we were ascending!
Seated in the Student Center during the quiet hours of the evening, freshman Aerospace Engineering student Dan Yoont reviews his materials for his morning Physics I class.

Bassist Andy Ilg of student band Airborn entertains his audience with his intense energy during a pre-game barbecue for the girls’ volleyball game.

Six-foot-eight center Heath Fabacher soars above his opponents to slam the basketball into the net during a regular-season game.

photo by: Dave Wang
With the sculpture "Reaching High," donated by Joan Lehman and the building that bears her husband's name in the background, sophomore Aeronautical Science student Robert Byrne chats it up with Campus Safety officer Mark Jones.

Eric Chapman and April George walk out of the Instructional Center, one of the newest buildings in a recent wave of construction designed to modernize the campus for the millennium.

Climbing up a Cessna 172 on the Flight Line, an Aeronautical Science student prepares for a flight into clear blue skies on his way to a future equally bright.

photo by: Dave Weng
Showcasing their energy and the spirit of sisterhood, members of Alpha Xi Delta build a human pyramid on the west lawn during Greek Week. Made up of 29 women, Alpha Xi Delta is the largest of the three sororities on campus.

photo by: Mariano Rosales

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we once traveled a familiar path -- a stable, comfortable path, chosen by many. On this path, we felt our first love, or at least what we thought was love, and we felt a broken heart. We found adventure, in even the most subtle places, and we found boredom. We met our friends for life, and we met those whose names we soon forgot. We experienced pure pleasure, and we experienced unbearable pain.

Each of these experiences became a part of us, molding us into the people we are today. But these experiences were left behind, becoming mere memories that we still held onto, just not as tightly as we once did. Instead, we began to grasp new feelings, new friends and new challenges.

We stood on that path, anxious and ready to experience the turn of the century. The election of George W. Bush as President of the United States concluded the year of 2000, and the first year of the millennium brought with it several changes. Our school continued to grow as well. New degree programs were added to the curriculum to accommodate the demands in the aviation field, such as Communication, Human Factors and Computer Science. And finally, the headline of a recent article featured in the "Avion" that read, "Up from the ashes," described the position of this Phoenix yearbook, as the staff of 16 students began from scratch and worked throughout the year to present this book of memories.

We stood at the edge of the path that would begin the rest of our lives. We stared forward and raised our heads upward, knowing where we were going and how we would get there. As we embarked upon our journey through the azure sky, we took our first steps down an unfamiliar path -- an unstable, uncomfortable path, chosen by few.

by: ASHLEEFISER
THE SUN SETS ON THE WRIGHT FLYER AS THE MILLENNIUM SIGNALS TO A CLOSE. OVER THE PAST CENTURY, WE HAVE WITNESSED THE MOST RAPID TECHNOLOGICAL AND SOCIOLOGICAL ADVANCEMENTS IN ALL OF HUMAN HISTORY. THE DAWN OF THE NEW MILLENNIUM Brought WITH IT OPPORTUNITIES OUR PARENTS NEVER HAD.

PHOTO BY: DAVE WONG

the azure sky . . .
Members of Alpha Phi Phi fraternity, including Andy Baezdelo and Jake Donato, test their strength in a game of tug-of-war during Greek Week. Events during the Week, such as tug-of-war and chariot races, allowed fraternities and sororities to display their unity and team spirit.

Photo by: Royal Martin
in our journey to the sky, we came across many detours -- detours that kept our hearts racing, our minds searching and our bodies aching. While we twisted and turned along these unpaved paths, we discovered that it was important to balance work and play, and often overemphasized the latter.

We broke the regimen of rigid class schedules when the nights and weekends finally approached, signaling the end of another exhausting week. We took advantage of the night life offered in Daytona Beach, from the pounding techno at 600 North, to the calming crash of ocean waves along the shoreline. And just when the thrill of life outside the confining classroom walls seemed to begin to fade, the annual Daytona 500 race week brought millions of spectators to the Daytona International Speedway, just minutes from our campus. Bike Week soon followed, the boundaries canvassing the city in silver chrome and black leather, just before Spring Breakers invaded the white sandy beaches under the scorching sun to enjoy a week of thrills and parties.

Whether we shagged until 2 a.m. on the dance floor during The Groove's "Disco Nites," or sipped on a frothy cappuccino while sharing secrets with our best friend, we found our escape routes from class demands and pressures. As we ventured outside the boundaries of academics, we discovered that our college experience involved more than textbooks and classroom lectures. Traveling down these unpaved pathways and choosing unfamiliar detours taught us the lessons that shaped our lives and ourselves . . .

by: ASHLEE FISER
summer Time!

By Susie Oswald

... Riddle night life becomes day life as well... summer jobs where you don't have to show up, but you still get paid... rippling muscles... amusement parks... visiting old friends from high school... long road trips just because you can... bikinis... more classes to make up lost credits... earning money just to pay for the costs of next semester's books... AOL Instant Messenger - it's cheaper than long distance phone calls... surf contests... swimming pools... feeling the sun penetrating your skin... traveling across the country for an internship... Riddle becomes a cheerleading camp... feeling free and reckless... it's the only time of the year when the amount of money in your bank account actually rises... back to being under your parents' watchful eyes... finally learning what your parents meant when they said "I can't wait 'til you have your own kids" when you became a camp counselor... having nothing you have to get done and not knowing what to do with yourself... working 18 hours a day... looking forward to coming back and reuniting with friends... sleeping in until noon and not feeling guilty about it... working that internship that looks so good on your resume... finally getting to work on your tan... the only time we have a chance to experience that thing called relaxation...

What was the highlight of your summer vacation?

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT TRAINING AT VANDENBERG AFB
TOURING THE APOLLO SITES AT KSC
VISITING MY DAD IN NEW YORK
WORKING AT U.S. SPACE CAMP
FLYING IFR TO NEW YORK
PARTIES AT MY HOUSE

Right: Living out their final days of summer vacation, members of the Orientation Team relax on Daytona's white sandy beach.
CLOSE QUARTERS

By Susie Oswald

...Flipping a coin to decide who gets the good side of the room...deciding where the posters should hang...a very important decision..."Bunk beds or no bunk beds? That is the question"...beginning a new life with someone that you have only known for five minutes...deciding what to bring with you according to what actually fits in your car...perfecting the technique of stuffing boxes...realizing that the rooms don't come already stocked with toilet paper...invading K-Mart next door for all those things you soon realize you need...opening the door and seeing a room the size of your bathroom at home...learning dozens of neighbors' names in less than ten minutes -- and forgetting them even faster...Sam's Club carts never looked so great to you before...the last time that you will ever see your floor again..."How is all of this going to fit in here?"...trying to fit down the hall with three boxes to get to your room while everyone else is trying to do the same thing at the exact same time...mooshing as much as you can from your parents before they leave you...collaborating materials with your roommate to conserve space...realizing you're more creative than you thought as you find new ways to store things...creating a new home away from home...

Above: Attempting to add personality and color to the faded walls of the rooms of McKay Hall, John Ohlund hangs the American Flag above his desk. photo by: Kelly Bowman

Right: Realizing that they will be living together in close quarters for the next eight months, McKay Hall roommates Adia Barreau (left), Korinna Takeyama and Tiffany Ragan get to know each other upon their arrival to campus.
Below: On Day One of her college life, freshman Kelly Bowman stocks her new home in McKay Hall with the necessities of every college woman.

Left: Although the size of residence hall rooms were nothing to write home about, most students brought enough stuff to fill them past their intended capacity.

photo by: Alva Barnett
"And now I'm glad I didn't know ~ The way it all would end the way it all would go ~ Our lives are better left to chance I could have missed the pain ~ But I'd of had to miss the dance."

~ Garth Brooks
"The Dance"

It was the last lap at the Daytona 500. It was the last turn at the Daytona 500. It was the last race for Dale Earnhardt at the Daytona 500. Appropriately titled "The Intimidator" by other racers, Earnhardt was known for his aggressive style whenever he climbed behind the wheel. His successful racing career reflected that aggressiveness, as he captured seven Winston Cup championships, 76 point wins; and in 1998, he finally conquered the Daytona 500 - the Holy Grail of stock car racing and the prize that had eluded him for 20 years. Dale did what he loved and with that, he attracted people from all over to join in the racing world. After racer Kenny Irwin passed away, Dale Earnhardt said, "If this ever happens to me, I want people out dancing and celebrating in the streets. Celebrate my life, I lived a wonderful life..."

It was the last turn at the Daytona 500. It was the last time car #3 would spin its wheels on the track at the Daytona 500. It was not the last day however, that Dale Earnhardt Sr. would touch our lives. On this day, February 18, 2001, a hero was born at the Daytona 500.
Just minutes from campus and within earshot of the residence halls, race cars circle the Daytona Speedway from morning to night during the 24-hour races of Race Week. Students readjusted their schedules to deal with the heavy traffic and pedestrians, and became used to the constant droning sound of engines that filled the air during the week. 

By Sujie Oswald
Below: In the comfort of their own room, Greg Urbinia and Matt Anzek catch up on some homework assignments.  

Clockwise from top left: Taking advantage of another sunny day, residents hit the volleyball courts between Doolittle and McKay Halls.  

photo by: Adria Barreto  ~ RA Sylvia Rodriguez holds a wing function at the IceFlex, a local ice-skating rink.  ~ Ignacio Mata (second from left). Dan Serebrenik, Santiago Giraldo and friends enjoy burgers and each other's company at the central barbecue pit, which was a frequent site for social functions.  ~ New RAs get hands-on experience in teambuilding at a required camping retreat.

Above: Don Huggins, a resident of McKay Hall, shows off his Super Soaker that, though banned along with other NERF weapons and ammunition, was nonetheless a common sight around the residents' halls.

Right: In her O'Connor suite, Karina Goodman dances and celebrates during birthday festivities.  

photo by: Kris Luke
...THIS AIN'T YOUR
ON YOUR OWN
MOTHER'S HOUSE...

...Gaining more clothes because you share closets with the
kid down the hall... doing laundry at one o'clock in the
morning because you've had no pants for the past three days.
...rearranging your furniture every week... getting food
from the cafeteria in your pajamas... cleaning for
'checkout' and finally finding those keys that you lost at the
beginning of the year... collecting quarters everywhere you
go... nightly visits to Denny's... Walmart SuperCenter
beats the mall any day... AOL Instant Messenger...
Napster... Movie Nights... paying higher prices at the
'in'convenience store which also happens to be the closest
grocery store... taking naps at two o'clock in the afternoon.
...wing meetings and functions... going to the gym
everyday, well, almost every day... "What is a regular
meal?"... broken elevators, but of course only when you
absolutely need them... learning about things that you
never knew even existed in the world... sitting and talking
with your roommate on the bathroom floor through those
hard times... "Whose turn is it to clean the dishes?"... fighting over who has control of the air conditioning... making friends with campus security to get out of ticket fines
...dreaming of those homecooked meals... knowing
what's on T.V. at 2 a.m. but never knowing what a sunrise
looks like... "Cartoons totally rock!"... sitting in the
hallway and doing homework with friends... long distance
phone calls to parents to ask for money... wishing that
every restaurant took meal plans... "Quiet hours? When is
that again?"... learning facts about your roommate that you
really didn't want to know... beer bottles filling up the trash
rooms... hightailing it to the beach between classes to get
some sun... spending hours trying to find a parking spot
near the hall... this ain't your mother's house.

In the Student Village cafeteria, Meghan Fairbrother is suddenly
reminded of the recent wave of Viagra advertising as she enjoys her Italian
dinner.  Photo by Adam Grig

Surrounded by the necessities of college
life, Shane O'Neill plays his acoustic
guitar in his room in Doolittle Hall.
... THE BIG $5.15

working For nothing

PER HOUR...

"You thought you got paid to work on campus?"... finding a job that offers flexible hours... meeting new people... saving enough money just to pay for food for the week... Student Employee Appreciation Week... you realize there is something more stubborn than your roommate - the copy machine... making connections through friends that work all over campus... making sure the parking lots are secure at night... the real people who run the University... class, work, more class, more work... using all your printer's ink to print that stack of resumes... trying to remember when your timesheet is due... the copy and paste function doesn't work again... learning all the little perks that come with your job... the sweet smell of money... the extent of your physical exercise for the day becomes stuffing envelopes... Thursday becomes your new favorite day - it's payday!... answering about a hundred phone calls all day long... trying to keep things running smoothly - right, like that ever happens... type, type, type... the BIG $5.15 per hour...
Answering the phone and setting up appointments is just one of Shajni Walker's duties as a student employee for Health Services.

Aerospace Science student Felipe Alvarez verifies a student's flight schedule while working at the Flight Line.

Left: Scott Cames fulfills his secretarial duties at the Student Activities front desk as he takes an incoming campus call regarding the upcoming Activities Fair.

Above: Working in the Admissions Office, Nate Wisniewski recruits prospective students over the phone. On average, prospective students were contacted at least 10 times before they enrolled in the University.
Welcoming smiles sitting behind tables...two-hour long pitches' used on students by students...“Now tell me anyways?”...eating all the free candy as your lunch the music by WERU...the biggest tent that you'll see because you're in a club...“We actually have a club boost...trying to win that free parking space... small space?”...skydivers fall from the sky and land be- sneakers for the day...just leave your name and number... class...model airplanes...Greek letters...from alpha to omega...logo-inspired many clubs, so little time... thunderstorm...hand-painted banners...’sales again: Why were there farm animals there before running to class...jamming to all year long...actually receiving mail for that?”...giving your resume a big “How did they land that plane in such a bind the library...walking around in soggy using the event as an excuse for professors to cancel t-shirts...each table looks like a trophy case...so

By Ashlee Fiser and Susie Oswald
"All of us do not have equal talent, but all of us should have an equal opportunity to develop our talents."

- John F. Kennedy

"Twas the day of the Activities Fair, and all through the tent, everyone was pondering joining an Embry-Riddle event."

~ Chris McMenamy, Sophomore

Over 60 clubs attempted to sell themselves for six hours.
Below left: Dressed as "Phantom of the Opera, Arnold Deasis accompanies a frightened child through the elaborately decorated halls of Adams Hall.
photo by: Judy Davis

Bottom: As the night of ghosts and goblins comes to a close, Dawn Wanzer (left) and Daniele Amusekiewicz show their enthusiasm at the success of the event.
photo by: Judy Davis

Right: Dawn Wanzer, dressed up as a prehistoric cave woman, watches in amazement as "dracula" demonstrates his impressive bowling skills.
photo by: Judy Davis

Below: Acting as a fortune teller, resident advisor Adam Abernathy predicts a hopeful future for the trick-or-treaters.
photo by: Judy Davis
...pumpkins with personalities...

...Lighted candles glowing brightly in paper bags... the kids that come for the candy seem to grow older as time passes... trick-or-treating in Adams Hall and Wood Hall... "The Rock" turns into a haunted house... attending wing decorating parties just for the free pizza... black lights running up and down hallways... your child-like imagination runs wild... Tallman Commons becomes a play-place for kids... kids turn into angels for the night... face paint covers the true faces of the children... it's like your first trip to Disney World all over again — there are characters everywhere, but this time the characters are shorter than you... a fortune teller predicts your future... "Do the Monster Mash!"... the employees in the housing office show their true sides... black and orange streamers and balloons provide a festive theme for Tallman Commons... pumpkins with carved personalities sit upon pedestals for children to watch in wonder...
Right: At their booth in the Fieldhouse, representatives from Mesa Airline go over their plans for recruiting students for their company. photo by: Robert Byrne

Below: Lockheed Martin, whose slogan was “We are ready for you,” had representatives present to accept resumes of prospective employees. photo by: Robert Byrne

Below: Taking advantage of the numerous companies seeking future employees, an interested student speaks with a representative of New Piper Aircraft, Inc. photo by: Robert Byrne

Right: Boeing, one of the largest companies to hire ERAU alumni, had representatives present to speak with interested students about the requirements and perks to working for their company. photo by: Robert Byrne

"What did you say you wanted to be when you grew up?"

MASSACHUSETTS STATE TROOPER
FIGHTER PILOT IN THE USAF
AEROSPACE ENGINEER
PYROTECHNICIAN
EVERYTHING
ASTRONAUT
TEACHER

20 Student Life
By Ashlee Fiser and Susie Oswald

...Dressed in casual business attire from head to toe... the smell of crisp, freshly-printed resumes fills the air... friendly faces hide those nervous smiles... giving assertive handshakes that you've practiced for weeks... confident posture... “How many person carry?”... trying to find Ca-... waiting in line for an hour just... being so excited about getting wishing that it would end so you finding someone to teach you how minutes... “Who knows how to tie is the SMILE... balloons floating says “We are ready for you.”... ... that uplifting feeling when you yourself and your skills... making knowing that you have the creden-... high-energy recruiters... lots of toy airplanes... over-rehearsed lines... just looking to get your foot in the door... meeting the alumni that came as spokespeople for the companies, and dreaming about where you could be in a few years... watching the floor for all the wires that attempt to trip you just because all those big important people are around... it was about making connections....

“I felt the 2000 Career Expo was well worth it. I'm looking forward to talking to more compa­nies and giving out more resumes at next year’s event.”

~ Alex Nieves, Sophomore

bags of free stuff can one rear Services in Spruance Hall to talk to someone at Boeing your first interview, but then could start breathing again... to iron a dress shirt in five a tie?”... the key to everything overhead... Lockheed Martin searching for the highest bidder realize you've underestimated worthwhile connections... tials and experience that they

Northwest Airlines had one of the busiest booths at the expo. During several representatives to hand out stacks of stu- dent seeking a position within their company.
Below left: Sophomore Jeremy Maswary heads out in his car for some club-hopping at Church Street Station in Orlando.

Bottom: Friday night begins as the sun sets over Daytona International Speedway, as seen from the parking lot of McKay Hall.

Photo by: Ade Barbec

Right: Performing at the Berncastel Festhaus on A/A. Todd Kirkland entertains the crowd.

Photo by: Ryan Martin

Below right: Sylvia Rodriguez joins Matt Inkel (left) and Vishal Shaw at Ale House one evening to relax from the stresses of the week.
...Fea rless hearts and souls...

By Susie Oswald

...'Thirsty Thursday' at Halftimes... Safe Ride... all dressed up and no where to go... Church Street Station... struggling to remember in the morning... dancing the night away... house beats... inventing a new you... Pleasure Island... feeling the pounding bass in your chest... phone numbers on napkins... 'Make every night a Blockbuster night'... an intense game of 'Circle of Death'... strangers become your best friends for a few short hours... cheers from friends after completing a 25-second kegstand...

tight pants... City Walk... letting loose... taking chances... entertaining everyone with your music... Denny's... being excited because it only took you seven shots to get the golf ball through the windmill and in the hole this time... "Insanity never felt this good!"... hanging out at a friend's house and letting out all your stupidity... listening to the rhythm of the ocean and reflecting on past events... fearless hearts and souls...
Colorfully garbed students bring passersby face to face with the culture and traditions of Africa, filling the University Center with vibrant drum beats. photo by: Ashlee Fiser

Ethnic garb meets American street clothing under the limbo pole in the University Center as students from dozens of countries look on. photo by: Ashlee Fiser

International Day gave students the chance to show off not only their unique culture and foods, but also their clothing, such as their colorful dresses worn by the student above. photo by: Ashlee Fiser

Noorani Ali, decked out in a flowing maroon dress and sash at center, and other members of the Indian Students' Association take a break after performing native dances on the Flight Deck. photo by: Ali Barreca
By Susie Oswald

COUNTRIES, COLORS, international day
FOOD AND FACES...

Delicious Greek baklavas... intense African drumming
delightful French camembert cheese... exotic Bolivian
dancers... savory Korean kimch... Capt. George and
friends in Nigerian ashoke gowns... spicy Malaysian snacks
brutally strong Turkish coffee... dynamic Pakistani toons
a University Center transformed... having lunch with the
world at your doorstep... aromatic Bahraini coffees...colourful flags draped from the University Center’s ceiling
becoming more culturally aware... an intense game of
limbo... breaking boundaries and forming friendships...
listening to the tongues of other surrounding lands... coun-
tries, colors, food and faces...

Taiwanese students pose before their booth in the
University Center where food, memorabilia, the
nation’s flag and smiles welcome the uninhibited to
a little slice of the island nation. photo by: Adita Barra

A student waves to the crowd
with his moves and wild
Spanish costume on the
University Center stage
where students from a
number of African, Asian
and European countries
performed.
photo by: Adita Barra
Aerospace Science students use maps and compasses during their fall semester finals.

photo by: J.C. Granger

Gathered in the Student Center, students anxiously await the premier Thursday night movie, hosted by Torch 'N Go Productions.

photo by: Mariano Rosales

During the fall blood drive, freshman Dallas Austin anxiously expresses his last-minute concerns to the doctor.

photo by: Michael Adams

Despite the pouring rain, Julian Suszanski of Airborn plays his alto sax at Benzkeidel Festhause during a fall gig.

photo by: Ryan Martin

Kind of memories are you building?

Two male students are the juxtaposition event at the fall Shag Fest to release some of their built-up testosterone.

photo by: Mariano Rosales

At Drum Barbershank shares his experiences as an avantgarde to a full audience one evening in the Caps, Willie Miller Institutional Center.

photo by: Mariano Rosales
As part of his campaign, presidential candidate George W. Bush speaks to his supporters at a rally in the Fieldhouse in November. 

photo by: Ryan Martin

An excited flight student follows his instructor to their plane on the flight line. 

photo by: Mariano Rosales

The choir displays their talent to the Embry-Riddle community at their annual holiday concert. 

photo by: Michael Moore

Dickie Barry, lead singer of The Mighty Mighty Bosstones, entertains the crowd during the Homecoming concert. 

photo by: J.C. Granger

While under hypnosis, Santiago Giraldo impresses the audience as he leaps into the air. 

photo by: Mariano Rosales

Participating in Monte Carlo Night, hosted by Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity, a student shows his excitement at the Craps table.

photo by: Robert Byrne

Santiago Giraldo, under the supervision of Laura Campbell, falls asleep at the edge of improvised Tom DeLuca's hands. 

photo by: Mariano Rosales

Remember: The words and deeds of today are the memories of tomorrow. Keep them worthwhile.
Below: Students, parents and alumni fill the bleachers during the Homecoming basketball game Nov. 3 against Brevard College at the University Fieldhouse.

Right: Getting the crowd involved in the basketball game, one of the numerous male cheerleaders shouts into his mega phone.

Above: The bright sounds of the trombonists' horns fill the court with intense spirit during a fall basketball game.

Right: Cheerleader Raul Nunez and Ernie the Eagle work to get the crowd involved and make the game as exciting for those in the bleachers as it was for the players on the court.

Photo by: Mariano Rosales
By Susie Oswald

... LET'S GO

pure energy!

BLUE AND GOLD!

...Decorating your face with blue and yellow face paint...traveling two hours to see a basketball game and to bring the players some hometown support..."Defense!"...slipping into a trance just before taking your foul shot...deafening cheers coming from the bleachers...Eagles stickers covering the windows of your vehicle...dancing with Ernie the Eagle in the middle of the basketball court at half-time...spray-painted banners draped across the top of the bleachers..."Na Na Na Na -- Na Na Na Na -- Hey Hey Hey -- Goodbye!"...losing your voice in the first half of the game from screaming...singing along with songs played by the Pep Band..."GOOOOOOOOALLL!"...having confidence in knowing that the person sitting beside you looks just as ridiculous as you...making up with your own cheers that always seem to catch on throughout the crowd...stomping your feet on the bleachers...seeing the fuzzy pom poms slice through the air on the sidelines out of the corner of your eye...the sound of trumpets, saxophones and drums as they fill the gym with spirit and excitement..."Just because Ridder's the man!"...the beige, cold-metal bleachers are suddenly covered with brightly colored, warm bodies...joining sports and organizations to represent the pride of the school...ERAU shirts, bumper stickers and hats cover the campus...yelling at the refs for making a bad call against one of our players...hanging the glass at the arena during the ice hockey games...experiencing the adrenaline rush as you dismount from a one-handed liberty chair during the half-time show...let's go blue and gold!...
Below: Dominic Dioufata, Sanjog Kalita, Leonardo Bueno and Erick Diuseppe joke about all the homework that they still have left to do in the Jack R. Hunt Memorial Library. The tables on the ground floor were a popular place for classmates and teams to meet during or after classes to punch out those looming projects before the due date. photo by: Mariano Rosales

Right: David Vivar makes use of the library's online catalogue. The Hunt Memorial Library was known for its wealth of aviation-related materials, including NTSB accident reports and aircraft and materials testing information.
photo by: Mariano Rosales
cracking The books

By Susie Oswald

... Deciding the classes to take by the time of day they start ...
... having a textbook bill that equals your tuition bill ... "My
... schedule is wrong!" ... getting to know the library better than
... your own room ... curling up in a big arm chair with a coffee
... and a good English book at Barnes and Noble Bookstore ...
... competing with friends on who can procrastinate the most ...
... trying to come up with an excuse for why you missed the last
... three math classes ... daydreaming about what you could be
... doing at that moment when you're sitting in class ... "I don't
... understand my teacher!" ...
... anticipating the next vacation ...
... trying to make it across campus in 15 minutes to make it to
... your next class ... migraine headaches from thinking too
... much ... exams that come too quick, but last too long ...
... having a perfect attendance record because it meant getting to
... sit beside the hot girl in class ... writing a 30-page paper one
... hour before it's due ...
... buying pants to wear to chemistry lab ...
... investigating which teachers to take and which ones to
... avoid ...
... having textbooks that have begun to look like coloring
... books from all the highlighter marks ...
... hitting Denny's at midnight for a cram session ...
... spending the whole afternoon ...
... in a study session in order to pass the next thermodynamics
... test ...
... when in doubt, choose C on your Scantron ...
... visits with your advisor — they have power over everything ...
... figuring out which classes you can drop and still be able to keep
... your financial aid ...
... fighting for the used books of the bookstore ...
... "You ever notice that you and your teacher can never
... come up with the same grade for you?" ...
... getting the notes
... and homework from those who have taken a class before you ...
... having every single assignment due on the same day ...
... trying to remember facts about the F-117 Stealth Fighter when
... you're so tired that you don't even know what day it is ...
... getting to the end of a calculus assignment and realizing you
... did the wrong section ...
... carrying around all the books and
... materials for four classes ...
... setting up a four year course
... schedule that you're supposed to follow ...
... it never fails — the
... printer will always stop working the night before your final
... paper is due ...
... the computer lab assistant begins to know you
... by name ...
... you finally find out that chewing bubble gum
... doesn't solve your physics homework ...
... for a brief but necessary time, we focused on our studies

Above: Students study together under the
... glider in the rear lounge area of the
... campus library, unknowingly under the
... watchful eye of Phoenix's photographer
... Mariano Rosales. Degree programs like
... engineering emphasize teamwork, and
... most students spent many long nights
... completing homework and preparing for
... tests together, both because more heads
... are better than one and to enjoy each
... others' company.

Left: Alex Valdez and Miles Crawford
... use Nintendo 64 to reinforce the day's
... lesson in physics class.
... photo by: Mariano Rosales
"You can dream, create, design and build the most wonderful place in the world ... but it requires people to make the dream a reality."

- Walt Disney

“It was good to see all the fraternities and sororities come out and compete against each other and promote greek life.”

~Sean Cantwell
Sigma Chi

Forging bonds of brotherhood and sisterhood that would last a lifetime ...
Homecoming 2000, festively titled "Riddle Reggae," packed an extended weekend with an entertainment line-up that left students, faculty and alumni with a lingering feeling of school pride.

Kicking off the celebration was Talent Night, hosted by comedian Chris Johnson Thursday evening in the UC. Adam Green, who sang a medley of Dave Mathew's songs, took home the $100 cash prize for winning in the Individual category.

The Velvet Lounge, made up of four students imitating the New York lounge scene, tied for second place in the Groups category. Performing in this group was Tony De Tora, the poet, Sammy Beagley, the guitarist, Kaure Erickson, the brass instrumentalist, and Mariano Rosales, the bassist. Tying for runner-up in the Groups category, Martin Getz and Marie Joseph performed a singing duet of "Phantom of the Opera."

Winning for the best Band category was Airborna, who played "Low," a cover by Cracker. Members of the band include Justin Simmons, Andy Hg, Lloyd Richardson, Julian Suszynski and Mike DiFalco.

Also performing was returning participant Matt Gerdon, who entertained the audience when he juggled fluorescent balls in the dark. From a student band including members Brent A. Terwilliger, Erik Copeland, David R. Thomas and temporarily added Jason Pryor, covered "All Along the Watchtower," and pianist (continued on next page)
While the rest of the cheerleading squad pays attention to the game, Anna Potters is distracted by Ernie the Eagle. *photo by: Danny Kent*

Although outnumbered three-to-one by his opponents, Harold Pearson holds his ground and aggressively shoots the basketball. *photo by: Danny Kent*

Steve Thomas played a medley of original pieces.

Friday afternoon, club members and Homecoming court nominees proudly displayed their floats and themselves to the crowd and to the judges.

The parade included hired stilts-walkers, the pep band, lots of candy and lots and lots of energy. “The best part [of Homecoming] was riding in the convertible and throwing candy,” said Diana Rivera, court nominee.

Members of FCA (Fellowship of Christian Athletes) created a replica of Gilligan’s Island for their float, while members of the Gamer’s Guild built a pirate’s ship out of plywood. Also among the wide array of floats was a pick-up truck made into a biplane, constructed by the Flight Team.

The crowd followed the parade to free food and music at the Fieldhouse, where the annual tailgate party and pep rally was held.

The Eagles Basketball team took on the Brevard Tornadoes before a capacity crowd in the Fieldhouse at 7 p.m. With the support from Ernie the Eagle, the cheerleaders, the pep band and the Greeks, who showed up with painted faces, the Eagles defeated their rivals 88-77.

Half-time included the crowning of Homecoming Queen, Diana Rivera, and King, Ken Bomongeag, G-Force, the campus dance squad, also performed at this time, adding to the energetic atmosphere.

Concluding the entertainment line-up was a live concert by BigSky and headliners The Mighty Mighty Bosstones Saturday night in the Fieldhouse.

By Ashlee Fiser
from performing at night...

"Double D..." Matt's glowing balls... colorful leis... need to have one of those around... 'the wheel of death'... in grass skirts... now there's a bold fashion statement... they're pretty good! Should I get their autograph before I do... that's Trebor Youcum laughing in the front! we don't even... to look; we just know... "Of course we all remember the jock... the booties... they were the best!"... Phantom of the Opera... to toss... guitar reunion night... "Woman, Wooo-man, Wooo... free stuff, free stuff... "The Piano Man" wows the crowd..."

"The talent show was really cool to watch. I never knew Riddle had so much talent."
2000 homecoming 2000 homecoming 2000 homecoming

Clockwise from top: In step, the pep band struts their stuff for the outgoing crowd. — Rebecca Billmeyer sings to the students for her final ERAU performance. — Riding in decorated convertibles was the highlight of the parade for many. — Caribbean Students Association (CSA) added some brightness to the parade. — Jason Pyron rocks the UC during his drum debut. — The Velvet Lounge brings a new taste of entertainment to the students with their blues-style jazz and poetry.
Clockwise from top: Desiree Denning and Rebecca Bilimoria sing an encore number. - Marie Joseph and Martin Getz perform a piece from "Phantom of the Opera." - Alumni join in the tailgating festivities preceding the basketball game. - Matt Gordon amazes students with his juggling abilities. - A hired stilts walker demands the attention of the crowd. - Using lots of paint and rope, students construct their float for the parade planned for that afternoon.
The parade brought out the best school spirit in the students again this year. Riddle Reggae created lots of excitement!
Homecoming 2000, festively titled "Riddle Reggae," packed an extended weekend with an entertainment lineup that left students, faculty and alumni with a lingering feeling of school pride.

Kicking off the celebration was Talent Night, hosted by comedian Chris Johnson Thursday evening in the UC. Adam Green, who sang a medley of Dave Matthew's songs, took home the $100 cash prize for winning in the Individual category.

The Velvet Lounge, made up of four students imitating the New York lounge scene, tied for second place in the Groups category. Performing in this group was Tony DeTona, the poet. Sammy Beagley, the guitarist, Raare Erickson, the brass instrumentalist, and Mariano Rosales, the bassist. Tying for runner-up in the Groups category, Martin Geitz and Marie Joseph performed a singing duet of "Phantom of the Opera."

Winning for the Best Band category was Auborn, who played "Low," a cover by Cracker. Members of the band include Justin Simms, Andy Hg. Lloyd Richardson, Julian Suszinski and Mike DiFalco.

Also performing was returning participant Matt Gerdon, who entertained the audience when he juggled luminous balls in the dark. Uplift, a student band including members Brent A. Terwilliger, Erik Copeland, David R. Thomas and temporarily added Jason Pyron, covered "All Along the Watchtower," and piano (continued on next page).
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Left: Head Basketball Coach Steve Ridley gives his players some final words of motivation and encouragement before the game gets underway.

Below: Harold Pierson focuses on his layup despite major defensive obstacles.

Above: The G-Force Dance Squad puts on an energetic half-time show performance for the spectators.

Far left: Paul Yale puts up a jump shot over his Brevard opponent.

Left: Heath Fabacher shows the opponents exactly how to make a dunk.
The Envelope Please...

Scott Cames, Mirja Lausten, Arnold Deasis, Amanda Mori, David Golightly, Diana Rivera and Marcos DelOrbe anxiously await the announcement of the Homecoming King and Queen before hundreds of energetic Eagle fans. Photos by Dave Wong.

Left: Homecoming Queen Diana Rivera is congratulated by previously-titled Queen Moira Byrne, while Ken Bommer, right, is crowned as King by Tim Monroe.
Above: Members of the defending-champion fraternity, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, celebrate after winning the final event, the tug-of-war. *Photo by: Marisol Rosales* Right: Brothers of Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity pose in the University Center, where members are found throughout the day at their "assigned tables." *Photo by: Marisol Rosales* Below: Diane Booher and her fuzzy friend, of Alpha Xi Delta sorority, attract prospective pledges at the fall Activities Fair. *Photo by: Ryan Martin*

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**From Alpha To Omega**

... Greek Week ... the sweet smell of victory
... deafening cheers from the sidelines
... pyramids ... battle-painted
... the finish line down field after the true meaning of brother
... learning to go out on a that you obtained during a
... join ... sweat-covered bod-
... Rush Week ... from

... the groans from the sore losers ... chariot races ... laughter
... grass-stained clothes ... mud-covered faces ... human
... faces lined up ready for combat ... struggling to see
... just spinning face-to-face 30 times ... finding out
... and sisterhood ... dirty games of twister (literally)
... limb and trust others ... tending to your rope burns
... brutal game of tug-of-war ... inspiring crowds to
... ies ... "Rush Delta Chi" ... Nights at the pub
... Alpha to Omega ...

*By Ashlee Fiser and Susie Oswald*
Captain Georges Anyaenu, member of African Student Association, uses the Black History parade to show spirit and pride for both his school and his heritage. Approximately 14 percent of the school’s population were international students raising it in the top five among other private Florida universities for attracting international students.

Photo by F.L. Orange
Suddenly realized we were not alone on our journey, as we met others heading in the same direction along the way. Faces represented a myriad of cultures, heritages and even social norms from over a hundred different countries and all 50 states. While the largest group of us, 20 percent, traveled across the state of Florida, 14 percent left our family and friends in countries like Korea, India and England to pursue our ambitions. Over 30 percent of us came from the fast-paced city life of the northeast, bringing with us our defining lifestyles and accents.

As we strolled across campus, we overheard random conversations spoken in different languages, colored by various accents from around the globe. Through our daily encounters with one another, we overcame potential language barriers and became more culturally aware, perhaps learning more from our classmates than from our classes themselves.

Along with the unusually high amount of out-of-state and international students, the extreme lack of female students also added to our campus' uniqueness. With female students equaling only 15 percent of the total population, we landed in second place for Playboy's Top Ten List of the "Worst Institutions to get laid," which was heralded as front-page news in a fall issue of the Axion newspaper. Furthermore, with over 900 hired staff members, we were given a significant amount of individual attention in each of our classes. We felt as though we were more than a colleague number and a mere name on a class roster. As our professors acknowledged and greeted us by name as we passed them outside of class, we knew we had a recognizable face, even among over 4,500 peers.

In the end, it was our subtle differences and unique backgrounds that blended together to create a culturally aware and well-rounded student body. As we looked beyond our differences that once separated us, we realized that it was those unique characteristics and contrasting personalities that united us. We adjusted our steps to match one another's as we continued our journey, keeping side by side our life-long companions.

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Aerospace Engineering
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Engineering Physics
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"I will never understand why most people are in such a hurry to leave behind the 'best days of their lives.' I am in no such hurry."

-Mark Cappello

"The hardest thing to leave is going to be the SGA office because it is more than my job... it is my home."

-Lisa Palme
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Aviation Business Administration
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Words for the Wise

"Obstacles are the things you see when you take your eyes off the goal."
-Elizabeth Smart

"Look positively at student loans. If you have $90,000 worth of student loans, you have $90,000 worth of education."
-William Fitzpatrick
If I Had a Million Dollars...

"...I would buy gumballs... lots of gumballs."
-Dave Thomas

"...I would finish school and move to the Caribbean."
-Rick Coxac
Jacquelyn Hamilton  
Human Factors  
John Hannah  
Aviation Business Administration  
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Aircraft Engineering  
Emil Jose Irausquin  
Aviation Maintenance Management  
Jacob Issac  
Air Traffic Management
If I could do it all over, I would study more and find some time for classes. “
- Seth Packard

I didn’t start school soon enough.”
- Jason Pyron
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Aerospace Engineering
William Kwong
Aviation Business Administration
Olaci Lacerda
Aerospace Studies
Jason Lamb
Computer Engineering

Joseph Landon
Engineering Physics
Marcus Laster
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Timothy Monroe
Computer Science
Carlos Montanez
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Aeronautical Science
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Aeronautical Science
Michael Nathan
Aeronautical Science

Stacie Naumann
Engineering Physics
Michael Nave
Aerospace Engineering
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Masters of Business Administration
Christiana Njeuma
Masters of Aeronautical Science
I'm not sure. I have no job skills but I'm highly trainable. Just send me to rehab and I'll be all set."
- Michelle LaValle

"I'm going to make a lot of money and open a liquor store."
- Colben Sime
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Engineering Physics
Patrick Pusey
Aviation Technology
Scott Ratner
Aviation Business Administration
Michelle Rea
Communication

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Human Factors
Kristopher Stadler
Aviation Maintenance Management
Abigail Stephenson
Human Factors

Best Memory
of Embry-Riddle

"When my RA's mom discovered the blow-up doll I put in his shower during homecoming of my freshman year in the McKay cave." -Ken Bomongeag

"The times we've spent with our 'family' at high altitude." -Darrell Speranz and Mike Ragucci
Favorite Classes

“My Air Traffic Control class because we get to do actual ATC work and not just sit through lectures.”
- Chris Widmer

“MET 200. I feel smart being the only Aero Sci student in a class full of Engineering Physics majors”
- Chaz Miller
What's Hot on the Silver Screen

1. Gladiator
2. Hannibal
3. Matrix
4. Fight Club
5. Coyote Ugly

6. What Women Want
7. Road Trip
8. American Beauty
9. Cast Away
10. Gone in 60 Seconds
February 22, 2001,
Derek Schoby and Melissa
Gaines were chosen from the
top 5 finalists as Mr. and Miss Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University. Runners-up were Mark
Cappello, James Fallat, Marcos DeOlive and Danine Carter for the Mr. ERAU title, while Diane
Boehler, Pam Morgan, Lisa Palmer and Noorani Ali were runners-up for the Miss ERAU title.

Candidates were nominated by faculty, staff, and students, and then the ten semi-finalists
were selected by a campus wide vote. The top 5 finalists were then selected from which Derek and Melissa were chosen. They were selected based on
their academic standing, leadership skills, service to the community and university, activities involved in on campus and overall character.

Derek graduated in December with a degree in Aviation Business; he is now pursuing a Masters degree in Aeronautical Science. Derek hailed
from St. Louis, Missouri. He loves life and has greatly enjoyed his studies here at Embry-Riddle. His favorite subject taken was "Airport Planning and Design." Derek's best advice to his fellow classmates was summed up in two words: "Be disciplined."

Melissa is a senior in the Aerospace Studies program. From the
great state of North Carolina, her favorite subject taken was a psychology
course in her junior year. Melissa is friendly and outgoing. She loves
sports, long walks on the beach, music, traveling and lots of friends to share
fun times. Melissa hopes to obtain an internship in Vero Beach to enhance
her studies. Her best advice to fellow classmates is "to live life to the fullest."

The faculty, staff, and students of ERAU join together in
congratulating Derek and Melissa on winning their titles and we all wish
them well in their future plans. We believe that they will represent Embry-
Riddle Aeronautical University in an excellent manner:

By Dr. Brad Bennett

Spring 2001 Senior Class Council

President: Iyob Makonnen
Vice President: Chaz Miller
Secretary: Oliver Shields
Treasurer: Matt Zahniser

Back Row: Ryan Rogers, Jonathon Fosaaen, Helen Le Donne, Oliver Shields, Joe Hanley
Front Row: Joshua Morin, Chaz Miller, Iyob Makonnen, Matt Zahniser
Not Pictured: Noorani Ali, Matt Ahearn
Most Embarrassing Moment

"One day, after cutting off all of my long hair, the guys in my class said that there was only one girl in the classroom...they saw the one with the long hair, apparently they didn't notice me."
-Hidie Hempstead

"One day I walked all the way to class with my skirt caught in my backpack."
-Colleen Martin

"My first week here it was raining and late at night and I was running into Doolittle when I slipped and fell on my butt in front of everybody. What a first impression I made!"
-Marie Joseph

"I had really long hair one day I was knocked and I fell backwards into the arms of the hottest guy in school. My hair got caught in his belt buckle. Immediately the two of us untangled my hair in the middle of the lunch room...way to pick up guys!"
-Crescent Skees

Edron Alnnaad
Justice Akhranau
Adel Al-Adwan
Ali Al-Chalabi
Eric Alderson

Jeffrey Aldrich
Isa Allah
Henry Alvarez
Rob Anderson
Rachel Andreolas
"The Moat Monster came about with extra boxes laying around. It was supposed to be a gargoyle...then it looked like a cow, so we put classes on it and gave it fire-breathing nostrils. It used to have a cigarette: college kids are desperate for cigarettes, so that was stolen...it was kidnapped and ransomed at one point...then recovered in parts, and reassembled into the Moat Monster 2000."

-John Smith and Vince Mamo

"Since I've been here I've had a scorpion, a rabbit, a bird, an attack turtle, an African hedgehog, and I almost bought a pig...but it smelled. Only the turtle survived."

-Justin Simms

"Some of us from our hall have a small turtle named Super Green. He's named after a phrase from our favorite movie, The Fifth Element. We almost became turtle soup from falling book ends."

-Charla Keaser

Jeffrey Andrews
Daniel Ankle
Jack Applegate
Evren Arslandus
Sara Ashton

Andre Atkinson
Kenneth Autry
Holly Baker
Michael Banas
Soloman Bannister
Andrew Barnett
Adria Barreau
Kenneth Barrett
Andrew Bauer
Ryan Beaty

Jeremy Bennett
Ted Betzler
Dave Bickel
Adrienne Bissell
Jonathan Blackwell

Kevin Blackwell
Ladetria Blackwell
Paul Bliss
Angelo Bonavita
Kristen Bonifield

Kelly Bowman
Anthony Brickhouse
Andrew Brignman
Anthony Brisbane
Shelby Brown

JOKES ON ME

"The guys in our hall borrowed Cool Runnings from us and when they returned it to us, they replaced it with a porn." -Allison Kelizia

"Friends tried to tow my car." -Phillip Jones
"I saran-wrapped the toilet and got my friend Chris."
-Jason Gendel

"We inverted the peephole of a brother's room and caught him masturbating at his computer. And that wasn't the first time."
-Chris Ferguson
Guido Crespo
Dana Crispin
Gabriel Davis
Laverne Davis
Scott Davis

Joy Dawson
James Deck
Jamie Diprospero
Andrew Dorsey
Christopher Dowell

Mark Duncan
Seth Dutschke
Brandon Edmonds
Nick Ervin
Meghan Fairbrother

George Fermi
Ashlee Fisher
Lamar Fisher
Nicholas Forte
Sarah Forte

Do you have any rare talents?

"Does being the longest commercial pilot student on campus count? Fifteen months. Does that make me a bad pilot? Look out Delta!"
-Chrictopher Grable

"Expert on Pornography."
-Rob "Porno" Hammond
What are your hobbies?

"Surfing and drinking."
-Dana Larkins

"Scuba diving, working out, karate, slacking."
-Eric Eckman
"When my time is wasted on other people's stupidity."
- Todd Fortier

"Why the hell won't they give me another bun for my burger when I get a double entree? I want the whole damn sandwich!"
- Ryan Campbell
WHAT DO YOU DO TO RELAX?

"I SCREAM AND YELL AT MY ROOMMATE..."
- ESHA OYARJIVIE

"...AND I SCREAM AND YELL BACK."
- HEATHER MELECKI

"DRINK BEER AND HANG OUT WITH MY FRIENDS."
- TYREL GIBSON

"I TAKE A HOT BATH."
- CHUNG HEE KOO
Hal Luers
Lisa Lundgren
Phillip Mace
Vincent Mano
Vincent Marchese

Colleen Martin
Natalie Martin
Richard Martin
Ryan Martin
Bryan Martini

Rodney Mathis
Nathaniel McCray
Lawrence McDonald
Christopher McMenamy
Jason Melville

Judson Menezes
Nicole Menkhoff
Brent Metcalf
Kyle Mickelwait
Dallas Mikaelson

Riddle Faqs

"What’s up with those scooters?"
-Sarah Day

"People who ride those scooters need to be shot. We’re not in third grade anymore."
-Andy Mullins
Albert Mon, III
Daniel Monroe
Anthony Monte, Jr.
Annely Montes
Michael Moran

Mark Muren
Terra Murphy
Jennifer Myers
Mari Lynn Nado
Justin Napier

Joseph Napoli
Matthew Naylor
Alexandria Newell
Jason Noel
Patrick Noriega

Scott Obermiller
John Ohlund
Vance Ontjes
Bryan Orth
Heather Osttick

WHAT DO YOU LOOK FORWARD TO ON WEEKENDS?

"FORGETTING MY NAME."
-Phil Balliet

"SLEEPING IN BUSHES."
-Josh Wycuff
"THE VENDING MACHINES AT AMT."
-Frank Gangi

"THE TWO LADIES AT THE SANDWICH PLACE KICK ASS BECAUSE THEY ALWAYS REMEMBER WHAT I WANT."
-Adam Sergy

"I BOUGHT A WHOLE JAR OF SWEET PICKLES FROM THE UC SALAD BAR. I CAN LIVE ON THOSE THINGS!"
-Shelby Brown

"UHH...OLIVE GARDEN."
-Andy Ilg
Advice to Freshmen

"Bond with the ladies but stay away from the make-up."
-James Hodges

To all freshmen guys: no matter how much you shake and dance, the last two drops always end up in your pants.
-Dave Spears
Advice from Freshmen

"You need a car!"
-Lauren Vitagliano

"Go out and party... forget school and forget your girl."
-Adel Al-Adwan
Suzanne Spurgeon
Douglas Stacy
Saso Stojceski
Brent Strueer
Nancy-Jean Sirothers

Christopher Suttle
Geoffrey Tacher
Nicole Tallley
Jonathan Tashos
Mohamed Thabet

David Thomas
Dayl Thomas
William Traub, Jr.
Jonathan Tucker
Jason Tutrone

James Valentino
John Vollbrecht
Ryan Vonnahme
Michael Walker
Dawn Wanzer

WHAT IS THE BIGGEST LIE YOU HAVE EVER TOLD?

"That I went to Australia and got my picture taken with 2 kangaroos having sex"
-Tom Rasmussen

"I've never told a lie."
-Kevin Swanson
1. "Hi, I'm not a pilot."
2. "That shirt is very becoming on you...but then again, if I were on you, I'd be coming too."
3. "Your pants must be made of Windex because I can see myself in them."
4. (Grab their butt) "Is this seat taken?"
5. "If I told you that you had a nice body, would you hold it against me?"
6. "Baby, you must be a socket wrench because every time I see you my nuts get tight."
7. "Your clothes would look great in a pile next to my bed."
8. "How you doin?"
9. "Why don't you come upstairs and help me with my math? We'll add the bed, subtract the clothes, divide the legs and multiply."
10. "Hi, I'm not a pilot."

James Watkins
Jesse Weger
Jesse Wells
Richard West, IV
John Westfield

Brian Whittingham
Sasha Wilkinson
Charles Williams
Sean Williams
Karl Willman

Cathleigh Winningham
Lynville Wyse
Kai Xing
Trebor Yocum
David Zimmer
After devouring their meal from Hurlee's, students work diligently on a homework assignment in the Lehman Building Computer Lab. Photo by J.C. Granger

Students held a late-night study session in a residence hall study room. Photo by J.C. Granger

In the C-Building lounge, students cram for an upcoming Programming test. Photo by J.C. Granger
John Vollbrecht (left), Todd Alexander and John Guarino are distracted from their studies while the computer holds their attention.

Patrick Pottinger, a faithful movie night-goer, gets comfortable before the showing of Charlie's Angels in the Student Center.

Students gather to watch The Simpsons in the Landing Strip.

An exhausted student lies on the couch in the Village Atrium, where residents commonly gathered.
Embry-Riddle
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University
Officers
and
Faculty
Message from University President, George H. Ebbs

The Phoenix has once again done a fine job of capturing special moments in the life of this exceptional University. As we complete this school year, my hope is that you are taking with you some of your own special and memorable experiences. Some of you will have graduated and are looking forward to your chosen career. Many of you will return for our next academic year to complete your goals. Regardless of your future plans, your time with Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University should have challenged you to question, learn, and grow. Beyond that, I also hope it was fun!

My best wishes to each of you.

George H. Ebbs, President
Perry Fulkerson, Vice President of Institutional Advancement

Robert Jost, Vice President of Business and Finance

Dr. Jeffrey Ledewitz, Executive Vice President, Vice President of Student Life
Aeronautical Science Department
Back row to front row: (left to right) John Stratechuck, Don Smith, Jim Lewis, Ted Beneigh, Dan McKenzie, Pat Donahue, Tom Kirton, Chuck Moren, Dr. Bud Blackwell, Cass Howell, Frank Ayers, Don Garrett, John Barney, Joe Clark, Bill Kohlruss, Ginny Tait

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The ability to influence was one of the many characteristics teaching encompassed. It was this uncanny mastering of the mind that triggered students to learn. Only the best teachers had the ability to mold and influence the paths of their students, and the ones that do could never be forgotten. Embry-Riddle’s Dr. Robert Fleck was one such teacher that was both admired and respected by the University community.

Sophistication, leadership and general excellence were characteristics Dr. Fleck exemplified. He had been a part of Embry-Riddle’s community for over twenty years, and had grown and adapted with the University, the faculty and most importantly, the students.

Dr. Fleck taught a wide variety of courses in the physical science department. He challenged his students to perform at their maximum ability with every task, and helped them in every way to go beyond. Nothing less than the best was expected from each and every one of his pupils.

During the Summer 1999 semester, Dr. Fleck showed his dedication to the students by participating in Embry-Riddle’s study abroad program. He spent the semester in Paris with twenty students. Because that semester was so successful, he also worked on a similar study abroad program in London during this spring semester. He believed every student should participate in such an exhilarating learning experience.

Due to his outstanding work ethic and dedication, Dr. Fleck was awarded the Outstanding Teacher Award for the year 2000. This prestigious award was presented to him during the Spring 2000 Commencement Ceremony. His top-notch dedication to education, and more importantly, his dedication to students, made him the clear choice for this honor.

With his innovative teaching styles and enthusiasm for learning, Dr. Fleck helped many students matriculate into the world. He also became a model for many faculty members. He was a professor that many students would remember when their days at Embry-Riddle came to an end. Using words borrowed from Sir Isaac Newton, Dr. Fleck advised graduating seniors to “be never at rest.”

By Christopher Grable
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Rudolph "Rudy" Stubbs was everyone's favorite Housing Safety Officer. But who was the man behind the uniform? Rudy came to work at Riddle after retiring from the New York City Police Department. After working as a homicide detective for 15 years, he was ready for something a little slower paced. Retirement was too slow for him, so in 1997, he came to work at the Student Village.

While working here for four years, he has seen a lot. One of the biggest problems he saw on campus was the underage drinking in the residence halls. "Student have friends over and start drinking, or come back from the clubs already drunk and start causing problems".

He's dealt with students punching holes in the walls and throwing the dorm furniture into the canal by Doolittle. "Right now if you and your roommates are over 21 then you can drink, but that's difficult to enforce and underage students can stop by at any time. It would improve the image of the University if they banned alcohol altogether."

Aside from the vandalism there were also some serious accidents caused from drinking. "We had one student speed into the Challenger lot, wipe out five cars, back into a sixth one trying to get out and speed away. When we caught him, he was drunk. My main purpose here is to provide safety for the students and when you have to call an ambulance because someone drank too much again, you have to wonder if the present policy is good enough."

To be fair, it wasn't just the students that were drinking that did crazy things. One sober student sped off from the Student Village, lost control and took out part of the wall holding up the bridge; it seemed he was trying to impress a female student.

Although there was a problem with drinking on campus, he didn't see it as being widespread. "The majority of the students here are good kids and are very focused on doing well. It's the handful of individuals that are the ones causing the problems."

After working with criminals for 15 years, the students here were a welcome change. He tried to be fair with students and work things out on a one-to-one basis. In return, the students showed him respect and listened to him. "Interacting with the students here is my favorite part of the job; they keep me young."

By Rachel Brizendine

At left: Dr. Brad Bennett, Phoenix Yearbook Advisor, begins recruiting early for future staff members. Here he is shown with Joseph Donaldson, newborn son of John and Jackie Donaldson.
A few days passed and our journey became a routine made up of study sessions and nights spent hanging out with the guys, we strained our necks and peered up ahead in search of some variety. What we found were over 140 clubs and organizations with purposes as unique as those of us who joined them.

Social clubs, including the 14 Greek fraternities and sororities, formally initiated dozens of new brothers and sisters at the close of each semester. Other organizations, such as Alpha Omicron Alpha, the aviation honor society, Sigma Tau Delta, the national English honor society and Society of Women Engineers (SWE), emphasized our academic performance and required us to maintain a high grade point average, be involved with school and community service projects and meet other specific qualifications.

For those interested in team sports at the intramural level, ice hockey, crew, rugby, flag football and other sports were offered through the athletic department. In response to the cultural diversity among us, the Caribbean Students Association, the Indian Students Association and the Korean Students Association, among others, were created. The Student Government Association (SGA) was a powerful organization on campus, as it held the executive offices of the student President, Vice President and Treasurer. Its branches included the Student Representative Board, the Student Finance Board and the Student Court, which handled the numerous judicial matters including traffic tickets. Its four divisions provided news and entertainment to students and faculty throughout the year.

Other organizations, including the Skydiving Club, the Surfing Club, GALBA (Gay and Lesbian Bisexual Association), Christian Fellowship Club and the Flight Team, provided outlets for us to fulfill our desires in activities among others with the same interests. We were soon engulfed in our involvement with these organizations, from social clubs to academic organizations, and our journeys were no longer stagnant and dull. As we brought together our talents and interests, we enhanced our journey by seeking pleasures beyond our daily schedules.

By: ASHLEE FISER

...and interests...
brought together

Teammates of the Iron Eagles Rugby Team line up for a scrum before the start of a game on the Richard Petty Field. The team, although sponsored through the Daytona Beach community, was made up entirely of ERAU students.

photo: by: Jonas Mann
During Production one Sunday night, Mariano Rosales (right) edits a photo using PhotoShop for Kai Xing to use on his Aeronautics page of the Avion, photo by: Ashlee Fiser

Betsy Franklin of the SGA Student Representative Board hands out free stuff at the Shag Fest.
photo by: Dave Wong

While touring the nation's capital on an all-expenses-paid trip for the annual International College Media Convention, Ashlee Fiser (left), Andrew Phillips and Michelle Rea of the Phoenix yearbook relax on the stairs of the Lincoln Memorial.
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Inside the Grand Hyatt Hotel in Washington, D.C., Phoenix editors Mark Cappello (left), Henry Alvarez, Andrew Phillips and Ashlee Fiser take an escalator to another seminar offered as part of the week's Convention.
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The Student Government Association is designed to help the student population in any way possible. The SGA provides services from copies and faxes to entertainment on campus. Through the three branches including the Student Representative Board, Student Finance Board and Student Court, undergraduates are provided to apply for funding and organizations, talk other students about relating to classes, and other aspects of life, and appeal to peers for judicial decisions on student issues.

The four divisions including the Avion News, the Phoenix Yearbook, Touch-N-Go Productions, and WERU Radio provide and entertainment to students, faculty and staff. From the weekly paper, the annual yearbook, radio broadcasts, to performers, the divisions of the SGA are an integral part of getting and keeping students involved.

This year's administration focused primarily on financial issues relating to the clubs and organizations, and how much money was available to the SGA as a whole. Raising the SGA fee is something no student wanted to see happen, so this administration delved into other opportunities to increase funding. Program sponsorships, revenue sharing agreements and fundraising have been implemented and successfully carried out to provide for increased club funding in the following years. In addition, the executive board was devoted to strengthening struggling divisions and providing new services such as color laser printing.

by: Robert "Sammy" Beagley
Phoenix Yearbook

It started as a few words scratched on a piece of paper. After members spent three hours on a Saturday afternoon, sprawled across Andrew's living room floor rejecting, repeating and recording ideas, not to mention devouring over $100 of Olive Garden take-out, they molded their words and visions into the theme of the 2000-2001 Phoenix yearbook. Over a period of nine months, 204 pages of memories were created — no small feat for a staff of only 16 members.

Susie Oswald, the Student Life editor, designed over 30 full-color pages that covered events outside the boundaries of academics, such as Greek life and Homecoming. Michelle Rea and Adia Barreau, Co-People editors, featured over 60 students' and faculty portraits, along with off-the-wall quotes gathered from students around campus. Using layouts designed by Marcos DelOrbe before he graduated in December, editors Aydin Ozkara and Kelly Bowman harassed over 100 club sponsors for content for their Clubs/Orgs section. Sports editors Mark Cappello and Henry Alvarez created and filled 26 full-color pages of the Varsity sports teams. Ryan Martin, the photo editor, along with photographers Michael Moran, Dave Wong and Mariano Rosales, captured the year's events on film at the editors' requests, often last minute and sometimes at two o'clock in the morning. Besides bringing the Phoenix back into existence last year, Trebor Yocum contributed as the Political Liaison and provided connections with nearly any information source they needed. Joining the staff in the spring semester, Rachel Bixendine and Christopher Grable offered their assistance to editors during crucial deadlines, often working on the weekends and late weeknights. Besides keeping track of funds and avoiding facing debt, Andrew Phillips maintained contacts with advertisers, organized sales promotions and designed 36 pages of color and black-and-white advertisements as Business Manager and Community section editor. Their advisor, Dr. Brad Bennett, remained involved and active throughout the year, offering suggestions and help when they needed it.

Looking back on that day in Andrew's cramped living room where it all began, the Phoenix staff realized they did more than just make a book of pictures and words. By creating a book of memories, they created their own memories at the same time.

by: Ashlee Fiser

WERU Radio

WERU's purpose was simple — to provide programming not readily available on local commercial radio for the education, the entertainment and the enlightenment of the student body. At 104.7FM, WERU broadcasted a wide range of music throughout the Student Center and the Residence Halls. One of the improvements the members-implemented was audio-based broadcasting over the Internet. After acquiring enough funds, they hoped to broadcast through Low Power FM. Though the name may have been misleading, Low Power FM would enable their programming to reach the entire Daytona Beach area.

Until then, the DJs of WERU continued to entertain and educate students through a variety of important times and outrageous personalities.

by: Phillip Jones

Avion Newspaper

For students by students

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Phoenix Yearbook

Up from the ashes!

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The freedom to express oneself is at the heart of any free society, and the Avion Newspaper provides an outlet for such expression among the students, faculty and staff at Embry-Riddle as well as coverage of news and events specific to the University.

Published 12 times per semester and six times over the summer semester, the Avion features campus news, opinions, student organizations and university sports, as well as news and reports from the various fields into which most students will graduate.

As always in a volunteer organization, the people are the backbone of and the story behind the Avion.

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The Riddle Riders received a grant from the SGA this year, boosting their club to new proportions. Through their promotion of motorcycle safety and provision of a way for riders on campus to meet, the Riddle Riders purchased and rebuilt a 50 cc motorcycle from two Yamaha RX-50s for club members to learn to ride. They used the funds to buy worn parts, and were still able to sponsor 40 club members and students to take their Motorcycle Safety Foundation courses.

Above: Club members pose for a photo while standing next to their motorcycles.  photo by: Robert Byrne

Top right: Artistic riders lay down the rubber in the shape of a smiley face :)

G-Force Dance Squad
Front Row: Maciel Mustiga, Shanece Fordler, Barbara Benecki, Theresa Croft, Kirsten Meadows, Dana Crispin, Middle Row: Korinne Takeyama, John Grandham, Danielle Annuszewicz, Gema Law, Back: Danielle Choven, Ali Sandberg, Coach AnnaMarie Wells, Dawn Wanzer, Michelle Choven

Gamer's Guild
At the fall Activities Fair, members of the Gamer's Guild try to attract new members by setting up some of the many games they play at events throughout the year.  photo by: Matthew Roseale
Muscle Car Association

The Embry-Riddle Muscle Car Association brings together American Muscle Car enthusiasts and owners at Embry-Riddle to participate in drag racing, car shows, and other muscle car events. During the Thanksgiving break, they sponsored their first annual Late Model Car Show at the Embry-Riddle Fieldhouse with much success.

A Chevrolet Monte Carlo sits on display among other muscle cars on the West Lawn during the Activities Fair.

Various club member's muscle cars, including Mustangs, Broncos, and Pontiacs, proudly line the Tomcat parking lot.
Shekhnu Jewish Club

The Shekhnu Jewish Club provided an outlet for Jewish students on campus to interact with one another, and to participate in cultural activities not otherwise available to them through the University. To relieve the stress of finals, they held a traditional Shabbat dinner in which they lit candles and made blessings over wine and braided bread known as challah.
Greek Week Champions, Alpha Eta Rho fraternity promoted contacts between its members and those in the profession of aviation, while instilling a strong bond of brotherhood among themselves. Each semester they participated in an aviation, a community, and a University project. This year, they painted taxi numbers on the Riddle ramp, as well as hosting an “Into the Streets” program and co-sponsoring an Aerospace Science Department forum.

Brothers of Alpha Eta Rho rose to the top to win the title of Greek Week Champions.

Men of AHP pose for a group shot.
Riddle Players

The Riddle Players put on many performances for the Embry-Riddle Community throughout both the spring and fall semesters. In January, they staged a presentation of Frederick Knott's "Wait Until Dark." The Players' end of the spring semester festival included acts titled "House of Bake" and "The Politics of Sleep."

As these Rugby players demonstrate, teamwork was essential in defeating their opponents.
Iron Eagles Rugby Football

The goal of the Iron Eagles Rugby Football Club was to promote this intense sport throughout the Daytona college community.

Teammates spent most of their time working on fundraisers such as security for the Venus Swimwear Competition and the “War” concert during Biketoberfest.

They also participated in their annual parking fundraisers at the Daytona 500 and the Pepsi 400, not only to earn money for their club, but also to gain free infield admission for everyone who

Ascendents League

The women of the Ascendant’s League strived to pursue education by participating in activities that promoted economic and educational development.

One of their activities was the Annual Hat Show with the National Society of Negro Women. They sponsored other events for this historical black women’s organization to bring themselves closer to the community. They also hosted Green and White Ladies’ Night each semester for incoming female students. This night served as a safety tool to introduce college life to incoming females on the campus. In January, they held “Ascendants Week.” During this week, events including a historical black film show and an aviation-related speaker were featured in the hopes of uniting the group and making the League well-known around campus.

The week culminated in a celebration of the organization.
Eagles Ice Hockey

At the Daytona Iceplex, the ice hockey team fights hard for the win against their opponents in several games throughout the season.

Sailing Club
It wasn't only about spending time with their sisters; members of Theta Phi Alpha were active in the community as well.

Taking a moment for the camera, the Theta Phi Alpha sisters enjoy their time together.

Alpha Xi Delta

Alpha Xi Delta, the largest sorority on campus, made every effort to inspire women to realize their full potential. They assisted the Children's Advocacy Center with various fundraisers throughout the year, providing support for unfortunate children. They also participated in Greek Week and sponsored "By the Numbers," a presentation to educate students about the dangers of alcohol and sex.
GALBA
Gay and Lesbian, Bisexual Association
Embry-Riddle's Gay/Straight Alliance
Strives to create a positive working environment between people of different sexualities here on campus. GALBA works hard to ensure that gay, lesbian, and bisexual students at the University are cared for by offering programs and sessions for those students. Their largest program is the National Coming Out Day Program, which brings in people from all across the state to discuss diversity amongst genders and sexuality. A candlelight vigil was held this year to raise awareness of those victims of hate crimes.

Theta Phi Alpha
The women of Theta Phi Alpha provided an organization where women on campus could get together and be the best that they could be, while producing a tight bond of friendship that would last long after their years at ERAU.
As an organization, they constantly participated in community service projects, including Habitat for Humanities, Council on Aging and numerous others.
They also have taken a few trips to become closer with one another, such as Sea World and social events held around campus.

Well, I guess they're allowed to have a little fun.
The girls worked hard and had a blast preparing their float for the Homecoming Parade.

At the candlelight vigil, Trebor Vosman (left), Andrew Phillips and Eddie Hernandez hold their candles and participate in the evening's event.
Rotaract

Embry- Riddle Rotaract proved successful as members were involved with many events and activities that helped to better the Daytona Beach area with a touch of aviation.

As done every year, the club took the Young Eagles program under its wings and helped many young minds soar. As well as flying, members were also involved with peer mentoring, Boy Scout merit badge instruction and general aid to the community.

The year ended with the club's annual sponsored trip to the Lakeland area for Sun N Fun.

by: Aydin Ozkazanc
Various pictures show the Rotaract members interacting with their Young Eagles.
The Ninety-Nines

Taking advantage of the growing population of female students, the Ninety-Nines promoted the education of women pilots and provided an environment to encourage and support women in an aviation career.

They worked collectively with the Society of Women Engineers, helping the Florida Girl Scouts earn their aviation badges. They also volunteered at elementary schools, teaching children about basic aviation and promoting interest in the field.

To represent their chapter, members also offered their time and service at several air-shows.

It was an honor for the Ninety-Nines to meet the group's founder.

Student Activities

Above: Before handing off the movie night’s responsibility to Touch N' Go, Student Activities employee Lloyd Richardson sets up the sound system for Road Trips. photo by Andy By

Through Student Activities, Hypnotist Tom Delanea visits campus and entertains students at a fall show, as seen in photo at right. photo by Marsha Peeler
The Omicron Delta Kappa National Leadership Honor Society (ODK) recognized juniors and seniors who showed great leadership and academic qualities. Early in the year, they participated in the Halloween activities on campus. ODK’s biggest event was the Student Leadership Conference. Students from five area high schools participated in leadership sessions run by the group members. This worked to encourage young people to take an active role in their school and community.

In an effort not only to reward, but also to recruit prospective members, ODK recognized those students at the end of the fall semester who had made the Dean’s List. At the beginning of the spring semester, ODK recognized the underclassmen who made the List by giving them a notice of appreciation and a piece of candy to congratulate them on their “sweet success.”

ODK provided a photographer for the Halloween festivities on campus so that parents could capture their children on film.

Children take advantage of and participate in all the events put on by ODK.
Society of Collegiate Journalists

The Embry-Riddle chapter of Society for Collegiate Journalists (SCJ) was founded in 1979. The journalism honors society supported and celebrated the accomplishments of students involved in the mass media organizations of the University, including the Avion newspaper, Phoenix yearbook and WERU radio station.

The society’s members were chosen based upon their moral character, hard work ethic, scholarship and journalistic integrity. Promotion of these valued characteristics through the organization helped to ensure that members properly represented SCI and their respective organizations to the University. In turn, these members often played major roles in the leadership and direction that the organizations took.

Each year, the SCI undertook a project mostly associated with the school newspaper. The Orientation Issue was produced each year by current and alumni membership of the chapter and distributed during the first week of each fall semester. The result was a quality issue for thousands of entering students and their parents to get a glimpse of what the University had to offer. This issue continued to grow as various departments realized the importance of getting their messages to new students.

Another project of SCI was Creations, a literary magazine composed of poetry, short stories and photographs created by students. Published once a semester, Creations provided students the chance to see the artistic work of their peers.

New members are inducted into SCJ during a formal candlelight dinner at hotel. photo by: Dave Wong

Back row: (left to right) Todd Fortier, Tony DeTora, Nicole Menkhoff, Mark Cappello, Tashuelah “Sunny” Nasah, John Gibbs, Brock Sargeant, Adam Gray. Front row: Ethan Kent, Jessica Ross, Ashley Fiser, Tony Costello, Mariano Rosales III, Tyus Young.
Nicole Menkhoff, just one of the seven inductees, points to the designated banquet room for the induction ceremony.

photo by: Dave Wong

Tony DeFora, Todd Fortier, Nicole Menkhoff and Tony Costello enjoy their five-course meal.

photo by: Dave Wong

Ethan Kent turns his attention from his steak and lobster dinner to the camera. photo by: Dave Wong
Army ROTC

Army cadets practice their drills and procedures on the Richard Petty Field.

Mac Users Group

Current members attempt to recruit new members into the Mac Users Group at the spring Activities Fair.
American Association of Airport Executives

AAAE educated and informed students on all aspects of aviation, specifically airports. Members attended the national conference in Baltimore, Maryland, where they met a variety of individuals in the field of management and aviation, including FAA Director Jane Garvey.

Far left: Mina Carlson of AAAE speaks during a presentation.

Left: Members pose for a picture outside of a conference.
Skydiving Club

As part of the club's Activities Fair demonstration, Tom Balzer lands in the field behind the IC Auditorium.

photo by Chad Slowik

Although standing on firm ground instead of falling from thousands of feet in the air, members get together for a good time.

Jerico Collins, VP of the club, celebrates after completing his 200th jump.

Smoothly landing after his demonstration jump, John Vaughn attracts prospective members from the Activities Fair.
President Danielle Ford,
Vice Presidents Kris
Reynolds and Jerico
Collins and member
Chris Ash of the
Skydiving Club, free fall
above the clouds looking
over their drop zone in
Deland.
photo by: Tom Bailer
Accompanying their pianist, choir members sing solos for a crowd made up of both students and members of the Daytona community during their "Holiday Concert," held in the Willie Miller Instructional Center Auditorium. photo by Michael Moran
The ERAU Choir gives a stirring rendition of the "Star-Spangled Banner" to open the basketball game versus Flagler College.

photo by: Marilou Rosales
Right: Enjoying friendly fellowship, Jared Frey (left), Shaun Easley, Dayl Thomas, Nick Palazzo, Anthony Stroff and Bruno Ilave spend the evening at Daytona Bowl.

Below: Members of CFC gather for a group picture.

Right: Members (back row, left to right) Bruno Ilave, Shaun Easley, Uxmal Diaz, Josh B., (front row, left to right) Eric Adams, Chris Dewey and David Potts goof off while in their suits and ties.
Indian Students Association

The Indian Students Association was an active student organization that prided itself on being part of the ERAU student community. The organization's primary focus was to showcase the wealth and diversity of Indian culture, and also to promote an understanding of India's national integrity. This was accomplished through several cultural events organized throughout the year.

One of these was a "Diwali Night," where Indian faculty and students came together and celebrated this "festival of lights" that heralded the beginning of the Hindu New Year in a relaxed and festive atmosphere. The organization also held its annual "Welcome Back to the Spring Semester," where club members cooked Indian dishes and asked trivia questions about their country.

During the NASCAR Daytona 500 races, members donated their time to raise funds for the earthquake relief victims in India. Through their philanthropic efforts, they hoped to ease the pain and suffering of those tragically affected by this natural disaster.

Finally, the Association had a strong showing during the annual "International Day," with their artistically decorated Indian booth and mouth-watering dishes for visitors. Female members performed a fabulous traditional dance to an Indian song and captured the audience's attention with their perfect synchronization and colorful outfits.

Above: President Shaun Easley cheerfully represents CFC at the spring Activities Fair.

Left: At their booth, Treasurer Jason Layman threatens Vice President David Potts with a pair of scissors.

Christian Fellowship Club

The goal of the Christian Fellowship Club was to share the message of Jesus Christ with as many as possible. They hosted Freshman Feed, an annual program to help students find a church home in Daytona Beach. CFC members also went on a camping trip where they promoted teamwork and leadership through tough courses like the high ropes. They deemed their camping trip, "a great opportunity to relax and spend some time with God."
Special Operations

The Brigadier General William W. Spruance Special Operations Precision Drill Team, or more familiarly known as SO, was founded nearly two decades ago and was based upon traditions of excellence and togetherness. It was a group of highly motivated cadets who were dedicated to the U.S. Air Force and its mission.

The team was comprised of freshman and sophomore cadets (GMC), seeking a commission in the U.S.A.F. Once a cadet was accepted onto the SO Team, they immediately assumed many responsibilities. Team members also displayed characteristics of pride, honor, and loyalty, all of which were founding principles of SO. Beginning as just six hours of practice a week, SO soon became a way of life for its members.

SO trained top cadets for Detachment 157, both within and outside the Daytona Beach community. Members traveled to the Mardi Gras Drill Meet in Louisiana, where they represented their service, detachment and sponsors respectfully. Their success was a result of the countless hours of hard work, dedication to excellence and a desire to represent themselves to the rest of the nation. Members also performed at the end of each semester during the entire corps Pass in Review.

Throughout their training, members of SO were taught the importance of team unity. Those who joined did not gain teammates; they became part of a family of many generations.
Left: Sean Ruane, Fred Tolman and Nathan Jones demonstrate the importance of teamwork, especially in practice.

Below: Colorguard members, Alexandra Dyer, Dave Corra, Patrick Rinn and Sean Ruane stand at attention with their flags and rifles.

Above: Members (back row, left to right) Peter Norine, George Whitley, Dan Keller, Conrad Crompton, Nathan Jones, John Oltend, Patrick Rinn (front row, left to right) Kelly Flynn, Sean Ruane, Khara Marquez, Alexandra Dyer, Christine Arico, Fred Tolman, Jeremy Holmes gather at the spring 2001 Military Gala.

Left: Crossing the canal outside Doolittle Hall, Conrad Crompton and Matt Mayo practice operations at night.
Sigma Alpha Epsilon

Right: Exhausted members pose after a long day of Greek Week festivities.

Below: The brothers get crazy at Honors.

Right: Homecoming candidates Scott Carney, Dave Gough, and Ken Bonnorgc tag hung out before the basketball game.
Abo v e: (F rom left to ri g ht) Ch r is Fa zekas, N issa n Sh rcs h a, Prof. Richard P. An derson (ad v is or), Neel Fedor a, Marc Gaddi s, an d Th ivanka Edrisinds (Pre s ident).

Ta u Al pha Pi

Tau Alpha Pi, Florida Epsilon chapter of the American Society for Engineering Education (ASEE), was the elite society for engineering technology students, and was organized exclusively for charitable, scientific and educational purposes. More specifically, the society recognized students of high scholarship in engineering technology programs. The organization promoted and encouraged scholastic achievement by offering membership to outstanding students, and engendered certain desirable qualities of personality, intellect and character among its members.

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Left: A speaker entertains questions during a CSA aviation forum.
Throughout the year, the Eagles Flight Team used their skills and determination to promote flight safety and to represent the University in the National Intercollegiate Flying Association (NIFA) SAFECON competition. They also co-hosted the Region 9 NIFA SAFECON competition in Melbourne, Florida, while competing in it as well. In addition to winning the competition overall, they were awarded the Team Safety Award.
Left: Did they run him over?

Above: Members enjoy a friendly time at the Region 9 banquet.

Left: Dave Kessler answers the tough questions.

Left: Team Safety Officer Cathy Gagnon earns the Team Safety Trophy.
... More Eagles Flight Team!

Right: Region 9 champions President Carl Johnson, head coach Mike Leeper and VP Ron Baker proudly display their trophy.

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Right: Members prepare for the Region 9 NIFA SAFECON competition outside their hotel.

Above: Members huddle in anticipation on the way to one of their competitions.

Right: "Throw your hands in the air like ya just don't care!"
Left: There's always time to goof off!

Below: A mass of trophies proudly sit on display after a successful competition.

Above: Even when they're not in competition, members spend time together at a Flight Team party.

Left: Hopefully head coach Mike Leeper is better in the cockpit than behind the wheel.
Wrestling Club

Under the leadership of professor and coach Glen Dorn, wrestling club members practice technique and strength training several nights a week in the racquetball courts on campus. All photos by Robert Byrne.
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ROTC

Through many events scheduled during the year, AIAA officers and members hoped to expand students’ horizons in the aerospace industry by interacting with professionals. One of these events was their annual dinner meeting hosted by the organization. Students, faculty and professionals in the field of Aeronautics and Astronautics enjoyed a speech given by Retired Admiral William Pickavance. Other activities included a trip to Kennedy Space Center, where members participated in Community Appreciation Day and a student/faculty barbecue and pizza party to foster better student/faculty relationships. Members also co-hosted the annual AIAA Southeast Region Student Conference, held in Atlanta, Ga.
Sigma Tau Delta's central purpose was to confer distinction upon students of the English language and literature in undergraduate, graduate and professional studies. STD also recognized the accomplishments of professional writers who have contributed to the fields of language and literature. One of the largest members of the Association of College Honor Societies, STD has close to 600 chapters, 700 faculty sponsors, and inducts approximately 7,000 members annually. Our members had the opportunity to be recognized for their outstanding achievements, enrich their education and advance their careers.
Led by President Kelvin Ampofo and VP Sarah Day, 12 new members were inducted into the National English Honor Society at the end of the spring semester in the Key West Room. The ceremony included a welcome by advisor Steve Glassman, a motivating speech by a local professional author and a candle-lighting induction pledge.
During a fall game at the University Fieldhouse, center Heath Fabacher slams the basketball into the net over his Brevard University opponent. The Eagles team returned to Branson, Missouri in the spring where they fell just shy of reclaiming their national title.

photo by: Danny Kent

Sprinting past her race competitors, Melissa Cabrera heads toward the finish line of the Gator Invitational held in Gainesville, Florida. Because Cross Country races were held all over the state, the men’s and women’s teams competed in different climates throughout the season.

photo by: Eric Hill

Proston Kahikina puts some power behind his serve in a match at the International Tennis Association (ITA) Regionals. A junior from Hawaii, Kahikina played at no. 4 singles for the men’s team.

photo by: Madison Rooden

Feeling the sweat pour down our face and hearing the footsteps of our opponent at our back, we sprinted toward the finish line of our journey. We tested our stamina and improved our endurance through season after season of intense games, matches and meets. Ranked as a top program across the nation at the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) level, we were finally seen as a competitive university on the court as well as in the cockpit.

The basketball team proved this status once again by earning a spot in the playoffs and returning to Branson, Missouri to defend their national champion title. An increased number of female athletes further heightened our position in the eyes of our varsity opponents. Over 60 Eagle women competed against other women, whether it was on the soccer field, the tennis court, the green, the volleyball court or the rugged cross country path. The women’s volleyball team, who emphasized teamwork and agility, finished with an overall season score of 28-12. Also reaching the peak of their potential, the women’s soccer team had a best-ever season score of 14-6. The cheerleading squad, made up of eight males and nine females, returned to the National Competition in Tampa, Florida to reclaim their championship title.

In recognition of the athletic program’s potential, the new Sports Complex was designed and built. The Complex included a second-story addition to the University Fieldhouse with four new locker rooms, the University Ballpark where the baseball team hosted home games from November to April, the Soccer Complex and the Clyde Morris Recreational Field. As many as 80% of the approximate 150 varsity athletes were offered financial assistance to pursue a degree in aviation while experiencing the thrill of victory on a winning team.

Whether we were spiking the ball over the net, sliding into home plate, dribbling down the court or sprinting across rugged terrain, we were victorious. As we climbed toward our dreams of glory, we used the determination and competitive edge we gained on the field as we traveled across the challenging and uphill path that led to the rest of our life.

by ASHLEE FISER

of glory...
In 11.bome ~Clint DeCoux (33) hits a line drive to right field and earns a base hit. The Eagles, who played their home games on the newly built University Ballpark, entered the 2001 season ranked as No. 16 in the NAIA.
Driving the lane

Demonstrating that team spirit is just as important off the court as on the court, team players cheer on their teammates to a 113-94 victory over Palm Beach Atlantic at University Fieldhouse. This win marked the program's 100th all-time victory in the building. photo by: Dave Wong

Senior guard Kyle Mas leaps over a Warner Southern defender for lay-up, adding two points to a career total of 1,928 that ranks him second all-time in Eagles' history. photo by: Dave Wong

Sophomore forward Scott Moore passes off to a teammate. Moore was an exceptional 3-point shooter and will vie for a starting slot at power forward in the upcoming season. photo by: Dave Wong

The Eagles prepare to grab the rebound as junior center Lance Bartels sets up at the free throw line. Bartels, one of the team's outstanding rebounders, played in all 36 games and recorded a field goal percentage of .614, the highest on the team. photo by: Dave Wong

Ernie the Eagle, placed by P.J. Winter, works a deal on the sky with the referee before a home game at University Fieldhouse. Ernie harassed rival masons and even tackled an occasional cheerleader to keep the Eagles fans spirits up. photo by: Ryan Mann
Shocking upset ends Eagles' stellar season in NAIA Div II quarterfinals

With the weight of a No. 1 ranking and expectations of a championship repeat on their shoulders, the defending NAIA Division II champion Eagles drove through their regular season opponents to rack up a 28-3 season record.

In a two-day road trip to close out the regular season, the Eagles faced opponents Nova Southeastern and Florida Memorial. Sophomore guard Harold Pierson put up 17 points to lead the Eagles to a 76-52 victory over Nova and clinch the regular season title, as well as finish with a 10-1 Florida Sun Conference record. The second game saw the Eagles lose a close contest to Florida Memorial, 79-82. Junior guard Ryan Rothrock led the Eagles with 20 points, while senior guard Heath Fabacher added 15 and a career-high eight rebounds.

After the conclusion of the season and their victory in the FSC Tournament, the defending champions traveled to Branson, Mo., to await their first opponent in the national tournament.

The College of the Ozarks alarmed the Eagle faithful, jumping out to an early lead before the long-distance shooting of Scott Moore brought the team back and gave them a five-point edge at the half. The Eagles held on in the second, with Rothrock sinking 15 and Pierson adding 11 to take a 93-86 victory and advance.

Taking on St. Mary in the second round, all five starters registered double digits in the 95-91 victory. Senior center Heath Fabacher led the Eagle defense, recording his first double-double of the season with 10 rebounds and 10 points.

The top-seeded Eagles were in for a shock when they faced ninth-seeded Cornerstone (Mich.) in the quarterfinals. Taking a one-point lead from the locker room, the Eagles and Golden Eagles exchanged the upper hand seven times in the first 15 minutes. With 3:39 remaining and the score tied at 71, Cornerstone's Brian Robinson went on a 5-0 run to take the lead. The Eagles fought back to within three points but could not close the deficit and were defeated 87-80 to end their bid for a second NAIA Division II Championship.

The trio of Rothrock, Mas and Pierson, who earned postseason honors, led the Eagles to a 32-4 record, the highest in the history of the program, and their seventh NAIA Tournament berth in the 15 years of the program's existence.

by Mark Cappello and Ashlee Fiser

From left to right: (back row) Kyle Mas, Paul Yaden, John Davis, Heath Fabacher, Lance Barrels, Kip Wollman, Justin Harvey, (front row) Lauren Irick, Scott Moore, Harold Pierson, Oliver Shields, Jarvis Hall, Ryan Rothrock, Quentin Freeman, Matt Cindric, photo courtesy Sport Information.
Junior guard Ryan Rothrock was named a first-team NAIA All-American for his leadership, presence and sheer talent on the court. The Rock led the Eagles to their sixth consecutive appearance in the NAIA National Tournament with the highest 3-point percentage in the country for most of the year, and set a program record for assists in a season with 242 over 36 games. Rothrock started every game and played a team-high 1,056 minutes, as well as led the team in steals, with 79.  

Sophomore guard Harold Pierson led the Eagles in scoring on the season, posting a total of 545 points in 2000-01 and 1,002 points in his two-year career. Pierson averaged 25.8 minutes per game, second only to Ryan Rothrock, and finished the season with a scoring percentage of .532. Pierson is only expected to improve in his next two years, filling the shoes of departing seniors and taking the Eagles back for another shot at the big dance.  

Senior forward John Davis started 34 of 36 games, leading the team in offensive rebounds with 67 in 34 games, and was third in defensive rebounds with 107. Davis played an average of 22.6 minutes per game and posted a .455 field goal percentage.
On every team someone has to step up and lead the way, whether it be to the first taste of championship victory, or on the long, expectation-ridden defense of a hard-fought title. For the defending NAIA Division II Champion Eagles this was no small task, but junior guard Ryan Rothrock (4), sophomore guard Harold Pierson (11), senior guard Kyle Mas (23), senior forward John Davis (34) and senior center Heath Fabacher (52) proved they had what it took to start for the team, to bring themselves and their fans the glory of another winning season, and to lavish in the spotlight for those too-brief minutes they will remember for the rest of their lives.

By Mark Cappello

Senior center Heath Fabacher was a serious presence under the net, pulling down a team-high 217 rebounds over 36 games. Fabacher led all starters in field goal percentage with .533 and averaged 11.9 points per game.

photo by Creative Images

Senior guard Kyle Mas finished his distinguished career with the Eagles as the second all-time leading scorer with a total of 1,028 points, and is ranked in the program's career top 10 in seven other categories. Mas was a threat from anywhere on the court, putting up a team-high 100 3-pointers in 240 attempts over 36 games, and was named a second-team NAIA All-American.

photo by Creative Images
Connie Echterling returns a volley to her Valparaiso College opponent at Pelican Bay Tennis Club, where she helped the Eagles to a 7-2 win with victories at the No. 5 singles and No. 3 doubles spots. Connie posted a 10-0 season record at the No. 3 singles spot. photo courtesy Sports Information

Below: (back row, left to right) Dustin Spika, Jurriaan de la Beij, Brian Douglas, Georgi Belorettechi, Oliver Rettig (front row, left to right) Justin Brown, Preston Kahikina, Alexandre Beaux, John Hannah, Chuck Gomes. photo courtesy Sports Information

Preparing to return a cross-court volley, senior John Hannah keeps his eyes on the ball. photo courtesy Sports Information

Practicing hard in preparation for an upcoming tournament, sophomore Alexandre Beaux winds up for a forehand shot. photo courtesy Sports Information

Natalia Kozyura winds up to serve to her St. Leo opponent in a No. 2 singles match. Kozyura defeated Amanda Harris 6-1, 6-1 and teamed with Liza Francis to take an 8-2 victory at No. 2 doubles. photo courtesy Sports Information

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In only its second year of existence, the women's tennis team earned its second consecutive trip to the NAIA Women's Tennis National Championship in Lexington, Ky., advancing to the second round and closing out their season with a record of 18-9, which ranked them ninth in the nation.

Also in Lexington, the Eagle men advanced to the second round of the NAIA Men's Championship and finished the season ranked 16th in the nation.

Both teams combined to produce six NAIA All-Americans. For the women, the doubles team of Regan and Vojtisek finished the season ranked No. 7 in the nation, earning them a spot on the NAIA first team. The team of Kozyura and Francis claimed second team spots as the 13th-ranked pair in the nation. In singles play, Kozyura and Vojtisek earned the 29th and 31st spots, respectively.

Georgi Beloretchi and Alexandre Beaux of the men's team were named second team All-Americans and combined to form the No. 14-ranked doubles pair. Beloretchi finished as the 19th best player in the nation for his singles game.

Christine Regan normally handled No. 1 singles duties for the Eagles, with Natalia Kozyura in the second spot, followed by Sylvia Vojtisek, Jamie Criselli, Cornnie Echterling and Kristyn Echterling. Lisa Francis played in the first, third, fourth and fifth positions.

The team of Regan and Vojtisek routinely played in the No. 1 doubles spot, amassing a record of 12-9, while Francis and Kozyura racked up a 9-5 mark in the No. 2 spot and Cristelli and Cornnie Echterling posted a tally of 10-5 in the No. 3 spot.

Beloretchi played the lead spot in singles, with varying combinations of Beaux, Oliver Rettig, Preston Kahituna, Dustin Sipka, Jurriaan de la Beij filling the remaining spots. The pair of Beloretchi and Beaux often played at the No. 1 doubles spot, with de la Beij and Rettig at No. 2 and Brian Douglas and Sipka pairing up at the No. 3 spot.

by Mark Cappello and Ashlee Fiser
The Eagles improved tremendously over last year, posting a best-ever overall conference record of 14-6. The Eagles dismantled Coach Dan Blank's former team, the Brewton Parker College Barons, by a score of 3-1. Blank had led the Barons to two NAIA National Tournament appearances and three conference titles.

photo by: Ryan Martin

Asked what improvements the team had made since the previous year, high-scoring forward Lisa Lundgren (2) responded, "I think the fitness level is a lot better. We're more in shape than the other teams in the conference because Coach made us run so much pre-season."

photo by: Ryan Martin

They're a tremendous group of people. I love my job because I get to hang out with them all the time," said Coach Dan Blank of this year's team. Blank has coached the Eagles since the beginning of the program in 1998, shaping the team into a conference threat to be reckoned with in short order.

photo by: Ryan Martin

Freshman Julie Greenlee (40), at right, makes a save during a practice session prior to the Eagles' final home game against Nova Southeastern. Greenlee and senior Heather Balin (23) combined to blank the Knights through two regulation and two overtime periods. Marissa Wyssling (16) scored with five minutes remaining in the second OT to give Eagles a 1-0 victory in their last home game of the season, and further fuel a developing conference rivalry with the ladies of Nova Southeastern.

photo by: Ryan Martin

Teamwork is key to the success of any winning team, and the 2000-01 Eagles were a close-knit group under coach Dan Blank. Senior midfielder Abby Stephenson (3), below, catches five from her teammates.

photo by: Ryan Martin

Freshman forward Megan Farbrother, at right, put away five of a team total 31 goals on the season, including a hat trick against Averett College in November.

photo by: Ryan Martin
Young Eagles establish ERAU as a Florida Sun Conference powerhouse

The roster of the 2000 Embry-Riddle women's soccer squad read like a list of stars. stars that burned bright enough to propel the Eagles to record finishes overall (14-6) and in the Florida Sun Conference (11-3).

In only the third year of the women's soccer program at ERAU, without a winning team in the previous two years, the Eagles took the FSC by storm. Under the guidance of coach Dan Blank and assistant coach Mike Cole, and led by team captain and midfielder Joelle Zucali, midfielder Michelle McCoy and lightning-quick defender Abby Odom, the Eagles dominated balloting for the all-conference team, with McCoy, Zucali, Odom, midfielder Kati Schwikert and forward Lisa Lundgren claiming five of the eighteen spots.

Odom, McCoy and Zucali were also selected for the NAIA Region XIV all-region team, and all three were recognized as NAIA honorable mention All-Americans. Odom for the second straight year.

Lundgren again led team scoring with 11 goals and 12 assists, followed by McCoy, with 10 goals and four assists, and Schwikert, with eight goals and eight assists.

Senior Heather Balin and freshman Julie Greenlee shared goalkeeping duties for the Eagles, each guarding the net for half of most games. They combined to allow a meager 17 goals in 20 games, forcing 10 shutouts.

The explosive Eagles offense combined for 51 goals, including a hat trick by freshman midfielder Megan Fairbrother during a 4-0 victory over Webber College on Nov. 4, and an amazing four-goal performance by McCoy in an 8-1 romp against Broward Park College on Sept. 8.

For the most part, the Eagles were a young team, but they did field four seniors who the team will miss next season. Midfielders Abby Stephenson, Lindsey Williams and Schwikert, as well as goalkeeper Balin will be leaving the team next year and moving on to bigger and better things. May their winning ways with the Eagles serve them well!

by Mark Cappello

From left to right: (back row) Team Manager Lisa Bush, Assistant Sports Information Director Alison Smalling, Kariin Bonfield, Joelle Zucali, Alexandra Betros, Marisa Wynn, Lindsey Williams, Coach Dan Blank, Kati Schwikert, Fratia D'Ambros, Briana Hooks, Lisa Lundgren, Athletic Trainer Intern Natalie Moore, Assistant Coach Mike Cole, (front row) Julie Greenlee, Megan Fairbrother, Michelle McCoy, Jen Grimes, Mary Close, Abigail Odom, Abby Stephenson, Holly Baker, Elizabeth Fisher, Heather Balin
Sophomore forward Lisa Landgren looks to steal the ball from her opponent. Landgren led the team in scoring with 11 goals and 12 assists over the course of the season. Photo courtesy Sports Information.

Both on and off the field . . .

Coach Dan Blank, former head of the nationally ranked Browston Parker College program, has been with the program since its inception in 1998. Blank, with the aid of assistant Mike Cole, has quickly turned the Eagles into a Florida Sun Conference powerhouse that finished the fall season 11-2-1 in conference play and 14-6 overall. Photo by Ryan Martin.
Eagle midfielder Megan Fairbrother, at left, strips the ball from an attacker in front of Eagles' net as defender Holly Baker looks on.

While keeping possession of the ball from her opponent, junior forward Marisa Wysling, at right, runs the ball up the field into scoring position.

Abby Odum, at left, leaves a slide tackling defender behind as she leaps over her and maintains possession of the ball.

Junior defender Alexandra Botos heads the ball away from an attacker as senior midfielder Abby Stephenson watches from upfield.
Senior forward Connally Edozi of Nigeria looks to strip an opponent of the ball before he can clear it out. Edozi is first on the Eagle's all-time scoring list, and was named to the NAIA honorable mention All-America squad and the Florida Sun Conference second team. He knocked in 16 goals on the season and gave out seven assists. photo by: Ryan Martin

Sophomore midfielder Jeff Wheatley, at right, strips an opponent of the ball in front of his goal. Wheatley scored the deciding second goal in the 90th minute against conference rival Webber College at the end of October. photo by: Ryan Martin

Some Eagles warm the bench while awaiting their chance to get back in the action at their home field next to the University Fieldhouse. The Eagles fielded an eighteen man squad for the season. photo by: Ryan Martin

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The 2000 season was a mixed blessing for the Eagles, with the team posting an overall losing record of 7-12-1 and a 7-6-1 Florida Sun Conference record. Behind the numbers, the year was a strikingly successful one, with sophomore midfielder Jasmin Kadric becoming the first-ever Embry-Riddle soccer player to be named a first-team All-American. Kadric led the Eagles with a phenomenal 72 shots that led to 14 goals, as well as eight assists, moving him into second place on the Eagles’ all-time scoring list. Kadric was also named the NAIA Region XIV player of the year. Joining him on the regional team was fellow standout Connally Edozie, with six goals and seven assists on the season. Senior Thomas Eriksson followed Edozie on the points list, with eight goals, two game-winning goals and two assists. The other major story on the team was freshman defender Matthias Mueller, named to the NAIA honorable mention All-American squad. Kadric and Mueller were named to the Florida Sun Conference first team post-season, and Edozie, sophomore midfielder Philip Jones and freshman midfielder Paul Buckley were named to the second team.

Proving that they liked the road, the men dropped six of nine home contests and posted an even away record of 4-4-1. Averaging fewer fouls per game than their opponents throughout the season, the Eagles were hit with only four red cards.

Dashing the Eagles’ post-season hopes, rivals St. Thomas and Nova Southeastern advanced to the NAIA Region XIV Tournament.

The Eagles will be without senior star forwards Edozie and Eriksson next season and, with only junior John Haworth remaining at that position, will have to undergo some roster reorganization.

While not ending in a championship victory, the 2000 season and the post-season honors garnered by the team showcased the high level of young talent in the Embry-Riddle program. That talent will only grow as the Eagles seek those championship wins in future seasons.

by Mark Cappello

most popular

From left to right: (front row) John Haworth, Eric Connelly, Manuel Cernosio, Matt Blackburn, Connally Edozie. Darren Jackson, Paul Buckley, Philip Jones, Jeff Wheeler (back row) Adam King, Scott Trikonski, Matt Downing, Thomas Eriksson, Dario Gravato, Marco Valderman, Jasmin Kadric, Jack Jones, Matthias Mueller, Assistant Coach Don Trenham, Head Coach Dave Gregson. Photo by: Alissoo Stauding
Voices of enthusiasm

P.J. Winter, dressed as mascot Ernie the Eagle, entertains some young fans at a home basketball game.

Members of the 1999-00 squad proudly pose for a picture after returning from the American Open National Championships in Tampa, Fla., where they claimed the national champion title in their first year of competing at this level. Photo courtesy Sports Information.

Colleen Martin, along with the rest of the squad, cheers along the court's sidelines as Ernie the Eagle tackles her unsuspecting partner, Anna Potots.

Photo by Dave Wooty.
Colleen Marin (top), Razia Nayeem (left) and Anna Patterson demonstrate their teamwork and trust of one another as they are lifted in a pyramid in front of packed stands during their half-time routine.

photo by: Dave Wong

and support

echoed throughout

the Fieldhouse...
The Eagles smacked down the competition to post a winning season

Another tremendous year for the Eagles ended with a winning record of 28-12 and an amazing second place finish in the NAIA Region XIV Tournament held in West Palm Beach.

This year’s team was once again led by head coach Trina Keeton, who had the pleasure of passing the 100th career win mark when the Eagles defeated Warner Southern early in the season. On the court, the team followed the senior leadership of Andrea Gutierrez and Sherry Foster, who was named to the All-Florida Sun Conference team. Joining Foster on the prestigious team were juniors Moriah Cain and Storm Walker, and freshman Brooke Geiger. Foster and Cain both received the honor of representing ERAU on the regional all-tournament team.

The team leaders on the offensive were Storm Walker and Moriah Cain, both posting over 400 kills each, and Brooke Geiger with an outstanding total of 1160 assists.

On the defensive side of the Eagles’ squad, Sherry Foster led the team with 402 digs on the season, and the tall and dangerous Cain led the team in blocks with a total of 167.

The volleyball team proved once again that they should not be taken lightly in the conference. As a young team with a strong bond keeping them together, they were probably one of the best women’s volleyball teams that Embry-Riddle has seen in the history of the program.

by Henry Alvarez
Sherry Foster had a tremendous ability to spike the ball at fearsome speeds. at left. Foster backed this up with her 333 kills on the season, which helped the Eagles reach their 28-12 record.

photo by: Robert Byrne

Ashley Geiger, at left, helped the teams winning ways by posting 298 of the team's 2,275 digs for the season. photo by: Robert Byrne

Senior Andrea Gutierrez, below, prepares to receive the serve during a match against St. Thomas early in the season. The Eagles came away with the win, which they did far more often than not. photo by: Robert Byrne

Lindsey Yadon, left, was an important asset to the volleyball team both offensively and defensively, accounting for 204 digs and 18 aces over the course of the season. photo by: Ron Marie

The team, seen here, embrace in unity after after scoring another one of the many points they put up this season. The Eagles led in almost every category this year against their opponents, including kills, set assists, service aces, digs and blocking.

photo by: Robert Byrne
After junior Moriah Cain sets the ball at the front line, sophomore Angelique Talbot spikes it over the net. 

Lindsay Yaden and Sherry Foster walk away smiling as they secure another point in a match at the University Fieldhouse. 

Junior Ashley Geiger volleys the ball in a home match against Nova Southeastern, helping the team win with scores 15-10, 15-13, 15-1. This victory boosted the Eagles' record to 20-10, marking the fourth 20-win season in the past five. 

Sherry Foster and Moriah Cain, who were named to the regional all-tournament squad, reach up to block a shot. Cain and Foster led the team in blocks with 167 and 89, respectively. 

Sherry Foster and Moriah Cain.
Bump!

Set!

Spike!

In a home match against Flagler, senior Sherry Foster put down 12 of her 335 season kills, including the match-winner in her final regular-season home appearance. 

photo by: Robert Byrne

Slamming the ball down past her opponent, Angelique Talbot adds to her season total of 276 kills over 122 matches. 

photo by: Robert Byrne

After demolishing FSC conference opponent Flagler College 15-5, 15-11, 15-6, Moriah Cain, who recorded 14 kills in 24 swings, signals victory. 

photo by: Robert Byrne

The team leader in digs with a tally of 298 per game, Katie Day exhibits her skills to help the Eagles take a game away on an opponent's home turf. 

photo by: Robert Byrne
Chris Hess is the picture of concentration, right, as he maintains his pace and lead over his nearest rival. For his leadership on the course and off, Hess was named Captain of the men's team. photo by Eric Hill

The women take a moment of silence, below, to mentally ready themselves for the coming race. Depending on the course and runner, the race might require well over twenty minutes of endurance and perseverance to complete. photo by Eric Hill

Andawatte Samarasekera leads by a hair as a Flagler College rival shows his fatigue, below. Distance running is a sport of conditioning and willpower, qualities in good supply on the Eagle team. photo by Eric Hill

Katherine Switzer leads a pack of Emory-Riddle and Florida Atlantic runners on a cross country trek. above. photo by Eric Hill

Phillip Muller and Captain Chris Hess gaze at the course ahead and collect their thoughts. right. before the beginning of the Florida Southern College Invitational in Lakeland. photo by Eric Hill
One of the newer and lesser-known teams on campus, the Eagles men's and women's cross country teams continued to make their presence felt both at home and among the competition.

Over the course of their seasons, the Eagles competed in six meets hosted by Florida Universities and against long-established programs. Both teams performed well for a startup program, routinely putting at least one runner in the top 20 of the events in which they competed.

Philip Midler and team captain Chris Hess stood out among the Eagles men, taking team-high honors at most races.

Captain Shannon Connolly paced the women's team, leading the Eagles in point standings throughout the season.

Both teams made their presence known at the major area invitational runs, including the Florida Southern Moor Emissary Invitational, hosted by FSU, the Gator Invitational, hosted by the University of Florida, and the Jacksonville University Invitational, among others.

The runners had fun attending the meets, and the dinners afterwards, that led them to bonds of friendship and team spirit despite the individual nature of their sport.

Accomplished runners and husband and wife Eric and Susan Hill shared coaching duties for the team, with Eric serving as Head Coach. Dr. Eric Hill teaches undergraduate- and graduate-level courses as a faculty member of the Aerospace Engineering Department. Both Eric and Susan routinely compete in USAF Masters and local and national seniors competitions, taking home many top-three finishes.

Cross country will continue to grow at Emory, with the men and women of the 2000 season helping to lay more groundwork for the future, and having a blast while they were at it.
Women's team demands to be reckoned with in their first year, while men's team maintains a strong hold on the competition

With the goal of a successful season in mind, the women's and men's golf teams hit the links under the watchful eyes of coaches Maria Lopez and Tom Vickers. Practicing on their driving and short games, the teams readied themselves for their scheduled tournaments.

During the women's team's inaugural year, under the guidance of first-year head coach Maria Lopez, the Eagles claimed a season-best finish of second place at the Flagler College Invitational in November. This remarkable achievement was reached due to three players' stroke averages of less than 90, including a team-best mark of 87.2 by freshman Mari Lynn Nado. Freshman Hillary Hurley and sophomore Brooke Cummings followed close behind with averages of 88.3 and 89.3. Hurley also posted the team's best finish of the fall season with runner-up honors at this match.

Heading into the spring season, the team was ranked number 16 in the nation, according to the NAIA Preseason Poll. At the Lady Eagle Invitational, hosted by the team at the Daytona Beach Golf Club's South Course, Nado fired a six-over-par 78 to claim the individual lead on the first day. This score marked a four-stroke improvement to her best round of the year thus far — an 82 at the Spring Hill Invitational. Nado followed this with a second-round 85 for a tournament total of 163, tying her for second place in the individual category. Hurley, with a total score of 165, tied for fourth place individually. After the two-day event, the Eagles took home fourth-place with a team score of 691.

In the end-of-season Florida Sun Conference/NAIA Region XIV Championship, Brooke Cummings posted the only eagle in the tournament on her way to scores of 83 and 86, earning her second place honors. Nado and Hurley tied for eighth and tenth place with scores of 181 and 182, respectively. Heath Wills and Theresa Kuhl also contributed to the team's overall third-place finish with individual scores of 188 and 205.

From the Nova Southeastern Fall Classic in October to the Embry-Riddle Golf Classic which concluded their spring season, the Eagle men hit the course for six tournaments. The team, made up of Rob Anderson, Lee Barthold, Andy Brantley, Mark Lutke, Brian Schiffer, Brandon Scholz and Joe Valente posted a team-score of 1004, to earn them seventh place in the FSC/NAIA Region XIV Championship. Freshman Lee Barthold racked up a three-day total of 234 to lead the Eagle men and tie for a seventh-place individual finish.

By Mark Cappello and Ashlee Fiser

At the Coca-Cola International junior Brandon Scholz blasts the ball out of the sand bunker on his way to a first round score of 82.0. Scholz also carded an 83.0 on the second round to post a 165 in his only tournament appearance. Photo by Ryan Mata.
Using perfect form, sophomore Andy Brigman drives the long ball at a practice on the Indigo Lakes course. Of the three tournaments the men’s team competed in, Brigman recorded the team’s low 18-hole score of 72.

Junior Cynde Lowry listens to the advice of head coach Maria Lopez at a fall practice before taking a long putt from the edge of the green.

Junior Brooke Cummins works on her form and technique in preparation for the upcoming Florida Sun Conference/NAIA Region XIV Tournament. At the Championships tournament, held in Kissimmee, Fla., Cummins shot a two-day total of 169 to claim runner-up honors and pace the women Eagles to a team mark of 720 and a third-place finish in the event.

Taking time out of practice, Nick Hatcher (left), Lee Barthold, fellow golfer and Phoenix advisor Dr. Brad Biehler, Andy Brigman and Andrew Zimmerman pose for a picture.

Heather Muns lines up a putt at practice, working to improve her short game. Muns participated in three tournaments, finishing an average of 97.5 and a low 18-hole score of 90.

photo by: Ryan Martin

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America’s pastime...

After an amazing 1999 season that ended with a trip to the NAIA World Series, the 2000 squad, with nine returning seniors, ended its season one step short of making a return trip to the Series. The close of the 2000 season brought the graduation of those seniors, including several All-Americans, giving a new and younger team a chance to make their mark without the crushing expectations of an NAIA Series berth at season’s end.

The Eagles began their season on a high note, punctuating the grand opening of the new University Ballpark with a 5-4 win in the home opener against North Georgia College and State on Jan. 26. They dropped a tough game the following day 5-6, but bounced back to close the home stand with a 5-2. The Eagles went on to post a string of wins with infrequently scattered losses on their way to a successful season.

Self-admittedly a team without stars, the Eagles powered their way to wins with teamwork and a high quality of play at every position.

On the mound, Jamie Walters, Kyle Kuykendall and Ron Patrick filled out the starting rotation for conference play, while Bryan Anderson and Kevin Hawkins pitched relief. Justin Smith and Scott Ward caught for the reliable stable of talent.

In the batter’s box, the batting order was often changed, but center fielder Jim Hannah could be counted on to lead off, followed by DH Dan D’Antonio, catcher Justin Smith and first baseman Garrett Jones hitting cleanup.

They were followed by third baseman Greg Coleman, right fielder Adam Smith, left fielder Andy Touchet, second baseman Regan Hagestad, and shortstop Zak McDonald rounding out the order.

With eight successful years in the book, Greg Guilliams continues to guide the baseball program and the student-athletes entrusted to him. Guilliams has guided the Eagles to three Florida Sun Conference titles, three regional tournaments, two top ten finishes and the 1999 NAIA World Series. Nine players he has coached have since moved on to sign professional contracts.

Assistant coach Doug Wollenburg is a new addition to the staff, hired in September of 1999. Wollenburg worked with Eagle hitters, infielders and outfielders on the field, and as an Academic Enhancement Coordinator had the responsibility of ensuring that student-athletes excelled in both areas.

by Mark Cappello
An Eagle southpaw bunts one home in practice. Jamie Walters, Kyle Kuykendall and Ron Patrick shared starting pitching duties in conference play, backed up by relievers Bryan Anderson and Kevin Hawkins. Brad Baiknecht, Mike Monenck, Gus D'Antonio, Fritz Conrad and J.C. Bliss rounded out the Eagles' bullpen. photo by: Dave Wong

The Eagles gather 'round as Coach Guilliams goes over the game plan outside the dugout. Opening the season in style at the new Universe Ballpark, the team took a 2-1 win in the three-game home opener series against Northern Georgia College and State. photo by: Dave Wong

Catcher Justin Smith, right, and an opponent wait for the heater from the mound. Smith and Justin Ward shared catching duties for the Eagles. photo by: Dave Wong

Relief Bryan Anderson, above, winds up to deliver a pitch while first baseman Garrett Jones awaits a toss in pregame warmups. photo by: Dave Wong

Outfielder Randall Greer, left, blares the long ball as his teammates look on. photo by: Dave Wong
While Andy Touchet (3) anticipates the umpire's call, right-fielder Adam Smith slides under the opposing catcher's tag to score. *Photo by: Dave Wong*

Left-handed pitcher Kyle Kaykendall struck out 81 batters and posted a team-low opposing batting average of .244 in 22 appearances. Kaykendall finished with an ERA of 2.92 and posted the most wins among Eagle pitchers on his way to a 9-4 season.  
*Photo by: Dave Wong*
Sliding head-first, Garrett Jones reaches for the bag as the opposing second baseman arrives a split second too late. photo by Dave Wong

Jamie Walters, Kyle Kaykendall and Ron Patrick made up the Eagles' starting rotation for most of the season, while Bryan Anderson and Kevin Hawkins pitched relief. photo by Dave Wong

The Players of 2000-01

The Eagles' bullpen was composed of Bryan Anderson, Kyle Kaykendall, Brad Bunkrecht, Kevin Hawkins, Mike Meroechuk, Jamie Walters, Gus D'Antonio, Ron Patrick, Fritz Conrad and J.C. Bliss; with catchers Scott Ward and Justin Smith. Working the infield were Regan Hagestad, Andy Toucher, Dan D'Antonio, Greg Coleman, Chad Kennedy, Zak McDonald, Garrett Jones and Clint DeCours; while Jim Hannah, Randall Green, Eric Tanis, Todd Daniels, Jason Ransamooj and Adam Smith covered the outfield.

Shortstop Zak McDonald makes a last-minute decision to not swing at a low pitch. photo by Dave Wong

Spotting a pick-off attempt, infielder Dan D'Antonio dives safely back into the bag as the first baseman awaits the ball. photo by Dave Wong
Jarvis Hall shows his support and encouragement for his teammates during the final minute of a basketball game. Spectators' and players' support was a crucial element of the basketball team's successful season.

photo by: Dave Wong

During his presidential campaign rally in the University Fieldhouse, newly-elected President George W. Bush receives overwhelming cheering from his supporters. At the end of the election process, this continuous support proved to be necessary for his winning the election against Al Gore.

photo by: Mariana Rosales

Students walk past the clock outside the Student Center that was donated by the Class of 1995. Sites such as the 'Beyond' statue at the Lehman Building, the inscribed bricks outside the Student Village and even funding for the Capt. Willie Miller Instructional Center were all donated by alumni and outside sources.

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by: ASHLEE FISER

of those around us...
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"Somewhere, over the rainbow, bluebirds fly; Birds fly over the rainbow, why then, oh why can't I?"

Lyrics from "Somewhere Over the Rainbow," sung by Judy Garland.
... we were

Before taking our final step on this worn path, we paused and took a deep breath, remembering all the twists and turns and unexpected detours we encountered along the way. Looking back, it seemed as though so much had happened since that day we embarked upon our journey to the azure sky, only eight months ago.

We ventured outside the classroom to experience the thrill of the annual Daytona 500, where we witnessed race legend Dale Earnhardt’s fatal crash. And we looked beyond the current fiscal year as the Master Plan 2010 got underway, with the set up of the Tomcat parking lot and the building of and continued construction to the Sports Complex. Joining others, we brought together our school spirit and energy for a festive Homecoming celebration themed ‘Riddle Reggae,’ with seniors Diana Rivera and Marcos DelOrbe crowned as queen and king. Over 170 of us climbed towards the cockpit of a Cessna 172 for our final flight before receiving our multi-engine license and completing the Aeronautical Science degree program.

Through generous donors, many of us prepared from the hundreds of thousands of dollars awarded by the Scholarship Committee for the upcoming semesters. And at the conclusion of the fall and spring semesters, 540 of us reached upwards to proudly grasp our Bachelor’s degrees at the graduation ceremonies.

As we took our last steps upon this well-treaded path, we looked upon the clear blue sky above, and knew that we had changed -- physically, intellectually, emotionally -- we were ascendancy! Turning our heads back for one final glance, we realized that, with no path to guide us, our journeys had only just begun.

by: ASHLEE FISER

After completing their Fluids class, Aerospace Engineering students, Jennifer Myers (left), Terra Murphy and Charles Hatton throw their assignments into the air with exasperation. Engineering students were required to complete a series of classes including Statics, Solids, Dynamics and Fluids. photo by: Dave Wong

At the December graduation ceremony, David Wong triumphantly holds up his diploma after receiving his degree in Aviation Business Administration. Of the 330 Fall graduates, 30 received Bachelor’s degrees in ABA. photo by: Brian Myrick

Lying on the lawn outside the UC, Aeronautical Science student Brian Upman rests his body and his mind after a stressful week of final exams. Spring semester finals, which lasted from April 19 - 24, represented only a glimpse of the demands put on students from the past four months.

photo by: Dave Wong
ascending!

Parked on the Flight Line one foggy night in April, an exhausted
Cessna 172 finally rests. After completing eight
months of assignments, deadlines and schedules,
students also rest, preparing for the next
chapter of their lives.
photo by: Dave Wieg
Throughout the year, the Phoenix staff combined its creativity and ingenuity to produce this lasting piece of the year. Each element, from the texture of the pages to the design of the cover, came together to form the final product—one that could not have been achieved without attention to every detail. This book of memories began its formation over the summer on the living room floor of Andrew's apartment, among emptied Olive Garden take-out boxes. It was there that fragments of our ideas slowly formed into the theme of this book, we were Ascending! As Walsworth sales representative Bill Hartley, in-house service representative Joyce Blanck and cover artist Mary Ellen Danko guided us, our cover and endsheets were created. Six 4-color photographs of well-known campus sites, taken at an upward angle by staff photographers Dave Wong and Ryan Martin, were placed in ascending order across the front and back covers. These pictures were Regular Embossed over a Matte Laminate Lithocote cover run in Maroon. Brite Silver Hot Foil was used for the title and frames on photos. The front endsheets were run on Standard White Stock in different percentages of a matching Maroon color. The body of the book was printed on Monarch Gloss paper and Smith Sewn bound. The folio was created in Adobe Pagemaker 6.5. Oliveoil and Berkley were chosen as the main fonts and used on the cover and on the divider pages. Body copy was 9 point Lynn, with 8 point Lynn for captions and 6 point Lynn Bold Oblique for photo credits. Each section editor put the finishing touches on his/her layouts using chosen fonts that complimented their layouts. Foxy for the headings and Lamar for the subheadings were Susie's choices for the student life section. She also used Gunner and Jasper for the 8-page homecoming fold-out. Michelle and Adia chose Kent and Snooze for the seniors section, Cameron and Emilee for the underclassmen and Iron Maiden and Baskerville for the faculty section. Clubs/orgs section editors Aydin and Kelly chose to put their headings in Constance, while Mark and Henry used Fatback and Lunchbox for the sports pages. Finally, Sleepwalker and Lynn were used in the index section. Using Adobe Pagemaker 6.5 on one of only two Dell computers, editors worked frantically to complete formal layouts for submission to our publisher. As each section neared completion, the book began to take shape. Off we sent it to Walsworth Publishing Company in Marceline, Missouri, where 450 copies rolled off the press. As we flipped through the crisp pages of our newly created book, we recalled all the stress and late nights we encountered as a small staff of only 16 members. Our determination to produce a high-quality book was only surpassed by the endless support we received from the SGA Executive Board and our advisor, Dr. Brad Bennett. It was through the dedication and teamwork of the Phoenix staff that we bring you this book of memories to remind you of the 2000-01 school year long after graduation.
What happened?
The Election at a Glance:

November 7 (Election Day): Shortly before 8 p.m. EST, the major television networks estimate Al Gore and vice-presidential running mate Joe Lieberman the winners.

With a too-close-to-call election throughout much of the nation, Florida becomes the key state in deciding the winner, as the next president will need Florida’s 25 electoral votes to win.

November 8: At 2:15 a.m., results from Florida begin to suggest George Bush carries the battleground state. Gore concedes the election to Bush, thinking Bush has at least a 50,000 vote lead. Forty-five minutes later, Gore gets word Bush’s lead has shrunk to only a few thousand votes, and retracts his concession.

Due to the closeness of the election, the focus turns to questionable ballots and fair voting practices.

In St. Louis, Mo., a controversy arises over a lower court’s ruling to keep the polls open past the 7 p.m. deadline.

In Palm Beach County, Fla., an unexpectedly large number of votes for Reform Party candidate Pat Buchanan leads to questions about the legitimacy of the punch-card-style “butterfly ballot.”

November 9: Gore’s team requests a hand recount of ballots in four Florida counties, Palm Beach, Miami-Dade, Broward and Volusia.

November 16: Bush’s lawyers submit written arguments to the U.S. Federal Appeals Court to end recounts.

November 22-December 8: Hand recounts and legal battles continue, making the word “chad” (the small piece of paper punched out of the ballot) a household word.

December 9: The U.S. Supreme Court halts the manual recounts and sets a hearing for two days later.

December 13: In a public concession speech, Gore states he no longer wishes to prolong the election, and yields the presidency, making George W. Bush the nation’s 43rd president, and the first chief executive since Benjamin Harrison in 1888 to claim the office with the majority of electoral votes but a minority of the popular vote nationwide.
Politics and World News

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YOU SAID...

Who would you have voted for in the presidential election?

Bush   43%
Gore   38%
Nader  12%
Other  7%
A nation mourned the lives lost on the Russian nuclear submarine Kursk, which sank to the bottom of the Barents Sea after being shattered by a huge explosion. Despite the prolonged rescue efforts of Russian and Norwegian divers, all 118 men aboard the Kursk died.

As the price of crude oil reached a 10-year high of $34 per barrel, angry truckers and farmers throughout Europe blacked oil depots and put a chokehold on much of the nation's fuel supply. The high petrol prices led to an unprecedented show of public dissent in European countries, particularly Britain.

Violence and tension in the Middle East escalated once again when the USS Cole, United States Navy destroyer, was attacked while moored in Yemen for routine refueling. Suicidal terrorists on a small boat crept up and bombed the Cole, killing 17 United States sailors and Marines.

Bitter cold and freezing water did not deter an estimated two and a half million people who bathed in India's Ganges River on the first day of a Hindu religious festival. The Maha Kumbh Mela, or Grand Pitcher Festival, takes place every 12 years and sees millions of devotees bathe in the Ganges to purify their sins.

James Perkins, Jr., a former computer consultant, was chosen as the first-ever black mayor of Selma, Ala., with 57 percent of the vote in a runoff election. He defeated long-time Selma Mayor Joseph T. Smitherman, who was going for his 10th re-election.

A 7.6-magnitude earthquake devastated the suburban neighborhood of Los Colinas in El Salvador. More than 600 were reported dead. In Washington state, Salvadoran Americans numbering about 135,000 rushed to organize relief efforts while individuals coped with losing relatives and friends in the Central American tragedy.

A Christmas Day blaze in Central China tore through a shopping center, killing 309 people. The fire trapped people celebrating at a Christmas dance party as well as construction workers inside the four-story supermarket, shops and disco building in the Henan province of Luoyang.
After 15 years of co-hosting with Regis Philbin on “Live with Regis and Kathie Lee,” Kathie Lee Gifford bid farewell to the show. The 46-year-old entertainer, wife of former football star and Monday night sports announcer Frank Gifford, cited concerns about spending more time with her two young children, son Cody and daughter Cassidy, as reasons for leaving the show. ABC soap opera actress Kelly Ripa was selected as Gifford’s replacement.

The Food Network brought popular Japanese cooking show “Fusion in to the United States, where it quickly became a cult hit. The theatrical Japanese program featured an unusual combination of WWF Smackdown-type competition and gourmet cooking, pitting the world’s best chefs against each other in a culinary battle using eclectic ingredients such as pork bellies or giant edam.

Web superstar Napster, founded and created by 19-year-old Shawn Fanning, was pulled into court as the Recording Industry of America sued to stop the extremely successful Internet music file sharing company in aiding the distribution of copyrighted songs. The legal pressure led a federal court ruling for Napster to stop its users from trading copyrighted material and also to an alliance with German media giant Bertelsmann.

Fusion, the monthly political magazine founded by the late John F. Kennedy Jr., folded in March due to monetary problems. The final issue included a collection of interviews conducted by Kennedy while he was editor.

Two years after announcing he had Parkinson’s disease, actor Michael J. Fox made his final appearance on the ABC sitcom “Spin City.” Despite his degenerative disease, Fox saw the series through its 100th episode. Movie actor Tony Shalhoub took over for him, not as Fox’s “Spin” character, but as a new deputy mayor on the show.
became a pop-culture phenomenon with the summer debut of CBS’s “Survivor” and “Big Brother.” Richard Hatch was the first contestant to survive “Survivor,” winning the $1 million grand prize. The shows feature screened contestants placed in real-life situations with no scripts or predetermined outcomes. MTV’s “The Real World” was the predecessor to the popular “real” shows, followed by “Who Wants to be a Millionaire,” “Green,” and “Making the Band.”

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New bride of Pitt may have taken his eligible bachelor status, but People magazine had no problem crowning actor Brad Pitt the Sexiest Man Alive in 2000. Also named Sexiest Man Alive in 1995, Pitt is the first two-time title-holder since the magazine began its “ Sexiest” tradition in 1985.

After being diagnosed with testicular cancer, MTV comedian of the “The Tom Green Show” aired a TV special documenting his battle with cancer as well as the comedian’s lymph node removal surgery. Green hoped televising his experience would help others gain awareness about cancer.

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YOU SAID...

What is your favorite TV show?

1. Friends
2. The Simpsons
3. Jackass
4. Dawson's Creek
5. 7th Heaven
Controversial rapper \textit{Marshall Mathers}, a.k.a. Eminem, got top honors at the ninth annual MTV Video Music Awards, winning the coveted Video of the Year award along with best male video for his signature song \textit{"The Real Slim Shady."} Eminem's \textit{"The Marshall Mathers LP"} sold 1.76 million copies during its first week.

\textit{Harry Potter} mania infected readers around the world. Although Book One of the series, \textit{"Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone"}, was first published in 1997, \textit{Y2K} saw a mad surge in popularity for the boy wizard. The first four of the seven-book series, released by the end of 2000, sold 62 million copies in 200 countries. The voluminous 734-page \textit{"Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire"} (book four) packed book houses with a record first printing of 3.8 million copies.

11-year-old British actor \textit{Tom Felton} snagged the role of Harry Potter in the upcoming Warner Brothers movie, \textit{"Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone."} Versions of ABC's hit smash \textit{"Who Wants to Be a Millionaire?"} hit the airwaves in 31 countries, with more on the way. In India, a Hindi-language version became the country's most popular program ever.

After a high-profile bidding war with other filmmakers, Universal Studios finally won the prized rights to Dr. Seuss's popular children's story \textit{"How the Grinch Stole Christmas"}. When director Ron Howard impressed Seuss's widow with his take on the tale, Comedy icon Jim Carrey stole the show as the nasty green villain. A blockbuster smash, the movie was the highest grossing film of the year.

Film director \textit{Steven Spielberg} (American creator of \textit{"E.T."}, \textit{"Jurassic Park"}, \textit{"Schindler's List"} and \textit{"Saving Private Ryan"}) was given an honorary knighthood in recognition of his contribution to the British film industry. He did not become \textit{"Sir Steven"}, as knighthood per se is only for British citizens, but he was able to put the letters \textit{"KBE"} after his name, for Knight of the British Empire.
More than 10,000 of the greatest athletes from around the world gathered in Sydney, Australia, to participate in the 27th Olympiad. Despite being dubbed "the best ever" by leaders of the International Olympic Committee, a 15-hour time difference between the United States and Australia kept many Americans from watching live as the United States came away with an unprecedented 97 medals.

Spectators beheld a dazzling opening ceremony, including the lighting of the torch by Australian runner (and native Aborigine) Cathy Freeman, who was later overcome with emotion when she won the gold for the women's 400-meter race.

Although the games received the lowest television ratings since 1968, many athletes gave inspirational performances.

United States sprinter Marion Jones fell short of her goal to win five gold medals, but still got the gold in the 100 and 200 meter sprints, and the 4x100 meter relay, as well as the bronze in the long jump and 4x100 meter relay, winning the medals in spite of the distraction of husband and shot put world champion C.J. Hunter's positive drug test.

Maurice Green, U.S. sprinter, not only took home the gold, but he also retained the title of "World's Fastest Man" after finishing the 100-meter sprint in 9.8 seconds.

In the water, Laura Wilkinson had a surprise victory over a superb Chinese team to move from fifth place to first and win the first U.S. gold in the women's 10-meter platform in 36 years.


On the mat, U.S. heavyweight wrestler Rulon Gardner toppled the undefeated Russian wrestling icon Aleksandr Karelin.

Medal-rich swimmer Lenny Krayzelburg and the U.S. men's relay team won the 400-meter relay in 3:33.73, lowering the mark of 3:34.84 set by Americans at the 1996 Atlanta Games. It was Krayzelburg's third gold after victories in the 100- and 200-meter backstrokes.

How much of the 2000 Summer Olympics did you watch?

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Having never played each other in the World Series before, the New York Yankees battled the New York Mets in what was dubbed the "Subway Series." Victorious at Shea Stadium, the Yanks defeated the Mets, 4-2, in Game 5 of the Series, becoming the first team in more than 25 years to win three straight titles.

The New York Giants defeated the Dallas Stars, 2-1, in double overtime during game 6 of the Stanley Cup finals, earning the team their second Championship. The Devils took the best-of-seven series, 4-2. Devils captain Scott Stevens won the Conn Smythe trophy as Stanley Cup playoffs MVP.

The Kansas City Wizards downed the Chicago Fire, 1-0, for the MLS Cup at RFK Stadium in Washington, D.C. The win was a surprise comeback for the Kansas City team who finished last in 1999, and had not been to the MLS post-season since 1997. With 10 saves in the Chicago game and a record 16 shutouts in 2000, Wizards goalie Tony Meola had one of the best seasons of any player in MLS history, earning MVP honors from MLS and Honda, as well as Aquafina Goalkeeper and Ace Comeback Player of the Year awards.

After three and a half years off the ice, Hall of Fame hockey center and former team owner Mario Lemieux returned to play center with the Pittsburgh Penguins. Lemieux was responsible for leading the Penguins to consecutive Stanley Cup championships in 1991 and 1992. He also brought the financially strapped team out of bankruptcy last year, becoming the first former player from the four major North American sports leagues to own a team.

The Texas Rangers made shortstop Alex Rodriguez the highest-paid player in baseball history when he agreed to a 12-year, $252 million contract with the team. The 25-year-old All Star previously played for the Seattle Mariners.

**YOU SAID...**

**What sports figure would you name MVP of the year?**

1. Tiger Woods
2. Kobe Bryant
3. Randy Moss
4. Marion Jones
5. Michael Jordan
The Houston Comets pulled ahead in overtime for their fourth straight WNBA Championship with a 79-73 victory over the New York Liberty, making Houston the first professional basketball team to win four straight titles since the Boston Celtics captured eight in a row in 1959. The Comets defeated New York 2-0 overall in the series with the help of four-year MVP Cynthia Cooper, who hit a 3-pointer with 21 seconds left, forcing the tied game into overtime.

The Los Angeles Lakers beat the Indiana Pacers four games to two to win the NBA Championship. The win marked the team's seventh championship, and coach Phil Jackson's first win without Michael Jordan. Jackson's New Age coaching style, which included meditation combined with his triangle offense and suffocating defense, led the Lakers to a league-high 67 wins.

Indiana University's volatile basketball coach Bobby Knight was dismissed after 29 years of leading the Hoosiers. Knight was fired for "a pattern of unacceptable behavior" and for allegedly grabbing and swearing at a student, violating the "zero tolerance" policy instituted by university president Myles Brand. Thousands of devastated students protested the decision.

The Year In Sports

Sports Illustrated magazine's Sportswoman of the Year Venus Williams proved power ruled in 2000. The female tennis phenomenon captured the ladies singles title at Wimbledon, not only claiming her first Grand Slam victory, but also becoming the first female black champion at Wimbledon since 1958. She and younger sister, Serena, teamed up to win the doubles crown at the All England Club. Williams later went on to win the U.S. Open, and take the gold in both singles and doubles (with Serena) at the Sydney Olympic Games.

Named Sports Illustrated magazine's Sportman of the Year, golfer Tiger Woods continued to set amazing records in 2000. Woods is the only athlete to earn the "Sportman" title twice, the first golfer to win nine PGA titles in a year since 1950, the second ever to win three professional majors in a single season, and, at 24 years old, the youngest of five golfers to complete a career Grand Slam.
Demonstrating the convenience of e-commerce, former computer systems manager Mitch Maddox rented an empty apartment in Dallas, and, armed with only a laptop, lived exclusively online for a year without leaving his apartment. He ordered everything online, from food and furniture to a personal artist who decorated the apartment. The 26-year-old Maddox changed his name to 3E and hosted a 24-hour live feed of his experience.

After years of urging recruits to "Be all you can be," the Army decided it was time to update their image and change slogans. Targeting recruits between the ages of 18 and 24, the Army launched new promos focusing on technology, training benefits, and the individual with the new tagline "An army of one." The old slogan was ranked the second best advertising campaign of the 20th century.

Sony's much-anticipated PlayStation 2 game console was released, but much to the disappointment of waiting gamers, a production delay caused demand to far outstrip supply. The coveted console has DVD and CD playing capabilities, advanced graphics, and the capacity to connect to the Internet.

Lee Murr was granted a full scholarship from the New York Times to attend Harvard University. Homeless for several years after her drug-addicted parents lost their house, Murr finished high school in two years while camping out in New York City parks and subway stations. Her single dorm room at Harvard was her first steady lodging in four years.

James Watson, the 32-year-old Gulf War veteran convicted of murder in the April 1995 truck bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah federal building, was sentenced to be executed by lethal injection. The bombing killed 168 people in what was considered the bloodiest terrorist attack on U.S. soil.

America Online, the world's largest Internet service provider, stunned the world with the news it planned to merge with Time Warner, the world's largest media company. The $18 billion deal is considered the largest corporate merger in U.S. history.

YOU SAID...

Would you spend above and beyond the retail price to get a PlayStation 2?

No 91%
Yes 9%
Mari Trott-JAndrews gained international notoriety when she brought her pig on a Boeing 757 airplane flying nonstop from Philadelphia to Seattle. The pig, named Charlotte, joined her owner in first class, having been granted "service animal" classification usually reserved for seeing eye dogs. Andrews, who suffers from a heart condition, brought the pig along on her doctor's recommendation, claiming Charlotte helped her feel more relaxed.

Nearly 100,000 mothers converged in Washington, D.C. and nearly one million rallied across the country in the demonstration meant to put pressure on Congress to enact tougher gun control laws, while memorializing those senselessly killed by gun-related violence.

One of the hottest holiday items of the year, the scooter turned out to be more hazardous than fun. More than 120,000 scooters were recalled due to complaints the handles unexpectedly came out of the steering column, causing riders to fall. The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission reported nearly 10,000 people, mostly children, were treated in hospital emergency rooms for scooter-related injuries by the end of the year.

"Caring capitalism" yielded to creamy profits when otherwise known as the hippie co-founders of Ben & Jerry's ice cream, finally sold their company to multinational conglomerate Unilever, despite public protests of "don't sell out!" Childhood friends Cohen and Greenfield founded the company in 1978.

U.S. District Judge Thomas Penfield Jackson ruled for the breakup of the world's largest software company, stating it was a monopoly and had operated illegally using anticompetitive means and attempting to monopolize the Web browser market in violation of the Sherman Antitrust Law.

The commandant of the Marine Corps grounded all aircraft activity following a crash in North Carolina that killed four Marines. The crash was the second fatal accident for the troubled $40 billion program. In April, an Osprey crashed while attempting to land after a test mission, killing all 19 Marines aboard. At $82 million apiece, the aircraft is part of a new generation scheduled to eventually replace all of the Marines' primary troop-transport helicopters.

You Said...
Which "retro" style would you like to see come back into fashion in the next few years?

- The 60s - 39%  
- The 80s - 33%  
- The 90s - 17%  
- The 50s - 11%
Both Ford and Firestone, a unit of Japan’s Bridgestone Corp., was forced to recall six and a half million 15-inch ATX, ATX II and Wilderness tires, most of which were mounted on Ford Explorers. The faulty tires separated from their treads, causing major accidents, personal injury and more than 100 deaths. The recall is one of the largest in U.S. history.

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Unusually cold temperatures and the lights of the holiday season put a crunch on the

Exorbitant electricity prices coupled with the threat of rolling blackouts angered consumers, who were urged to conserve power, and even take down holiday lights. Despite a cap on the state’s utility rates, the California Public Utilities Commission approved a 26 percent rate increase to help the two largest utility companies out of $9 billion dollars of debt. Blackouts throughout the area caused local merchants to suffer and lose revenue.

Six and a half million acres burned in that raging across 12 western states throughout the summer, including Montana, Idaho, Wyoming, Arkansas, California and Nevada. In Montana alone, firefighters were mobilized from 55 states, Canada, New Zealand, Australia, and numerous military units to help battle the blazes.

The University of Surrey in Britain has appointed the world’s first-ever and has added graduate-level courses in the study of in-flight catering. The professorship is being established through a grant from the International Flight Catering Association.
Later generations know him primarily for his role as Ben (Obi-Wan) Kenobi in the 1977 film "Star Wars," but British actor Alec Guinness was also an Oscar-winning talent known to many as the "man of a thousand faces" for his ability to play and look like a variety of characters.

The death of Dale Earnhardt, dubbed the greatest driver ever, came as a shock to NASCAR fans nationwide. Also known as "The Intimidator" for his aggressive attitude on the track, Earnhardt died of head injuries in a 142-mph crash during the last lap of the 2001 Daytona 500.

Latin jazz musician, 77
Named the original "Mambo King" in the 1950s, Puente was a bandleader and percussionist who helped define Latin jazz. He recorded more than 125 albums and won five Grammy awards.

Archbishop, 82
Known best for his work on behalf of the poor and his ministry at St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York City, Catholic Archbishop Cardinal O'Connor was a national figure, with influence and friendships among world leaders.

Probably known best for his role as Oscar Madison in "The Odd Couple," both on Broadway and in the movie, Matthau brought his dry humor to the stage, television and many movies, including "The Fortune Cookie," "Grumpy Old Men," "IQ" and "Dennis the Menace."

A syndicated columnist and bestselling author once called America's "most visible black journalist," Rowan was known for his columns exploring race relations and was a champion of civil rights. Rowan also served as director of the U.S. Information Agency under President Lyndon B. Johnson, and as the U.S. Ambassador to Finland from 1968-1969.

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