Education students go extreme without classes

With no classes and finally some time on their hands, Florida Tech Education students turned to extreme activities over the winter break.

Jessica McKeever went snowboarding with a group of friends (pictured above) in Killington Vermont. She couldn’t have had a more extreme amount of fun. Michael Greene, however, mastered the art of boredom and succumbed to an extreme amount sleep.

Kyan Robinson had a quiet break here in Melbourne, but to his delight received an extremely posh present from his sister, a navigational GPS unit for his car. Kyan and his seven siblings have an annual name draw and gift exchange.

Joy Winet spent most of the holidays in the extremely snowy Seattle where a foot and a half of powder sent busses off the road and greyhound passengers to the local homeless shelter.

Angela Delp spent an extreme amount of time locally, showing her parents the sights. They visited the theme parks, beaches, shopping centers and took an airboat ride.

FTCE Update:
Upcoming FTCE Exam on January 10, 2009

The next FTCE date is:
February 28, 2009
Register by 1/09
Late Reg. by 1/29

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.

What did the fish say when he ran into the wall?

Angel Delp (above) with her family, Kyan Robinson with his new GPS unit (below) and Joy Winet’s family in the Seattle snow (bottom left).
FIT FEA helped make the BFEA conference a Success!

On December 4th over 300 middle and high school students and their chaperones descended on Florida Tech’s campus for the annual Brevard Future Educator’s Association conference. This was a considerably bigger turnout than in years past, yet everything ran smoothly, due in part to the dedicated FEA volunteers.

Melissa DiTucci, Kelsey Clayton, Courtney Treubert, Ashley Sicard, and friends, helped with registration, judging posters and the spirit competition, escorting participants to their sessions and anything else that was needed.

Florida Tech students also taught four of the special sessions. Mike Greene filled the auditorium with paper airplanes during his applied physics lesson. Kathryn Jennings and Joy Winet worked through critical thinking exercises that resulted in some truly outside of the box answers. Kyan Robinson had students testing their wits with his challenging and fun math puzzles. Deirdra O’Donnell had everyone wowed with her hands-on science demonstrations.

After the special sessions all 300 plus participants were provided with a hearty meal at Evan’s dinning hall. A surprise came at the closing ceremonies when the coordinator of the conference, Barbara Davis, presented Mrs. Blenis with the fabulous chalk mural performance art created by Jason Anthony during the opening session.

Everyone had a great time and we are looking forward to hosting the event again. If you missed it, be sure to get involved next year.
Ed 'n Phred's excellent adventures: holiday fun

To the delight of Ed and Phred, Christin Davis offered them both a place at her house for the holidays. The happy couple basked in the holiday frivolity and lots of family fun.

Christin and her boyfriend get along so well with the pink duo, that they invited the flamingos on a romantic getaway to Sanibel Island. Unfortunately the high winds, pesky seagulls and the dangerous potential combination of plastic and the cookout grill, kept Ed 'n Phred mostly in the car, but they didn't seem to mind.

The trip took a down turn with an uneasy visit to Christin’s old high school. Phred witnessed the locker of horror, containing the decomposing remains of Christin’s last classroom “pet” the unfortunate plant named Frank.

Christin has promised to make it up to the pink pair with a nice stroll in the park. All in all it was enjoyable winter break for the whole crew.

FFEA Conference

The annual Florida Future Educators of America conference is taking place this month in St. Petersburg. Mike Greene, Regina Fluellen, and Jessica McKeever will be attending the conference from January 23-25th. Look in the next Ed Spread for a full report of the conference activities.

FFEA Conference in St. Petersburg 1/23-25/09

FFMT Conference in Miami 4/4-5/09

Save the Date…

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

Bridge Party 1/14/09

FFEA Conference in St. Petersburg

Upcoming Events

Bridge Party

The roof and railings are finally finished so come help us celebrate the completion of our bridge. We will party from **3-5 pm on Wednesday the 14th of January.** Where? On the bridge of course! Refreshments will be provided and we are hoping to even have live music. The whole FIT community is invited, so bring all of your friends.

Martin Luther King Jr. Day, January 19th

Get out in the community and celebrate the life and dream of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Unfortunately, FIT’s official celebration already took place but there are many events organized in Brevard County. Here are a couple of ideas:

→Melbourne Auditorium Celebration: Jan. 19th 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM, 625 Hibiscus Blvd Info: 242-7676
→Annual MLK Parade: Jan 19th, Starting 9a.m. 955 E. University Ave (The MLK library). This is right down the street, so there’s no good excuse not to go.
Keeping your resolutions

The top five New Year’s resolutions consistently involve weight loss and fitness, improving one’s love life, managing money and being successful in school or work.

Perhaps not so coincidentally, Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) has planned a series of spring student outreach events which include these issues.

In January “Mirror” will address body image issues, eating healthy and exercise. February’s event “Speed Dating” will help students locate other students compatible for dating. Possibly the most useful session will be the March “I got a C?” discussion of meeting academic goals. In April attend “Managing Finances in College” to learn how best to tackle those student loans and credit card debts.

Some common general advice for goal attaining is to break your goal into achievable steps and mark each on your calendar. Sharing your goals with a supportive friend is also a good idea. You may need to make a new friend or two if your current friends don’t model the behavior necessary to help you keep your resolutions. For example, find a responsible study buddy or a sporty friend to go to the gym with, if you have academic or fitness goals.

CAPS Student Outreach Events:
Jan 28 Mirror Columbia Village
Feb 10 Speed dating Hartley Room
Mar 11 I got a C? TBA
APR 9 Finances Hartley Room

Call CAPS for more information: 674-8050

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"Most likely at least one of your New Year's resolutions will be addressed in one of the upcoming student outreach events."

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