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# The ELI Weekly

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## Homecoming Parade

GO GATORS!

Homecoming is the weekend when current and former UF students celebrate the Gators with a parade, a giant pep rally, and the Homecoming game, of course! The University of Florida's **Homecoming Parade** is the *largest student run parade in the United States!* It will have floats, bands, decorated vehicles and representatives from UF and Gainesville. This truly is a part of US culture! Homecoming draws over 150,000 people every year and is broadcasted live on television.

The ELI will go as a group to see the parade. It is a great chance to spend a morning with friends and to show your support for the University of Florida.

**When:** The parade is at noon on Friday, November 4<sup>th</sup> but *we will meet at NRN garage at 10:30am and we will walk to University Ave. together.* The parade will draw thousands of people, so we need to get there early to be able to see!

**What To Bring:** The most important thing are your Orange and Blue Gator clothes! You should also bring a blanket or folding chair to sit on, sunscreen if it's sunny, or an umbrella if it's raining. Also, you can bring

something to eat and drink or money to buy food and drinks.

### Gator Growl

Join us on November 4<sup>th</sup> for the 88<sup>th</sup> annual **Gator Growl**, the world's largest student run prep rally, with music by the Goo Goo Dolls, comedy by Joel McHale, live skits and fireworks! It will be a great way to celebrate being a Gator!

**When:** Gates will open for entry into the stadium at 6:00 pm and Gator Growl will start at 7:00 pm. A ticket is required for entry, **so you MUST buy your ticket beforehand.**

**Cost:** Tickets cost \$15 for students (limit one) and \$25 for guest tickets (no limit).

**Where to buy Student Tickets:** Buy your tickets between 8:30am to 5:00pm at the Student Box Office, Gate 13 at the O'Connell Center. They will give you the paper tickets right away.

Please be sure to have your most recent, valid Gator1 ID card at time of pick-up.

Go to [www.gatorgrowl.org/](http://www.gatorgrowl.org/) for more information.

### Notes from the Office

**Homecoming Holiday:** Friday, November 4<sup>th</sup>, is Homecoming. There will be no ELI classes and the ELI Main Office will be closed on this day.

**Holidays and RTS Bus Service:** There is no campus service: November 11 (Friday, Veterans' Day) November 24 and 25 (Thanksgiving Holiday, Thursday/Friday) December 19-January 2, 2011-2012 (Christmas Break)

These changes can be accessed on the RTS website [www.go-rts.com](http://www.go-rts.com)

### The Next Trip

Next weekend, we will holding our second **Volunteer Day** of the Fall Semester. Details about the activity will be on the Activities Board and in next week's *Weekly*, as well as in the B-Term Volunteer Seminar.

## B-Term Countries

The following are countries and places represented by our new B-Term students:

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| Burkina Faso | Saudi Arabia |
| Chile        | Spain        |
| China        | Taiwan       |
| Colombia     | Turkey       |
| Korea        | Venezuela    |
| Kuwait       |              |

## Special Note

I want to share an interesting story with you. In 1977, a married couple studied here at the ELI, when Dr. Byrd and Dr. Harder were here. The husband did graduate work in engineering at UF afterward. Now their son, Bardia, is one of our new Language Assistants!

## Birthdays

The following are ELI Birthdays for the week of November 4-November 10 plus one that was missed one last week:

Students:

November 4: Pinguedwende Zeida  
November 6: Mehmet Dulman  
November 6: Sadik Topal  
November 7: Saleh Shaiban  
November 7: Daniela Caldera Zerpa  
November 8: Jinsuk Baek

Staff:

October 30: Fiona Lama  
November 8: Ryan Crooks  
November 9: Lia Breneman  
November 10: Jenna Harris

Happy Birthday, one and all!

## Manners and Culture

*Q: What do Americans do on the weekend?*

A: What do you do on the weekend? We'd pretty much get the same kind of variety if we asked a random group of Americans as we would if we asked a random group of ELI students. Some would say they sleep, some would say they party, some would say they travel, some would say they do household chores, some would say they study, etc. Most likely, you'd even get a combination of all of those answers.

## Grammar

*Q: I don't know when to use articles. When do I use a/ an, the, or nothing?*

A: The most important question is whether it's singular or plural. Singular nouns **MUST** have an article. There are exceptions, but generally this is true. Then you have to decide whether it's a specific noun or a general noun, and who knows the information. There are more specific

guidelines but these are a good foundation to go on. What article do you think should go in the following examples?

- I need to borrow \_\_\_ pen.
- The girl is wearing \_\_\_ blue hat.
- Let's go see \_\_\_ movie you suggested.

*Q: What's the difference between slang and idiom?*

A: Slang tends to refer to expressions and constructions that are either fairly new to the language or that are used only in the most informal of language. Idioms are forms that have been accepted as part of the language.

Slang expressions are new words and phrases that are used informally. Idioms are set phrases that mean something different from the individual words in the phrase.

Slang: "Cheddah" for money  
Idiom: "Bringing home the bacon" for earning money

## Quote of the Week

There are short-cuts to happiness, and dancing is one of them.

-- Vicki Baum



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