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# The ELI Weekly

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## Spring Break

*Relax! Enjoy!*

Just in case you aren't already aware of it, our Spring Break is next week! Since we have no scheduled trip this week and there is no major news, we thought that this week we might let you know that there are quite a few things that you can do if you don't already have plans. Even if you're staying here in town, there is a good bit that you can find right here!

If you do not yet have any plans for Spring Break, we have some suggestions for you! Within an easy day's drive from Gainesville, you will find Atlanta at one end and Miami at the other, with Savannah, Jacksonville, Cedar Key, Orlando, Tampa/St. Petersburg, and many other interesting places in between. There are a number of good Internet resources to help you locate last-minute hotel and flight reservations, notably Travelocity, Expedia, and Orbitz, found at [www.travelocity.com](http://www.travelocity.com), [www.expedia.com](http://www.expedia.com), and [www.orbitz.com](http://www.orbitz.com). And, if you really want good bargains and are feeling adventurous, then you can try out Priceline bidding at [www.priceline.com](http://www.priceline.com) or blind purchasing on Hotwire at [www.hotwire.com](http://www.hotwire.com). If you're planning on renting a car, then be sure to call all of the companies in town to check on the available rates.

If you are among those staying in Gainesville, there are lots of things to do, too! If you like museums, there are the Harn Museum of Art and the Florida Museum of Natural History, both located on the southwest side of campus. Each of these provides an afternoon of cultural enjoyment. If you like nature, check out the Devil's Millhopper State Geological Site and Kanapaha Botanical Gardens. And if you like bicycling, there is the Gainesville-Hawthorne Rail Trail—15 miles of paved cycling trail that winds through Paynes Prairie and beyond. Also, you can try the Depot Avenue/Waldo Road trail system. Also, Paynes Prairie itself has some really nice walking paths worth checking out.

If you're traveling, do please remember that missing any classes on the Friday before Spring Break or the Monday after do count toward total absences.

Check out some of the web links below for some information about traveling or things to do here in Gainesville.

[www.visitgainesville.com](http://www.visitgainesville.com)  
[www.springbreak.com](http://www.springbreak.com)  
[www.springbreaktravel.com](http://www.springbreaktravel.com)  
[www.daytonabeach.com](http://www.daytonabeach.com)  
[www.visitflorida.com](http://www.visitflorida.com)

## The Next Trip

Our next weekend activity will be our **B-Term Welcome Picnic**, on Saturday, March 20<sup>th</sup>. Details will be on the Activities Board and in the next *Weekly*.

## Notes from the Office

- **Spring Break:** There will be no ELI classes during the week of March 8<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup>. Regular classes will resume on March 15<sup>th</sup>. ***Please remember that Friday, March 5<sup>th</sup> and Monday, March 15<sup>th</sup> are regular class days.***
- **Spring Break Main Office Hours:** The ELI Main Office will have reduced hours during Spring Break, if you should need to come in for anything. Monday, March 8<sup>th</sup>-Thursday, March 11<sup>th</sup> the office will be open from 9am-3:30pm. On Friday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, the office will resume its regular schedule of 8am-4:30pm.
- **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, Gisele, in the main office to make the appointment rather than going directly to the administrator. This allows for time to prepare and have an adequate amount of time to discuss whatever issues may be needed.

- **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!

## Birthdays

The following are ELI birthdays from March 5-18:

Students:

March 5: Luciana Trujillo

March 5: Aimee Wolfish

Staff:

Missed one last week—

March 3: Barbara Earp

March 6: Debbie Kellermann

March 6: Sonja Pealer

March 17: Melina Jimenez

Happy Birthday, one and all!

## Manners and Culture

*Q: Why do many girls and guys in the US wear a lot of earrings?*

A: Fashion.

*Q: What is Presidents' Day?*

A: It's a combined holiday, actually. We used to have holidays for George Washington's birthday and Abraham Lincoln's birthday. These two are generally considered to be our greatest presidents. Both birthdays are in February, so the federal government decided that it was a good idea to make the Monday between them into a holiday to make a long weekend.

## Grammar

*Q: What's the difference between "most" and "almost"?*

A: "Almost" is an adverb. You cannot use it in front of a noun. You can say, "most students" or you can say, "all students" or you can even say, "almost all students". However, you cannot ever say, "almost students".

*Q: What's the difference between "lots of" and "a lot of"?*

A: Very little, actually. "Lots of" is a tiny bit less formal than "a lot of", but it's a very minor distinction. Both are preferable in spoken English to "much" or "many" in a positive statement.

## Quote of the Week

Don't reserve your best behavior for special occasions. You can't have two sets of manners, two social codes - one for those you admire and want to impress, another for those whom you consider unimportant. You must be the same to all people.

*Lillian Eichler Watson*