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English receives accolade from FACC

By Stephanie Joiner
Angler Staff

Denise English, director of library services, has received the Florida Association of Community Colleges (FACC) Learning Resources Commission Special Achievement Award for 1997-1999.

According to literature compiled by the FACC Learning Resources Commission, this award is presented to Florida library professionals who have made significant contributions to further the goals of Florida libraries.

English, who has been working at the LSCC library for 17 years, does not know who nominated her for the award.

"I was persuaded to attend the convention on Nov. 5," said English, "and was surprised with the award."

English received the award for her work done in the creation of the on-line Internet research course, LIS 2004.

This one credit course teaches Internet research skills for use as a library resource, said English.



Pictured are members of the selection committee, l to r: Yvonne Newcombe-Doty, Rudy Widman, Doug Lehman and Dinise English (center). (Photo provided)

English and other librarians from community colleges within Florida, served on a committee that developed LIS 2004.

English was the chairperson for this

three-year project.

To visit the course that English developed, go to <http://lscclib.lis2004>.

Westrick talks about future of LSCC

By Amy Knight
Angler Staff

Robert Westrick, president of LSCC, has many plans for the coming years on all three campuses.

Westrick said the change that will most affect the students, faculty, and staff will be the new computer system. In the near future, many functions, such as registration, which now has to be done in person, will be done over the telephone and the Internet, Westrick said.

This is projected to be in use within the next 18 months, said Westrick. SCT is the software company that is working with LSCC to make the conversion from old software to new a smooth one, Westrick said.

Westrick said the process of the conversion has already begun. He said training for employees on how to use the new system will be provided.

Westrick said other projects include the expansion of all three campuses. In the coming year, Westrick said, the Sumter center will be getting a new library.

According to Westrick, the conference room on the front of the Leesburg campus gym is scheduled to be completed by May of 2000.

A new library/performing arts center is in the works for Leesburg, he said. LSCC will also be using the \$3 million that was anonymously donated to build a health sciences building on the Leesburg campus.

Westrick said the South Lake joint facility will be dedicated on Dec. 11. He said that the college is planning to build six three-story buildings on campus. He said this will take place over the next 10-15 years.

Westrick said that though South Lake may one day be larger, Leesburg will always be the "mother

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Getting a future angle on *The Angler*

By Ashley Tennison
Angler Staff

Recently, the staff of *The Angler* shared some ideas of what the future holds for LSCC's campus newspaper.

Some noticeable changes in the near future may include a new banner for *The Angler*, said Amy Knight, editor of *The Angler*.

Another possible physical change to the paper may be added color, said Melinda Simmons, faculty advisor to *The Angler*.

The Angler has been online this past term; however, future plans will update the current online *Angler*, which is just the print copy online, to more of an *Angler* website, with links to other stories and a table of contents so that the readers will be able to click on what they want to read, said Simmons.

Knight said she wants to open more opportunities for writers from South Lake and Sumter campuses.

Ways that students from all three campuses can participate in the content of *The Angler* are by writing letters to the editor, submitting items of interest, submitting teacher profile stories, or editorial comics, said Knight.

Knight said if students want in-

formation on a particular thing that is happening on campus, or if they have information to share, let the paper know by stopping by the *Angler* office, located in the Student Center on the Leesburg campus, or by contacting Simmons. The purpose of *The Angler* is "letting the school community know what is going on within itself," said Knight.

The Angler staff currently consists of four positions: editor, Amy Knight, associate editor, Ian Sutz, computer layout artist, Jan Blackshire, and photographer, Jennifer Courtney. Only current LSCC students can be on the staff, said Knight, and each student receives payment in the form of a per-semester scholarship.

The class, MMC 2100, taught by Simmons, is responsible for most of the stories that appear in *The Angler*. LSCC's *Angler* is "for the students, by the students" said Knight.

Presently, no positions are open for the spring term on *The Angler* staff. In the future it is probable that a new position will be added to the staff to work on the *Angler's* website. There will be a scholarship for this position too, said Simmons.

The Angler is distributed bi-weekly to all LSCC campuses.

Annual Odyssey competition seeks music, art and more

By **Darin McGrew**
Angler Staff

Hidden within every college is more creativity than most would expect. For the *Odyssey* art competition, the goal is to find that creativity and showcase it for the rest of the school.

For Juli Juhl, editor of the *Odyssey*, LSCC's humanities magazine, it is an opportunity to show students how diverse the artistic talents of LSCC really are.

The *Odyssey's* art competition is held every year. It is open to all students, said Juhl.

Entry categories, Juhl said, include poetry, fiction, black and white photography, color photography, painting, drawing, mixed media, three-dimensional art, computer graphics, and the latest category: music composition.

Once the winners of the respective categories are chosen, it is Juhl's job to decide which entries will be put

into the *Odyssey*, she said.

"Last year I didn't select just the winners of the competition. I tried to choose a variety of works that represented the entries," said Juhl.

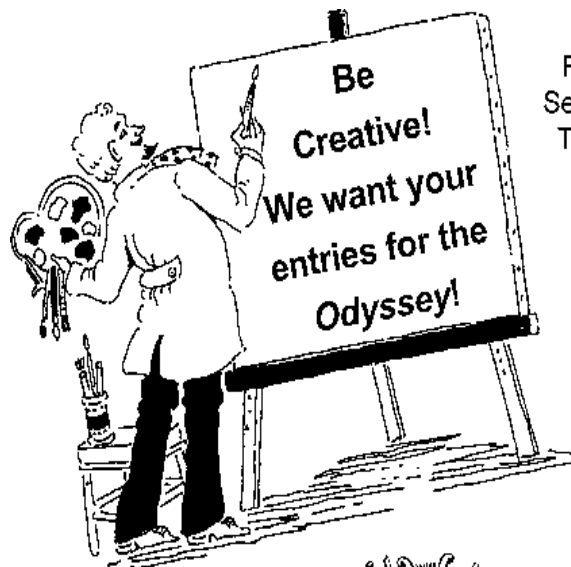
Juhl said the *Odyssey* is "a great way to share interests and ideas with the rest of the school," said Juhl.

Only students are eligible entrants, said Juhl, but many people who are not students will help judge the works.

The deadline to enter is January 28, 2000, and the *Odyssey* should be out in April, before the spring semester ends, said Juhl.

Students who want to enter the competition can get entry forms from Sylvia Ross, Melinda Simmons, or Peter Arcaro, said Juhl.

Juhl said she is hoping that a lot of students will enter their work. She is also "very excited about the new category of music composition we have added this year.



DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES IS JANUARY 28, 2000

First Place - \$60
Second Place - \$30
Third Place - \$20

Please see entry form for complete list of rules.

All art, musical composition or literary work to be judged for the contest by January 28, 2000



PROFILE STORY:

Sheri Lindamood, just what the doctor prescribed

By **Kathy Mize**, Angler Staff

The holidays are approaching and so is Spring 2000 registration. Some of the burden of this time should be lifted with the addition of a new counselor; Sheri A. Lindamood, Ph.D., from Rochester NY.

Lindamood, an ordained minister with the United Church of Christ, received two master degrees from Methodist Theological School in Ohio. The first was in divinity (biblical studies) and the second in Christian Education.

Lindamood also has a Ph.D. in adult education and rehabilitation counseling from Ohio State University.

She will oversee development of the disabled student services department and the new student orientation program.

Lindamood is especially looking forward to working with hearing impaired students because she also holds a certificate in deaf studies from the National Technical Institute of the Deaf, Rochester, NY.

"My goal is to create an atmosphere of acceptance for cultural, spiritual, and physical diversity and to know the needs of the students," said Lindamood.

Lindamood feels her experience working with chemically dependent and mentally challenged clients for East House Corporation, NY should give her a more understanding approach to students needs.

"Higher education is an opportunity to learn different ways of thinking and to understand cultures and attitudes different from those we grew up with," said Lindamood.



Sheri A. Lindamood, Ph.D., from Rochester NY is LSCC's newest counselor. (Photo by Jennifer Courtney)

Campus E-mail makes connections

By **Tim Moses**
Angler Staff

World Wide Web, instant messaging, and electronic mail, otherwise known as e-mail, are all very important tools to today's society.

Whether in grade school, college or professional level, everyone either has had, or will have some type of contact with one or more of these tools.

E-mail is one of the more important forms of communication within the office of Jennifer Cromartie, an intern at a large business, she said. "Without e-mail I would have no idea what is going on," said Cromartie.

Jessica LaBattaglia a junior high student, said she would spend all day on-line and e-mailing if her mother would let her.

Even if we are not "on-line junkies" we still have some contact with the web. Rus Morrison a student at Miami-Dade Community College, said, "I only get on the web when I have to."

LSCC is planning to bring e-mail to the local level.

E-mail will be available for faculty, staff, and student use throughout LSCC, at all three campuses.

Holiday bargain hunters keep jingle of cash registers to low hum

By Colleen De Baise
College Press Service

The Holiday shopping season is here, and for most students, that means opening a pencil-thin wallet to buy presents for loved ones.

"Anything I can't afford is going on my credit card," said Maureen Golga, 21, a DePaul University junior. "So, I'll just be paying it off for the rest of my life, along with my student loans."

Stop right there!

Presents for family, friends and even you favorite profs don't have to cost a fortune. With only a few dollars and lots of creativity, you can give someone a fabulous present.

"To make the ultimate cheap gift, go to a coin store and get coins that have a hole in them," suggested Adrienne Harvey, 19, a sophomore at Stetson University in Florida.

By different colored silk cord, and make necklaces. "It'll only put you out \$5-\$10, and you can make them all different to give to all you friends," she said.

Jason Buehler, 19, a Miami University of Ohio freshman, offers two words of advice for holiday shopping: thrift store.

"For the past two years, I've gotten people things from the thrift store," he said. "Thrift stores are the absolute best places to get gifts. Even if it's



dumb, they'll laugh."

Shannon MacLaughlan, 29, a Stetson junior, said she fills small baskets with tins of flavored coffee or cocoa.

"They are inexpensive to make, and you can even use stockings instead of baskets," she said. "They make great gifts for relatives and extended family members."

It's all good advice for those students whose generous impulses might leave them with a depleted bank account come the New Year. According to a recent Gallup poll, the average shopper expects to spend about \$800 on presents this holiday season.

Of course, that forecast comes from a poll of 1,009 consumers with a mean income of \$32,730. Most college students, even those with full-time jobs, don't earn nearly that much.

Maxine Sweet, vice president of consumer education for Experian, a credit information services company, offer tips for students short of cash.

First, to save extra money for holiday shopping, "consider skipping those costly snacks from vending machines," she suggested. "Think about other treats like video rental and magazines that you can do without . . . in the spirit of holiday giving."

Also, "an act of kindness is worth more than any holiday gift money can buy," she said. "Look at your gift giving list. Would an elderly relative rather

have a room painted or a garage cleaned than a cheese-of-the-world assortment pack?"

A student might offer free baby-sitting services to an older sister or brother with young children" she said.

Golga, of DePaul, said she always has that idea in mind when she tells her parents she'll take them out to dinner as a gift.

"I take them some place where they have gift certificates, and so I just by the drinks," she said. "But they just like that I spend time with them because I'm never home."

For friends, Golga said she will probably give her old standby: candles. "They're always cheap. I always buy my friends candles," she said. "They're probably sick of it."

DePaul senior Jason Brown, 23, ticks off all the people on his shopping list: "My folks, my brother, my sister-in-law, my other brother, my next-door neighbors. Then I have my girlfriend, and her folks and her brother."

Brown works full-time at a mountain outfitter store. "I make decent money," he said. "Most of the gifts I buy are from my store, so I get, like, 70 percent off. So that's a little easier."

A good gift idea, he said, is a subscription to a beer-of-the-month club. "You can pay the first couple of months, then they can pay if they want to keep it up," he said.

Melissa Morris, 21, a Miami senior, said she likes to give a gift certificate.

"You can always give a gift certificate to music stores, like a \$5 one," she said. "Then they can go by a CD, and it will be real cheap."

Even with a host of inexpensive gift ideas, holiday shopping is still out of the question for some college students.

"I don't think I'm going to do any shopping this year. I have no money," said James McArthur, 21, a student at Wright Community College in Chicago.

"The greatest gift is no gift at all."



Pepsi loses battle with Coke on campus

By Holly Dodsworth
Angler Staff

It's final, Pepsi is out and Coca Cola is in.

LSCC will be providing its students with Coca Cola products for at least the next four years.

The college recently signed a contract with Coca Cola for \$15,000, which could be good news for the students.

Coca Cola will provide the college students with prizes and free gifts throughout the contract. They will also install new machines throughout the college.

Coca Cola will also be giving the college money every month for advertising their products.

Pepsi will have products on campus, but the location has yet to be chosen.

Be prepared for changes in student ID's

By Jacob Witter
Angler Staff

Changes are taking place next semester at LSCC. New student ID's will be introduced at the campus. "The new ID's will eliminate the problems with stickers," said Tanya Rocker, SAB director.

"These new cards will be strictly digital, and contain an expiration date on the card itself," Rocker said.

"When the card expires, you will be required to go get another card, but not another picture, because of the system being digital," said Rocker.

The images are saved on a PC which will stay on file as long as you are a student.

This eliminates all sticker problems and setting up times to obtain an ID or sticker.

Students should be aware of the new system by next semester and help to make it run as smoothly as possible.

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CROP grows at LSCC

By Holly Dodsworth
Angler Staff

CROP (College Reach-Out Program) is looking for student volunteers with some free time.

The CROP program provides high school students, who have a hard time reaching college level, the opportunity to attend college with the help of other students aiding them.

Jennifer Merritt, a former CROP participant, heads the state-funded program.

A limited number of students will get paid for their time, these students will only be allowed to teach a couple of hours a week.

Each summer the high school students in the program attend a three week camp of workshops at LSCC to get them ready for college.

Anyone interested in tutoring on

Saturdays and after school hours should contact Merritt at 365-3589.

Merritt is looking for a great turnout of students this year willing to volunteer their time for a good cause.



Jennifer Merritt heads the state-funded CROP (College Reach-Out Program).
(Photo by Jennifer Courtney)

The completion of LSCC's new sports complex anticipated early spring

By Jackie Hubbard
Angler Staff

February 1 is the projected date for the baseball and softball complex to be completed.

There will be new racquetball and tennis ball courts located directly behind the athletic fields.

A walking path will also be created and will surround the entire sports complex. The press box and concession stand should be completed by February 1 as well.

The entire project completion will be by the fall of 2000.

Both the baseball and softball fields have been completed with the exception of the foul poles.

Dugouts are currently under construction and it is anticipated to be complete by the end of December.

The additional construction will begin during the month of December.

All materials used have been donated, with the exception of the roofing on the dugouts.

ACCO (Aerated Concrete Systems) has donated materials for the dugouts and press box.

Many of the other materials have been donated anonymously.



Athletes train at the sports complex behind the gymnasium. The baseball and softball complex is scheduled for a Feb. 1 completion.
(Photo by Jennifer Courtney)

South Lake advisor is setting students on career right track

By Laura Tomashek
South Lake Campus

Do you know what courses you need to take during the spring semester? Have you made your appointment with your advisor?

At the South Lake campus, Julia Flohr, Student Services Advisor, is ready to help with questions concerning academic advising. Flohr has been advising students for the South Lake campus full time since July.

So far, approximately 25-35 students currently enrolled at the South Lake campus have seen Flohr for academic advising for the spring semester. Most of the students she speaks with for the spring include currently enrolled students, as a great deal of the new enrollees enter college in the fall and will seek their advising then.

Flohr said that "this may be because we set them up with a year-long plan prior to the fall semester. When I advise students, I try to create a very clear picture of what classes they need to take."

Flohr said it is "up to them (the student) to take notes, remember what we discuss, and plan their schedules accordingly." She said she has gotten feedback from students who say they are confident in knowing what classes to take next; however, she said, it is a good idea to touch base with the advisor between semesters, anyway.

Students who try to self-advise concern Flohr. The danger of not speaking with an academic advisor includes taking the wrong classes, which is a waste of time and money.

Flohr said the requirements at LSCC and various universities are "constantly changing, and very dynamic."

Flohr said that if a student does not know of these changes, they may end up taking classes they don't need, or not taking classes they do need.

"Additionally," she said, "it is a good opportunity to speak with students to find out how they are progressing academically. If a student is on track for nursing, for example, and he or she has great difficulty with the scientific courses necessary for the major, perhaps it is time to switch gears and take a look at one's career path."

Flohr is looking forward to the future at the South Lake campus and the new course offerings available for the spring term. Various courses, such as history, Spanish, business, and another section in humanities are new additions to the spring schedule.

Flohr hopes to see as many as 400 students enrolled at the South Lake campus by next year.

Additionally, the University of Central Florida branch campus opens in 2001, and will fill a need for many of the currently enrolled students who will be reaky to transger by that time.

Flohr loves her position at

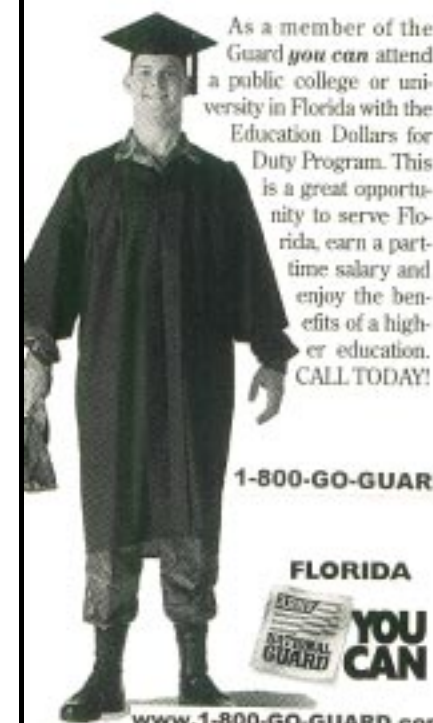
LSCC, as it gives her the opportunity to help students plan their futures. She maintains an open-door policy, and will answer any advising questions prior to refistration, or anytime throughout the semester.

She is currently accepting advising appointments for the spring term, and can be reached at (352)-243-LSCC (5722).

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The subject of Sumter center is versatility, commitment

By Ian Sutz
Angler Staff

Versatility is the key at the Sumter center.

Betsy Ruano, student services advisor, oversees student functions including student registration, financial aid, dual enrollment, and student advising.

Ruano, a UCF graduate majoring in sociology, moved from Orlando in 1976.

Ruano was the coordinator of the fall festival in Bushnell from 1985 until three years ago when she was hired at the Sumter center.

Ruano said 30% of the students are in the dual enrollment programs at South Sumter and Wildwood high schools.

Ruano said, "there will be open registration on Dec. 1, with a total of six regular dates to register before the holidays."

Ruano suggested that those students seeking guidance should make their ap-

pointments early.

When asked about Sumter center changes due to the Maxwell library completion, Ruano said the old library will be converted into a biology lab.

Biology had been taught at South Sumter High School until now.

Another classroom will house the Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) lab.

CNA classes, one of the first steps in the nursing program, were previously held in a nearby building off campus.

The CNA program graduated five students this semester and recently held a pin ceremony, said Ruano.

Although the Maxwell Library is still under construction, Ruano wants to assure students that classes will be held at the new building for the spring semester.



Betsy Ruano, student services advisor, oversees student functions including student registration, financial aid, dual enrollment, and student advising at Sumter center.
(Photo by Sumter Center)

SAB to hold upcoming events

By Jeremy Lacey
Angler Staff

The Student Activities Board (SAB) is planning several events for the remainder of the fall 1999 school year.

Susan Burroughs, SAB president, said, "A SAB meeting will be held on Monday, Nov. 22 to discuss the upcoming events."

One of the activities that the board is overseeing is called Toys for Tots. Toys for Tots is an organization that provides toys for less fortunate children during the Christmas season.

According to Lortasha Crosby, a SAB member, a box is in the lobby of the multipurpose building for people who desire to donate toys to Toys for Tots.

"In the meeting, the board also

voted for two new clubs that will be at LSCC," said Crosby. The name of one club will be ASTRA.

ASTRA, a club that is for women only, will be implemented at the beginning of the spring 2000 school term. Members of ASTRA will be allowed to job shadow various careers in the community.

"HISA is the other club that the SAB voted on in the meeting," said Crosby. HISA, a club for Hispanics, will be sponsoring an event at the beginning of the spring 2000 school term.

The event will be called the three keys welcome for students. The event is intended to welcome back LSCC students to school at the beginning to the spring term.

More information on this event will be provided at a later date.

Multicultural Festival held on Jan. 21

By Holly Dodsworth
Angler Staff

The LSCC Multi-Cultural Festival will be held in the Paul P. Williams building on Jan. 21 at 7 p.m.

Participants will hear performances by the Bethune Cookman College Choir, the Orlando Opera, Jewish music on Trumpet, Panamanian dancers, Country Cajun mu-

sic, BB King Blues Singers, Native Dancers, and many others.

LSCC will be sponsoring this event by letting the Arts Association of Lake County use its facilities.

Bettye S. Coney is coordinator for this event and has had a great turnout over the last couple years.

Tickets for this event will be sold at LSCC and the *Daily Commercial*. Prices have not yet been posted.

LSCC nurses to ride wave of success

By Kelly Kennedy
Angler Staff

Along with the wave of the future, comes the wave of medicine. Because of many contributions and donations from people in the community, LSCC's nursing program will be ahead in the new millenium.

Susan Pennachia has made many contributions to the nursing program. Pennachia won numerous nursing and educational awards, and plans to help with the designing of a new site for the nursing educational wing.

In the new millenium, LSCC is planning to build a state-of-the-art-nursing complex. This will allow instructors to teach nursing students with the newest and best tools and instruments available. The center will be equipped with the necessities needed to teach the most modern medicine.

The nursing instructors are proud of the degrees they have given their graduates. It gives them a great deal of pride, honor, and respect to know that products of LSCC's nursing program are out in the community, leading the way to a healthier future.

Bowl game season is upon us



The Great Goof of the Gridiron

Benji Ray

So here it is, the final paper of the semester, year, decade, and millennium all rolled into one.

This is the time of year when most people begin to worry about those little things in life, like taking finals, finding that perfect gift for that not-so-perfect person, and, this year, there's the added concern over whether or not the world is going to end. It's not, so forget about it and enjoy life!

This time of year holds a special place in my heart (and eyes).

First of all, my birthday is December 23, and I will be expecting gifts from all of you. Next, there are the holiday shows that we have watched since we were six and will continue watching until we are six feet under. I admit it, I love Rudolph and frosty; so sue me.

Finally, and most importantly, it is bowl season. No, I am not talking about the Tupperware sale at your local mall, but about the 22 games that begin December 28 with the Las Vegas bowl and run through to the National Championship game on January 4.

Talk about a bargain, 22 games in 15 days and they even throw in the parades for free.

Before the invitations are sent out, there are two games left to decide who will go where. They are the SEC and Big 12 conference championships, both of them being played on December 4.

In the Big 12 match-up, the University of Nebraska seeks revenge on the Texas Longhorns who earlier this season handed the cornhuskers their only loss and stopped them from playing in the Sugar Bowl.

The longhorns are coming off an emotional defeat against Texas A&M and will need to gain their composure if they stand to repeat as winners.

The 'huskers stumbled against Colorado last week, but squeaked by with a victory in overtime. They must play like the teams of old if they want a ticket to the fiesta in Arizona.

In the SEC championship, the Crimson Tide of Alabama take on the Florida Gators in another rematch from the season.

The Gators have been playing lackluster football and will need to put on their best face if they want to taste the sweet juices of revenge.

Alabama will be looking to accomplish a feat not many teams have, and defeat the Gators twice in one season while rolling themselves into Miami and taking a piece of the Orange bowl with them.

Now, on to the good stuff. Unless you are a freak like me and watch all the games from start to finish, there will be only three bowls that any of you will care about.

They are the Sugar, Fiesta, and Orange bowls. The Rose bowl is Wisconsin vs. Stanford, which translates: 'Boring!'

First up is the Orange bowl in Miami. If things go as they should, it will be the University of Michigan taking on the University of Florida.

These two have been powerhouses of the nineties and will be looking to finish the season on a strong note. This one should feature some big plays and could be a showdown until the end.

On deck are the Cornhuskers of Nebraska and the Volunteers of Tennessee in the Fiesta bowl. Nebraska has won two national championships this decade and Tennessee is the defending champ.

With only pride on the line this time, both of these teams should play competitive football and make this one very interesting.

Finally, there is the game for all the marbles along with the Sears' Trophy. In the Sugar bowl, undefeated Virginia Tech takes on undefeated Florida State.

The hokies have clawed and fought their way to the top and will look to end the laughter and prove they're for real.

The seminole will be looking to go from start to finish at the top and finish this decade as the best teams to have ever played.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To the editor:

Concerning the farfrom-normal editorial "Time to say thanks," I would like to mention that most Native Americans, including the Wompanoags do not celebrate Thanksgiving.

After all, what happened after the Indians befriended the Pilgrims (which is never mentioned)? The Indians were turned against, betrayed and eventually nearly annihilated.

While giving thanks is a given, acknowledging the truth of what really happened is just as important.

I can nearly guarantee that most folks celebrating Thanksgiving will not sit down at their tables and give thanks to the Indians who helped the Pilgrims survive -- in fact, they won't even be thought of.

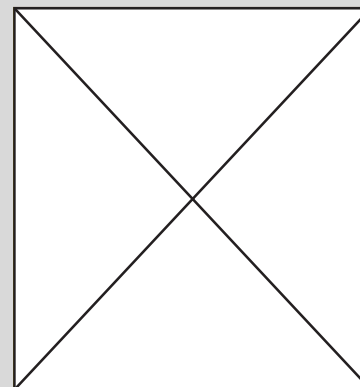
In my daughter's father's side of the family (Blackfoot), they honor their ancestors for their sacrifices; however the inhumane the circumstances. To them, the hypocrisy behind the banner the Thanksgiving is just that: hypocrisy -- it is not

recognized or celebrated in a truthful manner.

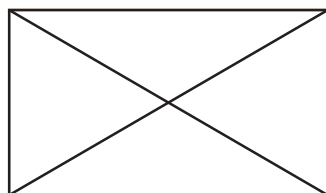
Celebrate Thanksgiving for just that -- thanks to God. The story about the Indians is just the beginning of how Thanksgiving started.

I think everyday is Thanksgiving -- as it should be, but especially on Thanksgiving. I also pray that God forgives ignorance today and also forgives the past.

I also face the east, west, north and south and pay homage to the Native Americans and ask the spirit of ancestors of past times to forgive as well.



Gooftrip's Picks (21-6 Record)



Saturday December 4

Nebraska	35	Texas	31
Florida	31	Alabama	20

Bowl Championship Series

Florida	27	Michigan	21
Nebraska	29	Tennessee	23
Virginia Tech	37	Florida St.	35

LSCC Foundation will sponsors 'Babes in Toyland' at South Lake High School Dec. 10

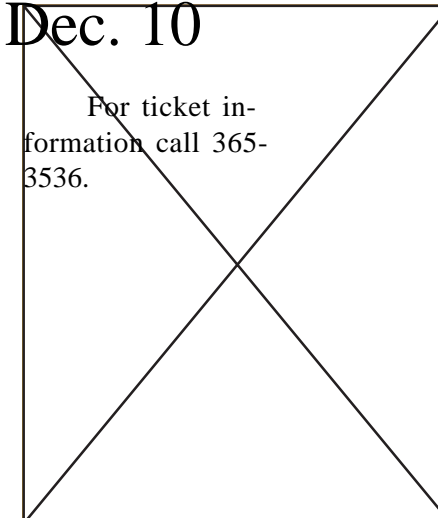
By Angler Staff

The American Family Theatre will present a performance of "Babes in Toyland" on Friday, Dec. 10 at 7:30 p.m.

The show is in the South Lake High School auditorium. Admission is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children.

This presentation is sponsored by the LSCC Foundation, Inc., Rolling Hills Ford, First Federal Savings Bank, and Merrell Lynch, Leesburg.

For ticket information call 365-3536.



The true meaning of Christmas cannot be bought



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Amy Knight

Deck the halls with boughs of holly. Fa, la, la, la, la, la, la, la . . .

Have you noticed that the Christmas season starts earlier every year? Take this year, for example.

October wasn't even half way over when the Christmas decorations started going up at the department store where I work.

Now, the entire store is decorated

with everything, from lighted Christmas trees, to singing reindeer. All of the employees are getting into the spirit by wearing red and green more frequently.

Christmas has officially arrived.

In all of the holiday rush, how many times do any of us stop to think about the true meaning of Christmas?

When fighting a stranger for a parking space, or forcing our way through a group of people moving en masse through a store, are we thinking about Christmas, in its truest and purest sense?

During the Christmas season, one of the most commercialized holidays in the U.S., I have to ask how many people

know the true meaning of Christmas.

Alot of people will joke about it being "all about presents," but do they say those things only because they have no idea why we have Christmas at all?

One of my favorite things to do at Christmastime is watch "A Charlie Brown Christmas." We've probably all seen it many times.

Everyone remembers Charlie Brown bringing home the worst looking tree, and everyone yelling at him, and we all laugh. But that is not the best part of the show.

The best part is when Linus stands on an empty stage and recites the true Christmas story, complete with angels, mangers, shepherds, wise men, and the

best part of all, the baby Jesus wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

We've all heard the story at some time or another. Some of us choose to believe it, and to believe in the gift that baby brought: fulfillment of life on earth, and eternal life in heaven after death.

There is nothing wrong with the gifts, Christmas trees, stockings, and the other things we use to celebrate the season.

But, for this Christmas, I have only one request: don't forget the true meaning of the season.

Amy Knight is the Editor of *The Angler*

What to be or not to be????



The Wizard's World

Ian Sutz



Man on the Street

QUESTION:

What are your New Year's resolutions?



Veronica Duarte,

"To lose those holiday pounds and improve my academic standing."



Sopriana Williams,

"To study more, not work so hard and be more involved at school."



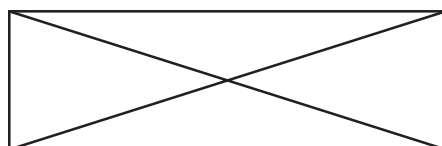
Denise Bradley,

"Not to spend as much money."

Kaiti Collis,

"...to not spend so much."

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Phase II begins on new convocation center

By Barry Sommer
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Phase II of the Everett A. Kelly convocation center will begin over Christmas break and continue until April.

Phase I consisted of renovation of the gym. Bill Defazio, director of facilities said, "Phase II will include renovation of the entrance ways, restrooms, and the concession area, which should be ready for graduation."

A new multi-purpose room will be added in the front of the gym. "It will accommodate meetings, expos, sit-down dinners, luncheons, college night activities, and other events," said Defazio.

A small kitchen area will also be part of the multipurpose room. "It will be constructed for buffet services when the college hosts certain events,"



From left, Christina Douale, athletic director Mike Matulia, Margarita Vasquez, Chuck Fullen, and Jake Witter stand in front of the gymnasium on the spot slated for construction of a multipurpose room for meetings and banquets. The room is part of Phase II of remodeling on the Everett A. Kelly Convocation Center.

(Photo by Jennifer Courney)

Defazio said.

Mike Matulia, director of athletics, said, "This should be a state-of-

the-art facility, one of a kind in the Lake-Sumter area."

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campus."

An accreditation team that is coming in March. Westrick said the team's "responsibility is to see that we meet certain standards," in order to stay accredited.

Westrick said the purpose of accreditation is to ensure that the credits students earn at LSCC can be transferred to any college of their choice to complete their education.

Another project that is taking place at this time is the development of Internet courses, said Westrick.

Westrick said also that the college is working on having teleconferencing capabilities within the three campuses. He said that someday, LSCC may offer teleconference courses.

Westrick said the college is making these changes because they are "trying to provide opportunities for our students to grow."

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