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# The ELI Weekly

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## No Smoking on Campus!

Students, the ELI has received complaints about ELI students smoking on campus in front of and near Norman Hall. We are very concerned both because students are in violation of the regulations, and because this is creating a very negative image for all international students on campus. Please respect the campus rules and regulations, as well as city ordinances. This means you should not be smoking anywhere on campus, or on the private property surrounding Norman Hall. You also should be throwing away your cigarette butts in the trash. If you break this law, you could face a large fine. Please help us by following the rules. If ELI students continue to smoke on campus, there could be long-term serious consequences. Please remember, those who smoke on campus are also creating negative stereotypes about people from their countries.

Thank you for your help!

## Finals

This coming weekend, Saturday, July 30<sup>th</sup>, there is no scheduled ELI trip. We have this break from trips because many ELI classes will be having Final Exams

next week, and we want to give you plenty of time to study.

## The Next Trip

Our next trip will be on Saturday, August 6<sup>th</sup>, for our **End-of-Semester Barbecue!** Details will be on the Activities Board and in next week's *Weekly*.

## Notes from the Office

- **Returning for Fall C?** Check in online on September 6, 2011. The check-in link will be available on September 6 on the ELI homepage. You can also check in by phone, fax, email or in person.
- **Going home and want to return to the US?** You must have your I-20 signed in the ELI Main Office (Room 315) in order to be allowed back into the country!
- **Taking a vacation semester?** You must let Daryl know before September 14.
- **Returning for Fall B?** You must see Daryl before you leave the country.
- **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.

## Birthdays

The following are ELI birthdays from July 29-Aug 4:

Students:

August 1: Ali Almjidal  
August 2: Sultan Alsalamah  
August 4: Mohammad Al-Gahtani

Staff:

July 29: Todd Allen  
July 31: Patricia Moon

Make sure to say "Happy Birthday!"

## Manners and Culture

*Q: When should we say "hi" and when should we say "hello"?*

A: In most any situation when you're talking in person, "hi" is more appropriate. "Hello" is usually relegated to answering the telephone.

*Q: Why don't Americans try to discover more about other cultures instead of developing such ridiculous stereotypes?*

A: There are many Americans that do learn about other cultures, by becoming conversation partners and traveling to other countries. However, just as everywhere around the world, some people find it's easier to be complacent and ignorant and accept what you already know rather than to work hard to learn something new.

*Q: What is the action called "double dipping" and why is it rude?*

A: It refers to taking a chip, putting it in the dip or the salsa, taking a bite, and

then putting the chip back in the dip for more. One can hope that you now understand why that's rude without further explanation.

## Grammar

*Q: What is the difference between "thing" and "stuff"?*

A: "Thing" is a count noun (it can be made plural) and "stuff" is a noncount noun.

- I left my stuff at my house.
- I left my things at my house.

*Q: What is the difference between "people" and "person"?*

A: "People" is the plural of "person". Many of you may ask, "What about 'persons'?" Well, that word exists, but it's only used in official instructions and legal documents. The usual plural is "people".

## Quote of the Week

Tell me and I forget. Teach me and I remember. Involve me and I learn.

Benjamin Franklin



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