Creepy Carving

Pumpkin carving is the ideal opportunity to combine artistic innovation with goopiness. This year’s pumpkin carving event proved to be tons of fun! We had plenty of pumpkins, thanks to Mrs. Blenis, and plenty of people showed up to share their artistic vision. The pumpkin designs included three blind mice, Scooby Doo, an incredibly detailed haunted ship, and a wide variety of face designs ranging from cute to creepy. We had some suitably creepy home brews, lots of snacks, chili, and another of Charlane Browne’s delicious cakes (this time, spicy pumpkin).

Thanks to everyone who helped organize the event, and who contributed to the fun.

Out of Ink or Out of Time?

As deadlines loom and all those papers need to be printed, don’t forget that the Shephard Lab may be just what you need. The Science/Mathematics Education Department’s Computer Lab and Library are filled with all sorts of resources to make your academic life easier. All Education majors and graduate students have full and free access to the resource library, copy machine, computers, printers, fax and scanner. Students who would like a PIN for the copy machine should see Christie in the Department office. The lab is also available for group meetings and not-so-silent study sessions to get you through your finals. We encourage all students to take advantage of this excellent resource.

Shephard Computer Lab / Library Schedule
- Monday & Friday: 8:00am – 5:00 pm
- Tuesday, Wednesday, & Thursday: 8:00am – 5:00 pm
- Saturday: Closed
- Sunday: 12:00 – 4:00 pm

FTCE Update:

The next FTCE date is: January 12, 2008
Register by 11/23
Late Reg. by 12/13

You can now register online at http://www.fl.nesinc.com

Passing scores on the General Knowledge test are required before registration of the Junior Sequence of Education Courses (EDS 3033, 4051 & 3095), and seniors must pass the FTCE Professional Education and Subject Area Test before graduation.

Walk for Education!

Mrs. Blenis and Mike Greene were very soggy super heroes after representing Florida Tech at this year’s rainy Walk for Education!
Community Calendar

**Math Tutoring Lab at PBHS:**
Times: M, T, R, F 7:30-8:20 a.m.  
M, T, W, R 3:15-5:15 p.m.
Location: Palm Bay High School.

Beginning on Oct 29, Palm Bay High School is starting a Math Tutoring Lab to help students struggling in any math class. The goal is to provide instructional support as well as a little extra attention so that students maintain their motivation and confidence.

**LASER Day 2007:**
Dates: 11/7
Time: 2:15 – 8:15 pm
Location: Florida Tech

Volunteers are still needed for the Liberal Arts, Science and Engineering Resource Day. If you are interested, please contact Linda Ward at lward@fit.edu or call 674-7573.

**Patrick Smith Day 2007:**
Date: 11/17
Time: 10 am – 2 pm
Location: Forever Florida/Circle J Ranch

The Allen Broussard Conservancy is sponsoring a special day honoring acclaimed Florida author Patrick D. Smith, voted “Greatest Living Floridian” by the Florida Historical Society.

The event will include a book signing, a conservation themed keynote address, Cajun music and various Cracker demonstrations.

Admission is $5.00 per person or $10.00 per car. Lunch includes Gumbo & Crawfish or Bar-B-Q for $10.00. For more information, check out www.foreverflorida.org. Anyone interested in going should contact FEA.

**2007 BFEA Conference:**
Date: 12/6

Florida Tech is hosting the upcoming Brevard Future Educators of America Junior/Senior High Conference again this year. We need all the help we can get. Anyone interested in volunteering should email Mrs. Blenis dblenis@fit.edu, and let her know your T-shirt size!

Homecoming Antics

Last month was Homecoming at Florida Tech. The tradition of homecoming may have its roots in the 19th century Portuguese tradition. Students used to celebrate by dressing up in costumes, and tying tin cans to freshmen. In the U.S., homecoming celebrations grew up around alumni games and were meant to welcome former students back home to the alma mater.

Homecoming here at Florida Tech was capped off by the traditional parade and a free barbecue lunch in Panther Plaza. While FEA or the Department was not directly involved in homecoming this year, some of our students were involved in the fun. We even had some alumni come back to visit. Maybe next year FEA can make a mark!
Front Page News

Our own Kyan Robinson, Math Ed, was featured on the front page of Florida Today last month. The article was a feature on Florida Tech’s expansion of creative programs. He was photographed during his choir class, along with several other students. It is always great to see our students in the paper, and great when Florida Tech gets good press!

Don’t Forget!

With the holidays just around the corner, and the end of the semester not too far off, I’m sure that everyone is gearing up for food, family, and the end of term frazzle. With all the days off, it can be easy to let things sneak up on you. Remember, there really are only 4 weeks of classes left!

Registration for Spring 2008 starts on November 5, and should be completed by December 2 to avoid a late fee. Make sure you have seen your advisor and your program plan is in order for next semester.

NCLB Leaving Science Behind

Congress will soon be considering revisions to the No Child Left Behind Act. Although schools nationwide must assess students in science, in most states science scores do not count—only reading and mathematics assessment scores are counted in the Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) measure. As a result many schools, especially at the elementary level, have cut back on the amount of science provided to students.

The National Science Teachers Association, along with the American Chemical Society, the STEM Education Coalition, the Business Roundtable, the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, and the National Association of Manufacturers believe that it is time to Make Science Count so that teachers will no longer sacrifice their student’s science education. Congress should make science a required component of the adequate yearly progress measure under Title I of the No Child Left behind Act.

The NSTA’s website offers suggestion on how you can make your voice heard and join the campaign to Make Science Count. Check out: http://science.nsta.org/nstaexpress/nstaexpress_2007_10_22.htm for more information.

New Commissioner Selected

Following their final round of in-depth interviews in early October, the State Board of Education unanimously selected Dr. Eric J. Smith as the next Commissioner of Education. Dr. Smith was the former Senior Vice President for College Readiness and the Superintendent for Anne Arundel County Public Schools in Annapolis, Md. In the past, he has focused on developing strategies to assist school districts in improving enrollment in higher education and completion rates for high school graduates. For the latest updates from the State Board of Education, visit www.fldoe.org/board.
In honor of American Education Week, FEA is organizing a “Thank Your Favorite Professor” event for the entire Florida Tech student body. On Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, Nov 13-15, we will be manning a table in the Sub during lunch hours to take nominations for the best professor around, and will present the winning three their certificate and prize right before Thanksgiving. **We need volunteers to help man the table and to tally the votes on Friday, and then to present the professor’s with their award later the next week.**

Thanks to everyone who is planning on helping with the Brevard Future Teachers Association Conference on December 6. If you haven’t let Mrs. Blenis know yet, please tell her you are interested and your T-shirt size.

FEA believes in multitasking! In an effort to save the planet and hopefully add a little money to our activities fund, we are organizing a *Retired Cell-Phone and Used Ink Cartridge Recycling Drive*. The drive will be the first week of December, and then again after Winter Break and we need to create some promotional materials. I hope that everyone will make a poster for the event. More details will follow via email.

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**Thank Your Favorite Professor Event**

**Tue, Wed, & Thur. 11/13-15**

11-2 in the Sub

**Friday - Vote Tally in the Lab Mon & Tue - Present Awards**

Please help out!

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**DEPARTMENT CALENDAR**

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**American Education Week**

11/11-11/17

**Veteran’s Day** (No Classes)

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**Voting for Favorite Professors** In the Sub 11-2

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