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The ELI Weekly

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Class Photo

Come out and be seen!

The ELI Class picture for Summer, 2008 will be taken at the front of Tigert Hall on SW 13th Street on Thursday, July 10th, at 1:50pm. We will walk over together toward the end of the first hour of Listening/Speaking Classes or Listening/Speaking LA hours, at 1:40pm. For any and all students not taking Listening/Speaking classes, as well as all other teachers, LAs, and any other ELI personnel who wants to participate, we very much would like to encourage you to come and join us for the picture.

New Recreation Center Policy

Beginning July 1st, all part-time and non-degree-seeking students (including ELI students) will have to pay an additional fee in order to use the Student Recreation & Fitness Center, the Southwest Recreation Center and the Broward Outdoor Recreation Center. The cost is \$225 for six months and you can pay in room 140 in the Southwest Rec Center. This \$225 sounds like a lot, but it really isn't.

These three recreation facilities are supported by a portion of the additional fees full-time, degree-seeking students pay. In **addition** to tuition, a full-time undergraduate pays \$630.36 in fees for one semester and a graduate

student \$534.12. This isn't even counting the extra \$7,000-\$9,000 out-of-state and international students pay in fees!! So, since ELI, non-degree, and part-time students aren't paying all of these fees, they have started charging the extra fee for those who want to use the rec centers. It sounds fair to us!

Of course, all students, including ELI and part-time students, will still have free access to all of the pools on campus, Lake Wauburg, The Florida Gym, the O'Connell Center weight rooms, and the other outdoor fields and courts. All you have to do is show your Gator-1 UF ID.

Notes from the Office

- **Appointments:** Students, when you receive a note from the office asking you to make an appointment to see one of our administrators, or if you have a need to see someone, please go to our receptionist in the main office to make the appointment. This allows for time to prepare and have an adequate amount of time to discuss whatever issues may be needed. Please realize that you may have to wait for a long time if

you walk into the office without an appointment.

- **Lost and Found:** If you should lose something in the classrooms or elsewhere at the ELI, do come and check to see if it has been turned in in the Main Office, Room 315. Also, if you find something in the classrooms that got left behind, this is the place to bring it!

The Weekend Trip

This weekend, we will be holding our second Volunteer Day of the semester.

The following is a list of the activities; further details, including meeting times, will be on the Activities Board.

Retirement Home for Horses—

Help care for aging and abandoned horses in a fun environment. Be sure to wear sneakers and bring water! We will meet at 8am at the Norman Garage and return around 12noon.

Retirement Home—

Come and play games and talk with senior citizens. This is a great way to practice your English and have a wonderful time!! We will meet at the NRN Garage at 1:30pm and return around 4pm.

Jungle Friends— Rescued monkeys which used to be pets or were used in animal testing live here. We will help clean up and build their homes. We will meet at the NRN Garage at 8:30am and return around 2pm.

St. Francis House Shelter— Help with a special project at the shelter for homeless people. This is a great way to practice English and meet people! Wear clothes that can get dirty. We will meet at the Norman Hall Garage at 8:30am and return around 2pm.

Birthdays

The following are ELI birthdays from July 11-17:

Students:

July 11: Satoru Kake

July 11: Nestor Contreras

Staff:

None this week!

Happy Birthday, one and all!

Daytona Trip Passes

Next weekend, on Saturday, July 19th, we will be going to **Daytona Beach**. This is a van trip. If you want to purchase passes, we will be walking over as a group of Friday, July 11th. Meet at 1:30 at the Norman Garage. Bring \$25 for your transportation pass and proof of your health insurance.

B-Term Countries

The following are the countries and places represented by our students in our new B-Term:

Bolivia	Japan
Brazil	Korea
China	Peru
Colombia	Saudi Arabia
Costa Rica	Taiwan
Ecuador	Thailand
France	Turkey
Honduras	Venezuela

Manners and Culture

Q: Why do people in the US prefer traveling by car rather than by airplane?

A: Well, we have such a culture built around the automobile. Our roads are really good for the most part, and auto travel is usually cheaper than air travel, even for distances of 1000 miles or more. Also, there are a lot of conveniences built around auto travel. It will be interesting to see, in coming years, just how much and in how many ways this may change, depending on the price of gas!

Q: Why do the American people wear flip-flops a lot?

A: This one's a classic "Gainesville" question. People all over the US don't wear flip-flops and other types of sandals as much as you will find that they do here in Gainesville and in

Florida. It's warm-weather fashion, and we have a lot of warm weather!

Grammar

Q: What's a phrasal verb?

A: Wow, interesting question. A phrasal verb is a verb that adds another word (or words), usually a preposition, that changes the meaning of the action completely. For example, "I dropped him." Contrast that with, "I dropped him off." In the first example, the meaning is very specific...it means that I was carrying him, physically, and I couldn't or wouldn't hold on to him, and I dropped him. In the second case, it means that I was transporting him, most likely in my car, and I drove him to his house and let him out of the car there.

There's a catch. Students are often looking for a shortcut to understanding them, and there isn't one. Each time you change the preposition, you change the meaning entirely—basically, creating a new dictionary word. The only way to master phrasal verbs is to take notice of how they are used and practice, practice, practice, just like you would with any other new vocabulary.

Quote of the Week

Love yourself first and everything else falls into line. You really have to love yourself to get anything done in this world.

Lucille Ball



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