

# ESL Program

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# NEWSLETTER

## Baseball

Pat still has 12 baseball tickets left for the game on Saturday, July 30. The game starts at 1:05 pm. We can arrange a car pool from the Homewood campus if you would like, leaving the Garland parking lot at Homewood at 11:30 am



## A Brief History

Baseball is a sport that is so popular in the United States that it is often called the *national pastime*. Every spring and summer, millions of people throughout the country play this exciting "bat and ball" game. Millions also watch baseball games and closely follow the progress of their favorite teams and players.

There are organized baseball teams for every age group from 8-year-olds to adults. The teams that attract the most interest are those of the two major leagues: the American League and the National League. These teams are made up of men who rank as the world's best

players. Every year, about 30 million persons flock to ballparks to watch major league baseball games. Many more millions watch games on television, listen them on radio, read about them in newspaper, and discuss them with their friends.

Baseball began in the eastern United States in the mid-1800's. By the late 1800's, people throughout the country were playing the game. The National League was founded in 1876, and the American League in 1900. Through the years, baseball spread from the United States to other parts of the world. Today, it ranks as a major sport in such countries as Canada, Italy, Japan, Taiwan, The Netherlands, South Africa, and many Latin-American nations.

## "Take Me Out to the Ballgame"

Take me out to the ballgame.  
Take me out with the crowd.  
Buy me some peanuts and  
Cracker Jacks.  
I don't care if we ever get back.  
For it's root! Root! Root! For the  
home team!  
If they don't win it's a shame.  
And it's one! Two! Three strikes,  
you're out!  
At the old ball game.



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## What's up in Oral Communication Advanced?

by Pat Palmer

Students in Oral Communication did a mid-point assessment of their accomplishments so far, and the consensus is that they are improving! Students have actively participated in class and small group discussions about such topics as extroverted and introverted personalities, utopian communities, and the solitary life of monks and nuns. They are keeping vocabulary notebooks in which they write words that they read or hear and do not understand but want to learn and to use. Since good listening is an important part of oral communication, they are practicing listening not just to the CD that comes with their text, but to the radio and to Pat's often long-winded explanations. (She loves to talk!) Specific pronunciation drills and grammar exercises take up some class time as well. But the bottom line for all the students is that they know they must practice, practice, practice pronunciation, listening, and thinking in English inside and outside the classroom.

## Certificate Ceremony

The Ceremony includes an international lunch, and we invite the students to bring a dish from their home country to share. We know that people work, so it does not necessarily need to be homemade! The IELP provides a tray of meats and cheeses for sandwiches - very American! We also provide drinks and a cake. So begin thinking about what you would like to share with your friends in the IELP.

## The Last Picture Show

Hopkins final outdoor movie of the season is Saturday, July 23. The movie is Casablanca, a 1940's classic starring Humphrey Bogart and Ingrid Bergman. (You might look up a little information on the movie on the web.) The music (jazz combo) begins at 7:30 on the upper quad in front of Gilman Hall (the clock tower building), and the movie begins at dusk. Pat is planning to go and bring fried chicken. So join her for a picnic; just bring some food to share and a chair. Contact [ppalmer@jhu.edu](mailto:ppalmer@jhu.edu) if you plan to come.

## Artscape

Three days of arts and crafts, music, and food from many cultures. Artscape is a Baltimore summer tradition at Mount Royal Avenue, and the streets are generally filled with people enjoying the art door event.

## Submit Articles

The ESL newsletter welcomes articles and information from faculty and students. Send your articles to Diane Porgo at [esl@jhu.edu](mailto:esl@jhu.edu) by Friday noon. The newsletter is published each week of the Intensive Language Program.

