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The ELI Weekly

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Farewell Barbara, Hello Daryl!

A dear friend retires

Our dear friend and colleague and Admissions Officer, Barbara Earp, retired on March 26th. Barbara was with us as an instructor early on, and she was our Admissions Officer for what seems like a lifetime! Her service to the ELI and the warm feelings that accompany her as she starts a new chapter in her life cannot be overstated. But don't worry that you won't see her...Barbara intends to come back to UF to teach, either in linguistics training teachers, or here at the ELI, as early as the Fall 2010 Semester. Meanwhile, you can always contact her at bhess2010@gmail.com.

In the meantime, everyone please give a warm welcome to the new occupant of what was Barbara's office, our new Admissions



Coordinator Daryl Bish. Daryl has been a part of the ELI family for a very long time; he served as a Language Assistant and CIP Assistant, a TA, a regular instructor, and as a core faculty member before stepping into Barbara's considerable shoes. For a time, Daryl also was director of the ESL program at Central Florida Community College, so he has experience navigating the sometimes rough and always interesting

regulations that get you here and help keep you here for your studies. So, when you have questions about your I-20 and admission, Daryl is now the person to see!

Notes from the Office

- **Library Fines and Infirmity 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 Weekend Trip

This coming Saturday, April 10th, we will be staying here in Gainesville for the 41st 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. We will take the bus since downtown is so close and parking can be difficult. Please sign up on the Activities Board by 3pm Thursday if you would like to go.

Be sure to wear comfortable walking shoes.

Join us; it's a fantastic day of browsing, entertainment, and a great variety of food!

The Next Trip

Can you believe that the end of the semester is almost upon us? Next weekend, we will be holding our **End-of-Semester Barbecue!** Details will be on the Activities Board and in Next Week's *Weekly*.

Birthdays

The following are ELI birthdays from April 9-15:

Students:

April 9: Abdullah Hamad

April 9: Youngju Ju

April 9: Hassan Buhamad

April 11: Jisun Oh

April 13: Abdullah Al Sairafi

April 15: Jae Sum Lee

Staff:

None this week!

Happy Birthday, one and all!

Manners

Q: Which is better to call a teacher... Mr./Mrs. name, teacher, or professor?

A: Here at the ELI, none of the above. We use first names. If the teacher has no doctorate, then Mr./Ms. *Last* name is okay, but it's generally too formal for us here. Professor or Doctor Last name is okay if the teacher does have a doctorate. "Teacher" is not generally

appropriate for adults. That's what we usually use when we are small children. However, there are a few ELI teachers who don't mind if you use this one.

Q: What do Americans do after retirement?

A: Lots of different things. Some get part time jobs just to keep busy, some travel, some play a lot of golf, and some rest. My own parents went to Disney World to live.

Q: Do I have to dress up when I go to a club?

A: Depends on the club. Ask somebody who generally goes to the one you're interested in.

Grammar

Q: When can you use connectors between sentences?

A: Whenever you need to show the connection between two ideas. Connectors generally show addition, contrast, cause/effect, or condition.

Q: What's the difference between until and 'til?

A: It's the same word, just shortened. We use the short form usually in conversation. We use the full word in formal writing or formal speech. Interestingly, there is also a newer written form of 'til that is becoming more acceptable: *till*.

Student Voices Deadline

This is the last 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 9th. 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

We change, whether we like it or not.

Ralph Waldo Emerson



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