



# ELI NEWS

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## Ohiopyle Trip Deposit due today

Students going to Ohiopyle next weekend must pay the \$25 deposit today. Please note that the deposit is **nonrefundable**, and must be paid in cash. The deposit covers the tour of *Fallingwater* and goes toward other expenses for the weekend. Final cost will depend on the total number of people going.

The ELI trip to Ohiopyle and tour of *Fallingwater* will be next Friday and Saturday, Oct. 1-2. We will have another meeting next Thursday at noon to finalize plans for the weekend. Any questions, please see Chris.

## Tomorrow International Fair

Students bringing food for the International Fair tomorrow should bring it to the 28<sup>th</sup> floor before 9 am or directly to the WPU Lawn if after 10. Students are excused from classes to help, but may not miss tests or speeches. Money collected from the sale will be donated to the Salvation Army for local emergency flood relief.

The Fair is part of International Week,

sponsored by the University Center for International Studies. (See Page 2)

## ELI Essay Competition

The ELI holds an essay competition every term for its students. Two prizes will be awarded at the Closing Ceremony at the end of term. The prizes are \$30 gift certificates, for the University of Pittsburgh Book Center.

Teachers will identify outstanding essays and will ask the authors to consider entering them in the competition. The essays must be based on the student's own experience and ideas and not on library research or other outside resources. After making any needed revisions and corrections, a final copy should be given to the writing teacher. (This copy will not be returned.) Only one entry per student is allowed. Essays will be judged by a committee of ELI teachers.

The last date to submit essays this term is Friday, Dec. 3.

## Attention F-1 Students

After Oct. 1, ELI students will no longer be eligible for Social Security cards. If you are an F-1 student and want or need a Social Security card, see Mrs. Jasnow as soon as possible.



## International Week Events

### **Workshop--Multimedia Showcase 2004**

Today, Thurs. 4-6 pm G-17 Cathedral of Learning

### **Cultural Event/Dinner--Mongolian Barbeque**

Thurs. 6 8 pm Forbes Craig Apartments

### **Festival--2004 Fall International Fair**

Fri. 10 am- 4 pm William Pitt Union Lawn (inside in case of inclement weather)

**Performance/Cultural Event--An Evening of Sultry Brazilian Music with Lazo/Grove Sat. 8 pm Cost: Students \$3(2 for \$5), Non-Students \$6(2 for \$10)**  
Bellefield Annex, University of Pittsburgh

For a complete schedule, go to <http://www.ucis.pitt.edu/internationalweek>.

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## Student Writing

*Recently students in Grammar 4 wrote about a great teacher that they know.*

My best teacher was a co-worker when I lived in Japan. He taught science, the same subject as mine. He always made his students be interested in general science. He knew many kinds of trees' names, and he sometimes let the students go out around the school with him. He also had them consider their future. Of course, he helped them to do so, advising and giving them some examples. He could get them to concentrate on his class without making efforts. Moreover, he helped co-workers improve their skills naturally. So he was a vice-principal, and most of my co-workers liked him.--Atsuko Goto

The best teacher I've ever had was my speech professor at university, during my first semester in 1999. He was hired at the foundation of the university. He made us study twenty different topics per week. During his classes, he got us to talk in front of the class for fifteen minutes (nonstop!). Afterward, he helped us to correct our bad linguistic habits, telling us how many times we used a wrong word, slang, bad manners, etc. He let other students ask questions and we had to answer right away. Despite the fact that he was pretty severe, he taught us how to feel comfortable when we talk in front of public and this is very important for many other classes that we have to take at university.--Liana Esteve

The best teacher in my life was professor Kim. I think she changed my character. When I was a freshman in university, I was shy about talking in front of my classmates. But during her classes she made me talk a lot. While I talked she helped me feel more comfortable. And after I finished talking she let me know about my mistakes. She gave me much homework in writing too. I was very bad in writing at that time. But she got me to try to write. Several months later my writing skills have been improved. She changed everything in me. I think she is a really good teacher in my life.--Mi Young Yu

One of the best teachers I've had is a math teacher. His name is Roger Sierra, and he knew a lot. I liked him because he wrote on the blackboard without seeing it and for me it was very funny. I remember one time he made us do almost 500 math exercises, so it was very hard for me because I don't like mathematics. This teacher didn't let us use calculators; this teacher helped us to answer the problems when we couldn't do it. Also he got us to practice math all the time; he said that is good and healthy for our brain.--Sandra Couoh