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The ELI Weekly

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On Saturday, November 16th, the ELI will be going downtown for the Fall Arts Festival and the Gainesville Rock Gym! Come have fun rock climbing and seeing art from the Gainesville area!

When: Meet at Norman Garage at 1 p.m.

Cost: The cost of the Gainesville Rock Gym is \$14 for admission and equipment. The Fall Arts Festival is FREE! Just bring extra money for food.

Note: If you want to go rock climbing and you are under 18 years old, you'll need to get a waiver from Nate in Norman 318. When you sign up on the Activities Board, please write if you want to go to the Arts Festival, Rock Gym, or both.

The Next Trip

On Saturday, Nov. 23rd, we will be holding our **End of Semester Thanksgiving Potluck**. Details will be on the Activities Board and in the last issue of *The ELI Weekly*.

Scholarship Nominees

Please join me in congratulating the nominees of the ELI Scholarships to study in the Spring 2014 semester.

Fall Arts and Rock Climbing

Enjoy the arts and then build some muscle!

Congratulations as well to all of the nominees:

Genesis Cedeno Labady
Felipe Dantas Barbosa
David Garrido De Sousa
Nadiatou Hamidou Karimou
Egleinnys Hernandez Maldonado (Lorena)
Dongha Kwak
Alejandro Magnani Estevan
Patrícia Magno Dos Santos Matias
Juan Manuel Prat Pla

It is very difficult to be nominated for a scholarship. This means the nominees all worked extra hard this semester and achieved the following criteria.

- Full-time C semester student at the ELI.
- Academic Excellence: The student should have a 4.0 GPA and demonstrate a high level of proficiency in at least three of the four skill areas.
- Outstanding Progress: The student should display outstanding progress in language skills as evidenced by improvements in coursework.
- Excellent Attendance: The student should miss no more than ten hours of class in the semester.
- Speak English: The student should make every effort to speak English at all times while at the ELI and at ELI-sponsored activities.
- Successful Work Strategies: The student should demonstrate personal initiative in and out of the classroom, making an effort to get involved in the ambient culture through outside activities such as regular

participation in Cultural Immersion activities.

Students, if you want to win the scholarship next semester, make sure to follow the same criteria and talk to the nominees to learn how else to become an excellent student.

CELT – Part-time students

Students, if you are not currently taking grammar, and want to return in the Spring, your CELT will be November 22 at 10:40 to 11:30am.

If you're not currently taking listening speaking and want to return in the Spring, your CELT will be at 12:50 to 1:30.

Your teachers will give you a memo from the office with the details.

Notes from the Office

Toilets: Please flush the toilet when you are finished.

Belongings: Please be careful to watch your belongings at all times. Two students had some belongings stolen at soccer recently.

Attendance and End of Term Feedback: Please remember how important it is to attend all your classes even as the term winds down. Take advantage of the remaining time you have here at the ELI to practice and study English! We will also soon be asking for your

feedback on our classes, so please be sure to be there every day.

Thanksgiving Holiday: Thursday, November 28th is Thanksgiving. There will be no ELI classes and the ELI Main Office will be closed on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. **Classes will meet as normal on Monday and Tuesday.**

Holidays and RTS Bus Service: There is reduced or no campus service on these days: November 27, 28, and 29 (Thanksgiving Holiday, Wednesday thru Friday) and December 16, 2013 -January 1, 2014 (End-of-year Break).

These changes can be accessed on the RTS website www.go-rtts.com

Manners and Culture

Q: Why don't American students dress up for class?

A: Some of the UF students that you see live on campus, so they roll out of bed and go to class in their pajamas. Most students don't have money to spend on fancy clothing. But the biggest reason is probably because we are more laid back than other cultures, especially

in a university setting like UF in a climate like Florida.

Q: What is the meaning of the Thanksgiving Holiday?

A: Just what the name says, basically. It's a day that we set aside to express our appreciation for all the people in our lives and all the things that we have to be thankful for. Thanksgiving is the universal family holiday in the US, as it doesn't have specific ties to any one particular religion or belief system.

Grammar

Q: What's the difference between "must" and "should"?

A: There are actually lots of uses for both words, but the most common use for both of them is to talk about obligation. "Must" means that there is no choice—it's an absolute obligation. "Should" means that the action is advisable, but there is a choice.

- You **must** come to class to keep your visa.
- You **should** make American friends to improve your English.

Q: What's the difference between "under" and "underneath"?

A: There's not a large difference; in most cases, they're probably interchangeable. The biggest difference is that "underneath" connotes an idea that something is under something else and is hidden or not readily visible.

- The cat is under the table. [It's visible.]
- The cat is underneath the couch. [It isn't visible.]

Q: What's the difference between "advise" and "advice"?

A: The first one's a verb and the second one's a noun. The pronunciation of the "s" is [z] and the pronunciation of the "c" is [s].

- I **advise** you to go to class every day.
- My **advice** is that you go to class every day.

Quote of the Week

One cannot think well, love well, sleep well, if one has not dined well.

Virginia Woolf



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