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Commencement

Congratulations, everyone!

Thanks, everyone!
You've worked so hard this semester but also had a lot of fun! This has been a great semester and we hope you're going home with a lot of fond memories. This will be the last issue of the *Weekly* for the Fall Term, 2013.

The ELI Commencement Ceremony will be held in the Carleton Auditorium on Friday, December 6th, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Students, Language Assistants, teachers, and administrators, please join us for this special occasion. Students will receive their grades and class photos after the ceremony. Everyone is encouraged to dress up for the occasion!

The ELI Main Office will open at 2:30 after Commencement.

Reminders from the Office

Photos: If you have photos that you'd like to submit for the slideshow, please get them to the CIP office by 4:30pm on Tuesday, the 3rd.

Check-in for Spring C: The check-in link will be available from January 9 to January 13 on the ELI homepage. You can also check in by phone, fax, email or in person. Please only check in once! www.eli.ufl.edu

I-20s: Have your I-20 signed in the ELI Main Office (Room 315) if you plan on leaving the country and coming back. Also, don't forget that Daryl must see you BEFORE your I-20 expires!

Talk to Daryl: If you're taking a vacation semester, transferring to another school, or returning for Spring B, please see Daryl.

Fines and Fees: Pay your library fines and your infirmary fees. If you're not sure how to do this, Emily has a handout on her door (Norman 316) with instructions. Remember that if you fail to pay your fines and fees, you won't receive your exit package.

Immunizations: If you still haven't gotten your immunizations done, we will not be able to give you the exit package, which has your grades, certificate, and the class photo.

Insurance: If you are staying in the US for the break and would like to purchase insurance, please see Emily in Norman 316.

Office Hours during Break

Please note that the ELI main office will have different hours during the holiday break.

Dec. 9 through Dec. 13 – 8:00am to 4:30pm
Dec. 16 through Dec. 20 – 9:00am to 3:30pm
Dec. 23 through Dec. Jan 1 – Closed
Jan. 2 and Jan. 3 – 9:00am to 3:30pm
Starting Jan. 6 – 8:00am to 4:30pm

St. Francis Food Drive

We're collecting leftover items from students who may be moving out this semester to give to St. Francis House. These items include

canned foods, packaged rice, clothing, unopened hygiene products, and cleaning products. Students can bring their donations to the CIP Office in Norman 318 by Wednesday, and we'll be driving the donations to St. Francis House on Thursday.

Spring Electives

Are you bored of taking LS, RW, or GM classes? Want to learn different skills that you can use outside of college classes? Will you be level 50 or 60 in the spring? Sign up for one of the substitute electives instead! Detailed descriptions will be up on the ELI Announcement Bulletin Board, across the hall from the Activities Board. They will also be online when you check in next semester.

Manners and Culture

Q: When do the Christmas holidays really start?

A: Advent, which means "coming" in Latin, is a period of commemorating the First Coming of Christ while preparing for the Second Coming. This year, it begins Saturday, December 1st and ends on Christmas Eve. However, most of the decorations that you see are not commemorating this aspect of Christmas. We used to put out decorations after Thanksgiving but in recent years, stores have started putting out the decorations earlier and earlier. All of this, of course, is more related to trying to get people to shop more than it really is to Christmas.

Grammar

Since you're all grammar experts now, I have a few questions for you. What is the difference between the following groups of sentences?

How is the business going?

- We didn't have any problems.
- We haven't had any problems.
- You've been chewing on the same gum for an hour!
- You've eaten all the gum!
- You ate all the gum!

Quote of the Week

Throw your dreams into space like a kite, and you do not know what it will bring back, a new life, a new friend, a new love, a new country.

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