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The ELI Weekly

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UF vs. Arkansas Basketball

Go Gators!

This Saturday, February 23rd, the University of Florida's men's basketball team is going to be playing a competitive game against the Arkansas Razorbacks! Experience the high energy of UF Gator fans cheering for the Gators! Be a part of one of the most memorable experiences you will have in Gainesville!

When: Saturday, February 23rd, 6pm to 9pm

Where: Meet at the O'Connell Center by the large clock!

Cost: The tickets are FREE for ELI students as long as you sign up on the activities board by Thursday, February 21st by 4:30pm! Bring your Gator 1 IDs.

Note: If you'd like to bring a guest who is not an ELI student, your guest can buy a ticket (only \$12) at Gate 1 of the Ben Hill Griffin Stadium. There's an office with glass doors on the west side of Ben Hill Griffin Stadium that says UAA Office. Walk in and purchase a ticket! That office is open Monday through Friday from 8:30AM to 5PM. Also, they will be selling tickets the day of the game!

The Next Trip

Next weekend, on Saturday, March 2nd, we will not have a weekend activity since it is the beginning of Spring Break. The following weekend, March 9th, we will have the Midterm Picnic to welcome the Spring B students. Details will be on the Activities Board and in next week's *Weekly*.

Field Night

Announcement regarding Field Night Location

We apologize about the confusion regarding the location for Field Night last week. Until further notice, we will be holding Field Night at Flavet Field at the usual time (6:30pm to 9:30pm). We will announce any changes in location in upcoming ELI Weeklys so please check back for any future changes!

Notes from the Office

Speak English and go to class

Immunizations & Insurance:

Remember that you will not be allowed to attend class until you take care of your

immunizations. A day missed because of immunizations is still a day missed.

Sickness: Remember to sneeze and cough into your elbow. If you sneeze into your hand and then shake hands with your classmates or teacher, you could spread your sickness to them.

Travel and I-20s: If you plan to travel outside the country during Spring Break, you will need to get your I-20 signed in the ELI Main Office before you go, in order to ensure that you will be able to return to the US when the break is over!

Lost and Found: Be sure to check in the ELI Main Office if you lose anything in the classrooms or in the hallways. The lost and found box is usually full of interesting stuff!

Birthdays

The following are ELI Birthdays for the week of February 18 to February 24:

Students:

February 18: Fabiolla Spitaleri Yopez
February 19: Stephane Palm
February 19: Camilo Mantilla Almadio
February 21: Evgenia Kovaleva
February 21: Miguel Mura Higuera
February 22: Ricardo Tejerina

February 22: Jimin Seong
February 23: María Silva Palma

Staff:
None this week!

Happy Birthday, one and all!

Manners and Culture

Q: Why is not illegal to buy a gun in the US?

A: When the country was first founded, the writers of the Constitution included the right to carry a gun as one of the rights that Americans should have.

Q: What do Americans do after retirement?

A: Lots of different things. Some people travel, some play a lot of golf, some rest, and some go to live at Disney World. With the current economy, however, many retirees have had to get part-time or even full-time jobs, or move in with their children.

Q: What is Presidents' Day?

A: It's a combined holiday, actually. We used to have holidays for George Washington's birthday and Abraham Lincoln's birthday. These two are generally considered to be our greatest presidents. Both birthdays are in February, so the federal government decided that it was a good idea to make the Monday between them into a holiday to make a long weekend. However, UF and ELI students do have class on Monday, so make sure to come!

Grammar

Q: Can I omit the auxiliary verb (do, does, did) in a wh- question?

A: No. If there is no form of "to be" or some other auxiliary or modal, you need it. There are varieties of American English that do sometimes omit it, but in the standard use, it's necessary.

Standard English: Where are you at?
Non-standard variety: Where you at?

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*.

Conversational: I have to stay 'til 4pm.

Academic: I have to stay until 4pm.

Quote of the Week

The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams.

Eleanor Roosevelt



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