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The ELI Weekly

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The Spring Arts Festival is the oldest annual arts festival tradition in North Central Florida. This year, the festival will have jazz music, international dances, art, and jewelry from the around the United States. The art and jewelry on display are made by local Gainesville artists and can be great souvenirs! Don't miss out on your chance to experience this tradition and beautiful historic Gainesville!

When: On Saturday, April 6th at 11:00am. We should return to Norman Garage by 3:00 pm.

Where: we will meet at Norman Garage at 11:30 am. We will take the bus (Routes 1, 5, or 25) since downtown is close and parking is difficult.

Cost: FREE! You only need money for what you would like to buy. Sign up on the activities board by Thursday by 3:00pm if you would like to go!

The Next Trip

Saturday, April 13th we will not have a weekend activity, so you can study for finals. The last weekend of the semester, Saturday, April 20th, we will be holding our **End of Semester Barbecue at Ginnie Springs**. Details about the activity will be

Food! Art! Music!

Join us in all the fun!

on the Activities Board and in next week's *Weekly*.

Reminders from the Office

Class Photo: Remember that the ELI Class picture for Spring 2013 will be taken in front of **Tigert Hall** on SW 13th Street on Tuesday, April 2nd, at 1:45pm. Leave your backpacks up front, squeeze together, and smile! Of course, there is class before and after!

Student Voices: Remember that your *Student Voices* submissions are due by Friday, April 12th. Send me your writing!! You can submit your entries for the *Voices* to me at mpjimenez@ufl.edu. Include your name, class, and a title for your piece!

Library Fines and Infirmary Fees: Remember that if you have any outstanding fees or fines, you'll need to clear those up soon. There is a handout on Emily's door [Norman 316] that shows you how to pay those fines. If there are any outstanding balances owed, we won't be able to release any of your academic information or certificates to you. The end of the semester will be here before you know it!

**Speak English!
Go to class!
Don't smoke on campus!**

Summer C 2013 Deadlines

If you are returning for the Summer semester, please be aware of the following deadlines.

Check in online, by phone, fax, email or in person:

Summer C students: Between May 9 - May 14, 2013

Pay tuition online

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If you are going home, and want to return to the United States, before you leave, you must get your I-20 signed. When you return, you must bring your new I-94 to the main office and you must report to the Student Health Care Center for a PPD evaluation.

Summer B students: You must contact Daryl by May 25, which is 30 days prior to the start of Summer B in order to request a change from "terminated" to "active" status in SEVIS.

If you are taking a vacation semester, you must let us know before April 26, 2013.

If you do not check in on time, there will be a \$100 fee and you may not be permitted to enroll. No students will be accepted after May 24th.

Birthdays

The following are ELI Birthdays for the week of April 1 to April 7:

Students:

April 3: Hao Zhang

April 4: Maria Arenas Matajira

April 4: Sara Awrahman

April 4: Alba Acho

April 5: Rosa Ponce de Leon Perez Albela

April 5: Abdulrahman Alhelal

April 6: Shan Chen

Staff:

April 3: Neill Peterson

Happy Birthday, one and all!

Manners and Culture

Q: What is April Fools? What do people usually do this day?

A: We play practical jokes on people. A common one is to put sugar in someone's salt shaker. I'm not recommending that you do this; it's just an example!

Q: If I'm walking with an American and they encounter a friend, why don't they introduce me to their friend? Isn't this rude?

A: There could be a couple of explanations. Your friend forgot your name or the other person's name and is avoiding the

awkwardness. Your friend is hoping this will be a quick hello and doesn't want to involve you in it. Or your friend is just rude.

Q: Can I invite my friend to a party that I've been invited to?

A: It depends what kind of party this is. If it's a small gathering, you should ask the host first. If you heard about it from a friend who heard about it from a friend and so on, it's probably ok to invite all your friends too. But it's best to check first.

Q: Why do teachers expect students to work in pairs?

At universities, teachers expect students to work together on projects. Group work is also an important part of most of our work culture so your teachers are preparing you for an aspect of 'real world' in the US.

Grammar

Q: Can you end a sentence with a preposition?

A: There is a rule that says you shouldn't end sentences with a preposition. However, this rule came from Latin so it doesn't really work in English and can make sentences sound awkward. In everyday speaking, there's definitely no problem with putting them there.

Appropriate: I'll tell you who you can talk to.

Awkward: I'll tell you to whom you can talk.

Q: When do you use an apostrophe and when do you use "of the" for possessive?

A: The apostrophe is generally used for animate possessors (the cat's paw) while "of" is used for inanimate possessors (the leg of the chair). Don't confuse these with noun adjuncts, which are when a noun modifies another noun (flower garden vs. rock garden).

Apostrophe: Rachel's car is getting fixed.
Wrong: The car of Rachel is getting fixed.

"Of": There is a big scratch on the side of the car.

Wrong: There is a big scratch on the car's side.

Noun adjunct: The car stereo is broken.

Wrong: The car's stereo is broken.

Wrong: The stereo of the car is broken.

Quote of the Week

This curious world we inhabit is more wonderful than convenient; more beautiful than it is useful; it is more to be admired and enjoyed than used.

Henry David Thoreau



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