Welcome the department’s newest member

Lisa Gray gave birth to Kailey on Tuesday, November 18th at 4:22 pm. Kailey weighed in at an even 7 pounds and was 19 inches long.

Mrs. Gray was back at FIT teaching her Methods and Management of Middle and High School Teaching course the following Monday. She is the ultimate model of commitment to teaching!

Mom, Dad, Kailey and big sister Makenzie are all doing well. Congratulations!

FTCE Update:

Upcoming FTCE date is:
January 10, 2009
Late Reg. by 12/11

February 28, 2009
Reg. January 9, 2009
Late Reg. January 29, 2009

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 Tests before graduation.

FEA celebrated American Education week, November 18th-22nd, by organizing an event to honor Florida Tech Students’ favorite educator.

FEA volunteers tabled in the SUB daily to collect votes from student passersby. The votes will be tallied and announced soon. The winning professor or GSA will be awarded a gift certificate to one of the our fine local establishments. Check out the next issue of the Ed Spread for the final election results.
Ed ‘n Fred’s Excellent Adventures

Ed headed off to the Gulf coast to spend Thanksgiving at the Greene’s. He was looking forward to getting out and experiencing the holiday home environment.

Ed was a little wary of the exotic food and not sure how he felt about consuming fellow avians. Normally he maintains his handsome figure on a diet of mollusks and other aquatic goodies. Mr. Green’s loving embrace was also misinterpreted at first when the proximity to the oven was a little too close for comfort.

Once the cultural differences were understood, and Ed was offered a place of honor at the dinner table, he was much more relaxed and could hardly resist the scrumptious aroma from the kitchen. Ed eventually succumbed to the turkey dinner presented and was such a fan he would like to be reclassified as a raptor.

On the brink of popping, Ed decided to take up a game of eight ball. Such an evening of firsts for Ed! He will have many fond memories to take back to Mrs. Blenis’ office.

Phred meanwhile is off on his own Gulf Coast adventures and hasn’t reported back in yet. Look for his very own spread in the January issue. After all this holiday fun, both birds would love to be spared spending the winter break in a vacant office. Add a touch of pink to your holidays and bring one home with you.

Be a Holiday Hero: Donate Blood

Every Holiday season blood donations decrease at the same time millions more take to the highways increasing the need. The Red Cross often organizes community “Holiday Heroes” blood drives and donor lists to compensate. This year get in the holiday spirit by donating your blood. Find your local sites by following this link:

http://www.redcross.org/donate/give/

Where do vampires open savings accounts?

At the blood bank

Pathetic Ed

Keep the Ed spread in the Ed Spread; take Ed home with you for the holidays and send us the pictures.
Upcoming Events

Brevard FEA Conference

Once again, Florida Tech will proudly be hosting the annual Brevard Future Educators of America Conference. It will be held on December 4th, a study day, so come on out and help us out.

An estimated 350 middle and high school students, their parents, teachers and other chaperones are expected to attend. Members of our department will judge the spirit contest, which kicks off the event. All and any help would be appreciated. The spirit contest will begin at 8:45am in Gleason auditorium, so come on down.

The visitors will participate in three breakout sessions throughout the day. Volunteers will also be needed to help the students find their sessions located in classrooms in Crawford and Skurla. Four of our students will be presenting, their talk descriptions follow.

Brain Busters: The Smart “Filler”
An interactive explanation of critical thinking fillers for classroom by graduate student, Kathryn Jennings.

Discrepant Events: Engaging the Brain
Science demonstrations by junior, Deirdra O’Donnell.

Lift Your Spirits with Paper Airplanes
The physics of flight by sophomore, Michael Greene.

Make Puzzles Part of Your Game Plan
Using puzzles to motivate students to learn math and to improve critical thinking by senior, Kyan Robinson.

The participants will have lunch at Evans; volunteer and get a coupon for free lunch. The conference will conclude with an awards ceremony 1:40-2:30pm.

Save the Date…

You are invited to participate in these upcoming events . . . get involved!

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Florida FEA Conference

The FEA also has the statewide FFEA conference to look forward to in January. The conference provides high school and postsecondary students and teachers with quality workshops. There are also a variety of competitions. This year’s theme is “Teachers pave the road that students travel.”

The conference will be held on January 23-25, in St. Petersburg, Florida. FEA will be covering the cost of registration, but the registration deadline is December 12th, so make your plans quickly! Some FEA members were discussing sharing lodging, so get in touch as soon as possible if you would like to go. Talk to Mike Greene (mgreen02@fit.edu) or Mrs. Blenis for more information.

Check out our student teachers!

Jennifer Rodriguez is shown here giving a lecture about compounds. See them all in action on our department website: http://cos.fit.edu/education/scripbook/student_teachers.html
FEA News

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Happy Hydrogenation!

Looking for a nondenominational holiday classroom activity? Make Butter! All you really need is a mason jar and some heavy cream. Have the kids channel that extra energy into churning.

Comparing the saturation times between dairy products of different fat contents or adding different agitating objects, such as a marble, can make it more educational. If microbes are a more relevant topic, then try adding buttermilk or yogurt with live cultures.

The following websites have recipes and activities:
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