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# CIES Nole News

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## Tailgating – a fall tradition

*Saturday at CIES*

Here in this part of the United States, college football is very popular. There are usually several major universities in any state, and each university will have a college football team. Many people are fans of whichever university is the closest. There are tens of thousands of people who attend college football games, and most of the fans have never even attended the university that is playing. Most people who live in and near Tallahassee are also FSU fans. You'll also find some University of Florida fans as well – including both the editor and **proofreader** of Nole News.

Games are usually in the afternoon or evening, so people will gather hours before the games and begin celebrating. People get together in a parking lot or open field, and they will have food, snacks, grill meat, and play different games. This is called tailgating. If you walk around FSU campus before a home football game, you will see many thousands of people tailgating.

We will have our first ever CIES tailgate on Saturday. **We will gather at CIES on Saturday at 5pm.** We will have food and fun. If you cannot come at 5, we will be tailgating until about 7pm. (Try to come early or the food may be gone!) We will all walk over to

the stadium; the football game starts at 8pm. FSU will be playing Texas State. Let's show up and cheer for the Noles!

### Downtown Getdown

There is a tradition every fall in Tallahassee. Before every home football game, there is a party in downtown Tallahassee. There is music, dancing, food, and games for people to play.



People of all ages attend this celebration. This year there are seven home football

games; there will be a 'Downtown Getdown' before every FSU home game. The dates for this fall are:

- **September:** Friday September 4 & Friday September 11
- **October:** Friday October 9, Friday October 16 & Friday October 30
- **November:** Friday November 13 & Friday November 20

This **Friday September 4**, CIES will be out partying. Meet at CIES on Friday at **5:30pm**. Bring comfortable walking shoes and money for food. If you cannot attend this Friday, you should try to attend a future Downtown Getdown.

### Notes from the Office

\* For those of you who do not have a **conversation partner**, please come by and see Claire Sipple at the front desk. There are still people who want to work with CIES students, so this will be a great opportunity for some of you to practice your English after class every day.

\*\* August and September are popular months of the year to move to a new place. If you have a new address, it is very important that you **update your address** here at CIES. There is an orange form in the lobby that you can fill out to change your address. Please make sure that you fill out this form and give the information to Lacey Moret.

\*\*\* Remember that you can only smoke in the corner of the outdoor **courtyard**. **Please do not smoke during class time!** If a teacher sees you out smoking during the middle of class, you can be marked as absent.

\*\*\*\* **Do not park at the hotel near CIES or any of the other business lots.** If you do, your car could get **towed**. If you illegally park on campus, most of the time you will only get a ticket and pay a fine. If you park at a business, they can tow your car away, and you may have to pay up to \$100 to get your car back.

## Happy Birthday

**Hani Almeer** (August 30)  
**Thamer Alajmi** (August 31)  
**Duaij Redha** (September 2)  
**Claire Sipple** (September 5)



## Culture Question

*Question: Why are food portions so large in America?*

For many people who come to America, this is one of the first things they might notice. There are several reasons for large food portions in the United States. Americans like to feel like they are getting a good value, and a large plate of food is something that makes people feel that they are getting their money's worth. Additionally, a lot of restaurants are in competition with

other restaurants, so they try to offer more food to get more customers. Because the cost of food in the US can be quite low, the focus of American restaurants tends to be on quantity versus quality. On the contrary, many nicer and more expensive restaurants in America offer small portions of food, choosing to focus on quality. A good piece of advice is to ask your server for a to-go box for your extra food - some portions are big enough for two meals. Remember, we have a refrigerator here at CIES, so you can bring your leftovers for lunch.

## Language Question

*Question: What is a semicolon and when can I use it?*

A semicolon is a type of punctuation used in the middle of a sentence. It is similar to a comma, but it is stronger than a comma. When you read a passage with a semicolon, you give a longer pause. The thing to remember about a semicolon is that an independent clause (complete sentence) comes before the semicolon and after the semicolon. A semicolon is an

excellent way to give more variety to your writing. Use a semicolon with two sentences that are closely related.

Example without a semicolon: I had plans to do many fun things this past weekend. However, my weekend turned out to be very boring.

Combined using a semicolon: I had plans to do many fun things this past weekend; however, it turned out to be very boring.



## Quote of the Week

*We may encounter many defeats, but we must not be defeated.*

- Maya Angelou



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### This week's vocabulary:

**proofreader (noun)** – a person who looks over a text and checks for spelling or grammar mistakes

**courtyard (noun)** – a garden or green area enclosed by (in the middle of) a building

**tow (verb)** – to pull something using a rope or chain (often times a car that is illegally parked)

**portion (noun)** – an amount or piece of something (often used to describe amount of food)

**value (noun)** – the worth of something; the amount of something and what it is worth

**quantity (noun)** – how much you have of something

**quality (noun)** – how good or excellent something is