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Fire Alarms

Use only for emergencies!

On Tuesday, November 7, the fire alarm went off around 3:00pm in Norman Hall. On Thursday, November 17, the alarms went off again, once at 11:30am and the second at 3:00pm. The police investigated all three instances but they didn't find a fire, which means someone falsely pulled the alarm. The fire alarms must never, ever be pulled by anyone other than building management unless there is an actual emergency. Falsely pulling a fire alarm is against the law. You can go to jail for up to a year with a fine of \$1,000. As an international student, you could also hurt your chances of being allowed back into the US.

Even if you think it is a false alarm, please remember, whenever you hear a fire alarm, whether in Norman Hall or in any other building, you need to leave the building quickly and quietly. You should stand at least 50 feet from the building; this means if you're at Norman Hall, you should be standing on the sidewalk, not in the stairwell.

Traveling

If you do not have any plans for Thanksgiving Break yet, we have some suggestions for you!

In Gainesville: If you're staying in Gainesville, there are lots of things to do! If you like museums, there are the Harn Museum of Art and the Florida Museum of Natural History, both located on campus. If you like nature, check out the Devil's Millhopper State Geological Site and Kanapaha Botanical Gardens. And if you like bicycling, there is the Gainesville-Hawthorne Rail Trail—15 miles of paved cycling trail that winds through Paynes Prairie and beyond. Also, you can try the Depot Avenue/Waldo Road trail system. Also, Paynes Prairie itself has some really nice walking paths worth checking out. Remember to take water and a camera!

Close to Gainesville: Miami and Atlanta are each about 6 hours away, Orlando and Tampa are about 2 hours away, and lots of other places are even closer. There are plenty of things to do at each of cities! If you don't have a car, you can check out the bus companies below.

www.redcoachusa.com
www.greyhound.com

Travel outside the US: If you're traveling outside the US, even if just on a cruise, remember that you must have Daryl sign your I-20 so that you can get back into the country.

If you're traveling and will miss any classes on the Wednesday before Thanksgiving or the Monday after, these will count toward total absences.

Immunizations & Insurance

All of our students are required to have certain immunizations and adequate health insurance in order to attend class. We do this because UF requires it and because we care about you and don't want you to infect each other with tuberculosis or get sick and not have insurance. If you received a green note from Emily, you are missing your immunizations or insurance. Please carefully read the green notes, and if you don't understand, please see Emily in Norman 316 immediately. **If you have to miss class because of an issue with immunizations or insurance, it counts as an absence.**

Evening Seminars

Because we started our Fall B classes on Monday instead of Friday, we would like to offer our Fall B students the opportunity to make up those three hours of class with three optional electives. Fall B students should sign up for these classes on the ELI Announcement Bulletin Board,

across the hall from the Activities Board, by the end of the day Wednesday, November 23rd. Attendance in these classes is not required! If there is space available, Fall C students are welcome to sign up as well. Here are the classes to be offered:

- Editing Skills: Tuesday, December 6th, 5:20pm – 6:10pm
- Vocabulary Acquisition Techniques: Wednesday, November 30th, 5:20pm – 6:10pm
- Email Writing: Thursday, December 8th, 5:10pm – 6:00pm

Descriptions of the classes and the meeting locations will be on the Announcement Board.

Notes from the Office

Thanksgiving Holiday: You will not have classes on Thursday, November 24th nor Friday, November 25th because UF will be closed for the Thanksgiving holiday. The ELI Main Office will also be closed on Thursday and Friday.

Classes will meet as normal on Wednesday.

Holidays and RTS Bus Service: There will be no buses running on November 24 and 25 (Thanksgiving Holiday, Thursday/Friday). Buses will start their regular schedules on Saturday, Nov. 26.

Check the RTS website for more information. www.go-rt.com

Student Voices: Remember to submit your paragraphs, essays, poems, recipes, etc. to your teachers or to Steve directly at sflocks@ufl.edu before midnight on December 2nd.

The Next Trip

This weekend, we will be off celebrating the Thanksgiving Holiday. Next weekend, on Saturday, December 4th, we will be holding our **End of Semester Barbecue**. Details will be on the Activities Board and in the next issue of *The ELI Weekly*.

Birthdays

The ELI birthdays were in last week's *Weekly*.

Happy Birthday one and all!

Grammar

Q: How do I know when to use a gerund or an infinitive after a verb?

A: These are like phrasal verbs and vocabulary. You just have to memorize them. Some verbs only take infinitives (want, need, hope), some verbs only take gerunds (miss, avoid, enjoy), and some take both (start, continue, like). Some verbs are tricky; they take infinitives or gerunds but the meaning changes (stop).

- I want to travel for Thanksgiving.
- I miss eating my mother's food.
- I like to cook. I like cooking.
- I stopped eating turkey last year.
- I stopped to eat a turkey sandwich.

Manners and Culture

Q: What do American people wear during the winter?

A: Well, the answer to that one will vary considerably, as we have so many different climate areas here in the US. Here in Gainesville we have a pretty short winter and even in the winter, it only ranges between the mid 30s and low 60s. From January until early March, you will find most people wearing long pants, multiple layers, and jackets. Then, as spring begins, it goes back pretty much to what you are used to seeing on a daily basis now: flip flops, shorts and t-shirts!

Q: How do Americans feel about men wearing perfume?

A: Fine, but we don't call it perfume. For men, it's called cologne. We like it if it's not too heavy. If your cologne enters the room before you do, it's probably too strong.

Quote of the Week

I am where I am because I believe in all possibilities.

Whoopi Goldberg



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