12/7-Last day of Fall classes
12/8-12/9- Study Days (no classes)
12/12-12-17 Final Exams
12/17- Fall Commencement

ATTENTION!! ATTENTION!!
The next FTCE date is:
January 21- Register by 12/2
Late Reg. by 12/22
All new students should consider taking the FTCE General Knowledge Exam as soon as possible. Passing scores are required before registration of the Junior Sequence of Education Courses (EDS 3033, 4051 & 3095)
Seniors must pass the FTCE Professional Education and Subject Area Test before graduation.

FDOE Bureau Chief, Kathy Hebdah
t's such a privilege for me to be an educator in the great State of Florida, especially when I have the opportunity to work with the dedicated faculty and students of FFEA. As many of you know, Florida is facing a teacher shortage and is projected to need over 30,000 new teachers next year and over 20,000 for several years thereafter. This makes FFEA more important than ever. We need you - our brightest and best young people - to be committed to teaching our next generation.

We have three good news flashes to begin our school year. The first is the announcement and welcome of Chadwick Myrick to our staff as the new FFEA Coordinator for Florida! He is a recent graduate of Florida State University and has been with our bureau for the past two years with the Troops to Teachers recruitment program. Chad has hit the ground running and you will be hearing directly from him soon.

Second, we're excited to announce the dates and location for the high school/postsecondary conference. It will be held January 6-8, 2006, at the Rosen Plaza Hotel, in Orlando, Florida.

Last but not least, we have to date 868 secondary and postsecondary FFEA chapters registered with us this year! Our newest members will join the ranks of all FFEA members who are so dedicated to promoting careers in education and excellence in teaching beginning in our K-12 schools, all the way through our community colleges and universities.

My staff and I are proud to be a part of FFEA and proud of what you all accomplish each year. Together we'll make this the best year ever. Thank you so very much for all that you do for FFEA and for excellence in education in our state.

2005 FFEA State Conference
We will be making plans soon to attend the high school/postsecondary conference. This is an opportunity for you to talk and meet educators from all over the state and from the FDOE Bureau. The conference is slated for January 6-8, 2005 at the Rosen Plaza Hotel in Orlando, Florida. The first general session begin at 8:00 a.m on Saturday, January 7. There will be many concurrent sessions that will be of interest and lots of great speakers. If you are interested in being empowered and challenged as a future teacher, contact Mrs. Blenis as soon as possible. Hotel and conference registration (along with 3 meals) will be covered by FFEA.

Aquatic Life in the News
Students readily respond to units on aquatic life, and helping them understand that ocean, estuaries, and coastal areas together form an essential component of the global life-support system is critical to educating the future stewards of our environment. According to a 1998 United Nations resolution, passed in recognition of the Year of the Ocean, "oceans represent a significant source of food, energy, minerals, and usage with significant economic potential, and effective management of the uses and resources of oceans depend on improved access to information, public education, and scientific awareness. An international effort to protect the marine environment will require an understanding of the interaction between oceans and people."
‘TWAS THE NIGHT BEFORE FINALS

'Twas the night before finals, And all through the college, The students were praying For last minute knowledge. I drained all the coffee, And brewed a new pot, No longer caring That my nerves were shot. "Some pizza might help."

Most were quite sleepy, But none touched their beds, While visions of essays Danced in their heads. I'd pretty much concluded Life is unfair and cruel, Since our futures all depend On grades made in school.

In my own apartment, I had been pacing, Dreading all those exams I soon would be facing. My roommate was speechless His nose in his books, And my comments to him Drew unfriendly looks. Your teachers won't flunk you, So just do your best, Happy Finals to All, And to All, a good test."

THREE WAYS TO CONFUSE SANTA CLAUSE

1. Instead of milk and cookies, leave him a salad, and a note explaining that you think he could stand to lose a few pounds.
2. While he’s in the house, go find his sleigh and write him a speeding ticket.
3. Take everything out of your house as if it’s just been robbed. When Santa arrives, show up dressed like a policeman and say, "Well, well. They always return to the scene of the crime."

CHRISTMAS QUIZ!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

1. What do you have in December that you don't have in any other month?
2. What's the best thing to put into a Christmas cake?
3. What did Adam say on the day before Christmas?
4. What Christmas Carol is a favorite of parents?

If you think you know the answers to this Christmas quiz, email your responses to robinsok@fit.edu.

A Good teacher Explains…. A Superior teacher Demonstrates….A GREAT teacher inspires. - Unknown

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!!!!!!!!!!!