

The ELI Weekly

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Midterm Picnic

This Saturday will be a fun day in the sun to welcome the new ELI students. All ELI students, staff, and friends are invited to the Midterm/Welcome picnic at Norman Lawn. There will be sports, games and great conversation.

When: Saturday, October 25th at 12pm

Where: In front of Norman Hall by the tunnel on 13th Street

What to Bring: This activity is free. Wear tennis shoes and sun-block. We will provide the food, so come hungry!!

IMPORTANT: Fall C students need to sign up on the Activities Board. Everyone is welcome!

Next Weekend: Halloween

On Saturday, October 31st, the ELI will be celebrating Halloween at the Rogers Farm Fall Festival! Details will be on the CIP Activities Board and in next week's *Weekly*.

Notes from the Office

Student Voices: Start sending your submissions to Melina at mpjimenez@ufl.edu for Student Voices. The last day is November 20th.

Electives

Repeating Replacement Electives

Grammar for Writing can be repeated once. Business English and Advanced Informal English cannot be repeated.

Taking Grammar for Writing

Students must exit Listening and Speaking level 60 in order to take Grammar for Writing.

Sponsored Students Taking Replacement Electives

All sponsored students must exit the skill to take the corresponding replacement elective.

This Week's Birthdays

Students

October 20: Abduikhaliq Alismail

October 23: Hawazin Alobaid

October 23: Zaina Farasani

October 24: Fatimah Alhamazani

October 25: Manal Alduwailah

October 25: Ibrahim Alfayez

October 25: Sun Hee Nam

October 25: Maria Irausquin Canas

Staff

October 18: Nate Bloemke

October 21: Sandra Salloum

Welcome the New Fall B Students

If you see the new Fall B students, make sure to say hello! They will be doing their required seminars this week and their classes start next week.

Quote of the Week

Not everything that is faced can be changed, but nothing can be changed until it is faced.

James Baldwin, American writer and activist

Research Corner

Are you a Spanish speaker in levels 40 and 50? Participate in some brain research and get paid \$10/hour! You will be reading letters, words or sentences while your brain waves (EEG) are recorded over two days. The first day is one hour and the second day is about three hours.

Contact Patricia at paziz@ufl.edu

Manners and Culture

Q: Why do some Americans not like to say their age?

A: It's on a list of taboo topics, which also involve money and religion. We also dislike discussing weight or even things like our grades in school or exam results.

Q: How do people in the US visit other states other than by plane or car?

A: Well, those are the main ones. There is also the Greyhound Bus system, which can be the least expensive option (though it can also take the longest), and many of our larger cities are also linked by Amtrak train, particularly in the Northeastern US.

Grammar

Q: What's the difference between "who" and "whom"?

A: Technically, "who" is a subject pronoun and "whom" is an object pronoun. However, nowadays most speakers do not use "whom" at all, especially in spoken English. The only time it's absolutely required in spoken English is if you put a preposition first. And most people don't even do that!

- Who is speaking?
- Whom are you speaking with?
- To whom are you speaking?

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