Spring Break
Relax! Enjoy!

This coming weekend, Saturday, February 27th, there is no scheduled ELI trip. Just in case you aren't already aware of it, our Spring Break is next week! If you do not yet have any plans for Spring Break, we have some suggestions for you.

If you are staying in Gainesville, there are lots of cool things to do!

If you like being outdoors, check out:
- Devil's Millhopper State Geological Site
- Kanapaha Botanical Gardens
- Walking in Paynes Prairie
- Biking on the Gainesville-Hawthorne Trail
- Canoeing on the Ichetucknee River

Check out some of the web links below for some information about traveling or things to do here in Florida.

www.visitgainesville.com
www.visitflorida.com

If you have a car, make sure to check out the little towns and larger cities nearby:
- Ocala
- Miami
- Savannah
- Cedar Key
- Tampa
- High Springs
- Atlanta
- Jacksonville
- Orlando
- St. Petersburg

If you want to eat some local food, try:
- Mac's Drive-Thru (burgers)
- Yummy House (Chinese)
- Leonardo's in Millhopper (pizza)
- 43rd Street Deli (breakfast)
- Midnight Cookies (cookies)

http://www.keneatsgainesville.com/ is a good blog to read for some local restaurant reviews and ideas.

Notes from the Office

RTS: From February 27th to March 6th, RTS will have reduced city service for Spring Break. If you’re staying in Gainesville, make sure to check the RTS website so you’ll know when the bus is coming. www.go-rts.com

B-Term Students: During Spring Break, new students will arrive to begin the Spring Semester. They will not be taking classes with you, but you should say hello and welcome them to the ELI!

The Next Trip

Our next weekend activity will be our Midterm Picnic, which is also our B-Term Welcome Picnic, on Saturday, March 5th.

Join us in welcoming the new Spring B students to the ELI family! All ELI students, staff, and friends are invited. It will be a fun day in the sun to have a picnic. There will be sports, games, and great conversation!

When & Where: Saturday, March 5th at 12:00pm on Norman Lawn, in front of Norman Hall.

What to Bring: This activity is free. We will provide the food, so come hungry!!

IMPORTANT: Spring C students need to sign up on the Activities Board.
ELI Talent Show

As you probably already know, the ELI is going to have its fourth annual Talent Show. The talent show is open to ELI students, faculty, staff, and LAs. Acts can include, but are not limited to:

- Singing
- Dancing
- Skits
- Juggling
- Comedy Routines
- Cultural Presentations

When: March 25th, 7:00 to 9:30pm

Where: University Auditorium

Requirements: You need to sign up on the Activities Board. The last day to sign up is Wednesday, February 24th.

The act must be appropriate and not offensive. This is a safe, family-friendly show.

Group acts are needed!

Rehearsals will begin after Spring Break. They will be from 5-7 pm on March 15th, 22nd, and 25th (before the show). You must attend all rehearsals to perform!

If you have any questions, you can talk to Nate, Tate, or Greg in the CIP Office, Matherly 211.

The following are ELI birthdays from February 22 to March 6:

**Students:**
- February 22: Husain Mohammad
- February 22: Ashraf Aldawsari
- February 24: Alexandre Marques Carvalho
- February 24: Estefania Villacis Salinas
- February 26: Abdullah Almutairi
- February 26: Abdulrahman Alamoudi
- February 27: Sondos Albishan
- March 2: Asrar Alfeenikh
- March 5: Soin Abdoul Kassif Baba Moussa Traore

**Staff:**
- February 21: Kate Alicante
- February 25: Olga Moody
- February 27: Ahri Lee
- March 6: Debbie Kellermann

Happy Birthday, everyone!

Manners and Culture

Q: What is the polite action when you first meet people?

A: Look them in the eyes and say, “It’s nice to meet you.” Older people will also shake hands but this isn’t as common among younger Americans, especially in informal settings.

Q: If I look at an American for more than 5 seconds, why do they say, “Hi, how you doing? I don’t know them so maybe it’s normal.”

A: There might be two reasons for this. They are being polite and really saying hello, or maybe because you are staring at them, they are being impolite and making you aware that you are staring at them. Try not to stare at people.

Grammar

Q: What’s the difference between most and almost?

A: *Almost* is an adverb and *most* is an adjective. You cannot use *almost* in front of a noun.

- Correct: All students speak English
- Correct: Most students ride the bus.
- Correct: Almost all students take grammar class.
- Incorrect: Almost students take grammar class.

Q: When do I use little and few?

A: *A little* and *a few* mean a small (yet sufficient) amount. *Little* and *few* mean an amount so small that it’s not enough.

- I have a little money so I can go out but I can’t do much.
- I have little money so I can’t go out.

Q: What’s different between lots of and a lot of?

A: Very little, actually. *Lots of* is a tiny bit less formal than *a lot of*, but it’s a very minor distinction. Both are more common in spoken English than *much* or *many* in a positive statement.

Word of the Week

distinction – (Adj) a difference or contrast between similar things or people

Quote of the Week

Too much work, too much vacation, too much of any one thing is unsound.

Walter Annenberg