**Scholarships & Opportunities**

**Lettie Pate Whitehead Foundation** – This Foundation devotes most of its resources to their scholarship program. Annual grants are made to accredited educational institutions in specified states (Florida Tech being one of them) to fund scholarships for the education of Christian women in science education. Contact the financial aid office for more information.

**Prospective Secondary Teacher Course Work Scholarship** – For mathematics education majors who are members of the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics (NCTM). This scholarship provides $10,000 for two years of undergraduate work toward a degree in mathematics education. Go to http://www.nctm.org/met.aspx for more information.

**Pilot Test the Florida Teacher Certification Exams** – Familiarize yourself with the FTCE format and test questions. Pilot tests for the General Knowledge and the Professional Education exams are available. All college students qualify. See Mrs. Blenis for more information.

**Cooking with Dr. Cook**

This year’s department picnic was a great success, due in large part to Dr. Cook’s enthusiastic planning along with his and Christie Gate’s expert grilling skills. Thanks for a great day, and thanks to everyone who contributed to the feast and fun!

**Having Fun in the Sun**

This year’s Science/Math Education Annual Picnic was a great success. We had beautiful weather with a nice breeze, which made the hot summer day very pleasant for an outdoor event.

Attending were undergraduate students, graduate students, alumni, professors and staff. A few significant others with assorted babies and children also came and added to the family atmosphere.

It was nice to see people out of their normal elements and having a good time getting to know one another outside of school.

We had vast assortment of food, including perfectly grilled “dogs”, pasta and potato salads and several species of flamingo cookies. Thanks again to everyone who took the time to celebrate the start of a new year with us.

**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.

**Having fun at this year’s picnic.**
Community Action Opportunities

We recognize and applaud those of you always looking for a way to help out and give something back to the community. We have two opportunities this month to help out while building an impressive résumé.

Chaperones for BLAST:

Dates: 9/21, 9/24, 9/25, 9/26, 9/28, 10/1, 10/2
Time: 7:15-3:45

Southwest Middle School is looking for volunteers who are at least listed in the Brevard Co. VIP system to help chaperone seventh graders during their BLAST experience at Kennedy Space Center.

The BLAST program gives students the opportunity to conduct a simulated shuttle mission, experience astronaut training simulators and learn about the history of space exploration. Volunteers are needed to accompany a group of 6-10 students through the Astronaut Hall of Fame during their guided tour. Anyone interested and available for any of those dates, please contact Mrs. Blenis or Gevonne Blum at BlumG@brevard.k12.fl.us.

Brevard Research Rules:

Dates: 9/15 (Cocoa), 9/22 (Palm Bay)
Time: 8 to 11 (different shifts)

The Research Rules program is designed for students interested in creating great science fair projects. They need help at the registration desk, ushers, and runners. For more information please contact Robin Reinarts at robin@nefl.org.

Alumni Update

We have had some exciting news from our alums about the fantastic successes they have found “after FIT.”

First, kudos go out to Emily Torlak, (Biology Ed ’03) and Richard Reagan (MS & EdS Science Ed, ’89) for winning the prestigious 2007 Exemplary Science Teacher award from the Space Coast Science Education Alliance.

In other news, Jessica (Disbrow) Osbourne (Biology Ed, ’05) is living in a beautiful new home in Eau Claire, WI, with her husband Keith and son Ryker.

Tamara (Baker) Drayton (Bio Ed, ’04) and her husband Jason are proud to announce the birth of their new baby girl, Loren (5’13 oz & 19in) on 8/4/07. The Draytons reside in Orlando, FL.

Welcome to another addition to the Florida Tech extended family, Isabel Sophia Morales Hartman, born May 17, 2007 to Jessica (Hartman) Morales (Bio Ed, ’00) and her husband Daniel. The Morales’ live in Puerto Rico.

Heather Novak (Biology Ed, ’07) is now teaching 7th and 8th grade at Palm Bay Charter School. She is really excited to be part of a KSC program that will allow her to train like the astronauts and experience zero gravity flight like Stephen Hawkins.

Finally, we would like to congratulate Jennifer (Dixon) Sampson (Math Ed, ’02) on both her recent marriage to Scott, and her promotion to Editor at Harcourt Publishing.

Anne Vandiver received her MA degree in School Leadership from Furman University in Greenville, SC on August 18, 2007.
Faculty Profile

We are happy to welcome Dr. Arunrach Sawetpawichkul (also known as Dr. Mink) to the Department as a new Adjunct Faculty member.

He is teaching EDS 5226, “Introduction to Computers in Education” on Monday nights in the Shephard Building computer lab.

Dr. Mink is originally from Thailand, but received his graduate education here at Florida Tech in the Engineering Department.

New Adjunct Faculty Professor, Dr. Arunrach Sawetpawichkul (AKA, Dr. Mink)

School Year Off and Running

The first two weeks of classes have flown by, and we hope that new and seasoned students have all settled into their schedules and are back into the full swing of campus life.

Some of our more experienced students have offered a few pointers that may help alleviate stress down the road.

Get a calendar (and use it). Using a calendar to keep track of important deadlines and obligations, as well as scheduling social activities and fun, helps to avoid undue stress when you realize that you can’t be in two places at the same time.

Get an alarm clock that works (and lay off the snooze button). Being on time is really important, both for your reputation as a student and because you miss important stuff if you aren’t there to hear about it.

It is OK to say no. Sometimes its easy to say that you want to be involved in everything, but when it comes to crunch time you realize that there is no way to get it all done. Be realistic about what you have time to do, and only commit to those things that you have the time to do well.

Peace Corps Fellows

Most of us don’t realize it, but Florida Tech is one of a few universities that participate in a Peace Corps Fellows program. Currently the department has six graduate students who have served in Peace Corps, each having served in different countries and with different concentrations and projects. The Fellows program is great for the RPCVs (returned Peace Corps Volunteers), and also a great thing for the department. Any undergraduate thinking about Peace Corps service after they graduate or anyone just interested in finding out why anyone would want to go live in a mud hut for two years has a great resource available to them. Just ask Dr. Marcinowski, and he can point you to someone happy to talk about their Peace Corps experience. And for our Fellows, look out for an email from Dr. M. regarding the first meeting of the year, sometime later this month.

In the last issue we gave you their names, here are their faces. Welcome to these new Education majors. From left to right: Michael Greene, Morgan Davis, Christine Wrolson, and Regina Fluellen.
FEA News

FEA is starting off strong this semester and we hope to maintain the momentum throughout the year. We started off this month with a table at the Organization Fair. Thanks to everyone who stopped by to say hi.

Our first planning meeting was productive and congratulations go out to the new officers for this school year:

- Past-President: Carolyn Horst
- President: Caitlin Kennedy
- Vice President: Mike Greene
- Asst. Vice President: Charlane Browne
- Secretary: Kyan Robinson
- Graduate Rep.: Elisabeth McCormack
- Faculty Sponsor: Mrs. Blenis

We have set the planning meetings for the last Wednesday of every month (subject to revision), so stop by at 4:00, Sept 26, in the technology lab to get involved.

Finally, we are excited to announce that for this year’s inductions we are celebrating in style. Everyone likes a little glitz so we are “glammering” up the event and having a Black and White (with a hint of Pink) Not-so-Formal Formal. Everyone is invited, and we look forward to having a great turn out. There will be great food, music, and fun! Look for emails with details.

FEA Inductions and Black & White (and Pink) Not-so-Formal Formal
Saturday, September 15, 2007
5:30 - 7:30 pm
Fellowship Hall, All Faith’s Center

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If we missed your birthday, please let us know. Contact the editor.