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Welcome to Spring II 2015

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Greetings everyone!

Welcome to Spring II 2015 session here at CIES. With the weather getting warmer (soon) and many enriching activities on the schedule, this will be a really awesome session.

I'd especially like to welcome the many new students that are joining us this session. These first few weeks may be very different from what you are used to. However, we are truly a family here at CIES and you will soon become an important part of that family. For the returning students, may this session bring you new joys and challenges as you continue your English studies. Everyone has the opportunity to make friends and acquaintances that will make your time here very special.

We have a new addition this session at CIES. We will be publishing the CIES *Nole News* (this publication) every week to let you all know not only what is happening at CIES but also across FSU. This publication will also feature grammar and culture questions and will ensure that everyone stays **in the loop**. If you would like to write or add anything to this newsletter, please let us know!

I look forward to getting to know you and, on behalf of everyone here at CIES, welcome aboard! ~Dr. Kennell

FSU Campus Events

There's always something fun to do at FSU!!!

Sporting Events:

Thursday 2/26: Women's Basketball @ 7pm
Friday 2/27: Women's Tennis @ 3pm
Friday 2/27: Baseball @ 4pm
Saturday 2/28: Baseball @ 2pm
Saturday 2/28: Softball @ 4pm and 6pm
Sunday 3/1: Tennis @ Noon
Sunday 3/1: Softball @ Noon
Sunday 3/1: Baseball @ 1pm
Tuesday 3/3: Baseball @ 4pm
Wednesday 3/4: Baseball @ 4pm



Theatre Events:

Go by the Fine Arts Ticket office to see the spectacular **musical production of Ragtime**.

February 25, 26, 27, 28 at 8pm
March 1 at 2pm



Bowling on Friday!!



Join all of your CIES friends & family bowling at Crenshaw lanes on **Friday**

(February 27th) at 1pm. Grab a bite to eat after class and head on over to the bowling alley right here on campus in the Oglesby student union.

Getting to Know: Rebecca Turk



Many of you have had Ms. Rebecca as a teacher before, and some of you have her as a teacher this session.

Rebecca has been teaching at CIES for a year and a half. Rebecca coordinates the popular Wednesday Friendsday lunches. She has been studying at FSU for over 8 years and is almost done with her **doctoral degree**. However, she doesn't study all the time. She is famous in Tallahassee because she is an excellent singer and guitar player. In addition to teaching, music is something that she loves very much. She can sing

and play hundreds of songs from many different genres including rock, country, and pop. If you ask her in class, maybe she will sing a song for you.

Notes from the Office

Coffee Downstairs: We generously provide coffee for you every morning to make sure you're awake for your morning classes. However, we ask that you **please place your coffee cups in the dishwasher after you use them.** It is important that we keep the downstairs kitchen neat and clean.

Important immigration meeting: Lacey will be having a very important immigration meeting on **Tuesday March 3 at 2:55pm** (immediately after Listening class). **All NEW students with F-1 visas are required to attend.**

Health Insurance Documentation: Remember that all students at CIES need to have health insurance. Make sure that you have purchased health insurance and **drop off** proof of insurance at the front desk. If you have questions, please see Claire in the office.

FSU ID card: Remember to bring your FSU ID to campus every day. It is used to get in the library, to receive student **discounts** at certain businesses in Tallahassee, and can also be used to buy food and snacks on campus.

Happy Birthday



Nestor Minoungou (February 25)
Salem Mubarak Alamri (February 26)
Berjes Aldousari (March 2)

Culture Question

Q: Why aren't there trash cans in the bathroom stalls? Where do I put my used toilet paper?

A: In the US, you flush it. Toilet paper is designed to break apart after it is flushed and most American cities have treatment plans that use bacteria to process the organic matter and toilet paper. After it goes through this process, it is safe to be reused for reclaimed water to water lawns, for example. However, there are many things that you should never flush: paper towels, including the brown ones in FSU restrooms, sanitary napkins, diapers, toys, towels or rags, cleaning wipes, or cotton. You should also avoid flushing medicine down the toilet, since this can harm wildlife. If it isn't coming out of your body and isn't toilet paper, put it in the garbage can.

Questions and answers courtesy of Melina Jimenez (University of Florida)

Language Questions

Question: What's the difference between "anxious" and "eager"?

A: These two adjectives do have similar meanings, but there are some important differences. "Anxious" has more of a negative meaning. You might feel anxious about a doctor's appointment or an unpleasant phone conversation. "Eager" is when you look forward to something that is generally positive.

- I'm feeling very anxious about my meeting with my boss next week – I hope I don't get fired. [maybe a bad thing]
- She is very eager to go to her friend's birthday party. [a good thing]

Question: What's the difference between "advise" and "advice"?

A: "Advise" is a verb and "advice" is a noun. The pronunciation of the "s" is [z] and the pronunciation of the "c" is [s].

- I **advise** you to come to class on time.
- My **advice** is that you study every night.

Quote of the Week

Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.

Nelson Mandela



strength. skill. character.

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This week's vocabulary:

- in the loop** – (idiom) to be aware of a situation or know what is happening
- doctoral degree (PhD)** – a very advanced degree that a university student can receive
- drop off** – to leave something (usually a paper or document) at a particular place
- discount** – to pay less for a product than its usual price