

The ELI Weekly

Midterm/Welcome Picnic



This Saturday will be a fun day in the sun to welcome the new ELI students. All ELI students, staff, and friends are invited to the Midterm/B-term Welcome picnic at Norman Lawn. There will be sports, games and great conversation.

When: Saturday, October 22nd at 12pm

Where: In front of Norman Hall by the tunnel on 13th Street

What to Bring: This activity is free. Wear tennis shoes and sunblock. We will provide the food, so come hungry!!

IMPORTANT: Fall C students need to sign up on the Activities Board. Everyone is welcome, we just need to know how many people to expect!

The Next Activity

On Saturday, October 29th, the ELI will be celebrating Halloween at the Rogers Farm Fall Festival! Details will be on the CIP Activities Board and in next week's *Weekly*.

Notes From the Office

Student Voices: You have been writing a lot this semester, and now it's time to start sending your *Student Voices* submissions to Christine V at christinevoigt@ufl.edu. Remember to include your name, class number, and a title for your piece. All of the submissions are entered to win a gift card to the University of Florida bookstore, so your name is very important!

You can submit anything that you'd like to see in writing, such as paragraphs, essays, recipes, plays, poems, etc. The final due date is Friday, November 18th, but the earlier you submit, the better! If you have any questions, you can ask me or your teachers for help.

Fall B Students: If you see the new Fall B students, make sure to say hello! They will be doing their required seminars this week and their classes start next week.

Keep in mind, the office might be a little more crowded than usual, so please be patient!

Midterms: Midterm exams are this week and you will receive your midterm grade reports next week. Do your best and good luck!

This Week's Birthdays!

Students:

October 17: Oriana Diaz Moffa

October 18: Kevina Gomez

October 19: Johnny Hwang

October 20: Michelle Lugo

Staff:

October 18: Nate Bloemke

Harvest to Help People

The following was written by ELI student Mohammed ALanazi about a field trip he took last month with Reading/Writing 49.

A student garden is a perfect opportunity to help people. On Friday, September 23rd, we visited the Student Garden with our RW 49 teacher. It is located on Museum Road. In 2014, the Garden was started by the College of Agricultural and Sciences. When it was started, there were only four volunteers. Now the Garden has more than thirty volunteers each week and anyone who is interested can become a volunteer in the Garden. The Garden has a program to donate fruits and vegetables to the Field and Fork Pantry. Also it helps students do some research. For instance, agricultural students have done several research projects on some crops and monitoring their effectiveness.

Writing for the Weekly

Have you done something interesting in class or around Gainesville? Write about it! Ask your teachers for help or send it to christinevoigt@ufl.edu and it could be in a future issue of the *Weekly*!

Grammar

Q: What's the difference between "who" and "whom"?

A: Technically, "who" is a subject pronoun and "whom" is an object pronoun. However, nowadays most speakers do not use "whom" at all, especially in spoken English. The only time it's absolutely required in spoken English is if you put a preposition first. And most people don't even do that!

- Who is speaking?
- Whom are you speaking with?
- To whom are you speaking?

Student Advice

Here is your weekly advice for improving your English written once more by ELI student, Jose M. Iglesias C.:
"Music in English is Helpful"

When you listen to music in English you are improving your listening skill if you pay attention to the lyrics, but another way to use music for improving your pronunciation, vocabulary and reading skills is trying to sing by reading the lyrics. For example, you should choose a slow song like "Someone Like You" by Adele and sing loud in whatever place you feel comfortable. After you get it, try with other songs which have faster rhythms. Some people can memorize and sing songs more easily than others, but do not worry; make an effort and keep trying and you will see your achievement!



Manners and Culture

Q: Why do some Americans not like to say their age?

A: It's on a list of taboo topics, which also involve money and religion. We also dislike discussing weight or even things like our grades in school or exam results.

Q: How do people in the US visit other states other than by plane or car?

A: Well, those are the main ones. There is also the Greyhound Bus system, which can be the least expensive option (though it can also take the longest), and many of our larger cities are also linked by Amtrak train, particularly in the Northeastern US.

Quote of the Week

Not everything that is faced can be changed, but nothing can be changed until it is faced.

James Baldwin, American writer and activist



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