The ELI Weekly

Spring Break
Relax! Enjoy!

If you are among those staying in Gainesville, there are lots of things to do, too! If you like museums, there are the Harn Museum of Art and the Florida Museum of Natural History, both located on the southwest side of campus. Each of these provides an afternoon of cultural enjoyment. If you like nature, check out the Devil's Millhopper State Geological Site and Kanapaha Botanical Gardens. And if you like bicycling, there is the Gainesville-Hawthorne Rail Trail—15 miles of paved cycling trail that winds through Paynes Prairie and beyond. Also, you can try the Depot Avenue/Waldo Road trail system. Also, Paynes Prairie itself has some really nice walking paths worth checking out.

If you're traveling, do please remember that missing any classes on the Friday before Spring Break or the Monday after do count toward total absences.

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

www.visitgainesville.com
www.expedia.com
www.orbitz.com
www.travelocity.com
www.daytonabeach.com
www.flusa.com

The Next Trip

Next week, on Saturday, March 18th, our next trip will be The Midterm Picnic at Broward Beach. This will be a fun day in the sun to welcome the new B-Term ELI students! All ELI students, staff, and friends are invited to join us. There will be volleyball, frisbee, soccer, basketball, and card games. There will also be lots of great food!

The picnic will be at 11:30am. If it is raining, call 392-3354, x230 after 9am to see if the picnic has been moved to Sunday. Please sign up early (before break) on the Activities Board by 4pm on Thursday, March 9th, so we know how much food to order.

Wear tennis shoes and sunblock.

Everyone is welcome!
Notes from the Office

- **Spring Break:** There will be no ELI classes during the week of March 13th to 17th. Regular classes will resume on March 20th. Please remember that Friday, March 10th is a regular day of class.

- **Appointments:** Students, when you receive a note from the office asking you to make an appointment to see one of our administrators, or if you have a need to see someone, please go to our receptionist, Mayca, in the main office to make the appointment rather than going directly to the administrator. This allows for time to prepare and have an adequate amount of time to discuss whatever issues may be needed.

- **Lost and Found:** If you should lose something in the classrooms or elsewhere at the ELI, do come and check to see if it has been turned in in the Main Office, Room 315. Also, if you find something in the classrooms that got left behind, this is the place to bring it!

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**Birthdays**

The following are ELI birthdays from March 10-23:

**Students:**
- March 11: Jin Yang
- March 12: Connie Huang
- March 12: Wei-Hao Tseng
- March 16: Maria Luisa Rodriguez

**Staff:**
- March 18: Marianna Tuninskaya

Happy Birthday, one and all!

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**Manners and Culture**

**Q:** How much is a haircut at the Reitz Union Hair Company?

**A:** With apologies, it’s 6:30am as I am typing, so I can’t call them to find out. However, it would make an excellent speaking activity for you to find out…their phone number is 379-4686, and they’re open from 8am-5pm weekdays, and 9am-2pm Saturdays. Perhaps your teacher will let you call right now from class and ask.

**Q:** Why don’t students here wear uniforms? Are there any rules for appropriate clothing at the university?

**A:** In general, no. Different colleges and units (the ELI included) have some requirements for student assistants and those who deal regularly with the public, but for the majority of the students at the university, pretty much anything goes. Of course, if clothing doesn’t cover up the body parts that are illegal to show off, a student could be asked to leave. That’s about it.

As to the first part of your question, public universities in the US have a long history of being places for creative free expression; this has definitely included, for better or for worse, fashion choices.

**Q:** People tell me that I shouldn’t go out alone at night. Isn’t Gainesville safe?

**A:** Safer than many places in the US. Our violent crime rate is pretty low in Gainesville—the number one crime here in town is bicycle theft! Still, it can be dangerous to be out walking in places that are isolated or not very well lit when you are by yourself. The common sense thing to do is to go with a friend or two if you’re going to be out after dark.

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**Quote of the Week**

Be thankful for what you have; you’ll end up having more. If you concentrate on what you don’t have, you will never, ever have enough.

*Oprah Winfrey*