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# The ELI Weekly

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## Canoeing on the Santa Fe River

*Outdoor fun!*

This Saturday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, The ELI is going canoeing on the Santa Fe River! We will rent canoes and float down the river for approximately 2.5 hours. Along the way we can see several of Florida's famous springs, as well as lots of birds and wildlife!

**WHEN:** Saturday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>. Meet at Norman Hall Garage at 10am. We will likely return to Gainesville around 4pm.

**COST:** The cost for renting a canoe for the trip will be **\$17 per person**.

**WHAT TO BRING:** You should wear a bathing suit and shoes that can get wet. Bring a picnic lunch and **water!!!** We will eat lunch at some point on the water. Do not bring any valuables that could get lost in the river. If you bring a camera, be sure to put it in a sealed plastic bag so it won't get wet. Also, bring sunscreen and a towel!

## 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.

## The Next Trip

Next weekend, on Saturday, April 10<sup>th</sup>, we will be going to **The Downtown Spring Arts Festival**. Details about the trip will be on the Activities Board and in next week's *Weekly*.

## Manners and Culture

*Q: What's the difference between a college and a university?*

A: Not as much as there used to be; colleges lately seem to be taking the name university even though they aren't big enough. Traditionally, the main difference is that a university is a larger institution made up of many colleges. Also, even though some older colleges (such as a place like Boston College) retain the name for tradition purposes, they really are universities by this definition.

One major thing that differentiates the whole list is the types of degrees offered. Pretty much you can say that a

Community College offers Associate's Degrees (AA, AS), a college offers Bachelor's Degrees (BA, BS), and a university offers the Bachelor's Degrees plus graduate degrees (MA, MS, and up). Many Community Colleges, such as Santa Fe here in Gainesville, are starting to offer the BA and BS degrees, so they're dropping the word "Community" from their names.

*Q: Is the word "redneck" discriminating?*

A: Like so many words in this category, it depends on who's using it and how it's used. The term traditionally refers to less-educated, rural southerners (working out in the sun tends to produce a "red neck"). It can be used by such people in a gentle, fun way, but it also can be directed at people to say that you think they are ignorant or backward. In general, unless you're sure, it's best to avoid using such terms.

*Q: Why are women so hard to understand?*

A: Well, I'd tell you to ask one, but you might not understand the answer.

*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 April 2-8:

Students:

April 2: Sun Young Yoon

April 3: Adriana Tascon Lopez

April 7: Abdulrahman Alnasser

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

One more week, 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 9<sup>th</sup>. 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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