WELCOME TO THE END OF THE SEMESTER!

And to the second issue of On a Roll. Our informal poll revealed that some people loved our first issue, a few disliked it, and most of you probably didn’t care. But get this: in a recent survey, 74% of the people said they read in the bathroom. Armed with the knowledge that most of you are perusing On a Roll, even if you won’t admit it, we’re encouraged in our mission to bring you bathroom reading that’s informative, useful, and fun.

To help ease the pain of final projects, exams, and having to study while the weather is turning nice, FLITE will be open some extra hours — until 1:00 a.m. — the last week of the semester and during exam week. FLITE’s extended study area will remain open 24/7 until the end of the semester. Check out FLITE’s web site for a detailed list of hours. Study hard, ace those exams, and make us all proud!

Those of you who are taking summer classes, we’ll see you soon. If we won’t see you again until fall semester, have a great summer. If you’re graduating, congratulations and best wishes for your continued success.

DID YOU KNOW?

Last month we published the results of a bathroom survey conducted by Charmin. This month’s survey results are courtesy of Quilted Northern’s “2004 Bathroom Confidential” report.

- 63% of people surveyed leave the door open while using the bathroom when they’re home alone (wonder if that includes pets)
- 47% talk on the phone (thanks to cell phones that number is surely rising)
- 23% watch television and 11% eat in the bathroom (think about that the next time you hear “Friends” and munching noises coming from the stall next door)

WANT TO LEARN MORE

about the library’s online databases and how to find the most useful information sources? Sign up now for fall semester’s UNIV 290 — “Information Resources: FLITE & Beyond,” a two-credit course designed to help with research needs for your other class assignments. Ask your advisor or contact Anne Kelly, library instruction coordinator, kellya@ferris.edu, phone 591-3635.

WOODY’S Words of Wisdom

(from The Sayings of W.N. Ferris)

“This is the machine age. The machine tends to kill initiative which is a fundamental element in life.” Mr. Ferris wrote that back around 1923. Wonder what he would think of the information age and television, cell phones, personal computers, and the Internet.

SUGGESTION BOX

QUESTIONS OF THE MONTH

Most frequent:

Why is the color printer so slow? You should get a faster one!

We have found there’s not much of a difference in speed between any of the affordable color printers on the market. Yeah, we could spend oodles of money and get a faster unit, but it’s not going to happen. The problem you’ve encountered has two basic causes. One is that color printers, due to their complex nature, are inherently slower than black and white printers. The second reason is FLITE’s color printer is used infrequently, which means it must warm up from scratch when you input your printing job. The printer also runs a complex series of calibration tests each time it warms up. That is necessary to prevent the colors from bleeding over, which tends to make you cross-eyed and/or seasick when you look at the print. Unfortunately, the calibration process takes a long time (about 6 to 8 minutes); however, after the printer is warmed up, subsequent copies won’t take so long. So, it’s best to plan ahead and give yourself extra time when making color copies.

Our most favorite comment:

“I loved On a Roll! I’ve never been a bathroom reader but that was great!” Aw shucks, you’re making us blush.

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