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Homecoming Parade

A big UF tradition!

Homecoming is a weekend in the fall when current and former UF students gather to celebrate the Gators! Homecoming draws over 150,000 people every year and is broadcasted live on television. Every year Homecoming is kicked off by a huge parade with all sorts of floats, bands, vehicles and representatives from UF and Gainesville. This truly is a part of US culture!

Universities across the US are celebrating Homecoming this month, and UF has one of the best celebrations. The University of Florida's **Homecoming Parade** is the **largest student run parade in the United States!** The ELI will go as a group to see the parade. This is a great chance to spend a morning with friends and to show your support for the University of Florida.

WHEN: The parade is at 12noon on Friday, October 15th. The ELI will watch the parade from University Avenue. The parade will draw more than 100,000 people, so we need to get there early to be able to see! *We will meet at NRN garage at 10:30am and we will walk to University Ave. together.*

WHAT TO BRING: If you want to, you can bring something to eat and

drink or money to buy food and drinks. Also bring a blanket or folding chair to sit on. If it is sunny out, bring sunscreen. Don't forget to wear your Gator clothes and orange and blue colors to cheer on the team! If it's raining, bring an umbrella or a rain coat! GO GATORS!

A Second Activity!

What: On October 15, 2010 the largest student-run pep rally in the world will take place for the 87th year at The University of Florida. This year's edition of **Gator Growl** features comedians Kevin Hart and Aziz Ansari. The evening will be hosted by fellow comedian Dan Levy. Gator Growl 2010 will start at 7:00 PM and gates will open for entry into the stadium at 6:00 PM. A ticket is required for entry, so please read the options below regarding student tickets.

IMPORTANT: You MUST buy your ticket beforehand. We will be meeting at the Reitz Union Food Court at 5pm to eat dinner, and then we will walk over at 5:30.

Ticket information: All tickets will be available for pick-up starting

Monday, October 3, 2010 at the Student Ticket Office located at Gate 13 of Ben Hill Griffin Stadium. If you have purchased a ticket, please stop by Monday through Friday 8:30am to 5:00pm to pick-up your Gator Growl tickets. Please be sure to have your most recent, valid Gator1 ID card at time of pick-up.

Tickets cost \$20 for students (limit one) and \$25 for guest tickets (no limit).

This year, all student Gator Growl seating is General Admission in sections 31 and 33 through 45. Therefore you do not have to purchase or pick-up your Gator Growl tickets with anyone that you would like to sit with. You will be able to sit anywhere in the sections mentioned above

Notes from the Office

- **Fake IDs-**Not that we think that our students would do such a thing, but there are occasional rumors. Once in a while we like to remind you that certain things can be more serious than some people think they might be. A couple of years ago, Florida

changed its laws regarding using a fake ID to purchase alcohol and made it much, much more serious. The penalty is up to 5 years in prison and a \$5,000 fine...and a foreign student is subject to immediate deportation for a felony. It's a big, big risk!

- **Homecoming Holiday-** Friday, October 15th, is a celebration of UF's Homecoming. There will be no ELI classes and the ELI Main Office will be closed on this day.

The Next Trip

Next weekend, on Saturday, October 23rd, we will be holding our **Midterm Picnic**. This will also be the welcome picnic for our new B-Term students, so be sure to come out and give them a hearty welcome!

Birthdays

The following are ELI Birthdays for the week of October 15-21:

Students:

October 15: Nadeeka Salaman
Arachchige

October 17: Marliz Arteaga

October 19: Yeison Arrieta

October 19: So-Yeon Jeong

October 20: Hyun Ji Son

Staff:

Missed one last week!

October 14: Sami Kattam

October 18: Nate Bloemke

Happy Birthday, one and all!

Manners and Culture

Q: Why do Americans speak so fast?

A: We don't. Relatively speaking, English isn't nearly as fast as some other languages. However, when you are learning the language, it seems a lot faster. And, of course, your teachers often must use "teacher talk", that is, slower language, to make sure that you understand.

Q: Are private universities better than public universities? How can I know which one is best in graduate studies?

A: It depends on what field you are studying. Many private universities have much larger endowments (reserve money—usually donated by alumni or local community figures) than many public universities, which receive a lot of their money from the taxes paid to a state. For example, Harvard University, our oldest university in the US, has by far the largest endowment, and it is often considered a leader in prestigious fields like medicine and law.

Public universities have the advantage of being lower in cost than most private universities, and they often rank very high in a number of fields. In the 2010 US News and World Report rankings (considered one of the better tools for ranking colleges), the University of Florida comes in at

number 53 nationally, a very high ranking. You can go to <http://colleges.usnews.rankingsandreviews.com/best-colleges/national-universities> to look at individual rankings.

Grammar

Q: I understand the use of "get" as meaning "obtain" or "receive", but can you give me an example of when it means "become" or "change into"?

A: Sure.

"It's getting late."

"I've been sick, but I'm getting better."

"The class gets more fluent every day."

Q: What's the difference between, "I have read the book," and, "I have been reading the book," and which one is correct?

A: They're both correct, depending on what you want to say. The first case means that you have definitely finished reading the book. The second case means that you have spent some time on the reading recently, but you probably haven't finished the book yet.

Quote of the Week

You've got to do your own growing, no matter how tall your grandfather was.

--Irish Proverb

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