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Final and Exit Exams

A necessary evil, we know

This coming

weekend, Saturday, July 27th, there is no scheduled ELI trip. We have this break from trips because many ELI classes will be having Final and Exit Exams next week, and we want to give you plenty of time to study.

Final and Exit Exams are very important for promotion purposes. The promotion requirements for your specific class are on your syllabi, in the Student Guide on pages 24 to 29, on the ELI website, or you can ask your teacher. If you are planning to return to the ELI, you will need to take all Final and Exit Exams.

The Next Trip

The last weekend of the semester, Saturday, August 3rd, we will be holding our **End of Semester Barbecue at Ginnie Springs**. Details about the activity will be on the Activities Board and in next week's *Weekly*.

Scholarship Winners

Please join me in congratulating the winners of the Scholarships for the Summer 2013 semester.

The Jayne C. Harder Memorial Scholarship: Hyojin Lee

The J.C. Casagrande Peace Scholarship: Luis Stein Ruiz

Congratulations as well to the other nominees:

Carlos Luis Arrieta Marrufo
Waleed Bin Masoud
Mohammad Dahl
Santiago Gallegos
Carlos Moreno Benitez
Zhengyi Zhang

Class Photo

The ELI Class picture for Summer 2013 will be taken in front of Tigert Hall on SW 13th Street on **Thursday, July 25th, at 3:00pm**. Classes will walk over together toward the end of the first Listening/Speaking hour. Please gauge your time to arrive by 3:00. If it is raining on Thursday, we will hold the picture at different time. Classes will meet as usual before and after the photo, so make sure to go to class as soon as the picture is taken.

For any and all students not taking Listening/Speaking classes, as well as all other teachers, LAs, and any other ELI personnel who want to participate, please join us for the picture!

Please leave your backpacks on the floor by the bushes. Don't sit on the edges or the floor in front of the stairs. Move towards the back of the steps and squeeze together as much as possible. The more you squeeze, the better you'll fit in the picture! To ensure that we can see everyone, please keep your arms down.

Reminders from the Office

Speak English!
Go to class!
Don't smoke on campus!

Student Voices: Remember that your *Student Voices* submissions are due by Friday, July 26th. Send me your writing!! You can submit your entries for the *Voices* to me at mpjimenez@ufl.edu. Include your name, class, and a title for your piece!

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.

Guest Column

This week we have a special column from a student, **I Made Eka Dwipayana**. If you would like to write a guest column about your country or culture, please send me an email at mpjimenez@ufl.edu.

I would like to share a little bit about my country, Indonesia, and my hometown Bali. Indonesia, the biggest Archipelago country in the world with 17 thousand islands, is located in Southeast Asia. We are the fourth largest population on Earth after China, India and the US. Netherland had invaded us for almost 350 years before we declared our Independence Day on August 17, 1945. With

our geological features, we have very diverse cultures, tribes and local languages which significantly influence our religions. The majority of the inhabitants are Muslims. In fact, we are the biggest Muslim country on earth. But Islam is not the only religion in Indonesia. There are 6 different religions officially recognized by the government, namely Islam, Catholicism, Protestant, Hinduism, Buddhism and Kong Hu Cu. Indonesia also has some amazing tourist destinations such as the biggest Buddha temple from 7th century in Borobudur, a magnificent old-Hindu temple in Prambanan and the last paradise in the world, Bali.

Bali, my hometown, is the smallest province in Indonesia and is dominated by Hindu believers. Tri Hita Karana (Three Causes of Prosperity) is our philosophy of life, which teaches us to live in harmony in terms of our relationships with God, with other human beings and with nature. The Balinese people's adherence to this philosophy has supported our tourism industry since 1920. One of the manifestations of Tri Hita Karana is our traditional water irrigation called Subak which manages the water for all the farmers' land with fair division. This system is recognized as one of the earliest forms of democracy in our civilization and has been announced as UNESCO's World Heritage. Besides that, our people are full of hospitality by welcoming the visitors with a warm greeting and a smile. On this Island of God, tourists could watch Balinese ceremonies which integrated to nature that attracted American anthropologists, Bateson and Margaret Mead in 1936 for its uniqueness. We also have some wonderful tourist attractions such as volcanic views in Batur, mountain scenery in Bedugul, a traditional village in Ubud, amazing beaches in Sanur, Kuta and

Dreamland, virgin diving sites in Amed and Lembongan and many more. A lot of visitors who come to Bali regard the island as paradise on earth. So if you'd like to see the paradise in person, please come and we will extend our warm welcome to you.

Birthdays

The following are ELI Birthdays for the period July 22 to July 28:

Students:

July 22: Marcela Tuler de Oliveira

July 22: Ceren Yildirim

July 24: Jungjun Bae

July 25: Yong Wang

July 26: Abdulla Al-Kubaisi

July 26: Reginaldo Nascimento Neto

July 27: Zasha Bacouros

July 28: Abdulla Almuhannadi

July 28: Hamad Alzufairi

Staff:

None this week!

Manners and Culture

Q: What happens if I don't give up my seat on the bus for elderly people or pregnant women?

A: Nothing much will happen. While in other cultures it is assumed that you will give up your seat, in the United States it's just a nice thing to do. It's not absolutely expected of you although you might get a couple of mean looks from the other bus riders (who may now have to give up their seat since you didn't).

Q: Why do American guys never kiss each other when they meet?

A: Most American customs related to greetings come from Northern Europe and Northern Europeans tend not to touch each other. If you see two American men kissing, it might be for the following reasons. If they kiss on the cheek, they probably have some connection to Mediterranean or Hispanic culture. If they kiss on the mouth, as is becoming more common these days, then they may be a couple.

Grammar

Q: What is the difference between "thing" and "stuff"?

A: "Thing" is a count noun (it can be made plural) and "stuff" is a noncount noun.

- I left my things at my house.
- I left my stuff at my house.

Q: What is the difference between "people" and "person"?

A: "People" is the plural of "person". Many of you may ask, "What about 'persons'?" Well, that word exists, but it's only used in official instructions and legal documents. The usual plural is "people".

Quote of the Week

Tell me and I forget. Teach me and I remember. Involve me and I learn.

Benjamin Franklin



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