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The ELI Weekly

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UF Basketball Game

Go Gators!

If you love basketball, or just want to learn more about the sport, make sure to join us this Saturday. We will be cheering on the Gators as they play against West Virginia. Wear your orange and blue!

When: Saturday, January 30th, meet at 10:00am and the game starts at 12:00

Where: Meet at Gate 3 of the O'Connell Center

Cost: It's free for students with a Gator 1 ID, but seats are limited!! Sign-up EARLY on the activities board to sit in the Rowdy Reptiles student section with the ELI. You must sign-up to attend.

What to bring: Bring your Gator-1 ID to enter the stadium and extra money to buy refreshments!

The Next Trip

Next weekend, we will be going to the **Hoggetown Medieval Faire**. Details about the trip will be on the Activities Board and in next week's *Weekly*.

Notes from the Office

Tuition: The tuition deadline has passed! If you have not yet paid tuition for your classes, come to the main office in Matherly 223 immediately to see Christine Kunkel.

Students who pay tuition late will be charged a late fee and will be getting notes barring them from class this week.

Immunizations & Insurance: If you receive a note about immunizations or insurance from Tiffany, please carefully read the note. If you don't understand or have any questions, see the office staff in Matherly 223 immediately.

If you have to miss class because of an issue with tuition, immunizations, or insurance, it counts as an absence.

Scholarship Winners

Congratulations to the winners of the Scholarships for the Spring 2016 semester!

The Jayne C. Harder Memorial Scholarship: Nader Aljohani

The J.C. Casagrande Peace Scholarship: Isabel Molina

Congratulations as well to the nominees! It is very difficult to be nominated for a scholarship. This means the nominees all worked extra hard last semester and met the criteria. (www.eli.ufl.edu/scholarships.htm) Students, if you want to be nominated for the scholarships this semester, make sure to follow the same criteria and talk to the nominees and winners to learn how else to become an excellent student.

Conversation Partners

If you signed up for the Conversation Partner Program, you have the option of meeting your partner for the first time next Friday, January 29th, from 5:30-7:30pm at a meet and greet event. The location will be on UF campus - check Facebook for a specific place to be announced soon. When you get your partner's information in your email, ask if they want to meet at the Conversation Partner meeting! If you have any questions, email Anna at eliconversation@gmail.com.

ELI Places of Origin

The following is a list of the many places of origin of our students:

Argentina	Korea
Bolivia	Kuwait
Brazil	Libya
Burkina Faso	Mali
Cameroon	Niger
Chad	Nigeria
Chile	Peru
China	Qatar
Colombia	Russia
Congo	Saudi Arabia
Ecuador	Spain
Egypt	Switzerland
France	Syria
French Guiana	Taiwan
Haiti	Thailand
Honduras	Turkey
Iraq	United States
Italy	Venezuela
Japan	Vietnam
Jordan	Yemen

Birthdays

The following are ELI Birthdays for the week of January 25 to January 31:

Students:

January 25: Jose Flores Oria
January 25: Moonju Jeong
January 27: Djeneba Toure
January 30: Mohammed Almatar
January 30: Abdulmajid Fatani

Staff:

January 26: Tate Quinones

Happy Birthday, Everyone!

Manners and Culture

Q: Other than scrambled, how can I order my eggs in a restaurant?

A: Fried, sunny side up (not turned and yolk unbroken and liquid); fried, over easy (turned and lightly cooked on the yolk side); fried, over medium; fried, over hard; hard boiled; soft boiled; poached (broken open and cooked in a little bit of water); and various types of omelets. You can look up pictures of these online!

Q: Which one is served first when visiting an American home: juice or tea?

A: Based on informal research previously conducted by Melina, it seems that we are more likely to offer juice, water, soda, or wine before dinner. Then after dinner, some of us will offer coffee or tea. Some of us don't drink tea or coffee, however, so we won't offer those options.

Grammar

Q: Why do Americans say, Which sentence is more clear? instead of Which sentence is clearer?

A: According to the grammar rules we teach you, one syllable words should use -er. We say *more clear* because it's easier to say. *Easier* is easy to say but *clearer* is harder because of those two "r" sounds. Here are more examples:

- rare – more rare
- sure – more sure

Call For Student Writers!

Do you have dreams of being a journalist for your school newsletter? Do you just have questions about Grammar or Manners & Culture in the U.S.? If so, you can send your ideas and questions to Christine and they may be printed in an upcoming copy of the *Weekly!* Free high-fives will be awarded to all students upon successful submission!

Email Christine V. at christinevoigt@ufl.edu or come by her office in Matherly 220A for more information.

Words of the Week

Some weeks you'll have to guess the part of speech or the definition. This time, collocations are included with the definition. Look for the words in this *Weekly!*

Invasive (___) – spreading into areas where it is harmful; using tools to see inside the body
Collocations: species, procedure, surgery

Adequate (Adj) - _____

Quote of the Week

Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.

Nelson Mandela



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