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The ELI Weekly

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Come experience the Middle Ages and join the ELI at the 27th annual Hoggetowne Medieval Faire on Saturday, February 2nd! There will be medieval shows, rides, games, and other fun activities! You can even ride a camel or an elephant!

Where: Meet at 9:30am at Norman Garage. We will be returning from the Faire around 3:30pm. Remember to sign up on the activities board!

When: February 2nd, 9:30 to 3:30pm

Cost: The admission cost is \$14 or \$7 if you are under 18. Make sure to bring extra cash for food and shopping.

Have a great day, everyone!

The Next Trip

Next weekend, on Saturday, February 9th, we will be traveling to **Busch Gardens** for the day. Details will be on the Activities Board and in next week's *Weekly*. Please reserve your spot on the van by signing up and paying \$20 in cash, exact change, to Nate in the CIP Office (Norman 318). You can buy the pass starting on Monday, January 28th, from 9am to 12:30pm. Bus passes are first come, first serve, and they do NOT include the price of Busch Gardens tickets. Please come early, these bus passes will sell out very quickly!

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. Unfortunately, every semester there are some students who don't bring us their immunization records, don't have immunization records at all, or forget to enroll or re-enroll in health insurance. If you received a green note from Emily, you are one of these students. 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.**

Office Etiquette

The ELI Main office is very busy this time of year. Here are some tips to get the best service possible in the office:

- Please do not yell at the office folks. They are there to help you.
- Please arrive, at the latest, 2 minutes early for your appointment. If you are late, you will not be helped, because the person after you will be helped. Remember, it is rude to be late, especially to a meeting *you*

requested. Also, have your class schedule in mind when making appointments.

- Please wait in line. You will be helped, even if it takes a little while.
- Please respect everyone. This means being courteous and being on time.

Scholarship Winners

Congratulations to the winners of the Scholarships for the Spring 2012 semester!

The Jayne C. Harder Memorial Scholarship: Ana Rodrigues de Silva

The J.C. Casagrande Peace Scholarship: Alireza Paykazadi

Congratulations as well to the nominees! It is very difficult to be nominated for a scholarship. This means the nominees all worked extra hard last semester and met 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 and winners to learn how else to become an excellent student.

Daily Activities

The following is our afternoon activity schedule. Please check the Activities Board from time to time to see if there are any changes.

Day/Time	Activity	Location/Cost
Monday 7pm-10pm	Game Night (Wesley)	Meet in the Reitz Union Game Room on the Ground Floor. Bring \$5-\$10 for games
Tuesday 630pm-930pm	Field Night (Travis)	Meet at Hume Field. Free
Wednesday 7pm-10pm	Coffee Talk (Tiffany)	Meet at 7 p.m. at the Reitz Union tables near Orange & Brew. Free
Thursday 7pm-10pm	Volleyball (Ian R.)	Meet at Lexington Crossing. Free

Friday 7pm-10pm	Volleyball (Dylan)	Meet at Lexington Crossing. Free
Friday 6pm-10pm	Gator Nights (Ariel)	Meet at the Reitz Union Information Desk. Bring your UFID

Birthdays

The following are ELI Birthdays for the week of January 28 to February 3:

Students:
 January 28: Waleed Aldahlawi
 January 29: Huei-Fang Chin
 January 29: Nataliya Ostarova
 January 30: Abdullah Saad Alqahtani

Staff:
 January 31: Destiny Kucko
 February 3: Maya Shastri

Happy Birthday, one and all!

Manners and Culture

Q: Other than scrambled, how can I order my eggs in a restaurant?

A: Fried, sunny side up (not turned and yolk unbroken and liquid); fried, over easy (turned and lightly cooked on the yolk side); fried, over medium; fried, over hard; hard boiled; soft boiled; poached (broken open and cooked in a little bit of water); and various types of omelets. Check out the Facebook page for pictures of the different egg types!

Q: Which one is served first when visiting an American home: juice or tea?

A: After talking with my colleagues, it seems that we are more likely to offer juice, water, soda, or wine before dinner. Then after

dinner, some of us will offer coffee or tea. Some of us don't drink tea or coffee, however, so we won't offer those options.

Grammar

Q: What's the difference between "schools" and "school's"? What does the apostrophe mean?

A: Apostrophes are used for two things: to show possession and to replace missing letters or numbers. You should not use the apostrophe for plurals. "Schools" means more than one school. "School's" means something belongs to the school. Look at the sentences below.

- The schools I attended were all good.
- The school's mascot is the gator.
- The school opened in the '90s.
- Incorrect: The school opened in the '90's.

Q: What are the correct uses for semicolon?

A: Semicolons are used to connect two related independent clauses in the same place where a period could go. You should not use it to separate an independent and dependent clause. Here are some examples to show what I mean.

- I usually wear a coat in January; I've only worn a coat once this year.
- I thought it would be very cold this winter; however, it hasn't been cold.
- Incorrect: If the weather gets cold; I will have to wear a coat.

Quote of the Week

Language shapes the way we think, and determines what we can think about.

Benjamin Lee Whorf



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