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Homecoming Parade

Go Gators!

Homecoming is the weekend when current and former UF students celebrate the Gators with a parade, a giant pep rally, and the Homecoming game, of course! The University of Florida's **Homecoming Parade** is the *largest student run parade in the United States!* It will have floats, bands, decorated vehicles and representatives from UF and Gainesville. Homecoming draws over 150,000 people every year and is broadcasted live on television. This truly is a part of US culture!

The ELI will go as a group to see the parade. It is a great chance to spend a morning with friends and to show your support for UF.

When: The parade is at noon on Friday, November 9th but *we will meet at NRN garage at 11:00am and we will walk to University Ave. together.* The parade will draw thousands of people, so we need to get there early to be able to see!

What To Bring: The most important thing are your Orange and Blue Gator clothes! You should also bring a blanket or folding chair to sit on, sunscreen if it's sunny, or an umbrella if it's raining. Also, you can bring snacks and drinks or money to buy food and drinks.

Gator Growl

What is the world's largest pep rally? UF's Gator Growl is! It will be November 9th. A ticket is required for entry, **so you MUST**

buy your ticket beforehand. Tickets cost \$15 for students (limit one) and \$25 for guest tickets (no limit). If you're interested in attending, make sure to buy your ticket with friends because the seats are assigned. Gates open at 6:00 pm and Gator Growl will start at 7:00 pm.

Go to www.gatorgrowl.org/ for more information.

The Next Trip

Next weekend, we will be hosting our 11th annual **Thanksgiving Dinner!** Details will be on the Activities Board and in next week's *Weekly*.

Student Voices

If you haven't already, send your submissions to Steve Flocks at sflocks@ufl.edu for *Student Voices*. The last day is November 23rd. Here is a shorter and less serious piece from Summer 2009. If you'd like to see more submissions, check out past issues online at: <http://www.eli.ufl.edu/publications.htm>

How to Tempt Someone

By Seung Jin (David) in Summer 2009

Sit down near a target and watch the target for a long time quietly. Then when you look at

each other, you should do a wink. God bless you.

Daily Activities

The following is our afternoon activity schedule. Please check the Activities Board from time to time to see if there are any changes.

Day/Time	Activity	Location/Cost
Monday 7pm-10pm	Game Night (Will)	Meet in the Reitz Union Game Room on the Ground Floor Bring \$5-\$10 for games
Tuesday 6:30pm-9:30pm	Field Night (Travis)	Meet at Hume Field Free
Wednesday 7pm-10pm	Coffee Talk (Meghan)	Meet at the Reitz Union tables near the amphitheater Free
Thursday 7pm-10pm	Volleyball (Ian R.)	Meet at Lexington Crossing Free
Friday 7pm-10pm	Volleyball (Paulo)	Meet at Lexington Crossing Free

Friday 6pm-10pm	Gator Nights (Amy)	Meet at the Reitz Union Information Desk. Bring your Gator!
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Notes from the Office

Class Photo: Don't forget, the class photo is on Tuesday, November 6th, at 1:45pm on the front steps of Tigert Hall! Please leave your backpacks on the ground by the bushes, don't sit on ground or the edges of the stairs and most importantly, squeeze together!

Class Attendance: Remember, your attendance is very, very important. Every 3 tardies counts as 1 hour of absence, and you are limited in the number of hours you can miss. If you have any questions about your attendance, be sure to ask your teachers as soon as possible.

Homecoming Holiday: Friday, November 9th, is Homecoming and Monday, November 12th is Veteran's Day. There will be no ELI classes and the ELI Main Office will be closed on Friday and Monday.

Holidays and RTS Bus Service: There is reduced or no campus service on these days: November 12 (Monday, Veterans' Day) November 21, 22, and 23 (Thanksgiving Holiday, Wednesday thru Friday)

December 17-January 1, 2012-2013 (End-of-year Break)

These changes can be accessed on the RTS website www.go-rts.com

I-20s: If you're leaving the country for the Thanksgiving or End-of-year breaks, have your I-20 signed in the ELI Main Office (Room 315).

Birthdays

The following are ELI Birthdays for the week of November 5 to November 11.

Students:
November 8: Huiye Zhu
November 9: Genesis Aular Gonzalez
November 11: Fares Almutairi

Staff:
November 9: Lia Brenneman

Happy birthday, you hot scorpios!

Manners and Culture

Q: What's the most important holiday in the US?

A: Well, that's a tough question, mainly because there are so many holidays that hold special meanings to so many people. Our

biggest family holiday is probably Thanksgiving. This is the one holiday that is specifically about visiting family and friends. It's a big feast day that isn't specially linked to any one religion or set of beliefs. Many people fly or drive to visit their family in other states.

Grammar

Q: What's the difference between slang and idioms?

A: Slang words or phrases are new and fairly temporary in the language. They are very informal and may only be used by some speakers. Idioms are set phrases that mean something different from the individual words in the phrase. They are also forms that have been accepted as part of the language and are used by a wider variety of people. Look at the following examples concerning money.

Slang: cheddah, cheese, bread, paper, mullah, greenbacks, dough, lettuce

Idiom: Bringing home the bacon, make a living, hand to mouth, hit the jackpot

Quote of the Week

There are short-cuts to happiness, and dancing is one of them.

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