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The ELI Weekly

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St. Augustine

Living history!

This Saturday, April 4th, we're headed to Historic St. Augustine! St. Augustine is the **oldest European city in the U.S.**, founded in 1565. While there, you can do a LOT! You can spend all day in the really beautiful OLD CITY and walk through the SPANISH QUARTER, which has lots of RESTAURANTS and SHOPPING. See the CASTILLO DE SAN MARCOS, the most well preserved example of a Spanish fort in the U.S with reenactments and real cannons. Beaches! See lots of "OLDEST" places:

*Oldest Wooden School House

*Oldest Store

*Oldest House

See the famous FOUNTAIN OF YOUTH. Go to RIPLEY'S BELIEVE IT OR NOT museum. See the BASILICA CATHEDRAL, and much, much more!

WHEN: Saturday, April 4th. We will meet at Norman Garage at 10:00 AM. We will return somewhere between 6 PM and 10 PM. We will go rain or shine..

COST: You can bring spending money for the museums and food. The historic sites and museums are generally between \$5 and \$10 each for admission.

Come for FUN and lots of U.S. HISTORY!

TOEFL®

The ELI's Institutional TOEFL will be given on Friday, April 17th, at 2pm The Registration Schedule for the TOEFL is as follows:

FULL-TIME ELI STUDENTS
Friday, April 3rd, 2:30pm
Room 250NRN

MUSLIM STUDENTS' REGISTRATION
Friday, April 3rd, 4pm
Room 250NRN

PART-TIME and NON-ELI STUDENTS
Tuesday, April 14, 9:30am
Room 250NRN

Part timers, remember that you also must sign up in the ELI Main Office ASAP in order to have a space at registration.

IMPORTANT NOTE #1: You MUST be on time. If you arrive even ONE MINUTE late, you will not be permitted to register at the regular time. You will have to register with the part-time and non-students, and you will be permitted to register only if there is space. *You will also have to pay a late fee of \$40. There will be no exceptions.*

IMPORTANT NOTE #2: The registration takes about an hour. No one will be allowed to leave until it is finished and we have matched your IDs to your forms and we have taken them all and counted them. Please do not make any plans that may conflict with this time.

IMPORTANT NOTE #3: Everyone, bring A PICTURE ID AND A NUMBER 2 PENCIL to registration. We do not have enough pencils to give each person one.

The Class Picture

The ELI Class picture for Spring, 2009 will be taken at the front of Tigert Hall on SW 13th Street on Tuesday, March 31st, at 2:45pm. We will walk over together from Norman Hall at 2:30 from L/S Classes or LA hours. For classes not in Norman Hall, please gauge your time to arrive at Tigert Hall by 2:45. 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

The Next Trip

Next weekend, we will be going to **Skate Station Funworks** right here in Gainesville. Details will be on the Activities Board and in next week's *Weekly*.

Manners

Q: What's the difference between a college and a university?

A: Not as much as there used to be; colleges lately seem to be taking the name university even though they aren't big enough. Traditionally, the main difference is that a university is a larger institution made up of many colleges.

Q: Is the word "redneck" discriminating?

A: Like so many words in this category, it depends on who's using it and how it's used. The term traditionally refers to less-educated, rural southerners (working out in the sun tends to produce a "red neck"). It can be used by such people in a gentle, fun way, but it also can be directed at people to say that you think they are ignorant or

backward. In general, unless you're sure, it's best to avoid using such terms.

Q: Why are women so hard to understand?

A: Well, I'd tell you to ask one, but you might not understand the answer.

Grammar

Q: Can we use FANBOYS (for, and, nor, but, or, yet, so) conjunctions in other places in the sentence other than between two clauses?

A: Some of them. The conjunctions *and*, *but*, *or*, and *yet* can be used between single words or phrases in the conjunction sense. The word *neither* has to be added to *nor* in other situations. *For* and *so* don't work as conjunctions other than between sentences.

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, and you will not be permitted to take the ELI TOEFL.

- **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.

Birthdays

The following are ELI birthdays from April 3-9:

Students;
April 5: Adoonka (Ball) Kwankaew

Staff:
None this week.

Quote of the Week

To die is nothing, but it is terrible not to live.

--Victor Hugo



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