

Highlights

- St. Augustine
- Birthdays
- Class Picture
- Manners and Culture

The ELI Weekly

*The Weekly Newsletter of
the English Language Institute
Volume 102, Issue 12
April 6, 2007*



Historic St. Augustine

Join us for a day of fun and history!

This Saturday, April 7th, we will be headed to **Historic St. Augustine**.

Founded in 1565, St. Augustine is the oldest European city in the United States. There's a great deal to see and do while you're there. You can spend all day in the **Old City** and walk through the **Spanish Quarter**, with some great restaurants and shopping. See the **Castillo de San Marcos**, which is the most well-preserved example of a Spanish fort in the US; there, they have historical reenactments and authentic armaments from the early period. You can see several interesting tourist attractions, including the **Fountain of Youth**, **Ripley's Believe it or Not Museum**, the **Oldest Wooden Schoolhouse**, **Oldest Store**, and **Oldest House** in the US. And you can also visit St. Augustine's lovely **Cathedral**.

There is no cost to enter the city itself, but you should bring money for lunch and dinner and shopping (there is some great souvenir shopping here!), and \$15-\$30 for admissions if you want to tour the museums and some of the historical sites.

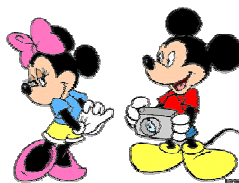
This is a van trip, so you should have already purchased your transportation pass to have a guaranteed spot.

On Saturday, we will meet at The Outfitter at 9am. We will return to Gainesville at around 7pm. We will go, rain or shine. This trip will not be cancelled.

Join us for a great day of fun, with a little history thrown in on the side!

Class Picture

The ELI Class picture for Spring, 2007 will be taken on Tuesday, April 10th, at 10:30am. Students in morning Reading/Writing classes will leave and walk over together with their teachers at 10:20am. For any and all students not taking morning Reading/Writing 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.



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.
- **Travel and I-20s**--Don't forget, if you are planning to leave the country during the break between semesters and then 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!

Student Voices Deadline

It's *ELI Student Voices* time, everyone! Steve wants us to let you know that the deadline for submissions for this semester will be on Friday, April 13th. You can give your submissions to your teacher, to Steve directly, or you may place them in Steve's mailbox (marked *Flocks*) in the ELI Main Office, Room 315. Let's see what you can come up with!

Birthdays

The following are ELI birthdays from April 6-12:

Students:

April 6: Jorge Loutfi

April 7: Abdullah Bokhari

April 9: Sung-Min Cho

Staff:

None this week!

Happy Birthday, one and all!

Manners and Culture

Folks, as the temperature rises, we will re-visit an issue that we have had to deal with before—that of deodorant use. As summer approaches and the temperature climbs, and people naturally sweat more, it becomes more and more noticeable when we have this particular cultural difference. Here is the question and answer as we have printed it originally:

“Q: How can I tell a classmate that they don't smell very good?”

A: The unfortunate answer is, you can't. There's not any way to do it in which isn't insulting—and this seems to be true of most cultures. But we here at the Manners Column can address it for you—sort of. The fact of the matter is, in some cultures, the use of anti-perspirants, or even deodorants, isn't common or even particularly thought about. Here in the United States, as in many other cultures, it is not only common, but actually almost universal. Those who don't use such products do stand out. This is not a

judgment call—and we are not suggesting that anyone *must* use deodorant. But everyone should be aware that not using it will get one noticed. And possibly talked about.”

The answer really hasn't changed. But as I noted above, the fact is, it's definitely going to be something that's more noticeable and possibly more divisive. It's still not correct to tell someone that they don't smell good or that they need to use deodorant or anti-perspirant. On the other hand, if you do come from a culture that doesn't use them or if your own personal values don't include their use, well, remember that you are surrounded by people who do use them and are not used to natural body odors. Don't be too surprised if you find people trying not to sit next to you.

Quote of the Week

A mind that is stretched by a new experience can never go back to its old dimensions.

Oliver Wendell Holmes



UF UNIVERSITY of
FLORIDA

English Language Institute

PO Box 117051

315 Norman Hall

Gainesville, FL 32611-7051, USA

Phone: (352) 392-2070

Fax: (352) 392-3744

Email: StudyEnglish@eli.ufl.edu

Webpage: www.eli.ufl.edu