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The ELI Weekly

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Halloween Horror Nights

Have a scary time at Universal Studios!

This weekend, we will be headed to Orlando for Universal Studios' Halloween Horror Nights! Join us for roller coasters and rides at Islands of Adventure. Also spend the night exploring scary haunted houses. Halloween Horror Nights is a popular Halloween event. Get ready to be scared!!

WHEN:

Saturday, October 10th. We will meet at Norman garage at 1pm. We will go to Islands of Adventure from 4pm-7pm (see shows and ride roller coasters). After dinner we will go to Halloween Horror Nights. We will come back to Gainesville very late, around 2am.

COST:

FL Resident tickets (with student ID)
Halloween Horror Nights
When purchased online: \$59.99 plus tax
When purchased in Orlando: \$69.99 plus tax

Additional ticket for **Islands of Adventure:**

When purchased online: \$15.00
When purchased in Orlando: \$20.00

*To purchase tickets online, visit:
www.HalloweenHorrorNights.com

Notes from the Office

- **Homecoming Holiday**-Next Friday, October 16th, is a celebration of UF's Homecoming. There will be no ELI classes and the ELI Main Office will be closed on this day.
- **Student Mailbox**-Don't forget to check the student mailbox in the main office from time to time. There is mail for some returning students already.

Library Replacement Policy

The UF Library System has a new replacement policy. If an item has not been renewed before the due date or returned by the time the maximum overdue fine of \$5.00 is assessed at 20 days overdue, a replacement process is started. At 21 days overdue, you will be billed for a \$35.00 replacement processing fine. At 30 days overdue a book is considered LOST and you will be charged the replacement price. **ONCE BILLED, FINES AND COSTS ARE NOT REFUNDABLE** -- even if the item is returned.

Remember, if an ELI student has ANY outstanding fees s/he will not

receive a certificate or grade report and will not be permitted to take the institutional TOEFL.

Recreational Facilities

There has been some confusion about the use of UF recreational facilities. ELI students are able to use the pools, Lake Wauburg, Florida Gym, O'Connell Center weight rooms, and other outdoor fields and courts by showing their Gator 1 card.

On the other hand, ELI students do **not** have access to the Student Recreation & Fitness Center, Southwest Recreation Center and the Broward Outdoor Recreation Center without paying a membership fee because these facilities are funded by UF degree-seeking student activity fees.

ELI T-Shirts

Don't forget, everyone (students, teachers, and staff alike!), we are selling ELI T-Shirts for only \$10

(exact change only). To purchase yours, just see Sonja in the main office any day before 1:30pm. Get yours today!

The Next Trip

Next weekend, we will be here in Gainesville for the **UF Homecoming Parade!** Details will be on the Activities Board and in next week's *Weekly*.

Birthdays

The following are ELI Birthdays for the week of October 9-15:

Students:

October 11: Young Ju Sung
October 14: Ki Hoon Kim
October 14: Daniel Mendez
October 14: Ricardo Mendez
October 15: Bumgn Park
October 15: Nadeeka Salaman
Arachchige

Staff:

October 10: Allison Sullivan
October 13: Amy Joseph

Happy Birthday, one and all!

Manners and Culture

Q: Why is the eagle the national bird of the US?

A: It was chosen mainly for its positive characteristics. The eagle has long life, majestic looks, and great strength. Also, at the time, it was believed that the bald eagle was native only to North America. There were dissenters, though. One of our most famous early statesmen, Benjamin Franklin, thought that the turkey should be our national bird.

Q: Do I have to learn spoken colloquial expressions? They confuse me.

A: It depends mostly on why you're learning the language. Sure, if you plan to sit in your room alone and do nothing but read textbooks, you can probably get away without learning the spoken language and the slang and colloquial expressions. And, this is certainly true if you don't plan to study here in the US or have much interaction with native speakers of English. But in everyday use, including in professors' lectures, in newspaper and magazine articles, and

in most any social interaction you have with native speakers, slang and idiom and colloquial English will be necessary parts of your daily communication.

Grammar

Q: What's the difference between the present perfect and the present perfect progressive?

A: In many cases, there isn't much of one, particularly when we use verbs like "work" and "live." The main differences come when we want to emphasize the duration of the event for some reason, such as annoyance (Where have you been? I've been waiting for 2 hours!), or if you want to indicate clearly that the action in the past influences something in the present (Your eyes are red. Have you been crying?).

Quote of the Week

Do not go where the path may lead,
go instead where there is no path and
leave a trail.

--Ralph Waldo Emerson

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