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The ELI Weekly

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Downtown Spring Arts Festival

Come do some fun shopping and looking!

This coming Saturday, March 28th, we will be staying here in Gainesville for the 40th Annual **Downtown Spring Arts Festival**.

The Spring Arts Festival is the oldest annual arts festival tradition in North Central Florida. The festival will have singing, dancing (from around the world!), art, and jewelry from the around the United States. Often, the jewelry and art aren't too expensive and they make great souvenirs to send home! Last year, over 128,000 people attended the festival. Don't miss out on your chance to experience this tradition and beautiful historic Gainesville!

If you would like to join the ELI, meet at the Norman Garage at 11:30 am on Saturday. The cost is FREE. You only need money for what you would like to buy. This is a carpool trip, so please sign up on the activities board by 4pm on Thursday, March 26th, if you would like to go.

Be sure to wear comfortable walking shoes.

Join us; it's a fantastic day of browsing and entertainment!

Notes from the Office

- **Library Fines and Infirmary Fees**—Since we're coming closer to the end of the semester, we just want to remind you that now is a good time to think about clearing up any fees and fines that you might have with the university. **If there are any outstanding balances owed**, we won't be able to release any of your academic information or certificates to you and you will not be permitted to take the ELI TOEFL.
- **Part-time students and TOEFL:** Part time students, don't forget-if you wish to take the ELI TOEFL with the other students, you must actually sign up for it in the ELI Main Office, Room 315. If you have not already done so, please go and sign up as soon as possible.

The Next Trip

Next weekend, on Saturday, April 4th, we will be going to Historic St. Augustine. We will be taking 2 vans and can seat 12 people total. You will **NOT** need to buy a van ticket at the TRiP office. Because we are using vans, there is a **CIP Fee of \$15.00**, which you need to pay to Sonja in the main office **on**

Thursday March 26 before 1:30pm.

You will need to pay in cash, exact change only.

Details about the trip will be on the Activities Board and in next week's *Weekly*.

Manners and Culture

Q: Some of my classmates don't use deodorant, and it's kind of difficult for me. Can I tell them?

A: No, but I can. This often comes up here at the ELI, especially as the weather starts to get warmer and smells get stronger. Folks, if you come from a culture that doesn't use deodorant and anti-perspirant, that's absolutely fine—we're not telling you that you have to or that it's wrong in any way. However, remember that you are currently living in a culture that does use it, and you are among a majority of students who also come from cultures that also do. As the weather gets warmer, many natural body smells are going to get stronger—and our classrooms are pretty small. For those of you not using deodorant or anti-perspirant, it's likely that you may be making things a bit more difficult for some of your classmates and teachers, and it would be much more polite if you would please start wearing it.

Q: Why do some students arrive late for class all the time? Is this polite in their own country?

A: Well, I don't know for sure; you'd have to ask them that. However, I can certainly tell you that, unless it's an extreme emergency, it's considered terribly selfish and rude here!

Birthdays

The following are ELI birthdays from March 27-April 2:

Students:

March 27: Kathleen Marinelli

March 27: Yunhee Seo

March 28: Ae Ran Kim

Staff:

None this week!

Happy Birthday, one and all!

Grammar

Q: What's the difference between "like" and "such as"?

A: Depending on which grammar book you're reading, when we use "like" to mean "such as" (in other words, to introduce an example or series of examples), it's either slang, conversational, or informal. In other words, it's incorrect grammar that a lot of people use anyway. "I enjoy many American foods, like pizza and hamburgers," is the way many of us would express such an idea, but the correct way to say it is "I enjoy many American foods, such as pizza and hamburgers."

Student Voices Deadline

Two more weeks, everyone! Steve wants to let you know that the deadline for *Student Voices* submissions is fast approaching. We would like to have everything in by Friday, April 10th. Submissions can include any student work that you might like to see in print. You can submit your entries for the *Voices* to your teacher or you may put them directly in Steve's mailbox in the ELI Main Office (Room 315) marked *Flocks*. Let's see what you can come up with!

Quote of the Week

You may delay, but time will not.

Benjamin Franklin



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