End of the Semester!

Lake Wauburg Picnic

Join us for an enjoyable day at the Northern Entrance of Lake Wauburg. Have fun canoeing, kayaking, playing volleyball and hanging out with your ELI family.

This is a carpool trip. We’ll meet at Norman Garage at 11:30 am on Saturday, December 9th. Lake Wauburg is about 15 minutes from Norman Hall. You can drive back into Gainesville whenever your car chooses to return. Please sign up on the Activities Board by Wednesday, December 7th.

Entrance to the park, kayak and canoe rentals are free with your Gator ID. Also, there’ll be free food from a Gainesville favorite—Sonny’s. Be sure to bring your Gator ID, sunscreen and a jacket.

TOEFL registration takes place this Friday, December 8th.

FOR FULL TIME STUDENTS:
Room 211
6th period (12:50 pm)—RW 1,10,20,30,31
7th period (1:55 pm)—RW 3, 50, 60, 61 BR
8th period (3:00 pm)—Special sign up for Saudi students

Room 219
6th period (12:50 pm)—RW 2, 40, 41, 42, 43

PART-TIME and NON-ELI STUDENTS:
COST-$40
Room 211
6th period (12:50 pm)

The TOEFL exam will be administered on Tuesday, December 12th at 3pm in Norman Hall, Room 137.

The CELT exit exam will be given on Thursday, December 14th with your reading and writing class:

8:30 am—10:30 am
RW 10: 309 NRN
RW 40: 341B NRN
RW 41: 313 NRN
RW 42: 340 NRN
RW 43: 341 NRN
RW 50: 311 NRN
RW 60: 341A NRN

11:00 am—1:00 pm
Bridge: 311 NRN

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Manners and Culture

I’d like to thank you for all the great questions you’ve submitted throughout this semester! --Jen Ramos, ELI Weekly editor

Q: At what age do men and women usually marry?

A: The median age for first time marriages in the U.S. for the year 2003 was 27 and 25 years old for men and women respectively. This statistic comes from the U.S. Census Bureau.

Q: Do any families object to cohabitation before marriage?

Yes, I’m sure there are people who object to their son or daughter living with their partner before marriage. Of course, as always, American society is very diverse in its beliefs and opinions. Attitudes, however, have been greatly relaxed through the past decades. According to U.S. Today, more than 2/3 of married couples lived together before they were married. In my lifetime, I have seen people’s opinions of cohabitation change considerably. Whereas living together outside of marriage was once considered an offense to a person’s family and the community, I believe very few people still view it from that perspective. In fact, the number of couples living together increased 10 times between 1960 and 2000.

Our graduation ceremony will be December 15th at 10:00 am in the Reitz Union Rion Ballroom. Be sure to come on time and nicely dressed.

Birthdays

Happy Birthday to:

Dec. 12: Essam Siraj
Dec. 13: Susan Lo Monte
Dec. 14: Lourdes Rendon
Dec. 15: Daniel Wu, Cindy Ho
Dec. 16: Alejandro Anillo
Dec. 19: Sang So Yoo
Dec. 21: Yu-Kyung Kim
Dec. 22: Sarra Sanhori
Dec. 24: Monsour Al Sowailim
Dec. 31: Amin Modir, Nadav Sorek

Weekly Activities

This will be the last week for the weekday activities.