This Saturday, April 8th, we will be headed to Historic St. Augustine.

Founded in 1565, St. Augustine is the oldest European city in the United States. There’s a great deal to see and do while you’re there. You can spend all day in the Old City and walk through the Spanish Quarter, with some great restaurants and shopping. See the Castillo de San Marcos, which is the most well-preserved example of a Spanish fort in the US; there, they have historical reenactments and authentic armaments from the early period. You can see several interesting tourist attractions, including the Fountain of Youth, Ripley's Believe it or Not Museum, the Oldest Wooden Schoolhouse, Oldest Store, and Oldest House in the US. And you can also visit St. Augustine’s lovely Cathedral.

There is no cost to enter the city itself, but you should bring money for lunch and dinner and shopping (there is some great souvenir shopping here!), and $15-$30 for admissions if you want to tour the museums and some of the historical sites.

This is a van trip, so you should have already purchased your transportation pass to have a guaranteed spot. Space is very limited; talk with your friends and LAs to see if they are going to drive separately.

On Saturday, we will meet at The Outfitter at 9am. We will return to Gainesville between 4pm and 10pm. We will go, rain or shine. This trip will not be cancelled.

Join us for a great day of fun, with a little history thrown in on the side!

[...]
issued medical insurance card: the Embassy has faxed Barbara a copy of a document that spells out the coverage in detail. It would be a good idea for you to carry this paper along with the card when you need to visit a doctor or dentist. You can pick it up in the ELI Main Office, room 315. You do NOT need an insurance card to get a consult at the infirmary.

Shands will not accept the Embassy insurance even with the new document. Don’t go there.

**Student Voices Deadline**

It’s ELI Student Voices time, everyone! Steve wants us to let you know that the deadline for submissions for this semester will be on Friday, April 14th. You can give your submissions to your teacher, to Steve directly, or you may place them in Steve’s mailbox (marked Flocks) in the ELI Main Office, Room 315. Let’s see what you can come up with!

**Birthdays**

The following are ELI birthdays from April 7-13:

Students:

- Missed one last week (sorry, Oscarina!)
- April 4: Oscarina Herrera
- April 10: Jongkuk Lee
- April 13: Drini Causholli

Staff:

None this week!

Happy Birthday, one and all!

**Manners and Culture**

Folks, I have been asked by several people to re-visit an issue that we dealt with earlier in the semester—that of deodorant use. As the temperature climbs, and people naturally sweat more, it becomes more and more noticeable when we have this particular cultural difference. Here is the original question from the beginning of the semester:

"Q: How can I tell a classmate that they don’t smell very good?"

"A: The unfortunate answer is, you can’t. There’s not any way to do it in which isn’t insulting—and this seems to be true of most cultures. But we here at the Manners Column can address it for you—sort of. The fact of the matter is, in some cultures, the use of anti-perspirants, or even deodorants, isn’t common or even particularly thought about. Here in the United States, as in many other cultures, it is not only common, but actually almost universal. Those who don’t use such products do stand out. This is not a judgment call—and we are not suggesting that anyone must use deodorant. But everyone should be aware that not using it will get one noticed. And possibly talked about.”

The answer really hasn’t changed. But as I noted above, the fact is, it’s definitely going to be something that’s more noticeable and possibly more divisive. It’s still not correct to tell someone that they don’t smell good or that they need to use deodorant or anti-perspirant. On the other hand, if you do come from a culture that doesn’t use them or if your own personal values don’t include their use, well, remember that you are surrounded by people who do use them and are not used to natural body odors. Don’t be too surprised if you find people trying not to sit next to you.

**Quote of the Week**

A mind that is stretched by a new experience can never go back to its old dimensions.

*Oliver Wendell Holmes*