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# The ELI Weekly

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## Downtown Spring Arts Festival

*Come do some fun shopping and looking!*

This coming Saturday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, we will be staying here in Gainesville for the 39<sup>th</sup> Annual **Downtown Spring Arts Festival**.

The Spring Arts Festival is the oldest annual arts festival tradition in North Central Florida. The festival will have singing, dancing (from around the world!), art, and jewelry from the around the United States. Often, the jewelry and art aren't too expensive and they make great souvenirs to send home! Don't miss out on your chance to experience this tradition and beautiful historic Gainesville!

If you would like to join the ELI, meet at the Norman Garage at 11:30 am on Saturday. We will take the bus since downtown is close and parking is difficult. The cost is FREE. You only need money for what you would like to buy. Sign up on the activities board by 4pm on Thursday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> if you would like to go.

Be sure to wear comfortable walking shoes!

Join us; it's a fantastic day of browsing and entertainment!

## TOEFL Prep Available

Students, the UF Libraries now have online TOEFL Prep available to you free of charge!

You can access the TOEFL Prep from any of the UF computers, or you can do it from home. Here is a step-by-step guide to accessing it from home:

- Go to [uflib.ufl.edu](http://uflib.ufl.edu)
- Click on the Remote Login tab
- Sign in with your Gatorlink account
- On the UF Smathers Libraries pulldown menu, click Databases
- Click Databases A-Z
- Click Gale (Thompson Gale)
- Scroll down to the third link from the bottom and click Testing & Education Reference Center
- Click Test Preparation
- Under the heading College Credit, click Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL)
- You are now on a page where you can do exercises and peruse several entire TOEFL prep books!

## Notes from the Office

- **Library Fines and Infirmary Fees**—Since we're coming closer to the end of the semester, we just want to remind you that now is a good time to think about clearing up any fees and fines that you might have with the university. If there are any outstanding balances owed, we won't be able to release any of your academic information or certificates to you.
- **Part-time students and TOEFL:** Part time students, don't forget-if you wish to take the ELI TOEFL with the other students, you must actually sign up for it in the ELI Main Office, Room 315. If you have not already done so, please go and sign up as soon as possible.

## Manners and Culture

*Q: Some of my classmates don't use deodorant, and it's kind of difficult for me. Can I tell them?*

A: No, but I can. Folks, if you come from a culture that doesn't use deodorant and anti-perspirant, that's absolutely fine—we're not telling you that you have to or that it's wrong in any way. However, remember that you are

currently living in a culture that does use it, and you are among many students who also come from cultures that also do. As the weather gets warmer, many natural body smells are going to get stronger—and our classrooms are pretty small. For those of you not using deodorant or anti-perspirant, it's likely that you may be making things a bit more difficult for some of your classmates and teachers.

*Q: Why do some students arrive late for class all the time? Is this polite in their own country?*

A: Well, I don't know for sure; you'd have to ask them that. However, I can certainly tell you that, unless it's an extreme emergency, it's considered terribly selfish and rude here!

## Birthdays

The following are ELI birthdays from April 4-10:

Students:

April 4: Bok Soon Kwon  
April 4: Sebastian Vega Baez  
April 5: Adoonka Kwankaew  
April 5: Seyoung Yoon  
April 6: Thi Phan

Staff:

None this week!

Happy Birthday, one and all!

## Grammar

*Q: What's the origin of the term "Cloud 9"?*

A: There are several possible origins listed in various sources, but the most common one seems to be that in the late 19<sup>th</sup> Century, a system was developed for classifying clouds on a scale from 1-10. The 9<sup>th</sup> one was the big, fluffy, white cumulus cloud. From down here, they look like big, soft, cushions. So, the expression developed with the idea that

when you feel really good or comfortable, you are on Cloud 9.

## Student Voices Deadline

One more week, everyone! Steve wants to let you know that the deadline for *Student Voices* submissions is fast approaching. We would like to have everything in by this coming Friday, April 11<sup>th</sup>. Submissions can include any student work that you might like to see in print. You can submit your entries for the *Voices* to your teacher or you may put them directly in Steve's mailbox in the ELI Main Office (Room 315) marked *Flocks*. Let's see what you can come up with!

## Quote of the Week

You may delay, but time will not.

**Benjamin Franklin**



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