

- Out of Class Activities
- CIES Voices deadline

- Announcements
- Getting to Know Vicky Golen

- Where are we from?
- Your Questions: Grammar & Culture

CIES Nole News

The Weekly Publication for the FSU Center for Intensive English Studies

The Frederick L. Jenks
Center for
Intensive
English Studies
at The Florida State University
Volume 1, Issue 5



Upcoming CIES Events

Getting involved with your CIES family

Even though

we only have a few weeks left of the session, we've still got several more fun events planned.

BEACH TRIP - FRIDAY APRIL 10: We will take a CIES trip to beautiful St. George Island. There is no class on this day, so hopefully many students can participate in this trip.

Meet at 8am here at CIES. We will take a bus to the beach. You should bring anything you might need for spending time out on the beach. We recommend that you bring sunscreen, bottled water, sunglasses, snacks, and money for a meal at a cool **seafood** restaurant! (When you go to the beach, it is always fun to eat seafood.)

Look downstairs early next week on the bulletin board for the sign-up sheet.

FSU FOOTBALL – SATURDAY APRIL 11:



We will attend the annual Garnet & Gold football game. Even though the football season doesn't start until August, there is a game every April that allows people

to go and preview next year's football team. This is an FSU tradition that is very exciting.

The game is at 2pm on Saturday 4/11. Everyone should meet at 1:45 near the Renegade statue (picture above) on the east side of the stadium. Be sure to wear something garnet and gold and bring some sunscreen too.

Reminder: CIES Voices

Friday is the deadline to submit your writing to CIES Voices. You can submit anything that you've written! It doesn't matter what kind of writing or what level you are in. Every student who submits writing will have their work published on the CIES website. In addition, there will be prizes for the top two compositions as well as honorable mentions.

Please talk to your composition teacher about submitting your composition. You can also submit your writing to Andrew Wilson (acwilson@fsu.edu).

Attendance!

We only have three more weeks this session, and attendance is more important now than ever! All students should plan to attend class every day between now and April 16. If any students are planning to go home for the 10 day break between Spring II and Summer I, please bring your I-20 to Lacey for a travel signature. She must see a copy of your plane ticket itinerary at time of signature. **No plane ticket, no signature.**

Free Math Class

For those of you planning to take the GRE or any other test with math questions, we are now offering a FREE math class every Monday afternoon at 3pm. Join other CIES students (and even some of your teachers) as we go through some very useful tips for answering some **tricky** math questions.

Getting to Know: Vicky Golen



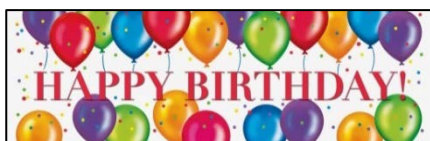
In 2010, the CIES became a happier place. That's the year that Vicky Golen started

working at CIES. She started working part-time as a graduate student, and now she is very busy teaching four classes. She is a very **versatile** teacher, and she teaches all levels here. If you haven't had her as a teacher yet, you probably will in the near future. Vicky is very well-travelled having taught in Peru and travelled in other Latin American countries. Ask her about her time in South America; she collected many **souvenirs** from her time there. When she's not busy at CIES (she is one of the first people here in the morning and one of the last people to leave), she has other hobbies. She and her husband play in a local kickball **league**, volunteer in Tallahassee, and like to go on road trips. Vicky got married to her husband Michael last year; he's a lawyer in Tallahassee and is also a really cool guy. Vicky is really cool too, and everyone loves her fun personality. If you're having a bad day, Vicky can always cheer you up! (Also, don't forget to wish her a happy birthday this week.)

Where are we from?

This session we have a diverse group of students from four continents and 21 countries. CIES students come from the following countries:

Angola	Libya
Benin	Pakistan
Bolivia	Peru
Burkina Faso	South Korea
China	Saudi Arabia
Colombia	Taiwan
Cote D'Ivoire	Turkey
Iraq	U.A.E.
Japan	U.S.A
Jordan	Venezuela
Kuwait	Vietnam



Mohammed Taweel (March 28)
Bader Alotaibi (March 30)
Ali Belhaj (March 30)
Leslie Wagner (March 31)
Bandar Alanazi (April 1)
Vicky Golen (April 4)
Calyn Stringer (April 5)

Culture Question

Q: What is Easter and how is it celebrated in the United States?

A: Easter in the United States is celebrated in both religious and **secular** ways. In many communities, the Christian aspect of the holiday, which includes many prayers and church services, is combined with visits from the Easter Bunny, hunts for painted Easter eggs, and baskets for children containing chocolate bunnies, eggs, and small toys. Easter parades are also common. The Springtime Tallahassee Parade and Jubilee draw thousands of visitors to



the downtown area every year. In many other English-speaking countries,

both the Friday before Easter and the Monday after Easter are holidays. Easter is not a government holiday in the US, so there will be classes at the CIES those days.

Language Question

Question: What's the difference between 'complaint' and 'compliant'? (question submitted by Annur A.)

Answer: Good question. These two words have very similar spellings, but their meanings are completely different.

Complaint is a noun that is pronounced as two syllables (it rhymes with paint). Complaint comes from the verb 'to complain' and it is something that you say when you are unhappy with something.

Example: *The floors in the store were so dirty that I made a complaint to the manager!*

Compliant is an adjective that is pronounced as three syllables (pronounced com-ply-unt). This word means obeying, agreeing, or being in agreement with wishes, requests or demands. It is not a frequently used word and is often used in a scientific or very official context.

Example: *Your speed was not compliant with the speed limit. Be careful or you might get a speeding ticket.*

Quote of the Week

I think that probably the most important thing about our education was that it taught us to question even those things we thought we knew.

–Thabo Mbeki



Center for Intensive English Studies

634 West Call Street

Tallahassee, FL 32306-1127

Phone: (850) 644-4797

Fax: (850) 644-7417

cies@admin.fsu.edu

www.cies.fsu.edu

www.facebook.com/CIES.FSU

Nole News Editor: Andrew Wilson

This week's vocabulary:

seafood (noun) – any kind of food that comes from animals who live in salt water or fresh water

tricky (adjective) – difficult to deal with or handle; deviously difficult

versatile (adjective) – being able to turn or change easily from one task to another

souvenir (noun) – something that is purchased or acquired to remember a place visited or special occasion

league (noun) – a group of people with a common interest – often used to describe a sports team

secular (adjective) – non related to religion