

ELI Weekly

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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.



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Notes and Reminders

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.



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2:00 pm—4:00 pm

RW 20: 313 NRN
RW 30: 311 NRN
RW 31: 340 NRN
RW 61: 341B NRN
RW 1: 309 NRN
RW 2: 341 NRN
RW 3: 341A NRN



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.



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