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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 2<sup>nd</sup>. We will meet at Norman garage at 3:30. We will have dinner at about 6:30 in Orlando. After dinner we will go to Halloween Horror Nights. We will come back to Gainesville very late, around 2:30am.

### COST:

Van Pass: \$20, non-refundable.

FL Resident tickets (with student ID) for **Halloween Horror Nights**

When purchased online: \$64.99 plus tax

When purchased in Orlando: \$74.99 plus tax

\*To purchase tickets online, visit:

[www.HalloweenHorrorNights.com](http://www.HalloweenHorrorNights.com)

We have 6 more van passes left. We will continue to collect Monday from 10:30-1:30 and Tuesday from 9:30-1:30 (September 27 and 28) until

they're all gone (\$20 cash, exact change, non-refundable.).

## Notes from the Office

- **Homecoming Holiday-** Friday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, 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.

## CEA Accreditation Review

Next week, on Thursday, October 7<sup>th</sup> and Friday, October 8<sup>th</sup>, the ELI will have some special visitors. We are undergoing an accreditation process, and the representatives from the national body, the Commission on English Language Program Accreditation (CEA) will be here observing us. They will be talking with all your teachers, with all the administrators, and even with some of you. Also, they will be observing many of our classes during these two

days. If you have any questions about what's going on, please don't hesitate to ask me (Todd Allen) or one of your teachers about it.

## The Next Trip

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

## Birthdays

The following are ELI Birthdays for the week of October 1-7:

Students:

October 4: Mansour Alduhaynah

October 5: Gabriel Alemañy

October 5: Orestis Panagopoulos

Staff:

None this week!

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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