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The ELI Weekly

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Commencement

Congratulations, everyone!

Thanks,
everyone!
You've

worked so hard this semester but also had a lot of fun! This has been a great semester and we hope you're going home with a lot of fond memories.

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, 2012.

The ELI Commencement Ceremony will be held in the Reitz Union Auditorium on Friday, December 7th, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Students, Language Assistants, teachers, and administrators, please join us for this special occasion. Students will receive their grades and class photos after the ceremony. Everyone is encouraged to dress up for the occasion!

Exit Test Schedule

On Thursday, December 6th, we will be giving the CELT, our exit test. All ELI students are required to attend and to take the test in order to receive a certificate from the ELI. Please be on time to your classes as all exams must start as scheduled.

All Fall B students must go to their Grammar classes. If you are not taking grammar, go to

the main office *before December 6th* to get an appointment.

Business English, and Grammar for Writing will also have class on December 6th.

All students, Summer C and Summer B will have Listening Speaking class. If you are not taking Listening Speaking, please go to the main office to get an appointment.

All Reading Writing classes, Fall C Grammar classes, and the other electives will have their final day of class on Wednesday, December 5th. **All absences in the final week count!**

Reminders from the Office

Check-in for Fall C: The check-in link will be available from January 10 to January 14 on the ELI homepage. You can also check in by phone, fax, email or in person. Please only check in once! www.eli.ufl.edu

I-20s: Have your I-20 signed in the ELI Main Office (Room 315) if you plan on leaving the country and coming back. Also, don't forget that Daryl must see you **BEFORE** your I-20 expires!

Talk to Daryl: If you're taking a vacation semester, transferring to another school, or returning for Spring B, please see Daryl.

Fines and Fees: Pay your library fines and your infirmity fees. If you're not sure how to do this, Lillian has a handout on her door (Norman 316) with instructions. Remember

that if you fail to pay your fines and fees, you won't receive your exit package.

Immunizations: If you still haven't gotten your immunizations done, we will not be able to give you the exit package, which has your grades, certificate, and the class photo.

Insurance: If you are staying in the US for the break and would like to purchase insurance, please see Lillian in Norman 316.

St. Francis Food Drive

We're collecting leftover items from students who may be moving out this semester to give to St. Francis House. These items include canned foods, packaged rice, clothing, unopened hygiene products, and cleaning products. Students can bring their donations to the CIP Office in Norman 318 by Wednesday, and we'll be driving the donations to St. Francis House on Thursday.

Spring Electives

Are you bored of taking LS, RW, or GM classes? Want to learn different skills that you can use outside of college classes? Will you be level 50 or 60 in the spring? Sign up for one of these substitute electives instead! Detailed descriptions will be up on the ELI Announcement Bulletin Board, across the hall from the Activities Board. They will

also be online when you check in next semester.

To substitute Reading Writing

- Advanced Informal English
- US Culture

To substitute Grammar

- Business English
- World Englishes – NEW!!

To substitute Listening/Speaking

- Grammar and Grammar for Writing
- Advanced Vocabulary and Pronunciation

Birthdays

The following are ELI Birthdays for the period December 3 to December 31 :

Students:

December 3: Ester Assaf
December 4: Heraklis Doucas Bolivar
December 4: Yaser Zainal
December 7: Eilaf Alrebdi
December 8: Silvia Beraldo
December 8: Gabriel Guerra Planas
December 10: Dong Min Yu
December 12: Seungjeong Baek
December 14: Omar A. Alenezi
December 14: Mikhail Yacoub Yacoub
December 14: Saud Alhelali
December 15: Jose Lujan Rincon
December 15: Davis Hirsch Trujillo
December 16: Abdulaziz Aljomaa

December 16: Chih Ruei Shiu
December 18: Thamer Tabbakh
December 19: Kathia Arroliga Noguera
December 19: Abdulaziz Alshehri
December 20: Javier Quintana Guevara
December 21: Salman Albardi
December 21: Abdullah Alkandari
December 21: Abdulhamid Khan
December 22: Chang Yu
December 22: Asma Abdulrahman
December 22: Mohammed Alsharari
December 23: Abdulrahman Aldeghaither
December 25: Hsiao-Chia Hu
December 26: Karina Perez Pinho
December 27: Antonix Quiaro Fuentes
December 27: Adriana Rodriguez Manrique
December 30: Fahad Alokla

Staff:

December 9: Ross Campbell
December 12: Zoe Witty

Manners and Culture

Q: When do the Christmas holidays really start?

A: Advent, which means “coming” in Latin, is a period of commemorating the First Coming of Christ while preparing for the Second Coming. This year, it begins Sunday, December 2nd and ends on Christmas eve. However, most of the decorations that you see are not commemorating this aspect of Christmas. We used to put out decorations after Thanksgiving but in recent years, stores have started putting out the decorations

earlier and earlier. All of this, of course, is more related to trying to get people to shop more than it really is to Christmas.

Grammar

Since you’re all grammar experts now, I have a few questions for you. What is the difference between the following groups of sentences?

How is the business going?

- We didn’t have any problems.
- We haven’t had any problems.

- You’ve been chewing on the same gum for an hour!
- You’ve eaten all the gum!
- You ate all the gum!

Will Shogo wear his Crazy Man costume to Commencement?

- I hope not.
- I don’t think so.

Quote of the Week

Throw your dreams into space like a kite, and you do not know what it will bring back, a new life, a new friend, a new love, a new country.

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