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The ELI Weekly

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Go Gators!

Come experience the most exciting

thing you can do on a Saturday in Gainesville! The Gators are going to be playing against the Kentucky Wildcats and we want to be there to see them win!

When: Saturday, September 13th. We will meet at the Subway in the Reitz Union at 6:00pm and walk to the stadium together.

What to Bring: Gator 1 ID and \$25 exact change to purchase a ticket from Nate in room 211 from 9 am– 12:30pm Tuesday-Friday (or until the tickets sell out).

What to Wear: Orange and Blue!

The Next Trip

Next weekend, we will be **volunteering**. Details about the trip will be on the Activities Board and in next week's *Weekly*.

Notes from the Office

Withdrawing from the ELI or one course
Students who withdraw from a course or the ELI after **September 10th**, the drop/add deadline, will not be able to receive a refund or credit for their courses. Their transcript will have a grade of W (withdraw) by the deadlines published in the Student Guide.

Turns: When the office is crowded, please try to wait your turn. If everyone is patient and polite, things move in a swifter and more

orderly manner. Everyone **will** be served eventually.

Fire Drills/Alarms: Whenever you hear a fire alarm, in any building on campus, you need to leave the building quickly and quietly. Getting out in an orderly and expedient fashion may well save your life. Also, please note that the fire alarms must never, ever be pulled by anyone other than building management unless there is an actual emergency. Falsely pulling a fire alarm is against the law.

Afternoon Activities

Join us for the following activities this week:

Monday: *Monday Mixer* at Starbucks on Archer Road, 7-10pm. Bring money for drinks.

Tuesday: *Soccer* at Flavet Field, 7-10pm. Free! *Lollipop* on 34th Street, 7-10pm. Bring money for drinks.

Wednesday: *Coffee Talk* at Starbucks on Archer Road, 7-10pm. Bring money for drinks.

Thursday: *Volleyball* at Lexington Crossing, 7-10pm. Free!

Friday: *Gator Nights* at the Reitz Union, 6-9pm. Bring your UFID. Free movies!

UF Services

Libraries: UF has great libraries and you have full access to them if you need to study. If you want to check out books, you'll need to pay your tuition, get a Gator 1 ID, and get it activated at the Education

Library in Norman Hall. You can check out a maximum of 5 books for a week.

Recreational Facilities: UF has a number of gyms and recreational facilities on campus. As ELI students, you are able to use the pools, Lake Wauburg, Florida Gym, O'Connell Center weight rooms, and other outdoor fields and courts for free by showing your Gator 1 card. However, the Student Recreation & Fitness Center, the Southwest Recreation Center, and the Broward Outdoor Recreation Center are funded by UF degree-seeking student activity fees so they are not free. If you want to use these facilities, you need to pay a membership fee. You can talk to Emily if you have questions.

Parking: Very important! If you drive to the ELI, you need to purchase a parking decal to park on the UF campus. You'll need to get a letter from Olga in Matherly 223 to purchase a Park & Ride decal. If you don't have a parking decal, you are likely to get a very expensive ticket.

Manners and Culture

Q: Why do people from the USA answer "American" when somebody asks "Where are you from"? I'm from Argentina and I'm American too.

A: Because "Unitedstatesians" doesn't sound pretty. It's true that Argentinians and Venezuelans are also Americans, and more specifically, South Americans. Canadians and Mexicans are also called North Americans. But since people from the US

don't have their own nice sounding nationality, in the US we call them "Americans."

Q: Is it OK if I didn't give a tip to the pizza delivery man despite the fact that I paid the delivery fee?

A: No. The delivery fee goes to the company whereas the tip goes to the driver. You should tip \$2 per pizza to your driver.

Grammar

Q: Which is correct for the negative shortened response form with "hope": "I hope not," or "I don't hope so."?

A: You've noticed that we're not consistent. With "hope" the correct form is "I hope not." However, for example, with "think", it's "I don't think so." They have slightly different meanings. If someone asks, "Is it going to rain later?", meaning is different depending on the phrase used.

"I hope not" means "I don't want it to rain."

"I don't think so" means "I have no idea and don't care if it does or doesn't rain."

Q: If "plan" doubles the "n" in the past tense, why doesn't "open"?

A: Actually, you've found one crazy spelling point in English that does have a

pattern. In verbs of more than one syllable, we only double that last consonant when the stress falls on the last syllable. In "open" the stress falls on the "o".

Quote of the Week

Differences of habit and language are nothing at all if our aims are identical and our hearts are open.

Albus Dumbledore
J.K. Rowling, *Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire*



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