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ELI Talent Show

It's going to be a blast!

The day has finally come! The 3rd Annual ELI Talent Show will be on Tuesday, March 21st, in the University Auditorium. There will be dancing, singing, and acting so prepared to be entertained! Bring your conversation partners, your friends, and your families.

When: Saturday, March 21st, 7pm to 8:30pm, doors open at 6:30pm

Where: University Auditorium

Cost: Free!

Talent Show Rehearsals

We will be holding two rehearsals for the Talent Show. **It is very important that you go to these meetings.** We're going to run through the show with the MCs.

Rehearsal 2:

When: Tuesday, March 17th, 5pm

Where: NPB1002

What to bring: Your instruments and music.

Dress Rehearsal:

When: Saturday, March 21st, 4pm to 6pm

Where: University Auditorium

What to bring: Wear your costumes, instruments, and anything else you need.

If you have any questions, feel free to ask Nate, Tate, or Greg.

The Next Trip

Next weekend, we will be going to **the Gator vs Alabama Baseball game!** Details about the trip will be on the Activities Board and in next week's *Weekly*.

Spring B Places of Origin

The following is a list of the many places of origin of our new Spring B students:

Argentina	Japan
Brazil	Korea
Burkina Faso	Kuwait
China	Libya
Colombia	Saudi Arabia
Ecuador	Taiwan
Haiti	United States
India	Venezuela
Iran	

Reminders from the Office

Daryl out: Daryl will be on a recruitment trip for UF and the ELI from March 11th to the 18th. If you have any questions, you can make an appointment with Emily.

Undergraduate Admissions Workshop: A representative from Santa Fe College will give important information and tips on the admissions process, and she will answer any questions about enrolling in their program. The workshop will be Tuesday, March 17th from 5:30 to 6:30pm in Matherly 214.

No Smoking: UF is a smoke-free campus. This means smoking is not allowed anywhere on campus. If you are smoking on campus, you risk getting fined for littering. Definitely, do not throw your cigarette butts on the ground. If you want to quit, Emily has some great information in her office.

Immunizations & Insurance: If you received a note from Emily, you need to take care of it immediately. Please see Emily or Shaye in Matherly 223 if you don't understand the note. **If you have to miss class because of an issue with immunizations or insurance, it counts as an absence.**

Student Voices: Email your writing to mpjimenez@ufl.edu by **Friday, April 3rd**. Please remember to include your name, class, and title for the piece.

Prayer Rooms on Campus

If you are looking for a place to pray on campus, here are some suggestions.

- The **Broward Serenity Room** is a multi-faith, nondenominational prayer room located in Broward Hall. It has chairs, lots of floor space, and privacy screens. In addition, the renovated restroom next to the Serenity Room includes a foot bath.
- The **multipurpose room** in Library West is another option. Just ask for a key at the second floor Information Desk. If the key is unavailable, go to the first floor and the multipurpose room there should be open.
- The **hallway to the left** of the Reitz Union Grand Ballroom is also a good location.

Manners and Culture

Q: What is the history of St. Patrick's Day? What do people do this day?

A: St. Patrick's Day is celebrated on March 17th because that is the day that Saint Patrick died. Saint Patrick is one of the patron saints of Ireland. On this day, you will see people wearing a lot of green, drinking lots of beer (sometimes also green), and more importantly, singing happy birthday to your ELI Weekly editor.

Q: I asked someone "how old are you?" and they told me that it's rude. Why is this rude?

A: Age is considered a taboo topic that Americans are uncomfortable discussing, especially a woman's age. Other taboo topics that you should not ask about are weight, why someone doesn't have children, why they aren't married, nor how much money they make at their job. Many of the taboo topics deal with money and numbers.

Grammar

Q: What's the difference between to people and for people?

It depends on the context. *To* can mean that it's going towards someone. *For* can mean that it's being done as a favor. Here are some examples. Can you tell what the difference is?

- David threw the ball to Scott.
- David threw the ball for Scott.
- I'm donating this money to the organization.
- I'm donating this money for the organization.

Q: What is the difference between kind, sort, and type?

A: *Type* is the most specific and clearly defined of the three. *Sort* is used more often with

people. However, sort and kind are used more freely, although there is overlap with all three. *Sort* and *kind* are generally followed by *of*; we don't make compound nouns with them. See the examples below:

Type: blood type, personality types, skin type

Sort: What sort of person is he?

Kind: What kind of dog is that?

Incorrect: blood sort, blood kind, dog kind

Words of the Week

Look for these words in this *Weekly!*

taboo (___) – A topic that is generally not talked about

Collocates: social, cultural, religious, break, consider

rehearsal (N) - _____

Collocates: musical, daily, dress, performance

Quote of the Week

I am enough of an artist to draw freely upon my imagination. Imagination is more important than knowledge. Knowledge is limited. Imagination encircles the world.

Albert Einstein



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