By Bruce Meredith

It's a span that special time of year when banners wave and speeches fill the air. Delight bring forth promise (some sound and some salty, and voters rush to the polls. It's election time, and it is in-
deed a very special time on campus.

Last March 11th, we experi-
enced the largest campus event in the history of E-Raul, as both voter
turnout and candidate participa-
tion reached record highs. When the polls were closed at 5 p.m. that day, President/vice President can-
didates gathered before election committee chairman John Glen

for the results. "After the dust set-
..." the Adviser reported. Presi-
dent Dan DePatsch said cham-
... with close friend and new
VICE-PRESIDENT Jeff DePatsch. Eiffel had been found to keep the prest
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... December 2nd issue of the news
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Representative-at-Large positi-
... of the Selection Committee

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sponsors the Student Administrative
... as well as perform indi-

at the University Commi-

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"Basketball/Bake sale, etc. ..." (Letter to the Editor, February, "81). The

decision will be held on 17 March, but
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more maintain a grade point

average of at least a 2.50. However, there are exceptions to

these rules. If you are interested in

running for office and do not even one of these criteria, stop in and ask

for special approval from the Elec-

tion Committee. Such approvals

have been made in past elections.

Candidates will be offered help in preparing their campaign plans and

ideas to the student body. Scrup-

lous care will be given to each Presi-

dent/Vice President team, as well as free

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SGA officers, try to be

as soon as possible and pick up the

on the draw. Now, Mike

Nickel, superintendent of

(See SOLAR page 12)

Solar panels save energy

By Bo Allinestine

Aeronautical Engineer

Five years ago E-RAU with help from

the Total Urban Development) grant set out to see how facile and practical a large

scale solar water heating system could be. The estimated cost of the project is $150,000 with the RLID

grant allocating $89,000 towards the goal.

This experimental system was designed by Sensitive Snugg and Amateur engineers and archi-

tects from locally built by D.W. Brown-

ing. It was the first large scale use of solar power for... hosting in the area. The system has also gen-

erated interest in other institu-

tions which are looking for energy and other ideas. Most of the bugs have been worked out and it is

a very promising unit with monitoring systems to provide concrete cost savings.

The system has been used as a tool to implement the savings of our Physical Plant. There have been some

miserable breakdowns of the pumping and valve systems but this had no major problems which could not

be handled in a timely manner. During the past Christmas break the system was modified to change

operation. From monitoring systems, which record data on magnetic tapes for computer

interpreters, are to be in-

stalled in the future.

The results will be translated, in
to cost efficiency and savings. A
definite report on the savings pro-
vided should be due by next year.

The system uses solar panels built by Gulf Thermal Corp. from

Bradenton, Fl., in conjunction with the hardware and boilers. When the solar heated water return-

ning from the rooftops is hot enough a pump provides circulation through the panels and the hot

water is stored in a 1000 gallon tank next to the mechanical building by the tennis courts. The solar panels

also allow a temperature gain of approximately 70 degrees Fahrenheit. When there is not enough solar energy

gain the gas boilers are used to make the complete hot water needs.

In order to keep costs within the student union, and the Physical Plant's director, Phil

Blakemore, is looking for energy saving substitutes for existing systems. Solar water heating for the

academic and office buildings are one of the ideas on the drawing board. Now, Mike

Nickel, superintendent of

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deck of small, turbo-fan, com-

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Every year at this time for the past 24 years, the annual Daytona 500 automobile race is held. Thousands flock to Daytona Beach by various means of transportation, be it on car, bus, boat or airplane.

As one might expect, Daytona Beach Regional Airport becomes a sea of airplanes, from small, privately owned aircraft to giant airliners. Everywhere you look there are airplanes. Runway 16/34 is closed for the sole purpose of facilitating the influx of so many aircraft.

Sunday, the main center of aircraft attraction was at the base of the FAA control tower and Daytona Beach Airport’s ramp, where some of the corporate/business jets were parked. The upper echelon of the big heavy iron started pouring and ready to show off its multi-million dollar aircraft. And the numbers were many. If one didn’t know any better he may have thought White Plains, New York had been moved south for the winter. For those who don’t know, White Plains is the biggest corporate airport in the U.S.

American Airlines appeared to have the most family members present, with roughly 100 Cessna and C182s. A new C182, complete with seats to reduce singing sections and taxi fund, was also evident. However, what the jet-loving Goodyear tires took-off back brought memories of excessive noise, smoke, and Boeing 707s. Of which one was parked on gate 2 at the main terminal, bearing American Trans Air colors.

I learned that Global, Sattellites, Salientes and other jets created a somewhat somber of a National Business Aircraft Association convention, since aviation was a way almost impossible to spot all the aircraft that were the most attention, though there did appear to be a winner, a white-hulked Canadair Challenge. The Challenger took off ahead several miles of Sunday and Monday morning as if to flaunt its new design and multi-billion dollar business/corporate market.

A new Wendish 2 was a close runner-up to the Canadair. Paired in a series of the Daytona Beach Aviation open, the Wendish’s unique weights and stapling design was partially hidden from view. Another one of the lighter weight and smaller than the Falcon series 50 times. Though the Falcon was in Daytona Beach for only a short time, it drew many comments and ears from the onlooker. Look at maintenance being 727, the jet took off earlier than most, thus leaving the more powerful aircraft to get a head start.

As an airline employee, the audible view from the main terminal’s windows did not go unnoticed. Corporate jets were starting taxi and taxiing for take-off, only to find itself on an astronomical traffic jam once a week.

F-14s from the Blue Angels were a new aircarpet to jazz up the view. A truly unique display of a mixture of take-off, the Leangle 1-2 a similar style by taking off, leaving momentarily its body behind, revealing its wings and ending in an impressive stunt take-off. The Blue Angels are the future corporate or airline pilot, one can only dream of a day when command of one of the various turbine aircrafts is an attainable dream.

Pro F-4

To the Editor:

I am writing in response to the Letter to the Editor, by Kevin O. Mess which appeared in last week’s Avion, concerning the proposed gift of an F-4 aircraft to the city. Mr. Mess opposes such an acquisition because he feels this is a civilian institution and a military aircraft on its campus. He felt that it was bad enough to see all the Air Force and Army ROTC cadets wearing their uniforms.

The implied connection between the two puzzles me. What does a highly sophisticated, highly maneuverable, super-cruise, modern aircraft do on with Embry-Riddle’s ROTC detachment? Concretely if I am mistaken but I was under the impression that this is an Astronautical University. As an engineering student I find an F-4 much more impressive than a C-17 and would like to tell you that our school has an F-4 on display. To call the annoyance of those flying a military ptetem at Embry-Riddle, the place will have no military markings or color schemes. It is simply a multimillion dollar aircraft which is being offered to us at no cost. All that I am asking is that this letter be looked at for what it really is, rather than in the terms of the phobia of a few people.

Laurie Ann Creek, Box 1003

Gun control?

To the Editor:

The people who enforce firearms laws are the same people who enforce all our other laws, namely our law enforcement agencies. I don’t know if anyone can be qualified to say what type of should be allowed to circulate in our society. Whether the weapon be a knife, rock, or gun. As a priest in excess of $400,000 with taxes, I sincerely doubt Our Lord will be formally issue in our society.

Ceno Juliano, Box 707

Emotionalism...

To the Editor:

I take considerable exception to many of the comments made by Mr. Mens in his letter to the editor. In general, I feel that the one of his letter was entirely inappropriate and it appears to me with the exception of emotionality. On any sensitive issue, action and discussion is a much better means of action. From the outset, let it be understood that “the Air Force detachment here” is not sponsoring the petition for signatures. The F-4 is being made available to the university students and here pursuing its acquisition. Whether or not these students are members of any ROTC programs here has been little substantive concern.

“Has Riddle suddenly become a military academy?” I ask not, Mr. Mens, and please do not play the issue. As being more loving, a rare handful of those among whom Embry-Riddle’s ROTC detachment. I think that Mr. Mess wishes to dissemble the fact that they are being in the military makes one of some sort of dangerous. If that was the case (and I certainly do not believe it), Mr. Mess would have undoubtedly presented the argument of some of our most distinguished and respected faculty members. Mr. Brown (Air Science), Mr. Heath (Mechanics), Mr. Needham (Engineering), Mr. Bloggins (Engineering) and others had demanding military careers. And then the student who passes that is a part of us. Nineteen percent of the students holds by Embry-Riddle last year were military pilots.

Furthermore, the F-4 is not being hand-picked in nimbus to its military process. It has significantly improved and has greater versatility, much as the MiG21 engine displays a higher thrust and a Horseshoe. The F-4 etc. are, without the use of yes, numerous time-to-climb and speed records. It is essential, for instance, a Halden Aeronautical University, Regional Airport, Daytona Beach, Florida 32634, Phone: 904-232-5561 Ext. 1082.

Hit and run

To the Editor:

If you don’t happen to be in the area, you are, for making a clean getaway after hitting an eye. In case you refuse the insurance, the information you provided are the insurance number, Florida and the name of the officers involved.

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Sports editorial

A quick glance around sportsland

I thought I would just take a look around the sports world this week and see what's been going on. This time of year is usually slow and that's why this column's audience is always welcome to visit more猛然 of sports fare.

The Columbus Blue Jackets moved in and out of my television set last week. The Blue Jackets are one of the few teams in the NHL that is actually playing well now. They've won four of their last five games, and they're currently in third place in the Metropolitan Division. Their biggest win was against the New York Rangers, who they beat 5-2.

The National Football League (NFL) has announced that the 2023 season will begin on Thursday, September 7, and end on Sunday, January 8. This means that the first playoff games will be held on Saturday, January 7, 2024.

The NBA has announced that the 2023-2024 season will begin on Tuesday, October 24, and end on Thursday, April 13, 2024. The NBA Draft will be held on Thursday, June 22, 2023.

The NCAA has announced that the 2023-2024 college basketball season will begin on Friday, November 10, and end on Saturday, March 11, 2024. The NCAA Tournament will begin on Thursday, March 16, 2024, and end on Monday, April 3, 2024.

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The NCAA has announced that the 2023-2024 college volleyball season will begin on Monday, August 21, and end on Friday, December 8, 2023. The NCAA Women's Volleyball Championship will begin on Thursday, December 14, 2023, and end on Sunday, December 17, 2023.

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Sports news

Daytona’s 500 results and purses

OFFICIAL RESULTS OF 1982 DAYTONA 500 NASCAR HAIL WINDUSTON CUP STOCK CAR RACE - Daytona International Speedway, Feb. 14, 1982

Race Time: 6 hours, 8 minutes, 10 seconds

Final Position 1

Bobby Allison, Hueytown, Al, Ford, Grazzini, 201, 199 laps, 239.047 mph, $72,900

Final Position 2

Alan Kulwicki, Milwaukee, Wis, Ford, 202 laps, 237.863 mph, $47,060

Final Position 3

Joe Lagunes, Litania, Ca, Ford, 203 laps, $36,050

Final Position 4

Clyde King, Oak Ridge, Tenn, Plymouth, Buick, 204 laps, $27,020

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Snowblind moves up fast

By Laurie Raines, Vice President

On Monday, Feb. 8, 1982, Brian Cangas of Snowblind bowed a 605 series giving him high metals for the trimotor trim in the Speedway to exceed the Superstars course for its March 4 competition.

The magnitude of the feat is in constructing the numerous course is demonstrated by the 160,000 pounds of dirt that is repulsed into the lens condensation and pits. An additional truck loads or 1,100 tons of limestone is stuck at a supply site from the leads.

Speedway Superintendent Red Ruhl and his crew works under the direction of former Motorcross great Gary Bailey with two bulldozers, motorgrade, backhoe and drag box to complete the job.

Then, the starting grid is placed, the course lined with Honda ban­ ner and his Bailey along Iraq his Honda to double clutch that ears of the obstacles are possibly dangerous or simply impossible.

Inversely some additional modifications are made before the Daytona Speedway by the Superstars team for the one of the Mountains Superstars Series.

The entire process requires many days turn beginning to end but the work of the Speedway's crew is truly a half-hour.

Womens high series was won by Suzanne McKenzie with a 495. 9th place with 488. Laurie Raines came in third with a 475.

Mens high game was taken by Tracey Libonis with a score of 223 and also took first with his 217 game.

Their job is to have the pits filled, the laps needed prior so the start of Sunday's Daytona 200 Classic.

Working through the night under the glare of portable lights, the job is completed just as the first of the thousands of fans begin to arrive at the Speedway.
**Delta Chi goes ice skating in Orlando this weekend**

By Geoff Murray

This year the Delta Chi calendar has been filled with numerous sporting and non-sporting events. We have had numerous sporting events such as baseball, hockey, basketball, and bowling. However, we should not neglect our non-sporting events.

The hockey team was in fine shape, both on and off the ice. The baseball squad is concerned, Los Angeles is the place it will win the game and lose the last. The last eight Big Ten schools are one for one for the season.

As far as the Bowling League teams are concerned, Los Angeles is the place it will win the game and lose the last. Team No. 2, Yes Club, they are in the big eight place also and it's a I'll regret on their progress next week.

**Humanities department awards honors**

By Berl Kaufmann

The Humanities Department has announced that six students have been awarded the graduation distinction of "Honors" in English based on their work during the Fall and Summer semesters.

Each of the students submitted an extensive research paper on a literary topic in addition to completing the other requirements of their Humanities course and had their work selected by the English Humanities Committee as exhibiting excellence. In their selection by this committee, several of the students, according to the Humanities Department, Sigma Tau Delta will be inducted into the national honorary English honorary. Sigma Tau Delta is currently in the process of outlining its national charter. Several of its present members have contributed to this year's edition of Creative Literature magazine. At its last meeting, members participated in a discussion of the presentation of the values of Edward Said in contemporary literature in many of his plays. The discussion was led by Daniel C. Hogue of the Humanities Department. Sigma Tau Delta will be inducting its members at its meeting on February 16.

Following is a list of the students recognized by the English Humanities Committee during the Spring and Fall semester with the accompanying research paper Winter 1981:

- **Conversations**
  - Richard Clark "What is the Beginning of Myths and Logan? An Analysis of Zen and the Art of Motorcycle Maintenance by Robert piece"

- **Communications**
  - Charles S. Bench "Universes in a Sodium Colloid: A Psychological Deconstruction of his Protagonist in A Tale for the Age"

- **Communications**
  - Richard G. Stidler "Tolkien's King in the Time as Shown Through the Rules of Major Characters"

- **Sig's workshop proves beneficial**

By Jim Dillon

The Student Sign was held at the annual Florida Pre-Season Workshop held at our Florida City last weekend. The workshop was a series of lectures given by the Sigma Chi chapters from all over the country. Everyone who attended the workshop benefited from the exchange of information, ideas and brotherhood. The workshop culminated with a banquet stop at the Holiday Inn on Friday night.

The Brother of the Work award was presented to Business for his efforts as the workshop chairman. Thanks Barry for your hard work.

The pledge program has finally folded since fall with eighteen pledges afforded. Good luck pledges, your trip should probably be live and far from campus...

**Solo sailor addresses sailing class**

By Chen Houston

Capt. Jack Smith will address the sailing class at the first game speaker February 25, 3 Smith, a solo sailor, will speak on "Single-Handed Sailing" at the Qi Qi Tech Club at 7:30 a.m. There will be an open bar there but please be sure to drink. All students, faculty and staff who like numbers or are welcome to attend. There are sure to be some fascinating "sea stories."

Jeff Adams is scheduled to be the second guest speaker for the sailing of March. He will be doing a movie taken on his boat during the Aden's Tour in England. Please arrive early for more details.

The next regular meeting is Thursday, February 18, at 7:30 p.m. The regular members are required to bring their boats. This meeting will be important for the more experienced sailor. We will discuss seminars for the advanced sailor and compile a list of people who want to crew on local boats. People who may or may not be in crewing will be held.

The meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. in the Qi Qi Tech Club at 7:30 a.m. The Qi Qi Tech Club is "Flight in Tomorrow." All are welcome.

**Vets club offers skating talks**

By Vets Club

The Vets club worked hard at the event this past Sunday. As far as our income total from running the booth, I'll have some information on that next week.

We'll have a Rolling Skate party in honor of all the club's ski club members in February.

The new Eucharist Board was having a skating party in honor of all the club's ski club members in February.

**Delta Chi in Orlando for ice skating**

Mike Scott has set aside the February 27 for the Delta Chi fly-in. The tip will include a barbeque with plenty to drink. Those who choose to fly in will be competing for a helmet which is the first place prize. There are also prizes for first and third. Everybody is invited. See the recruitment coordinator, 250-2542. All brothers should arrive Thursday afternoon.

Greek Week will be open to us in a week over next month, so start getting in shape. Greek Day, Friday, Feb. 6, we're red and blue all over campus. Friday is Happy Hour, beers on only $2.10 for the house bar, and the school offers them for a buck.

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Management club hosts NASA's manager

By Chen Houston
Public Relations Chairperson
Dr. Tony Vennera, Deputy Associate Administrator for the Space Shuttle Program for NASA's Johnson Space Center, is the guest speaker for the Management Club din-
ner/meeting this Thursday, February 19.

Christian fellowship holds elections

By Ephraim Solis
On Friday, February 10, the Christian Fellowship Club chose Edward Askild as their new vice president.

When our present students, Philip Wilson, left, and Kathy Haddad, were in a club meeting, they asked their Vice-President, "Is Edward Askild the best student in your major?"

Without our present president, Edward Askild said, "I think Edward could do his job and do it better than any other candidate." The two students who ran, Edward and his opponent, Kevin Dillard, both received numerous votes.

While Askild will serve as president, Edward Askild will serve as vice president in the Student Government Association, AIAA, and has currently been accepted into Delta Sigma.

Wednesday February 23

Come have a wild and crazy evening with Duncan Tuck

guitarist, comedian, songwriter

Begins at 8:00 p.m. in the pub Area sponsored by the Entertainment Division of the SGA.

AHP to tour Orlando airport

By Karen Schneider
AHP Information Officer

Angel Flight has expanded its facilities at the airport. They have recently added two new offices for their southern office and one for their northern office. They have also added two new positions for their staff.

AHP has recently expanded their staff to include two new positions for their southern office and one for their northern office. They have also added two new positions for their staff.

We are very impressed at the amount of enthusiasm and planning that the pledge class has shown and that we can expect to have these two programs be great successes. We will have the help of the student body and the support of our friends and family.

The coming Monday, February 23, Angus Young and the Angel Flight will be at the Orlando Airport at 9 a.m. and the students will be there to welcome the group. They will tour the airport and have a game of trivia to win their first game on Sunday, February 21. Let's get 'em going!

Pledge Class presented a check to

Florida State University for their...
CO-OP ORIENTATIONS

Co-op orientations are held to introduce students to the facilities and procedures of cooperative education. The orientations last about half a day and should answer all your questions about co-op at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University.

By Fly Guy Brown

February 19, 8:00 a.m.
February 20, 9:00 a.m.
March 1, 9:30 a.m.
March 4, 8:45 a.m.
March 9, 9:30 p.m.
March 12, 11 a.m.
March 15, 12:30 p.m.
March 18, 2:30 p.m.

All orientations will be held in the Faculty Staff Lounge located on the second floor in the University Center.

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Feb 24
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BOW hold marathon

By Proctor B. Jackson

On Saturday, March 13th, at 8 a.m., the Embry-Riddle Marathon Club will sponsor a marathon in Daytona Beach. The marathon will begin at the Brothers of the Wind restaurant and will proceed to the Daytona Beach Boardwalk. The race will cover approximately 26.2 miles and will be limited to the first 1000 entrants. The entry fees will be $15 for non-members and $10 for members of the Embry-Riddle Marathon Club. The race will begin at 8 a.m. and will conclude at 2 p.m. Awards will be given to the first 3 men and the first 3 women. The top finisher will receive a plaque, and the top 3 finishers will receive certificates. The race will be held rain or shine.

ROTC holds formal dinner

The Army ROTC Detachment of John H. Stearns University will be holding their annual formal dinner at Daytona Beach on Saturday, February 21st. The dinner will begin at 7 p.m. at the Daytona Beach Marriott Hotel and the grand march will begin at 9 p.m. Tickets are available for $15 per couple or $10 per individual. The proceeds will be used to support the ROTC program.

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Student Deaths; motorcycle major cause

By Jeff Guzzetti
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In the past month, 11 Embry-Riddle students have died of various causes, all of them related to aircraft accidents. Many results of motorcycle accidents have occurred on campus in Embry-Riddle and in unincorporated Brevard County and in Stuart. But last week, another cause of student death—suicide—may be the major cause.

The cause of the past week's death, however, has followed a very continuous and grimy pattern. With the exception of the last week's death, the past four student families were related to accidents involving motorcycles. Vincent Strickland, Robert Kromann, and Steven Osias are not here any longer to warn us of their lives.

The last two factors are: the only death in the past two years, every student involved in reported serious motorcycle accidents. Embry-Riddle contains a large number of people who own and operate motorcycles. Joe Chadwick, the Campus Chief of Security, estimates that about 500 students possess a motorcycle. They represent about 10 percent of the student body.

Dean Backer, the Dean of Engineering, is concerned with the increasing number of motorcycle accidents. "I assure you that there was just an incredible amount of traffic at the last entrance of the U.S.C., just a few feet away. Now we saw more of the whole campus than we ever have before." Backer was lured by the bike-pooling in the Administration Complex.

Dean Backer gave several reasons for the large age-group of motorcycles here on campus. Gas is expensive these days and motorcycles are cheap and economical compared to automobiles. Florida weather makes the bike a cheaper environment and to a vast board of those who attend the Technical College and the technical university, motorcycles are just plain fun, fun, fun. "But it's also dangerous," added Backer, "especially in this slow traffic." She went on to explain that many of the recent bike accidents occurred on Belvedere Road, which is a two-way, winding strip of divided highway that runs parallel and in the south of Volusia Avenue. This road is heavily traveled by Roller skiis and is currently flattened by several centimeters.

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According to signs, "It's the ride or die attitude that leads to serious accidents. Students tend to be over confident and feel that they have absolute control over their bikes. As a result, these students inattentive to the road, especially if they are in a class or an appointment, and when you encounter a hazardous situation, either stop or they may overreact or miscalculate, which will always and almost always result in a sheep-departing type accident. Services can be operated safely if the student ride in is a constant vigilante of the environment around him and he moves the speed limit, Backer stated. "If the 45 mph limit on Belvedere was obeyed, then that road would be the road to save us in most other streets."

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