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Islands of Adventure

Theme Park Fun!

Islands of Adventure is a theme park in Orlando. It has roller coasters, 3D rides, water rides, and of course, the Wizarding World of Harry Potter! You can walk through Hogwarts Castle, drink butterbeer (nonalcoholic), and even buy a wand. This is one of the most popular trips of the semester, so don't miss it!

When: Saturday, June 4th. Meet at the Norman Garage at 9am. We will return to Gainesville around 11pm.

TRANSPORTATION: This is a van trip so you must have already purchased a pass from the CIP.

COST: The cost of transportation is \$20 for a seat in the van. Islands of Adventure admission tickets for Florida residents are \$73.99. **Bring your Gator 1 ID or Florida driver's license to prove that you are a Florida resident.**

What to Bring: Money for food, walking shoes, sunscreen, and a passion for roller coasters!

Notes from the Office

- **Summer Break and I-20s** — Summer break is only two and a half weeks away! If you plan to leave the US *at all* during the break—even on a cruise or a day trip to Canada or Mexico—please remember to come to the office to have your I-20 signed so that you won't have trouble getting back into the country!
- **Student Mailbox**—Don't forget to check the student mailbox in the main office from time to time. There is mail for some returning students already.

Note about smoking

Smoking—Remember that there is no smoking ANYWHERE on the UF campus. If you need to smoke, speak to your LAs about places where it might be acceptable. Please put your cigarette butts in a trash can or you can be given an expensive ticket for littering! Also, if they find too many cigarette butts in a location, they may make it a no smoking area also.

ELI T-Shirts

Don't forget, everyone (students, teachers, and staff alike!), we are selling ELI T-Shirts (large sizes only) for only \$10 (exact change only). To purchase yours, just see Judith in the main office any day before 1:30pm. Get yours today!

The Next Trip

Next weekend, we will go to **Lake Wauburg**. Details will be on the Activities Board and in next week's *Weekly*.

Birthdays

The following are ELI Birthdays for the week of June 3-9:

Students:

June 3: Fahad Aldawsari
June 4: Shalan Alhudhayf
June 6: Jaafar Abdulridha
June 8: Ali Alsaggaf

Staff:

None this week!

New ELI Weekly Editor

Hi everyone! I, Melina Jimenez, am the new ELI Weekly Editor. If you have any manner or grammar questions, please stop by my office (331E), leave it in my mailbox in the main office (Jimenez), or send me an email (melinapatjimenez@gmail.com).

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.

Q: Why is public transportation poor in most American cities?

A: With the exception of the very large cities in the Northeast and Upper Midwest (which for the most part have excellent transportation systems), our cities are very young. They didn't really grow to be large

until after the invention of the automobile. And in some cities that had streetcars at the turn of the 19th into the 20th century, it was actually cheaper to build roads than to maintain the streetcars at that time. So, our cities grew up around the use of the automobile, and the vast distances were easiest to cross by superhighway once that was established. Now, we are discovering the need to change the system!

Q: Are there class distinctions in American society?

A: Sure. They're based mainly on socioeconomic status and personal achievement, though, and not by birth. We place a very high value on the identity of the individual—it's more about what you've done than where you came from. Money and material and professional success stratify us, but we also have a very, very large middle class.

Q: Is the rumor true that American girls don't like foreign guys?

A: American girls like all different kinds of guys. While I think American girls do tend to date American guys, I've seen American girls with male ELI students, American guys with

female ELI students, and of course, ELI students dating each other. This is probably an incorrect generalization.

Grammar

Q: What tenses can I use with the expression, "from time to time"?

A: This is a frequency expression that basically indicates a habit. So, you can use any of the simple tenses, plus "used to" and "be going to"

- My mother used to cook beans from time to time.
- I go to the beach from time to time.
- From time to time, this class is going to do impromptu presentations.
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Quote of the Week

I'd rather be a failure at something I love than a success at something I hate.

--George Burns

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