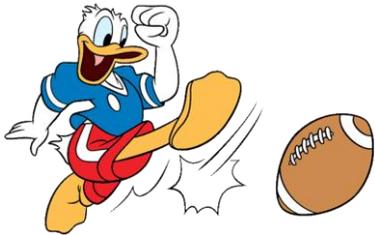


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# The ELI Weekly

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## Football Party

*Come out and cheer with us!*

Experience the thrill and excitement of a Gator football game! We will be watching the game on TV at the Woodlands Clubhouse and cheering for the Gators together! There will be multiple TVs, billiards, a swimming pool, and a volleyball court, so it will be a great opportunity to come socialize and show team spirit. Please wear Orange and Blue support our team!

**When:** October 6<sup>th</sup>, 3:00pm to 7:00pm.

**Where:** Meet at 2:00pm at Norman Garage for students who need a ride to the Woodlands. However, students who live close by (at the District, Cabana Beach, etc.) can take a bus or walk and meet us there by 3:00pm.

To get there by bus, route 20 and 5 will take you to the Woodlands on Saturdays. These buses tend to run every hour, so try to start looking for the bus before 2:00pm.

**Cost:** Free!

Have fun and Go Gators!

## The Next Trip

There is no ELI trip scheduled next week, since we will be in our Midterm Week. Saturday, October 13<sup>th</sup>, 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, give them a warm welcome, and make some new friends!

## Reminder from the Office

**Immunizations & Insurance:** Remember that if you received a green note from Lillian, you need to take care of it immediately. Please see Lillian in Norman 316 if you don't understand the note. **If you have to miss class because of an issue with immunizations or insurance, it counts as an absence.**

## Scholarship Winners

Congratulations to the winners of the Scholarships for the Fall 2012 semester!

**The Jayne C. Harder Memorial Scholarship:** Ahmed Gatea

**The J.C. Casagrande Peace Scholarship:** Suhaib Harraka

It is very difficult to be nominated for a scholarship. This means the nominees all worked extra hard this semester and achieved the following criteria.

- Full-time semester student at the ELI.

- Academic Excellence: The student should have a 4.0 GPA and demonstrate a high level of proficiency in at least three of the four skill areas.
- Outstanding Progress: The student should display outstanding progress in language skills as evidenced by improvements in coursework.
- Excellent Attendance: The student should miss no more than ten hours of class in the semester.
- Speak English: The student should make every effort to speak English at all times while at the ELI and at ELI-sponsored activities.
- Successful Work Strategies: The student should demonstrate personal initiative in and out of the classroom, making an effort to get involved in the ambient culture through outside activities such as regular participation in Cultural Immersion activities.

Students, if you want to win the scholarship this semester, make sure to follow the same criteria and talk to winners to learn how else to become an excellent student.

## Student Voices

Student Voices is a collection of student writing: paragraphs, essays, letters, recipes, poems, etc. You can submit anytime but the last day is November 23<sup>rd</sup>. Email your submissions to Steve Flocks at

sflocks@ufl.edu. To get you thinking about your submissions, here is the winning piece from Summer 2012. If you'd like to see more submissions, check out past issues online at:  
<http://www.eli.ufl.edu/publications.htm>

## Saying Goodbye

By Ricardo Saez Graterol

Saying goodbye is probably one of the hardest things to do. It should be taught in college, but as I heard it through the grapevine, funds were reallocated, and the whole department of melancholic sciences was fired. Regardless, life took charge and has enrolled us in a lifetime class that, unfortunately we never get to pass, because, no matter how hard we try, it's always impossible not to feel sad when someone you appreciate leaves you. Regardless of the reasons why someone you love goes away, the result remains always the same, you will miss them. So what can we do? Should we transform the fibers of our heart into something less sensitive like iron and just stop caring for people, so we don't feel sad when they leave? I don't think so. What I think we should do with that ferrous material is construct a safe box that can endure the onslaught of time (and sometimes distance). There we could keep safe all the memories and teachings engraved on our hearts that helped to make these people special for us in the first place. Most importantly, this special safe box would keep memories handy, so we could always retrieve them to bring along with smile. Yes, saying goodbye may not have a perfect solution, but this little DIY project can help ease this fatidic class that life has

forced us to live. To conclude, I would like to quote a proverb by the renowned philosopher Dr. Seuss, "Don't cry because it's over, smile because it happened."

## Birthdays

The following are ELI Birthdays for the week of October 1 to October 7:

Students:

October 6: Mohammed Abuong  
October 7: Javier Perez Gonzalez  
October 7: Carlha Thompson Lopez

Staff:

October 4: Chris Henriquez

Happy Birthday, one and all!

## Manners and Culture

*Q: Do I have to learn spoken colloquial expressions? They confuse me.*

A: It depends mostly on why you're learning the language. If you plan to sit in your room alone and do nothing but read textbooks, you can probably get away without learning the spoken language and the slang and colloquial expressions. And, this is certainly true if you don't plan to study here in the US or have much interaction with native speakers of English. But in everyday use, including in professors' lectures, in newspaper and magazine articles, and in almost all social interactions you have with native speakers, slang and idiom and colloquial English will be necessary parts of your daily communication.

## Grammar

*Q: What's the difference between the present perfect and the present perfect progressive?*

A: Some verbs can mean the same thing in the present perfect and the present perfect progressive. These are verbs of habitual activities.

- I have worn glasses since 2001.
- I have been wearing glasses since 2001.

For other verbs, it depends on the context. Use the present perfect for something that happened at an unspecified time in the past. Use the present perfect progressive for something that is still happening. You can also use the present perfect progressive for actions that happened in the past but still have some connection to the present.

- I have seen the movie *Dumbo* a dozen times and I cry every time.
- I have been watching this movie for the past 30 minutes.
- My eyes are puffy because I have been crying from watching *Dumbo*.

## Quote of the Week

The purpose of life is to live it, to taste experience to the utmost, to reach out eagerly and without fear for newer and richer experience.

Eleanor Roosevelt

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