Picnic

Meet the new ELI Students!

On Saturday, July 7th, we will be holding our Midterm Picnic. This is also the Welcome Picnic for the new B-Term students. All ELI students, staff, and friends are invited. This will be a picnic at Broward Beach. There will be sports, games and great conversation. It is possible that the pool will be open, so bring your bathing suit just in case. There will also be lots of great food!!!

WHEN: Saturday, July 7th at 11:30 AM. If it is raining call 392-3354 extension 230 after 10:00 AM to see if the picnic has been moved to Sunday. **Even though this is not a carpool trip, you must sign up on the activities board by 4:00 PM on Thursday, July 5th so we know how much food to order.**

WHERE: Behind Broward and Yulee Halls (Across 13th Street from the ELI).

COST: This trip is completely FREE!

WHAT TO BRING: Wear tennis shoes and sunblock. Be sure to bring your bathing suit and a towel in case the pool is open! We will provide the food so come hungry!!

Notes from the Office

- **Lost and Found** – Be sure to check in the ELI Main Office if you lose anything in the classrooms or in the hallways. The lost and found box is usually full of interesting stuff!
- **Bulletin Boards**–Students, please do not post anything on any of the ELI bulletin boards without obtaining permission from the ELI Main Office, Room 315.

The Next Trip

Next weekend, we will be holding our second **Volunteer Day** of the semester. Details will be on the Activities Board and in next week's *Weekly*.

New Course

Folks, we're offering a new Grammar for Writing Elective from July 16 to August 6!

Because there was such a huge request for a low-level Grammar for Writing course this semester, we are offering a short Grammar for Writing Elective course from July 16 to

August 6. This class is intended for those students who are interested in improving their grammar skills so that they can take grammar for writing in the Fall semester. Completion of this course does not guarantee entrance into the grammar for writing ten-hour course. This class is open to any student who wishes to improve his/her grammar skills.

The deadline to sign up for this class is July 11. Please sign up with the receptionist in the main office. A minimum of six students will be necessary in order for the course to be offered.

Meeting times: 3:00 to 5:00 Monday and Wednesday
Cost: \$350

Birthdays

The following are ELI Birthdays for the week of July 6-12:

Students:
July 12: Ai Nishikawa

Staff:
None this week!

Happy Birthday, one and all!

Manners and Culture



We have some questions! At last!

Q: Are there any difference in the customs of the people who live in the cities and those who live in small towns in the US?

A: Sure. Mainly, the differences are in the way that people interact with their neighbors and with businesspeople. In cities, we tend not to know our neighbors very well, and we also tend to view strangers more suspiciously. Businesspeople tend to be in more of a hurry, and there is less personal contact. In contrast, in smaller places, particularly in the

South and in the Midwest of the US, people tend to know their neighbors and to have a slower pace of life.

Q: How many different types of governments are there in the US?

A: I assume that you mean what kinds of divisions of government do we have. Generally, with only a few exceptions, we have 4 major divisions. There is the US Federal Government, there are 50 individual state governments, each state is divided into counties (except Louisiana—they're called parishes there), and within the counties we have city governments, too. The US also has territories (such as Puerto Rico, Guam, American Samoa, and the US Virgin Islands) that work a little bit differently from the states.

Q: Why does the US have such a big army?

A: Because we can. I realize that that sounds arrogant, but it's a basic reality. There are many different political forces that support the US having a strong military, and it's traditionally a large chunk of the annual budget. Consider, however, that the annual US military expenditure of over 500 *billion* dollars is only about 4% of the US GDP!

Quote of the Week

Fight for your opinions, but do not believe that they contain the whole truth, or the only truth.

Charles A. Dana



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