IMPORTANT DATES:

3/3- Last day to drop a class without a "W"

3/6-10 Spring Break

3/17-St. Patrick Day

3/27- Registration for Fall 2006 begins

ATTENTION!! ATTENTION!!

The next FTCE date is:

April 22- Register by 03/03
Late Reg. by 03/23

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.

FEA Congratulates Rachel Power

The Gold Award, Outstanding Alumni of the Last Decade went to Rachel Power, '98 Math Education - Rachel Power graduated 1998 with a B.S. degree in Mathematics Education. She now teaches Advanced Placement Calculus, Advanced Placement Physics, and Pre-Calculus at Florida Air Academy in Melbourne. She is also Mathematics Department Chair and is active in the sponsorship of student clubs. She is currently finishing her Master's Degree in Mathematics Education at Florida Tech.

Rachel has participated in QuarkNet at Florida Tech, an educational outreach program sponsored by the National Science Foundation and the Department of Energy which included three weeks of research experience at Fermilab National Accelerator Laboratory in Illinois and three weeks of research experience at CERN in Geneva, Switzerland. She has also been a Lead teacher for QuarkNet building cosmic ray detectors.

Rachel is an active member of NASA's Network of Educator Astronaut Teachers. In the summer of 2004 she participated in a workshop at Johnson Space Center where she experienced astronaut training. Along with other members of NASA's teacher team, she has developed curricula to excite elementary students about science and the space program which has been received with great acclaim. Rachel and four other NASA teacher educators presented Space related activities for teachers at the 12th Annual Space Exploration Educators Conference in Houston, Texas in February 2006.

While an undergrad, Rachel was an active member of FEA and was one of the group of students that began the flamingo theme in Mrs. B's office. In fact, there are rumors that it was Rachel that discovered Ed! Way to go!

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

"Keep moving. Keep putting one foot in front of the other. Inch by inch, you will get closer to success."
In his State of the Union Address on Jan. 31, President George W. Bush announced an ambitious strategy that highlights education as a critical factor in strengthening the nation's ability to compete in the global economy. The president's American Competitiveness Initiative would commit $5.9 billion in fiscal year 2007, and more than $136 billion over the next 10 years, in federal investments to advance math and science education, promote research and development, and encourage innovation.

The initiative and other Department programs such as the following seek to improve math and science learning:

- National Math Panel-based on the success of the National Reading Panel sponsored by the U.S. Department of Education, this committee of experts would create a research base to improve instructional methods and materials for math teachers;
- Math Now for elementary school students-similar to the Department's Reading First initiative, this program would help to prepare K-7 students for more rigorous math course work in higher grades;

A booklet detailing the education component of the president's American Competitiveness Initiative and other Department initiatives for math, science and foreign language, is available online at www.ed.gov. Check it out!

**Quiz!!**

1. Why do frogs like St. Patrick's Day?
2. When is an Irish Potato not an Irish Potato?
3. Why can't you borrow money from a leprechaun? **Answers below**

**Tips for Future Teachers!!!!!!!**

- Good teaching is as much about passion as it is about reason. It's about not only motivating students to learn, but teaching them how to learn, and doing so in a manner that is relevant, meaningful, and memorable.
- Good teaching is about substance and treating students as consumers of knowledge.
- Good teaching is about not always having a fixed agenda and being rigid, but being flexible, fluid, experimenting, and having the confidence to react and adjust to changing circumstances.
- Good teaching is also about style. Should good teaching be entertaining? You bet! Does this mean that it lacks in substance? Not a chance! Effective teaching is not about being locked with both hands glued to a podium or having your eyes fixated on a presentation slide while you drone on. Good teachers work the room and every student in it. They realize that they are the conductors and the class is the orchestra. All students play different instruments and at varying proficiencies.
- Good teaching is about having fun, experiencing pleasure and intrinsic rewards.
- At the end of the day, Good teachers couldn't imagine doing anything else, but teaching!!

The most effective teacher will always be biased, for the chief force in teaching is confidence and enthusiasm. 

~ Joyce Cary