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SGA BRIEFS

Needy student? Be sure to apply for student aid through the SGA. On March 17th the forms will be available in the SGA office. The applications must be completed and notarized before April 5th for student aid grants for the summer trimester. Further instructions for application will be available in the SGA office after Monday.

The Student Aid fund will deposit \$50 on account in the bookstore for qualified recipients of the grant. 80% of that money is to be spent in the bookstore, and the recipient may draw the remainder in cash if desired.

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Plan ahead for the March 29th Dance. Two great bands have been contacted and final arrangements for the hall are being made. This dance is scheduled to be semi-formal.

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Be sure to adhere to the traffic signs posted on campus. If the parking sign appears to conflict with the published SGA parking map, follow the sign's instruction anyway. The traffic map can not be changed and distributed as quickly as signs are needed to be changed.

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No smoking is stressed in the new academic complex. The carpeting is now installed and burns in the rug should be prevented.

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The new, free SGA jukebox should be installed by next Monday.

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COACH KEITH LEACH AND THE EMBRY-RIDDLE "EAGLES"

CONVOCATION REQUIRED

April 18, 1969, is established as the day for convocation of the student body. This, the second annual convocation, will be marked by presentations of honors to several persons distinguished in their fields, a formal academic procession of the faculties in all divisions and the announcement of scholarships.

All male students are requested to wear coat and tie (female students should dress in appropriate attire), and to present themselves at Peabody Auditorium between 8:30 AM and 9:00 AM. Students who are in the academic procession must arrive by 8:00 AM for marshalling. Dean Spears is designated as the Student marshal. The faculty must appear at 8:30 AM in appropriate academic attire and Dr. Sain is designated as the faculty marshal. The Director of Flight Technology will designate those individual instructors and students who will be excused during

this time in order to continue their training. All other faculty and students must participate in the convocation / graduation. Those students who are graduating in calendar year 1969 are required to be present in cap and gown with the various colored tassels denoting their curriculum and/or graduating status (all tassels that are multicolored indicate individuals who have not yet completed requirements for their degree/certificate).

Individuals must pick up their cap and gown boxes on April 16, and April 17, in the Placement Office. Special instructions on their return will be given at the time of pick-up.

It is expected that this ceremony will be completed by 11:45 AM.

H.V. Mansfield
Dean of Students

SPEAKING OUT

The opinions expressed in this paper are not necessarily those of the Institute or all members of the student body.



WHO SAID FIRE?

BY FRANK ALEXANDER

I have been asked to write an editorial on the potential fire hazard of the old academic building. Since I am of the belief that most editorials appearing in the INFORMER are of a critical nature, be they valid or otherwise, I began looking for the potential fire hazards in the building. On the second floor, the most prominent hazards I found were the wooden floors and stairs. Should a fire ever start, there is a possibility that several students could conceivably be trapped at one end of the building. Yet, there are two staircases at opposite ends of the building, and there are fire extinguishers and fire hoses located at a maximum of 20 feet apart on both floors, I did notice a new extinguisher installed midway down the hall of the first floor. On the ground level, the floor is tiled and again the hall is lined with extinguishers and hoses.

The only other potential hazards I noted were the classrooms and wooden chairs. A potentially dangerous situation exists in rooms 210 and 213 where should a fire start, evacuation would be painfully slow. I point out, however, that this situation will be remedied when we move into the new academ-

ic buildings. Why this question of a fire hazard was raised is beyond me. From my observations, the building is as safe and probably a lot safer, than the majority of this type of building. Finally, this structure represents only a temporary facility, which will soon be vacated.

I made a check of the fire extinguishers and all (save one) had valid inspection tags less than a year old. All conduit was metal, and while not hidden behind the walls, was securely attached and appeared to be in good condition. I didn't notice any frayed wires, exposed, nor any potentially dangerous light fixtures. In other words, the building, despite its age, appeared to my eyes to be relatively safe from the danger of uncontrollable fire. And in the event a fire should start, the Daytona Beach Fire Department has two trucks ready less than 500 feet away.

Frankly, I am puzzled. What is the serious danger of fire which exists in the old academic building? If such a danger does exist, where is it? I'd welcome an answer to both of these questions from anyone who feels strongly on the subject.

TELL IT LIKE IT IS!

BY BILL OBERLE

AWAKE ALL YE DORMANT AND HUNGRY STUDENTS! JOIN THE MACHINE REVOLT!

Known by many names (Papa Gus, Gus, Gus Charbroiler), Mr. Gus Xifos has talked with both members of the Embry-Riddle Veterans Association, Students, Faculty, and most important, Mr. Burt Mondshein, about opening a Student Snack Bar in the Student Center here on campus.

I would like to print for everyone's benefit, portions of Mr. Xifo's proposal:

PROPOSED:

To operate a Student Snack Bar in the Student Center of Embry-Riddle Aeronautical Institute to the MUTUAL benefit of both Students and the operator.

OPERATION:

To be in operation in accordance with the following schedule:

- 6:30 AM - 5:00 PM
Monday thru Friday
- 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Saturdays
- Vacation periods
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Monday thru Friday

During vacation periods hours of operation may be increased if volume of so warrants.

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TELL IT LIKE IT IS CONT'D.

COST TO STUDENTS:

Equivilant to, or LESS than rates now being paid by the students.

CONSIDERATIONS:

For the right to open and operate a snack bar concession in the Student Center, and since such operation is for the benefit of both student and operator, a rebate of 2% of gross would be paid to the Student Government Association of Embry-Riddle. In addition, help needed for such operation would be offered to students for an hourly wage and their meal during the period that such individuals worked.

Mr. Xifos is student (people) oriented. His location on the corners of Broadway and Grandview has been visited and patronized by many of us. The QUALITY and QUANTITY of his food speaks for itself. If we want to fly, we find a Flight Instructor; if we want a course in math, we find a Math Professor; when we want to eat, let's find a Cook, not a nickel grabbing metal box. You can't return a poor sandwich to a machine.

If this individual is interested in our needs then it is my personal feeling that this individual is worthy of our support. Your comments are solicited. Let Cam McQuaid, SGA, Rich Martucci, ERVA, or myself, know what your feelings are. This is our opportuniyt to be constructive. Let us all use it.



By Linda Larsen .

Note to the troops: Graduation exercises are not only mandatory this spring, it is rumored that they must be attended if you plan to register for the following trimester. According to a reliable source, Dean Mansfield will be at the door at Peabody Auditorium collecting name, rank, and student number via student I.D.'s.

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If you think you know what your post office box is and wonder why you have not had any mail lately, it might be to your best advantage to check daily at the Organized Confusion Room (ie. the mailroom). Your box number might have been changed without your notification.

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Carpets are nearly all installed in Building C of the new complex. All offices, save two (Mr. Campbell's again), are carpeted. Classrooms are still in the process.

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There seems to be some question as to why students were told they would be allowed a total of 10 credits each half of the split summer session with tuition being \$450 for both terms, and now that the session has been approved, nine credits will be the maximum with tuition set at \$475.

Message to Veterans: You are considered a full time student this summer if you have a total of 14 credits for both sessions. This means you may take 13 credits the first session and one the second to receive full credit theoretically.

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Notice the list of names for the INFORMER below. Please vote on the name you prefer and deposit in a Suggestion Box before Tuesday, March 18. Thank you.

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Check one:

- Aerc-Comm _____
- Avion _____
- Celebrations _____
- Contrail _____
- Eagle's Beak _____
- Eagle's Defection _____
- Eaglet _____
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SGA BRIEFS Continued

The College Facilities Committee is clearing out its docket of resolutions. Chairman, Pete Daly reported on the action taken. As passed by the Student Council, anyone caught throwing trash into the moat in front of the New Dorm will spend two hours cleaning up trash in the moat. Letters of recommended action will be sent to Mr. Sauls and Mr. Mondschein regarding access to library equipment and holes in our parking areas respectively. The Facilities Committee is trying to solve the problem of the unfixed telephone in the Student Center.

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Suggestion Boxes

OPINION POLL RESULTS.

Of the 14 ballots received (student interest ??) the following results were computed:

1. Do you feel the SGA is adequately doing its job for the students?
64% said NO
2. Are the fees charged by the SGA fair?
91% YES
3. Are the representatives in your program adequately representing you in the SGA?
69% said YES

1. Does the Post Office adequately serve its functions?
57% said YES
2. Is the method of mail service through the boxes suiting your needs?
69% said YES

1. How would you rate the food in the vending machines?
57% Average; 43% Poor
2. Are you in favor of hot meals?
93% said YES
3. Are the prices fair?
86% said NO

This is a very small sampling and may not represent your feeling but you did not vote. Unless you vote, your opinion will not be noted. This is just another way the INFORMER tries to let the students be heard. This

week we'll try another questionnaire. If there is not a representative sample of the students, the poll will not be tallied up. Just fill it out and drop it into any Suggestion Box by next Tuesday.

Bookstore:

1. Is the merchandise other than books priced fairly? Yes No
2. What other items do you feel the bookstore should stock?

3. Do you receive adequate assistance from the employees? Yes No

Registrar:


1. Have you had any difficulties in paper work with this office? Yes NO
2. Have your grades been printed correctly and in a minimal time after midterm and finals? Yes NO
3. Do you feel this office is running as efficiently as possible?
Yes No

Grading System:

1. Are the present methods used by instructors for grading fair? Yes No
2. Do you believe in a standardized method of grading for all instructors? Yes No
3. Should a curve be used for all tests?
Yes No

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SUGGESTION BOX continued

Dear Ray,

While we all admit no one is perfect, I want to commend the SGA and school newspaper in doing their best to coordinate relations on our campus between students and faculty and for the function it pursues in an effort to help the student get more out of his years at Riddle. Since I came here 3 years ago much improvement has taken place and I feel the Student Government and the INFORMER are to be congratulated. I regret I can't do more for the school than I now do, but with a full time job and school I have all I can handle. I'm writing basically because I know you will receive a lot of complaints about the SGA, INFORMER, and the school in general as a result of the questionnaire you put out. To those people, I would like to say that the school is only as good as you try to make it. I'm not saying changes will take place overnight, but I have seen much improvement since I came and with a student body that works together, I'm sure there will be much more improvement in the future.

Tom Robertson

Dear INFORMER,

While looking for more relatively simple informa-

tion recently I found need to consult an encyclopedia and a world almanac in our library.

Except for a small five volume encyclopedia, our most recent encyclopedia is as old or older than most of the students attending school here. The one and only World Almanac is also quite outdated, as is the information contained in it. (Embry-Riddle located in Miami)

This letter is not intended to be of a derogatory nature and is written with the hope that the present situation will be noticed and rectified.

Sincerely,
Ted Schott

Ed. Mr. Sauls was asked the reason why the library has not purchased a new encyclopedia. He stated that our library is not a Junior High Library and that an encyclopedia is not adequate for most research information needed. Also, there are books more urgently needed than the encyclopedia for required curriculum. By the way, our 1910 Britanica Encyclopedia is considered as one of the best and most complete editions ever published. It was compiled by some of the top scholars during that period and is kept up to date by the Britanica Year-books.

Dear Suggestion Box:

I am glad we've finally gotten our new campus and am sure it can make our school look better to visitors.

One of the things that impressed me as being unsightly is the paper articles that have been pasted on some of the office doors.

Do you think there is some way to get these put on a bulletin board and the doors fitted with appropriate titles, (not those cheap plastic license plates or letter tape) that would be neat and informative?

Thank you.

Marc Zahrt

Ed. I agree!!! I will place a resolution into SGA for action.

Dear INFORMER,

I would like to make a correction to the INFORMER on March 7. On page 18 of that issue one of the photos had the caption Mooney Avions. The aircrafts in the photo were not Mooney Avions but North American or Ryan Navions.

Stephen Wurtz

Ed. Sorry, our mistake!!

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Dear INFORMER,

I have one main complaint about the general maintenance and upkeep of Dormitory Number 2 on Nova Road. For one particular example the fan in our bathroom is so clogged up that dust is "frothing at its mouth" and as a result it vibrates. Also, two items are missing that were mentioned previously; the screens on our doors and windows plus the lover doors to our kitchens were never replaced. I don't know why we have to claim them at Room A-23 (through Mr. Hofstader).

What activities are there to do with our spare time at Embry-Riddle? I am sure that is an unanswered question among many of our students. There might be one or two exceptions among the students; they would be the coeds and fraternity brothers plus pledges. With the price we pay for this school (at least \$800 to \$900 per trimester or even more depending on the program you are in.) Other schools have pool tables, badmitten, ping pong, and other extra activities, similiar to those.

Why doesn't the Student Center stay open until 8:30 p.m. every night? The Student Union is a place where students can congregate, have a snack, and check their mail. But if it's locked we can't do any one of those things, can we?

Ed. As to complaints about the rooms, you should see Mr. Hofstader who will be glad to assist you in any way. If there are still some complaints, go to your SGA representative who will take appropriate action.

As for activities in your spare time, it is first important to know what your likes and dislikes are. Concerning girls, "seek and ye shall find" (not SGA sponsored but we're working on it). There are a couple of organizations around campus such as the Diving Club, Glee Club, and the Sailing Club. The other means of entertainment such as pool tables, will come in time; first we need a place to put them.



Dear INFORMER,

"2-4-6-8-Everybody regurgitate" seems to be the theme of the Holiday Inn now. On a recent visit there, I was almost prompted to do just that.

I feel if the Holiday Inn can't supply the quantity of students required to eat there with enough trays, silverware, glasses or clean tables, the student either should not be required to eat there or better provisions should be made to supply the gross appetites of the ERAI student body.

Verne Frantz

EDUCATION FOR WHAT ... BY WHOM?

Education is a good thing.

With this, almost everybody is in agreement.

But what is expected of those who are educated?

1. The ability to make a good living.
2. The skills to perform efficiently at some occupation or profession.
3. The knowledge of the social graces that make females and males -- ladies and gentlemen.

Are these the objectives of American schools, homes, and churches?

Partially, yes.

Still, there must be at more important reason to educate youth.

And that reason must be to educate each young person in the knowledge of freedom.

1. Freedom to make intelligent decisions
2. Freedom to choose between the right and the wrong.
3. Freedom to question even those who teach that which is "right and wrong".
4. Freedom to admit error and to rectify that error in the future.

Yes, American institutions produce a great number of learned students--- students trained to be drivers and dentists, mechanics and architects. They teach skills. But who teaches the problems of life?

Solutions to everyday problems with a mountain of facts?

The American people--- members of a free society--- need few people educated with skills. The American people need more citizen with questions yet unanswered based on mountains of facts.

Schools and homes and churches are not machines that supply answers. They are but guides to ideas that provide facts that may supply answers.

And in this complex world, and educated citizenry, should be prepared not to criticize, not to revolt, not to destroy, but to think, to plan, to sacrifice in an age of abominable, bombs.

Closed and prejudice minds eager and ready to accept the easy answers themselves, but their country.

The future belongs to the questioning mind using facts learned from past mistakes. The future is in the minds of the learned who seek truth.

Answers to the problems are easy.

Truth demands doubt, questions, research, and the cooperation of others who seek the truth.

For truth alone can make man free.

Happiness is... ordering a class ring and getting back a cowbell with "69" written on it.

Dear Mr. Anderson

The article on the history of Embry-Riddle was excellent and I would like to compliment Mr. LeClair, Mr. Alexander and yourself for a fine job. There are however, a few errors in the story which I corrected on the attached sheets.

In the past six months I have been to three of the WWII airfields used by Riddle during that period. Dorr and Carlstrom airfields are still there and are located at Arcadia, Fla. and are being used as state mental hospitals (see Miami sectional, and are marked hospitals). The control towers, buildings and aprons are still there. The other airfield was used by the RAF during the war and it is located 7 miles west of Clewiston, Fla. (Airglades on Miami sectional). This airfield still has most of the old buildings plus swimming pool that is in use today by a flight school (Florida Aeronautical Institute)

Mr. Greg Allen, Alumni Director at the school, has copies of articles that I gave him on the history of the school. You might check with him on this.

One of the British RAF cadets (ER alumnus, 1944), Tony Lindfield, is writing a book on the history of the British training in America during World War II. I wondered if you would please send Tony a



TWELVE WORKMEN WERE REPORTED LOST LAST SATURDAY WHEN THE ENGINEERING BUILDING WENT DOWN IN A HEAVY STORM.

complete copy of your history (Part I, II, etc.) for his files. Tony has been writing his book for 2½ years and has been gathering information from all parts of the world. His address is A.W. Lindfield, Sandhills, Washington, Pulborough, Sussex, England.

Should you require any additional information on the history, please do not hesitate to call or write.

Sincerely,

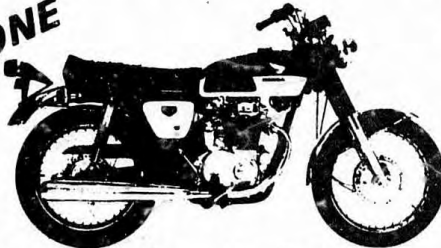
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GRADING CRACKDOWN ?

BY GENE LECLAIR

Are you students feeling a grading squeeze? If so, then you will have been wondering what is happening around campus concerning this important topic. So is this reporter, and I went to Dean Yackel, Dean of Faculties, to get some answers.

Dean Yackel, as Dean of Faculties, ultimately awards the contracts to the instructors hired by Riddle and gives them their general orientation into ERAI campus life.

I approached him in his office with several questions, while he was pouring over some texts and getting ready for his next class.

Q. Dean Yackel, is there or is there not in effect a general policy change in the grading system at Embury Riddle?

A. No, as such I don't think so. When we were accredited the accreditation committee felt our methods were acceptable. They are the same as any other university.

Q. Then why are so many students (Juniors, Seniors) complaining about irregularities in the grading system?

A. We feel that the tests that are made up and the grading of them assures us that A's are given to people who are excellent in their subjects. Although it is not a set rule, we expect the grades throughout the school will be normal, running about 20 to 25 percent failure. Freshmen and sophomores have more failures, but the further along they go, the less there will be. There is no set policy of telling instructors they must have 20% failures.

The only change would be the instructors giving more attention to grades in order that they reflect actual achievement on the part of the student.

Q. Are you aware of last Friday's issue of the INFORMER concerning a certain instructor failing one half of both assigned

classes and if so, do you feel this is fair?

A. It is fair if the material on the test concerned was covered in assignments. If any student has a complaint, he should see his department head.

Q. What is the policy if a teacher is found taking advantage of students through the use of impertinent reviews, unduly severe grading, a general mistreatment to purposely cause an irregular amount of failures?

A. The heads of the various departments discuss with the teachers any situation like that. Generally, all of us feel that the midterm exam should be tougher than usual to prod the student to do a little better work. We want midterms to show students that the instructors want work from them. If there is a case of injustice, we want it to show up in the mid-terms, rather than at the end of the term.

Q. Word is circulating around the campus that new hiring policies are being used. Is this true? How will they work?

A. We ask all applicants to give a 130 minutes or better presentation to a class. It is not possible for all applicants because of the geographic locations, but when we can not have an applicant here, we judge on the basis of past superiors' recommenda-

tions.

The individual comes and is asked to prepare a topic and present it. We, usually the department heads, sit in on the class, we do ask students about the applicant, mainly to find out whether they got material in the presentation. Of course, we make the final decision on hiring and firing, but we are interested in the students' reactions.

Q. What are your feelings about students participating in policy formulations committees and faculty committees.

A. We feel it is all right. We, of course, have to reserve the right to make decisions to faculty and administration, but students' ideas and recommendations are considered. We now have one student representative on the curriculum committee, financial committee, and President's Council. I don't know if we have one of the disciplinary committee.

Of course, there are many more questions that should be answered, but I hope this article will give you a little insight into some of the procedures being used on campus by the administration in meeting their problems.

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THE PARADE

BY DEAN E. BOSTICK



(The following short story is the first of two installments to be presented in the INFORMER. This fiction article has also been submitted to Redbook. Our appreciation to the author for allowing us to publish his work.--Ed.)

It was in the early thirties and I was a very little boy. Things were getting better -- "easing up", my father said. He said this every morning after bringing in wood and building up the fire in the stove. My mother would stand shivering, with a robe wrapped around her, watching with a far away, unseeing look in her eyes as the pewter coffee pot started to perk.

"Well, aren't they?" He would demand.

"Yes", she would answer tiredly. "I suppose so."

"Hell! I don't understand you!" He'd rage. "We have a roof over our heads and food on the table three times a day. I work every day, what do you want?"

"In the oil fields," my mother would answer with distaste.

"So? What of it?", he'd shout. "I'm working by God, and making forty cents an hour. The damn Depression can't last forever, can it?"

"No, Cecil," with resignation.

"Okay. Now pour me some coffee."

She would obey and my dad would blow at the cup and sip the coffee, sitting there at the table in his long underwear, shivering a little. Then he would glance toward the cot where I slept, between the stove and the wall.

"What are you doing up?"

"I don't know."

And his stern features would melt a little. "Well, it's five o'clock. You want to turn on the radio?"

"Yes, SIR!" And I would bound out of bed and run to the radio sitting

on an upended barrel beside the back door. My dad had built this two room shack all by himself and it was the only house among the hundred or so scattered along the banks of Stink Creek in the East Texas Oilfields, that had real electric lights and more than one room.

But then, my dad was smarter than anyone else living on Stink Creek.

I would turn on the radio and listen impatiently as it hummed and crackled. Dancing from one foot to the other on the cold, board floor. And usually I would get a country music program starring The Light Crust Doughboys from Burroughs Mills--their introduction sung to the tune of a fan fare. Sponsored by the Light Crust Bakery and Governor W. Lee O'Daniel.

My mama would notice me and tell me to get some clothes on or get back to bed. "You'll get the flu," she would bark, "and we can't afford any doctor bills."

"Yes'um, I's mumble and wrap up in a blanket like an Indian and climb back to table in my shoes, unlaced, no socks.

"Can I have some coffee?"

"Certainly not! You're too little."

And my dad would wink and spill a little in his saucer and I'd watch him roll a cigarette and wait until mama was busy with the skillet at the stove, then pour the bitter contents of the saucer into my mouth.

My dad would listen to the news while he ate the big pancakes soaked in sugar and syrup mama fixed every morning.

On this particular day, I said, "I wish I had a dog."

"Shh. I'm listening to the news. "W.P.A., C.C.C. I.W.W., C.I.O.," Everything seemed to be ini-

tials. Oh, there were some names, too. "Clyde Barrow, Bonnie Parker, Franklin Roosevelt," but I didn't know who any of them were--or care.

"I wish I had a dog."

"Well, you can't! We're barely feeding people. We can't afford a dirty hound."

"Gol-lee!"

"What did you say?"

"Aw, nuttin."

My dad would rise from the table and pull on two pairs of heavy socks over the one pair he had slept in. Next would come a sweat shirt, flannel shirt and khaki shirt. Then khaki trousers. I would watch him putting on the layers of clothing, growing broader and bulkier. Finally he'd sit heavily back in the chair and ask:

"Son, you want to help me with my boots?"

"Yes, SIR!" And I would kneel at his feet and hold the heavy lace boots while he thrust and twisted and stomped his foot until it was firmly on the bottom, all the while inhaling the delicious odors of sulphur and oil and mud, gasoline, kerosene and crude oil.

Dad would lace his boots, stand and climb into a pair of overalls so stiff and dirty they could stand alone. Then he'd put on a jumper and a cap with flaps over his ears, wrap a dirty scarf around his neck and stick the two fried egg sandwiches my mother had made and wrapped in newspaper, in the bib of his overalls.

He would peck my mother on the cheek, hug me and almost absentmindedly stick "Plow boy" in his hip pocket. "Plow Boy" was a long barrelled thirty-two-revolver.

My mom would bolt the door and sit at the table alone, drinking her coffee, dreaming of how things had been before and before 'twenty nine. When dad was in business in Houston and she was younger and prettier and they owned a Lincoln Zephyr and a house and a store.

And barely tall enough to see out, I would stand on tip toe and wipe the frost off the window and

watch my dad disappear into the early morning darkness. Every morning, seven days a week he walked down the frozen banks of the creek, across the bridge and two miles down a rutted road to the oil well where he fired boilers from seven AM till seven PM, seven days a week, for thirty three dollars and sixty cents. Compared to our neighbors, we were wealthy. Most of them were rough necks or roustabouts earning one to two dollars a day.

Somehow the two rooms always seemed colder after dad left. Mama and I would huddle close to the stove, listening to the radio and waiting for the weak, watery, winter's sun to rise and warm things up a little.

Around seven or so we would eat our pancakes and I'd start my morning campaign to get outside. It was pretty hard to do in the winter time, but if I whined and nagged enough, I usually succeeded by nine o'clock.

Mom didn't like for me to play with most of the other kids that lived on the banks of Stink Creek, but I was very popular. Being cruel and unfelling like all little children, I regaled them with stories of how we had lived in Houston and loved their attentiveness when I talked about food.

I didn't know it then, but most of those little tykes had lived no better before the Great Depression.

On that particular morning, Bobby Jean, a little girl my own age, ran up to me when I went outside. She was barefooted in spite of the cold and her skinny little legs were blue and covered with goose bumps. Twin streams of mucus ran out of her nose and over her lips. She said something like, "Ju-hav-ayag?" "Nope. We only eat eggs on Sunday," I answered importantly.

"Wush-ah-had-ary-un."
"I'll sneak you a bite on Sunday."
"Aw-rite. An' when it gits warm agin, I'll cotch ya a horny toad."

Bobby Jean and I sat on the creek banks with the other urchins and threw rocks at the thin film of ice at the edges of the slimy ooze until about noon. It was warmer then and the viscous liquid began moving sluggishly, carrying the overflow from the oil field slush pits on it's never ending, mysterious journey.

My mother called me and I looked toward the little house where she stood in the door. Lean-to roof, unpainted pine boards shining brightly in the sunlight. I didn't realize at that age how rudely

we lived. I was very simply happy and content with all the blithness of a child.

We had a treat for lunch that day. A peanut butter sandwich. I lingered and teased myself as children are want to do - first nibbling the crusts off the bread, then eating the rest as daintily as a baby rabbit or squirrel.

"Mama. Do you know what I'm going to do when I grow up?"

"No, son, What?"
"I'm going to make a lot of money and buy a lot of peanut butter - maybe a whole house full. And that's all I'm going to eat 'cause I think peanut butter is the best thing in the world."

And inexplicably, my mother began to cry. I was stunned and frightened. She cried a lot those days, but somehow this was different.

"What did I do? Mama! Don't cry." I tried to comfort her. "It's easing up. Things are getting better." I imitated my father and this only made her sob harder.

"My poor little baby." and, "I should never have brought you into this world." And with the simple rationality of a child, I reasoned silently that, Gol-lee, I wouldn't even be here if she hadn't, and stood stoically until her crying spell was over.

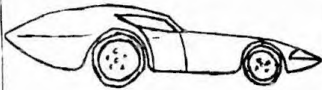
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Happiness Is.....

Last Friday a lady called the Office of the Dean of Students to report the acts of three young men who are enrolled as students at Embry-Riddle. Her stated purpose was "Just in case you have received too many calls from the sheriff's office or other such areas, I want you to know about these students." She then proceeded to relate a story which had to do with running out of gas on an infrequented road, walking away from the car to some considerable distance, and how these three students assisted with their time and gasoline and general help in getting her on the road again.

She was primarily impressed by the good manners of all three. Their names are James Decker, Martin Joslin, and Howard Reithel.

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OPEN LETTER from DEAN of STUDENTS

After three years of considerable effort, this office was able to convince the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees that six graduations a year was not in the best interest of this school. At the same time there were some considerable problems engendered by the holidays posted in the school bulletin and observance thereof.

As a result the 1968-69 bulletin was published in July of 1968 with a drastic change in both of these areas. The achievement of a four day holiday in the Fall Trimester for Thanksgiving and a four day holiday in the Summer Trimester with respect to the number of actual school days in relation to the other two. The decision to eliminate one school day from the beginning of the Spring Trimester (to allow for travel after the New Years holidays) and to establish the last day of the trimester as non-instructional, but required for convocation of all students.

Traditionally, students have departed the campus on the completion of their examinations without regard to the calendar. Some of the faculty have encouraged this practice and themselves have had problems with grades because of these practices. In order to establish an Embry-Riddle tradition, April, 1968, was the first date wherein the full faculty were required to be present at convocation graduation. At that time, although it was "suggested" that all students also be present, the information with respect to this type of academic assemblage had not been disseminated in time to forestall early arrangements for flights, driving pools, etc. This year, however, all students have been notified by the bulletin, the first issue of the INFORMER this trimester, and individual letters this week, and, therefore (hopefully), there should be no question in anyone's

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SIGMA PHI DELTA

BY BOB NAWROCKI

We did it again, softball fans! Sigma Phi Delta won it's game against Pi Sigma Phi this past weekend by a score of 13 - 3. If we should be fortunate enough to beat them in next week's contest, we will once again get a chance to play the "Bombers" in the playoffs. This time it won't be quite as easy for them. As a matter of fact, Sigma Phi Delta should have the trophy sitting in their case come the end of the trimester. Good luck, Bombers!! You'll need it!

Our pledges received a little surprise this past weekend. Saturday night they were all told to be at the house. Most of them thought it was "hell night", but it only turned out to be a dress rehearsal. . . Maybe next time, pledges, you'll be able to guess a little better.

The brothers who went to Piper Aircraft in Vero Beach last Saturday said the trip proved very interesting. All benefited from the tour led by Harold Kosola, one of Pi chapter's Alumni. Those who were unable to make the trip, were briefed about it the next day. More trips of this sort are being planned for the near future.

Watch closely in the next few weeks for some big things happening at "Pi Chapter" - Sigma Phi Delta Fraternity.

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PI SIGMA PHI

BY STAN CZARNIK

As usual it was a busy weekend for Pi Sigma Phi. This weekend it was mostly the brothers pledges, and their dates were entertained at a bowling party. It turned out to be quite a success, and there are two main, quite interesting scores for me to report on. Ray Palant (Fleetfoot), came through with three fabulous scores: 193, 208, and 157. Embry-Riddle's co-ed Brenda Bridgeman, also came through with three fabulous scores: 25, 48, and 47. All in all everyone had a fun time and we're looking forward to another evening such as this.

Sunday morning we played Sigma Phi Delta in our baseball game. We lost by a score of 13-3. Ray Palant came through in the first inning with a 3 run homer and that was the extent of our runs. We congratulate Sigma Phi Delta on their victory. This was our second loss, and we are going into the finals in third place. According to the schedule we will be playing Alpha Eta Rho in the finals: they are in fourth place. We won our past game against them two weeks ago, and this game should prove to be interesting. If you get a chance, come out and watch the games. There's always plenty of excitement.

Pledging is coming a long well with only one more week to go before hell week. Everyone is having fun and we're anxious to see the outcomes.

Well, that about wraps it up for this week. Be sure to stay tuned, I'll be keeping you informed.

ALPHA ETA RHO

BY RAY LEE

This was a rather regular week for the Epsilon Rho's. Brother George Brewer painted our Constellation propeller in the front yard. The pledges did some of their usual duties such as guarding the house and keeping it in good clean operating condition on their workdays. They lost their softball game to the Bombers on Sunday but enjoyed the game. They are planning a car wash again this weekend on Sunday morning at 8:00 AM at the Texaco station on Volusia Avenue across from Buc's Gun Rack. They said that for only \$1.00 anyone can get his car cleaned and swept out so that it will be spotless.

The brothers are all racking their minds trying to come up with new ideas for Hell Week that starts on March 17th. I know most of the pledges have great expectations for the things that are in store for them and many believe that they already know what is going to happen, but I'm sure that they may get a little surprise.

Two brothers passed their commercial flight tests this week. They were John Patton and Stan Podlasek. John Patton said he greatly enjoyed his four hour oral with Mr. Roosevelt.

Tuesday night we had a very educational program on Agricultural Flying. It was presented by Mr. Cornwell and was enjoyed by all who attended.

Watch for more news again from Alpha Eta Rho - Embry-Riddle's only professional aviation fraternity.



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BOMBERS WIN!

BY BILL REHRMANN

The Bombers, one more time, pushed aside another opponent as the AHP pledges won the Fickle Finger of Fate award. The game was as were all the others an easy win. The pledges made their first mistake of the game when they showed up on time for the biggest fiasco of the year. The game was dominated by the "Team of the Year", as the Bombers flexed their muscles in the very first inning and scored twenty-two runs. From then on we merely played with them. The pledges did manage to score ten runs in all and at one time reduced our lead to "only" nineteen runs, we then muscled up two grand slams in one inning to make a convincing win withholding our dominating capabilities. The game as a whole was ridiculous, the score being 41-10. The umpire called the game off at noon and didn't give us a chance to finish. In fact, the game got so disgusting for Bruce Schulmann, an AHP pledge, that he left before the game was half over; true sportsmanship, a real team man.

The Bombers will "Play with" the Pi Sigma Phi team this Sunday with a predicted score of 15-5. We had defeated the Pi Sigma Phi team earlier this season by a score of 10-5 but we feel we have gotten better and will dominate the game from the winner of the Sigma Phi Delta - AHP game and go on to be the true champions we are. With all this, and the championship in our hand we will CHALLENGE THE FACULTY.

They often talk of school spirit, Well, let's see what they can do! I often wonder if they really care: Student vx Instructor as it is everyday of our school year.

Need we state who will win? With such players as John Marchesi@ 1st base, Steve Schweikert@ 2nd, Ricardo Willems, John Mar-

tino and Richard Gelband sharing the left side of the infield, with an out field of Stan Widak, Phil Steffen, Mark Zahart, Steve Austin and the MVP player of the year, Tony Shans, can we lose? The battery these amateur teams must contend with is made up of Bill Rehman at pitcher and Jim "Redman" Gilbat at catcher. Often enough the team is referred to as the King and his Court. The fact is that we're not conceited; we're only trying to arouse our competitors to give us some competition - maybe when the football

season comes around the fraternities will be able to organize at least one good team. We realize we are playing inferior teams and inferior people, but what can one expect from a fraternity?

Once again, in summary I would like to state - "We are the greatest" and after the championship is won, we will challenge the faculty, so let's get out there and show some "school spirit", eh, teachers?

The Bombers

LITTLE DAYTONA GYMKHANA

The Daytona Beach Sports Car Club sponsored the Little Daytona Gymkhana and held it in the Bellair Plaza parking lot Sunday Mar. 9. The course was an accurate replica of the road course at the Speedway. One of the Corvette drivers commented that the banks weren't as high and the course was tight in one place, as gymkhanas usually are for his car. The course was set up in a straight forward, easy to follow manner, making this truly a contest of driving skill. Congratulations are in order for Jerry and Susan Hall for designing a fast smoothly run event. The DBSCC also deserves credit for coming up with an extremely competitive classification system.

Embry-Riddle was very well represented by its students who captured 40% of the honors with 17% of the total entries.

Taking trophies for best time of the day in order were Al Moscowitz in a 912 Porsche, Jim Gebhardt from Embry Riddle in a Porsche Super 90, and Clay Likse in a modified VW. The local VW dealer sells performance and dressup kits for VW's and this particular VW has the best from all of these kits.

Honors for first place in classes went to Mr. Gerggor in a 327 Corvette for Class B and Pete Reed driving a 289 mustang in Class C. Al Salvatory in a Porsche Super 90 took

Class D and Roger Fallard in a 1600 cc Datsun took Class E. Sid Hood from Embry-Riddle nailed down Class F driving a Fiat 850 Joe Vallee from Embry-Riddle won Class G in a stock VW 1500m abd H.P. Brudine from Embry-Riddel driving a stock VW 1200 took class H.

A number of girls entered the ladies class and put on a fine show, Miss Jamerson took the honors in a Spitfire.

On the DBSCC calander are two rallies, the first of which is on April 13. The last DBSCC rally went to Orange City, Sanford and Deltona via special route, and participants were encouraged to average the speed limit. Maintaining an average speed becomes a problem when one considers that a few stop signs and traffic control lights are included in every rally route. All Embry Riddle students are invited to participate and test their tact and nerves against the rally masters. Bring your girl, it's economical entertainment.

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GUTTER TALK

The season is more than half over and I'm afraid that this article has not lived up to its name. So, this week, I'd like to put a few four letter words on you---BOWL-BALL-PINS-SHOE-and last but not least, -DAMN- THOSE GUTTER BALLS. Keep reading the future. articles and you may find out the real meaning of Gutter Talk.

The competition is real close this season but Team #6 seems to be pulling away from the others with a stream of steady wins.

The team standings as of last week are:

1. Team #6 (Ford, Giesbrandt, Quanstrum, Suominen)
2. Team #8 (D. Adikes, Cicale, Watkins, Gauthier)
3. Team #1 (Sievers, Freeman, Peterson, Baker)
4. Team #5 (Lowe, Boligitz Snow, Sherlock)
5. Team #2 (Eliassof, Johnstone, Hartman, Roberts)

Mr. Ford bombed the pins last week for a 243 game, which stands as the record this season. Some of the Hi-Series last week were:

1. Mr. Ford 561
2. Mark Baker 557
3. Quanstrom 536



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BILL WASTER PUNCHES A BALL THROUGH FOR A SOLID SINGLE. GARY ANDERSON IS COACHING THIRD. THE B-C CATCHER IS UNIDENTIFIED.

RIDDLE DIAMOND NEWS

The Embry-Riddle pre-season baseball team attacked Bethune-Cookman sluggers last weekend in a double-header. The games were split with Riddle winning the first game 11-9. The second game wasn't quite so successful. We lost 18-2. The games were played on Fri-

EMBRY-RIDDLE DIVING EAGLES

John Murphy
Tom O'Donnell

This weekend the Diving Club took a trip to the Keys to obtain a location for the wreck dive which is scheduled to take place on the 29th of this month.

An adequate motel was found as well as a boat capable of taking the club for a full day's dive. The weekend to the Keys promises to be an interesting fun filled vacation for all.

Students are reminded that applications for membership are still open, and that meetings are held every Monday night at the new Dorm. Non-members interested in attending the dive to the Keys should contact a diving club member. It is rumored that the divers from Flagler College will be attending the Dive, so grab your wet suit and join the fun.

day and Saturday respectively at Kelly Field. There must have been something happening Friday night to wear our boys out for Saturday's game.

As mentioned before, these games are pre-season and don't have any bearing on our permanent record, but give our boys a chance to get out and run off some of the winter fat.

TRACKSIDE AT DAYTONA

BY JONAS BARBER

Yamaha of Japan literally "owns" the 100-mile race for 250cc machines at Daytona International Speedway.

This race, which ranks second in interest only to the "Daytona 200" in the annual AMA Motorcycle Classics March 10-16, has been won by the seemingly invincible Japanese bikes for four straight years.

By the looks of things, this year won't be any different.

Fielding a team that has seldom been matched for speed and balance, the Japanese factory has called on the services of four former 100-mile race winners in an effort to make it five straight.

Looking to challenge Yamaha's supremacy is a top-flight Kawasaki team, captained by defending "200" champ Calvin Rayborn of San Diego, Calif. Going with Rayborn will be Dick Hammer of South Gate, Calif., who scored wins in the 100-miler in 1963 and 1964, and Art Baumann of Brisbane, Calif., third place finisher in last year's "Daytona 200".

The 3.8 mile course over which all the Classics are held is a tough one. It calls for raw horsepower on the high-banked turns and long straights, and sure-footed handling on the winding infield road.

Four major championship races will be run during the Classics. The Amateurs go 100 miles on Friday, March 14, with the 76 mile Novice race sharing Saturday's spotlight. On the final day, March 16, more than 100 Exports go in the "Daytona 200", longest and most important of American bike races.



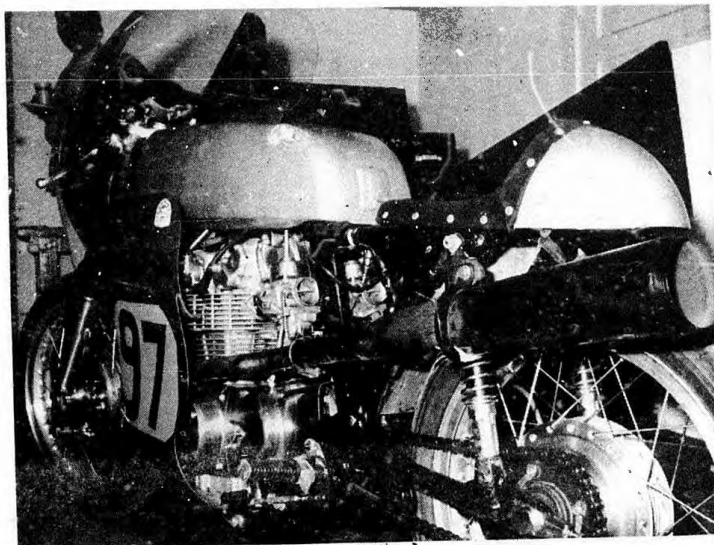
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Anyone for an acronym? Actually this means the Naval Air Rework Facility at Jacksonville, which was visited last week by three of Mr. Cornwell's classes, Airframe Lab, Aircraft Systems, and Aircraft Engines Reciprocating. The field trip proved to be a highly educational exercise which was enjoyed by all.

The trip was organized and arranged by Charles Angel, a special project student of Mr. Cornwell. Forty some students started on their way in an Embry Riddle bus aimed by Nelson Gray (Grayhound of course). Nearly two hours were consumed reaching Jacksonville Naval Air Station in spite of the estimated 90 mph velocity. Mr. Cornwell explained the velocity estimate, "50 mph forward and 40 mph up and down."

The hosts graciously greeted the Embry-Riddle visitors and proceeded to explain their facilities operations. The rework facility employs 3,500 civilians and is responsible for depot level maintenance on three jet aircraft types and many helicopter recip engines. A slide show illustrated their work on the A-4 Skyhawk, A-7 Corsair II, and the RA 5C Vigilante, which are all in service in Southeast Asia and other hot-spots around the world.

After the orientation and welcome the students were split into four groups to be escorted a-

round the facility. The escorts were all engineering specialists in their fields. Two groups inspected the Airframe reworking while one group each went to the Jet and Recip Powerplant areas. During the tour students were free to ask questions and observe the many operations. Interesting, practical and technical facts were learned from the engineers.

For the last hour of the visit the four groups convened in one of their major hangers to receive a flight test briefing from Lt. Commander Hafner, the chief test pilot. Everyone expressed interest in the sophisticated, Mach II Vigilante. Twelve million dollars of aircraft made quite an impression on the Student Center pilots. LCDR Hafner spiced the briefing with his personal notes on flying the Vigilante. After the briefing everyone received an abbreviated cockpit check of the aircraft. Typical student statements were:

"Wow!"
"Twelve million bucks to carry around five cameras?"

"Look at that fancy stick!"

"Wait till I tell the guys over in the Student Center."

Shortly afterwards the visitors departed (hopefully) with greater knowledge of aircraft reworking and aviation skills. Many students expressed a desire for more of these worthwhile field trips.



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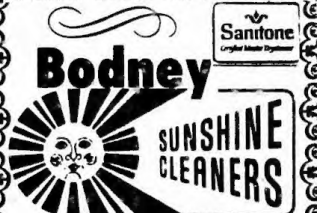
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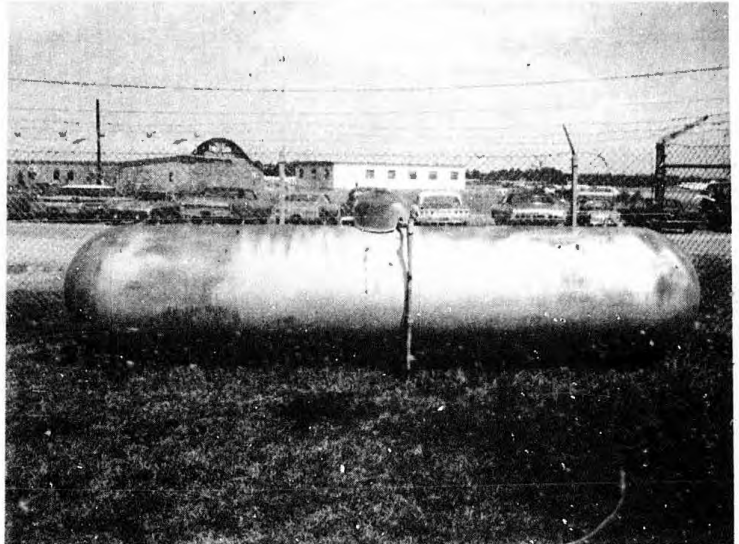
RED INVASION BROKEN UP!

BY GARY ANDERSON

Quick thinking by senior Arturo Greib prevented what might have become a successful Chinese invasion of Embry-Riddle yesterday. On his way to a 10:20 Marketing class, Arturo spotted a suspicious looking object in back of the Engineering Building. (see picture) Moving quickly, Arturo notified the proper authorities. Five minutes later our crack ERAI security force (consisting of Clyde the Campus Cop and two janitors) arrived on the scene. After lengthy consultations and a half pint of Foxx Wine it was decided that the object was a miniature Chinese submarine. Upon hearing this Clyde opened fire on the sub at point blank range. Last reports from the battle scene reported heavy Riddle casualties, including 2 flight instructors, a Volvo, and Mr. Campbells Rambler. Chinese losses were undetermined.

Rumors started to fly immediately. First reports stated that Dean Deadly's office had been bombed. I rushed over to check it out. As things turned out, his office was bombed; he was.

In the meantime, a group of volunteer students led by a group of blood thirsty SGA representatives, rounded up several suspicious looking orientals who used the flimsy excuse that they



THE CHINESE SUBMARINE AFTER ITS CAPTURE.

are players for the Tokyo Dragons from the spring training camp. From there they were dragged to the SGA office where they were forced to read the minutes of past meetings until they confessed.

Through some mysterious means the reds managed to cut off all heat to the Engineering Building at exactly the same time Clyde opened fire on the submarine.

At the time of printing the authorities are still trying to determine how the Chinese got the sub past our ever-alert security forces. Several sources have suggested that the proctor of the girl's dorm be placed in charge of further security. As one girl put it "Nothing gets by the old bat."

"FLY NAVY" Team on Campus

The "Fly-Navy" Recruiting Team will be on campus at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical Institute for three days in March. On the 19th, 20th, and 21st, they will set up testing and counseling facilities for prospective Aviation Officer Candidates and Naval Flight Officers. Inquiries into any facet of the Naval Aviation Program are invited.

Chief Jacobs of the local Navy Recruiting Office will be on hand to assist the Aviation Officer Recruiters and to answer questions about regular Navy Enlistments.

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Evidence of Mr. Gervase's work can readily be seen just by looking around campus. A more efficient mail service, new sidewalks, and an investigation of the heat problems at the new dorms are just the beginning of his newly appointed position. He has the ability to devote individual attention to each one of his responsibilities, and to have command of all his tasks.

Mr. Gervase is from Orlando, where he worked with a personnel service. Previous to that he was in the Air Force.

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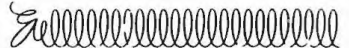
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