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Dr. Price reinstates fall graduation

Poll, letters, student dialogue reverse fall cancellation

Jonathan Mettin
News Editor

After an overwhelming majority of students taking the Student Government Association online poll voted for two graduations, the December graduation has been reinstated. "I think that it's great when they [the students] speak up and get what they want," said SGA President Matt Collier. According to Collier, 500 students took

the online poll, and 92 percent said they would prefer to have two graduations. Collier had argued to keep the fall graduation, despite the administration's desire to move to only one graduation for the establishment of a tradition. "It wasn't just the graduation poll. There were letters from parents and I talked to students," said Dr. Irwin Price, Chancellor of the Daytona Beach campus. "I needed to do something responsive to what students and parents want." Price said that basing the decision to reinstate fall graduation solely off of the graduation poll wouldn't be a good choice. "If you put a poll online asking students if they want free tuition, of course the overwhelming result is going to be yes," said Price. The administration had also said that by having only one graduation per year will allow the university to devote more resources to it, improving the quality of the ceremony for the graduates.

Collier cited several reasons for maintaining the two graduations in his article "Graduation changes," which appeared in the *Avion* earlier this semester. In it, he cited that ROTC students who are commissioned in the fall may not be able to return for a spring graduation. Other issues that had been raised included students who took part in internships and students want their graduation to coincide with the completion of their graduation requirements. Another decision was made that graduates could still wear stoles representing honor societies and some organizations at graduation. According to Collier, the administration thought they "made graduation look cluttered." However, if a student is a member of two or more such organizations, they can only choose one stole to wear. For this upcoming spring graduation, students will walk across the stage and receive their diplomas in one large ceremony.

This may be one of the last graduations in which it is done this way. "The way we'd like to do it in the future would be to have individual ceremonies at each college ... there would be a stage at each college, it will be very nice," said Price. When asked if that is typical of most universities, he said it was. "It's usually done that way ... usually one place is not big enough for everybody," said Price. Price also said that the continuation of Fall graduation is a short-term compromise and that, according to Collier, "We may still go to a spring only graduation in the long-term." Collier said that he was pleased with the student body for voicing their opinions, encourages the students to continue to speak out for what they want and thanks the administration for listening.

- Lucas Crouch
contributed to this article

Sallie Mae responds

Letter to the editor

Your story implied that Sallie Mae has pulled millions of dollars in financial aid away from ERAU students, and that this move came as a "surprise" to your Financial Aid office and other university officials. Both statements are patently false. For the past two and a half years, Sallie Mae and our lending partners have been proud to provide more than \$103 million in private loans to Embry-Riddle's students. These loans often provided "last-dollar" financing for students to attend ERAU. Last fall your university decided to put its loan-processing contract out for bid. We made what we felt was a very competitive offer that included a credit-based private loan program with rates as low as 0.5 percent below the prime rate. When we learned that ERAU had chosen another loan provider and would not be using our lending partners for 2004, we were disappointed, but understood the university's right to do so. However, we immediately informed university officials that the school's decision meant it would no longer be economically or technologically feasible for us to continue providing private loans. We did so through phone calls, e-mails and letters. While we regret having to discontinue private loan funding, this is not an uncommon course of action in our industry. In fact, several loan providers have stopped providing private credit to other Florida institutions under similar circumstances. Our communications clearly stated that we wanted to make this transition as seamless as possible to the students. We offered multiple times to meet with school officials in Daytona Beach so that we could review the list of students who had loans and to discuss how to handle any potential issues with the change in loan providers. We even offered to bring in a team of our operations staff to assist with the transition. All of these offers were either ignored or rejected.

See SALLIE MAE on A4

Two arrested in break-in attempt

High school students caught breaking into cars in Voyager

Jonathan Mettin
News Editor

Two local high school students were arrested by the Daytona Beach Police Department and Embry-Riddle Campus Safety officers on the night of Jan. 31 while attempting to break into cars in the Voyager lot. According to Campus Safety, ERAU officer Randy Collins was patrolling the Voyager lot when he noticed two sixteen-year-old males acting suspiciously at about 10:15 p.m. He observed them trying doors and peering into the cars with flashlights and approached them. According to Pete Lelejko, a student assistant in the safety department who

was on duty that night, the juveniles ran away as soon as Collins approached. Collins reported the situation, and Lelejko attempted to cut off the pair with the safety truck. The two teens then split up, one running towards Clyde Morris Boulevard and the other towards the Concorde lot in front of Doolittle Hall. The one that ran to Clyde Morris jumped the fence, bolted across the street, and escaped campus by means of a footpath behind the IT building. The other teenager ran in front of Doolittle, with Lelejko on his heels. Another safety officer attempted to corner him, but he darted across the footbridge between Doolittle and the pool complex and ran deeper into campus. He was eventually tackled by several safety officials by the College of Aviation building. Daytona police arrived on the scene within minutes. According to Lelejko,

"He spilled enough information quickly enough," and the police were waiting for the other teen when he returned home. As it turns out, the juvenile's mother had reported her son missing earlier that night and informed the police department that "he might be breaking into cars." Because of the age of the perpetrators in question, Campus Safety is withholding the names of the accused. According to Operations Supervisor Mitchell Widham, most of the little crime that occurs on-campus is related to automotive vandalism, and Lelejko says people looking to carry out automotive crime tend to target the Voyager lot because of its size and location. Widham encourages those on campus to be involved with Campus Safety. "Please, if you see anything suspicious, call us at 6480 or use one of the blue [emergency] phones," he said. "Most of our catches are from the calls that come in."

“... he [the accused] spilled enough information quickly enough”

- PETE LELEJKO

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Battle of the bands



GRAND THEFT AUDIO PERFORMS Bob Dylan's "All Along the Watchtower" at Battle of the Bands Friday night. The competition took place from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. in the Student Center. Performers from left to right Matthew Lowe, guitar and vocals; Jason Lang, drums and Jeff Mosquera, guitar.

MICHAEL MARANO/AVION

New teaser, any input?

Many readers may have noticed the new teaser on last week's front page. I thought adding a bit of color would make it a bit more interesting. The thumbnails make the page more colorful, and do more justice to each story featured on the front. As an added bonus, our photographers can get more of their work seen by our readers. Do you have any input to make the paper better? We could always use more writers, copy editors, and photographers. Anybody is welcome to give it a shot. Our weekly general meetings are every Tuesday night at 6:30 p.m. in the Endeavor Conference Room, located on the second floor of the UC. Besides, you'll get free Krispy Kreme doughnuts!



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Collier, SGA present Project 2015

Mary Cloutier
Staff Reporter

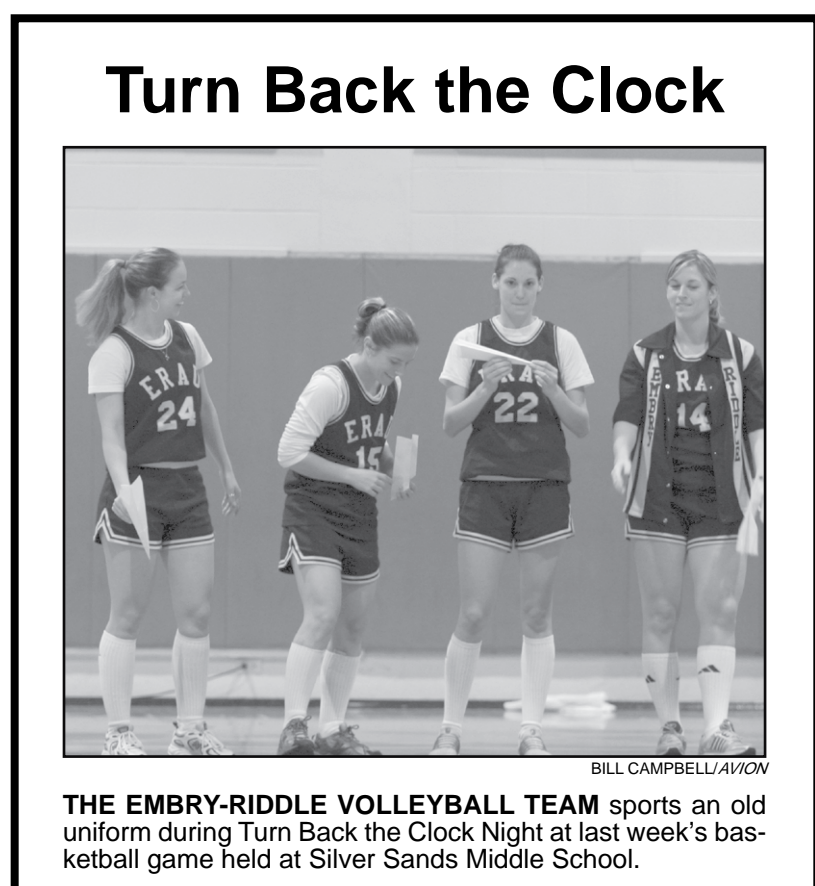
The future ideas for the Embry-Riddle campuses were presented to interested students on Thurs., Feb. 5 at 6:30 p.m. in the IC Auditorium. Speakers included Matt Collier, SGA President; Dita Peatross, Director of Facilities Planning, Design and Construction; Dr. Charles Bishop; Jeff Ferner, IT Administration; and Dan Young, Director of Facilities Management. The presentation began with Matt Collier discussing ideas for a new Student Union. Next, Dita Peatross spoke about the Daytona Beach Master Plan for 2015. The input of students, faculty and administration were considered in the new plan, which replaces the former 2010 plan. The 2015 plan is very ambitious, but some of it is already being incorporated into the DB campus. The new tennis complex is currently under construction, and the nine courts

are slated to open Apr. 1. On Feb. 16 construction will begin on new sports fields across the street from the Student Village to alleviate the congestion on the varsity fields at the ICI Center. Before May 1, Health Services and Disability Support Services will be moved to what is known as IT North on the southwest corner of Clyde Morris and Richard Petty. This move makes way for the renovation of the current Student Center starting May 6. This renovation will make student organizations more accessible to students on the first floor, while moving Safety and the crowded Dean of Students upstairs (for more information on the renovation, see "New lounge on the table" on page A6). Other changes still in the planning stage are an amphitheater where the

current Wright Flyer sits, a new academic complex to replace alphabet soup, new dorms to replace McKay and Chanute, the second phase of the College of Aviation with the move of the Wright Flyer to the end of "Legacy Walk" and a new indoor Olympic-size swimming pool complex located next to the new tennis courts. These are all conceptual ideas that may or may not be possible. Dr. Bishop was next in line to discuss the needs of the faculty. He suggested creating several standard models for new classroom depending on the size (ranging from small classrooms for five students to medium classes of 35 to large rooms capable of seating up to 100), the technological needs of the students (for example large international maps).

Dr. Bishop also emphasized the inclusion of an observatory for astronomy laboratories and research and to benefit the community of Daytona Beach. Then Jeff Ferner emphasized the standardization of technology across all of the Embry-Riddle Campuses. He also introduced several new technology ideas, including a video archive of classes. If a student is studying for a test and is unsure about one concept, he could log onto Blackboard, pull up the class lecture that includes the concept and fast-forward to the info he needs. Lastly, Dan Young spoke of the impact systems planning could have on the Master Plan. He focused on reducing the cost of utilities and maintenance, thereby reducing tuition increases. Contact any of the speakers with ideas, suggestions or concerns: Matt Collier sgapres@erau.edu, Dita Peatross peatrossd@erau.edu, Charles Bishop bishopc@erau.edu, Dan Young Daniel.Young@erau.edu or Jeff Ferner fernerj@erau.edu.

“ The 2015 plan ... is already being incorporated into the DB campus - MARY CLOUTIER ”



Turn Back the Clock
THE EMBRY-RIDDLE VOLLEYBALL TEAM sports an old uniform during Turn Back the Clock Night at last week's basketball game held at Silver Sands Middle School.

Marfori performs

Mike Sullivan
Guest Reporter

A full crowd attended the Touch and Go presentation of Washington D.C. area comedian Will Marfori on Monday, Jan. 26 in the Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University Student Center. Marfori - who has cerebral palsy - often jokes about his disability in his routine. "The reason I sound drunk tonight is because I have cerebral palsy. It means I'm the only member of my family who's an Olympian." The forty-minute act included cracks about the awkwardness of growing up with cerebral palsy, difficulty with his public schooling, neighborhoods and his Filipino background. Marfori's act also included lots of interaction with the audience; most memorable was his off-the-cuff remarks on relationships and cell phone jokes - a rude interrupting member of the audience answered a ringing cell phone during the presentation.

The highlight of Marfori's act was on dating. He couldn't resist addressing the apparent lack of females in the audience here at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University. Marfori asked, "Are there any single women in the audience tonight?" There is a pause. No hands are raised. The audience bursts into laughter. Probably not expecting such a response, or lack thereof, Marfori continued the act without a hitch, integrating and improvising this new information into the routine. Marfori is a genuinely funny guy and is very comfortable on stage. He proves that just like anyone else, people living with disabilities can be interesting, funny and even cool. Marfori has been featured on XM Comedy Radio and just recorded his first CD, which was released on www.laugh.com. He travels the country performing at corporate functions, charity events, comedy clubs and college campuses.

Ars Antiqua holds Renaissance fair

Students experience Renaissance art and music

Jonathan Mettin
News Editor

The musical group Ars Antiqua performed in the Willie Miller Instructional Center Auditorium last Tuesday. With a variety of early instruments, the six-person troupe played an assortment of medieval and Renaissance music while informing the audience of the history of the songs and their instruments.

have released an educational video entitled *Ars Antiqua - Sounds of a Distant Time*. Using over 30 different instruments, Ars Antiqua played an international sampling of instrumentals and vocals in various languages. They played pieces from France, Germany, and Scotland, among others. For their finale they even played a jazz number on their centuries-old instruments. Several visitors to ERAU were in attendance, as well as students and faculty. The reaction to the troupe was overall fairly positive, although there were some naysayers. Several disinterested students left early, saying they were only there for extra credit, but many more stayed after the performance to chat with the group afterwards. The six members of Ars Antiqua stayed for some time, answering questions about themselves and their instruments. Ars Antiqua maintains a website at members.aol.com/arsanti/arsanti.html.



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Knight Kiplinger offers business tips

Mike Salopek
Guest Reporter

Business journalist Knight Kiplinger, author of the Kiplinger Letter business report, spoke at the College of Aviation Atrium on Tues., Feb. 3. The main subject of his speech was an appropriate topic important to all students; the future of the aerospace industry in the United States as well as the rest of the world. Kiplinger also talked about the general economic and business forecast of the United States. The state of the aerospace industry, according to Kiplinger, is at the lowest point in eight years however he forecasts a bright future. In 2003 the aerospace industry in America had a net loss of four percent revenue and had some of the lowest profits in the past eight years. The civilian sector of the aerospace industry has been hit the hardest by a number of events that happened consecutively in the past five or six years. The combination of events was referred to as

“ the perfect storm ” by Kiplinger. The first hit to the civilian sector happened in the late 90's when air travel by businesses declined. The decreased travel coincided with revenue losses and cutbacks after the tech sector of the economy slowed down. The next big hit to the civilian aerospace industry was of course, the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001. After the terrorist attacks it is estimated that the world's airlines lost \$25 billion in revenue. Aircraft manufacturers faced cancelled orders and an overall 32 percent decline in production. The airlines also suffered from the rising fuel prices after 2001. Finally, the most recent problem that air travel faced was the SARS outbreak of last summer. Most flights to and from Asia were cancelled which caused a dramatic decrease in air traffic. In spite of all the problems in the civilian sector of the aerospace industry, the past three years have been a boom in the military sector. The huge demand for new military

and defense technology have offset the losses in the civilian sector dramatically. In fact, Kiplinger had reported that based on early forecasts, the aerospace industry may be able to squeak out a one percent gain in revenue. Also, Kiplinger stated that the civilian sector of aviation is finally starting to pick up with increased aircraft orders. He attributed this gain to new security methods as well as new government regulations put on airlines to cut back on the amount of pollution and noise created by current commercial aircraft. New government standards coupled with the need for faster more efficient airlines will surely boost the research and civilian sectors of the aerospace industry over the next several years. Also, Kiplinger credited President Bush's space plan in helping to boost the aerospace industry out of its current slump. Kiplinger also delivered good news on the job outlook in the aerospace industry. According to his research, the aerospace industry is the oldest industry in

the nation with the average age of aerospace engineers being 54 years old and by 2008 one quarter of all aerospace workers will be eligible for retirement. At NASA alone there are twice as many employees over the age of 60 as there are under the age of 30. The ambitious space plan will also be responsible for creating more jobs in the entire aerospace field. In his speech, Kiplinger also gave the general economic and job forecast for the United States. He estimates that there will be 1.5 million to 1.8 million new jobs created this year. The economy should also continue to grow at a steady rate. Kiplinger reasoned that the economy should continue to grow because the number of exports is up, business revenues are back to normal, consumers are doing fine, and the dollar value is normal. On the whole, Kiplinger's speech was positive and reassuring. From what was stated, America should enjoy a bright future of economic and business growth.

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Speedweeks 2004 traffic

Press Release

Daytona Beach Police Dept.

Speedweeks 2004 is scheduled to continue through Sunday, Feb. 15, 2004. We are expecting to host some 500,000 race fans and visitors to our city.

Local traffic, from neighboring cities, should use roadways such as Nova Road, Ridgewood Avenue (US-1), and Atlantic Avenue for routine travel during peak event times when one-way patterns are in effect.

Local traffic wishing to go west on International Speedway Boulevard (US-92) or to the areas west of the speedway, county and state facilities as well as the Daytona Flea Market and other businesses; from the south, use Tomoka Farms Road from Dunlawton Avenue; from the north, use I-95 to US-92, exit west to International Speedway Boulevard. Please check the peak event times and dates listed to plan your travel. Please take a moment to plan your travel and check your local newspaper for updated event traffic information.

Twin 125's - Thursday, Feb. 12 Before the race: Richard Petty Boulevard will be normal two-way traffic from Clyde Morris to Midway Boulevard.

Williamson Boulevard between Beville Road and Bellevue Avenue will be restricted. ALL through northbound traffic from Beville Road will be prohibited from 6:30 a.m. until approximately 10:00 a.m.

After the race (from 1:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.): Bill France Boulevard will be one-way northbound from West International Speedway Boulevard to the Mason Avenue intersection. Access on Bill France Boulevard from Mason Avenue to Clyde Morris Boulevard will be restricted.

Mason Avenue will be one-way westbound from the Bill France intersection to Williamson Boulevard.

Williamson Boulevard, north of Mason Avenue, will be one-way northbound from the Mason Avenue intersection to LPGA Boulevard. Access to I-95, I-75, I-4 and US-1 north can be reached via Williamson Boulevard.

Williamson Boulevard, south of Mason Avenue, will consist of normal northbound and southbound traffic lanes to Bayless. Williamson, south of Bayless will be closed to southbound traffic. There will be no access to Williamson Boulevard southbound from west International Speedway Boulevard. Williamson Boulevard will be one-way southbound from Gate 40 to Beville Road.

Jimmy Ann Drive will be normal two-way traffic.

Dunn Avenue will be restricted to local traffic only between Clyde Morris Boulevard and Bill France Boulevard. Access to Dunn Avenue from Bill France Boulevard will not be allowed when the one-way patterns are in effect. Dunn Avenue will be closed west of Bill France Blvd. to Williamson Blvd.

Southbound Clyde Morris Boulevard will be restricted at LPGA Boulevard. North bound Clyde Morris Boulevard will be restricted at Jimmy Ann Drive.

Richard Petty Boulevard will be one-way eastbound to the Clyde Morris intersection. Race fans exiting Richard Petty Boulevard must turn right onto Clyde Morris Boulevard. Central and south central Florida traffic will be encouraged to continue south on Clyde Morris Boulevard to Dunlawton Avenue. Traffic will turn right on Dunlawton Avenue to access I-95, north to I-4 or south to the Beeline.

Fentress Boulevard will be normal two-way traffic between Bayless and Mason Avenue. Southbound traffic from Mason Avenue will, however, be restricted to business access only.

Thames Road will be normal two-way traffic. However, northbound traffic from Williamson Boulevard will be restricted.

Traffic eastbound on LPGA Boulevard from Speedway Boulevard will experience lengthy delays beyond Champions Drive.

Traffic on International Speedway Boulevard desiring to go west should utilize Beville Road to avoid heavy traffic in the vicinity of the speedway.

It may be necessary to restrict northbound traffic from exiting at LPGA Blvd. and SR-40 from I-95.

Motorists will be allowed to exit at the next exit, which is US-1 at National Gardens. Traffic wishing to go to Daytona Beach should utilize US-1 southbound. Traffic wishing to go to A1A should take US-1 to SR-40 in Ormond Beach, and go east over the Granada Bridge to A1A. Motorists wishing to travel west on SR-40 can exit at US-1 and re-enter I-95 and travel south to SR-40.

Florida Dodge Dealers 250 / IROC - Friday, Feb. 13

Before the race: Williamson Boulevard between Beville Road and West International Speedway Boulevard (US-92) will not be restricted. Richard Petty Boulevard will not be restricted from Clyde Morris to Midway Boulevard. There will be normal two-way traffic.

After the race (from 1:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.): Access on Bill France Boulevard from Mason Avenue to Clyde Morris Boulevard will be restricted.

Jimmy Ann Drive from the Volusia Mall to the Mason Avenue intersection will be normal two-way traffic.

Petty Boulevard will be normal two-way traffic to Clyde Morris Boulevard. Race fans exiting Richard Petty must turn right onto Clyde Morris to Beville Road where they may then go east or continue south on Clyde Morris Boulevard.

Fentress will be normal two-way traffic between Bayless and Mason Avenue. Southbound turns onto Fentress will be restricted at Mason Avenue, however, business traffic will be accommodated.

Mason Avenue will be normal two-way traffic from the Bill France intersection to Williamson Boulevard.

Williamson Boulevard will be normal traffic north from Mason Avenue to L.P.G.A. Boulevard.

Dunn Avenue will be restricted to local traffic only between Clyde Morris Boulevard and Bill France Boulevard. Dunn will be closed west of Bill France Blvd. to Williamson Blvd.

Southbound Clyde Morris Boulevard will not be restricted at LPGA Boulevard. Northbound Clyde Morris Boulevard will not be restricted at Jimmy Ann Drive.

Students get fit with Yoga

Mary Cloutier

Staff Reporter

Eleven Embry-Riddle students crowded into a small room in the Counseling and Orientation Building at 4:15 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 3 to participate in the Dahnak yoga class instructed by Nancy Brighton.

When people hear the word yoga, most of them picture people chanting while in a headstand or doing the pretzel. This class was far from it, incorporating foot massages, stomach patting (though not while rubbing your head) and repeating the mantra, "I love my armpit!"

Do-Woo-Nim (or members) entered the classroom barefoot, sporting a towel or yoga, the only equipment needed. The room was scented from a lighted candle in the corner, and music was playing softly in the background. The class began with two warm-ups to increase the circulation in the lower Dahn-jon, a main energy center in the body.

Next, Brighton led the class in Do-In. This portion of the class uses stretches to stimulate the different energy pathways in the body. Stretches ranged from standing to sitting and led from the Ji-gam where the participants focused on clearing the mind.

This meditation gives students a chance to clear their minds of class, tests, homework and relationships and allows them to focus on the mind-body connection increasing their sense of self and well-being.

Class ended with tea time, where students discussed their experience

with Brighton who discussed adding a second class.

Dahnak, which means the science of energy, focuses on opening the energy pathways, also known as chakras, of the body by incorporating elements from yoga, tai chi, meditation, dance and music.

Opening these pathways will allow the free flow of ki-energy resulting in stress relief (perfect for students), improved immunity and overall mental and physical health.

Dahnak originated in Korea thousands of years ago as a way to train

the mind and body by developing self-realization and an appreciation of nature.

The practice died out about two thousand years ago but was rediscovered in 1984 by Dr. Il Chi Lee and has gained over one million supporters throughout the world.

Currently, classes are held every Tuesday from 4:15 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. in the Counseling and Orientation Center located next to the pool. Anyone interested in attending should reserve a spot by contacting Nancy Brighton at Ext. 6035.



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SEVERAL ERAU STUDENTS PARTICIPATE in the first Dahnak Yoga session offered by Nancy Brighton of the Counseling and Orientation Center every Tuesday at 4:15 p.m.

Message from Graduating Class Council

Congratulations on making it to your last semester! Future messages will be posted on BlackBoard concerning graduation and class party. If you have not already, be sure to register for GR401 and complete a petition for graduation at the records and registration office. The Graduating Class Party will be held at the Plaza Resort and Spa, located at 600 N. Atlantic Ave., on Thurs. April 29. Any graduating students, Undergraduate or Graduate, are welcome to attend Graduation Class Council meetings every Thursday at 11:15 a.m. in the Student Activities office.

Graduating Class Council

President - Blake Tromanhauser
 Vice President - Jason Armstrong
 Secretary - Ricky West
 Treasurer - Joe Cosgrove
 Contributing Members - Nate McCray, Andy Bauer

ERAU Housing Sign-Up and Room Selection

Housing contracts for university-managed housing for next fall and spring semesters are **now** available in the Housing Office, located in the Student Village, TC 104.

The housing contract is for the 2004-2005 academic year, which includes the fall semester of 2004 **and** the spring semester of 2005.

Housing is guaranteed for those rising sophomores (students currently completing their freshman year) who submit their completed housing contract (with \$200 housing deposit paid/verified) to the Housing Office by the deadline.

Housing for rising juniors and seniors will be available as space permits. We hope to accommodate most, if not all, rising juniors and seniors who request housing.

In order to be considered on time, completed housing contracts must be submitted to the Housing Office **by 5 p.m. on Friday, February 27, 2004.**



For more information about housing sign-up and room selection, please contact the Housing Office at 323-8000.

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New lounge on the table

Matthew Collier
SGA President

If you were here before Einstein's opened, you'll remember the beloved pool tables in the Village. With the decision to bring in another dining option, a very critical student function was temporarily removed - until now, that is.

Recognizing the need for more student lounge space, SGA made the strategic decision to start looking for prime real estate across campus. Working closely with our advisors, the administration and the students present during the summer term, we came up with a concept that actually had a chance of coming to fruition.

At the corner of Richard Petty and Clyde Morris, the old IT North building is currently being renovated to accommodate Health Services and Disability Support Services. That phase of the project is due for completion by the end of the spring semester. Both departments will have a much larger and more functional workspace, and students should begin seeing an increase in already outstanding services.

Once that move is completed, and most students are off campus

for summer break, the south end of the Student Center is going to be sealed off for renovation. Student Government, Student Activities, Safety and the Deans' offices are going to relocate while construction is underway.

When the entire project is finished, the John Paul Riddle Student Center will no longer be one of the last places on campus you'll show your parents or friends. Walking into a much more attractive south entrance, you'll notice the lounge itself on the left, with an information center straight ahead. The entire foyer will be twice as large as it is now, and the ceiling will be somewhat higher to give a grand spacious feeling.

Student Activities, the club-room, and all SGA divisions will be on the right hand side of the hallway. Basically, all student functions will be on the first floor to allow easier access; both the Department of Safety and the Deans' offices will move to the second floor and occupy the current SGA offices.

The lounge will include anywhere between five and seven pool tables and other gaming options such as foosball. Adjacent to the game room will be a television lounge with comfortable couches and large screen televisions so you'll have someplace to just hang out and relax between classes.

The purpose of this project is to provide students a safe place to congregate and relax for the better part of the day.

This lounge is in no way meant to be a substitution for a Student Union; the intent as the SGA sees it is to provide permanent relief to the lack of student lounge space on campus. The SGA hopes the Administration will continue to place priority on the construction of a Student Union as soon as possible.

If you have any ideas as to what you would like to see included in this new student space in terms of gaming/entertainment, please stop by the SGA office and let us know!

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- MATTHEW COLLIER

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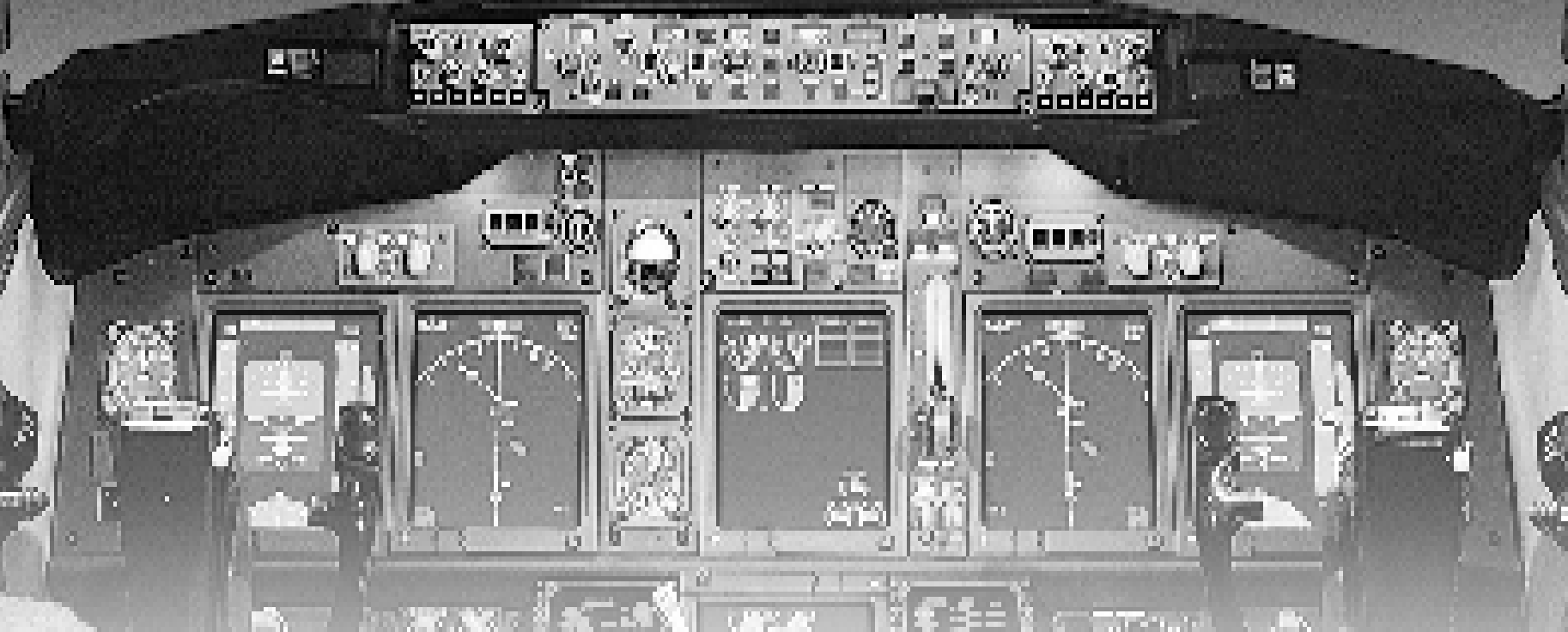
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 - Vintage Life Club
 - Weather Club
 - Wild Riders
 - Triathlon Club
 - Water Sports Club
 - Wrestling Club

- Religious**
- Catholic Student Union
 - Christian Fellowship Club
 - Fellowship of Christian

Swing Dance Club in action



THE SWING DANCE CLUB meets on the Flight Deck in the UC every Monday night at 8 p.m. You don't have to know any actual swing dancing, but be willing to learn. Anyone is welcome to come out and have a good time.

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Valentine's Day Flower sale

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Flower orders will be taken in the Student Village, UC or via e-mail to vanneec6@erau.edu

Assorted Colored Roses	Red Roses
1 rose- \$3	1 rose- \$4
3 roses- \$7	3 roses- \$10
6 roses- \$15	6 roses- \$21
9 roses- \$24	9 roses- \$30
12 roses- \$28	12 roses- \$35

Deliveries will be made on campus only. There will be a \$1 delivery fee. All other orders may be picked up in the UC at the flight deck Saturday, Feb. 14 from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m.

Other deliveries must be dealt with case by case. For more information you may contact Edward Van Ness at (732) 995-1999 or vanneec6@erau.edu

Free EE tutoring for students

Kristina Malakie

IEEE Public Relations

Starting Feb. 2 the IEEE will be offering free tutoring for Embry-Riddle students. If your homework for EE is keeping you awake at night or you are having trouble with your EE classes the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers (IEEE) is here to help.

The ERAU-IEEE is sponsoring a tutor lab open to anyone who wants help with EE and general electrical concepts. The lab will run Monday through Thursday 6-8 p.m. in Lehman 267. The IEEE is the world's largest technical professional organization.

The organization is made up of numerous technical societies including the Aerospace Electronic System

Society.

The ERAU-IEEE has been part of numerous on campus projects including the Eagle Eye Project which will be launching its satellite sometime in the near future. Members of the ERAU-IEEE come from a multitude of backgrounds including Avionics Engineering Technology, Aerospace Engineering and Computer Engineering. The

ERAU-IEEE will be having its next meeting on Feb. 12 in Lehman 134 at 4:30 p.m. All are welcome and encouraged to join us. Keep your eyes peeled for future computer related tutoring labs sponsored by the IEEE. Look for future postings from the IEEE providing more information.

For more information contact the ERAU-IEEE: sb.erau@ieee.org

Alpha Xi

Congratulations to Liz Barber, who was extended a bid to Alpha Xi Delta last week! The DATE AUCTION is coming up and featuring some great girls of AΞΔ! Anyone want to play **Bingo**? We are having a **Bingo** philanthropy coming up at the end of the month; all the proceeds goes towards children in need. Good job Amy Morris on passing stage two!

Go Pep Band go

Ashley Moore

Student Organizations Editor

The Embry Riddle Pep band performs at various school related events. They can be viewed regularly at the Varsity Basketball and Hockey games. The Pep Band is a group of musicians that volunteer their talent wherever music is needed. "They are the most spirited organization on campus," says Dan Boggs, "What other group could you find at a basketball game cheering with and for the cheerleaders."

The Pep Band is now looking

for musicians that can play an instrument as well as read music. They are looking for people that can play bass, trumpets, flutes, guitars, saxophones, piano, trombones, percussion, clarinets, etc.

Practice and meetings are held every Tuesday and Thursday from 7-8 p.m. at the Doolittle Annex. The Doolittle Annex is located between the Tennis courts and Doolittle Hall.

If you are looking to get involved, you play an instrument and you like to have a good time, join the band!

Email: eraupepband@yahoo.com

Play pep band play



BILL CAMPBELL/AV/0V

THE PEP BAND PERFORMING at Wednesday night's Basketball game. They will perform next Wednesday at 7 p.m. at the Basketball game.

Fellowship of Christian Athletes

- Are you wondering what we are?
- Did you go to FCA in high school?
- Have you come to FCA once or twice, but have not been in a long time?

We meet every Tuesday night at 8 p.m. in the chapel. We have games, music, and a message for the night. After everything is done, we hang out for a bit and socialize over some oh-so healthy pizza. We hope you are there tonight and may you be blessed!

Sigma Chi's weekly update as told by Milton

Brock Mason

Sigma Chi member

Yes, it's me again, your wonderful neighborhood Milton back for another round. I had so much to say last week, I got cut off. It was like giving an acceptance speech at the Oscars and having them throw the wrap it up music on you.

But anyways, I'll live. Our annual Province Workshop this past weekend was very successful. Thanks to all those who showed up to make us look good. And a special thank you to Saber who actually completed something for the first time in his life. Wait, I take that back. He has cut 20 seconds off his Ale House Marathon time. He has actually figured out how to drink the pitcher with the cigarette still in his mouth. Talented isn't he ladies?

Well the Super Bowl is over and I

am very disappointed. I still say the Patriots SUCK and I'm glad I don't have to watch them play for another seven months. You are lucky Screech, real lucky. Too bad your luck won't carry over into baseball season. Hey, you win some, you lose some. My rally sweat band worked wonders for awhile but it was too little too late in the end. GO TERPS!!!

Speaking of the game, I don't see what the big deal was about the halftime show. I thought it was very tastefully done. She had half a pasty on it. Come on, there are worse things on TV than a perky, voluptuous, supple ... sorry, got carried away there for a second. Hey, it was a good time, but what wasn't a good time was playing beer pong in a monsoon, especially when you lose to someone like U-haul.

I'd like to say happy birthday to Edwin. He may be a man of few

words, but if there is any other better reason to play the banjo, please speak now or forever hold your peace. I didn't think so. Speaking of birthdays, our sweetheart Magnus just celebrated the big 2-1. I certainly had a good time, and though I was hoping for the dot dot dot days of the past, it wasn't meant to be.

As a side note, the Fellowship of the Tuck is recruiting new members for spring. If you know how to be quiet, aren't mental and like to hang out with cool people like me, let me know. The Tank will be our pledge master and after we kick out the peanut, I'm sure we will have room for a few more peeps. The guy/girl ratio is better than Riddle.

Speaking of that, if you see anyone by the name of Leigh Auburn, would you let her know that I'm going to need to get that heart to heart sometime real soon and that my head is feeling lonely. Speaking

of lady slayers, myself and Duer shall be attending the AZD crush formal with a certain lady and let me tell you what a lucky lady she is. That's a lot of man for one lady to take. And also Tank, the OAR concert (pronounced like the rowing utensil) is coming up. You should get a ticket, they are the best band ever.

Romano, the always cheerful alumni was in town this weekend and he kept saying Peaches was um ... surly I think? Wait. No. Peaches, I'm sorry. Stop crying. Here is a tissue. I didn't mean anything by it, well I did but I'm still sorry. If you need a shoulder, I hear Jack Ryan's is always available.

In an important news update, I think I have found my stapler. It appears that the Buke has been using it to staple his hats back together. I swear Buke, its ok to get a new hat once every 20 years or

so, just give me my Swingline and a new stack of staples and I'll let it go. But let's keep it in the pledge class, shall we? Clip-on, I think I have managed to keep this article at a grammar school level. If you are still having problems, I have a special number for you, 1-800-ABCDEFGH. Hooked on Phonics worked for Saber, though Ms. Muffet is still having problems figuring out how to open a book. But wait, what am I talking about? You don't need to spend your money on all that stuff. Steph could just read to you. I hear she loves bedtime stories. Oh yeah, I forgot. I was planning to mop my floor later and I was wondering if I could use your head?

Ok, I'm done. I don't even know if any of this is funny, but oh well. Have a great one; you'll be seeing a lot more of me this semester. Don't forget to hug a funny fat guy today.

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VISIT STUDENT ACTIVITIES FOR UPDATES ON CAMPUS ORGANIZATIONS

Battle of the bands brings music to flight deck

Mary Cloutier

Website Programmer

From Bob Dylan to Outkast to Happy Birthday to original songs, there was a little something for everyone at Friday's two hour "Battle of the Bands" sponsored by Up 'Til Dawn. Five bands fought it out to win the hearts of the five judges, all members or friends of Up 'Til Dawn, with a 15 minute or three-song set.

Confusion descended on the crowded University Center as the winner was announced. *Noah Davis and Anthony Monte* won first place prize and a \$100 gift certificate to Big Orange Guitar, and *[COOL][BLUE][PICK]* won the second prize of a \$20 gift certificate to Almost Music. One student said, "This show wasn't as good as the

["Battle of the Bands" and talent shows] in past years."

Half Pro America led things off with three original songs ("Broken Record," "Without You" and "House Divided") in heavy metal style. *Half Pro's* technique wasn't bad, but their style didn't quite fit the musicians' abilities. The singer was forcing a scream instead of exploring and embracing his natural style, which clearly didn't support a heavy metal style scream. The screaming vocals didn't blend with the instrumental music at all. The guitar style was similar to *A Simple Plan's* "I'm

Addicted to You" and didn't mesh with the screaming vocals. The band experienced some phasing problems, but that can be forgiven considering the feedback problems.

Noah Davis and Anthony Monte followed with a nice acoustical contrast. They started out with "Happy Birthday" dedicated to one of the Up 'Til Dawn members and then followed with an original song, "Alone I am Lost," then a cover of *A Simple Plan's* "Perfect" and ended with the show's highlight: an acoustic guitar version of *Outkast's* "Hey ya."

"If you can't write good music, don't torture your audience with it."

- MARY CLOUTIER

Stalking on campus

Phyllis Salmons

Staff Reporter

Anyone can be a stalker or the victim of a stalker. According to the Florida statutes, "Any person who willfully, maliciously and repeatedly follows or harasses another person commits the offense of stalking." In Florida, stalking is a misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable by a maximum fine of \$500 and/or 60 days in jail.

Aggravated stalking takes such offensive actions to another level; one that involves a credible threat with the intent to place that person in fear of death or bodily injury. The line crosses into criminal activity if it involves threatening behavior that brings psychological and potential physical harm to the victim. In Florida, aggravated stalking is a felony in the third degree, punishable by a minimum fine of \$1000 and/or a year in state prison.

Many aspects of college campus life increase the potential for being stalked, according to Campus Stalking, a report published by the California Coalition Against Sexual Assault (CALCASA). College buildings and residence halls

provide relatively easy access to virtually anyone who wishes to enter the premises. Students tend to follow predictable schedules, attending classes and eating meals at the same time and place each day for weeks on end.

Campus social opportunities complicate the situation. Many college students are at the point in their lives where dating and seeking romance is quite important and many intimate relationships develop on campus. It is well established that most female victims are stalked by current or former dates, spouses or cohabitating partners. What is viewed initially as positive, romantic attention may turn into the repeated, unwanted interest and harassment that characterizes stalking.

The National Center for Victims of Crime reports that college students are at a greater risk of being stalked than other populations. A recent study (the National Sexual Victimization of College Women

Survey), noted that 13 percent (one in eight) of female college students have been stalked within a six- to nine-month period. This rate compares with an estimated one in 12 women and one in 45 men in the general population who will be stalked in their lifetime.

The survey found that 83 percent of students who were stalked did not notify campus police or other school authorities. The two main reasons students gave for not reporting the crime were that they thought the police would not take the stalking seriously or that they were not aware the unwanted behavior was a crime.

Over the coming weeks, *The Avion* will provide information about what to do if you are being stalked and ERAU's policy on stalking. If you suspect that you are the victim of a stalker and need information immediately, contact Kevin Mannix, ERAU Safety and Security, extension 6490.

"In Florida, aggravated stalking is a felony in the third degree."

- PHYLLIS SALMONS

This duo definitely found some great stage presence after wandering around the stage on their original song. They relaxed and interacted with the crowd to make sure everyone was having fun.

Then came *Grand Theft Audio*, one of the crowd's favorites. They played *Seven Mary Three's* "Cumbersome," *The Black Crowes'* "She Talks to Angels" and "All Along the Watchtower," a Bob Dylan original.

Grand Theft Audio was something to talk about. The unique feature of this band was their mix of acoustic and electric guitar, which actually complemented each other quite nicely. I was a little disappointed with the intro to "Watchtower." The band had serious synchronization problems with this song, but after they got into the song, they rocked! I can easily say drummer Jason Lang could be the next Carter Beauford if the Air Force doesn't distract him.

The crowd's other favorite, *The Mighty Ink Pens*, went old school with more covers. They rocked out with *Jimi Hendrix's* "The Wind Cries Mary," Eric Clapton's hit "Cocaine" (actually written by JJ Cale) and Bob Dylan's "Knocking on Heaven's Door."

The *Mighty Ink Pens* were easily the most talented group of individuals to take the stage Friday night. Not only did they attempt to play more technically challenging music than the other bands but also pulled it off with only a week of practice and two first-time performers.

The band did lack proper stage presence. Actually just the singer lacked stage presence. He had to read lyrics from a cheat sheet, but all can be forgiven because he was the only singer of the night that could hold a pitch. His range perfectly fit all of the songs, and it was very clear that he was a natural. The lead guitarist completely rocked. The actual artists would have trouble out-playing him.

The rest of the band members meshed together well and put out the most incredible sound of the night. Once they brush up their stage presence and get a little more comfortable, they'll be unstoppable.

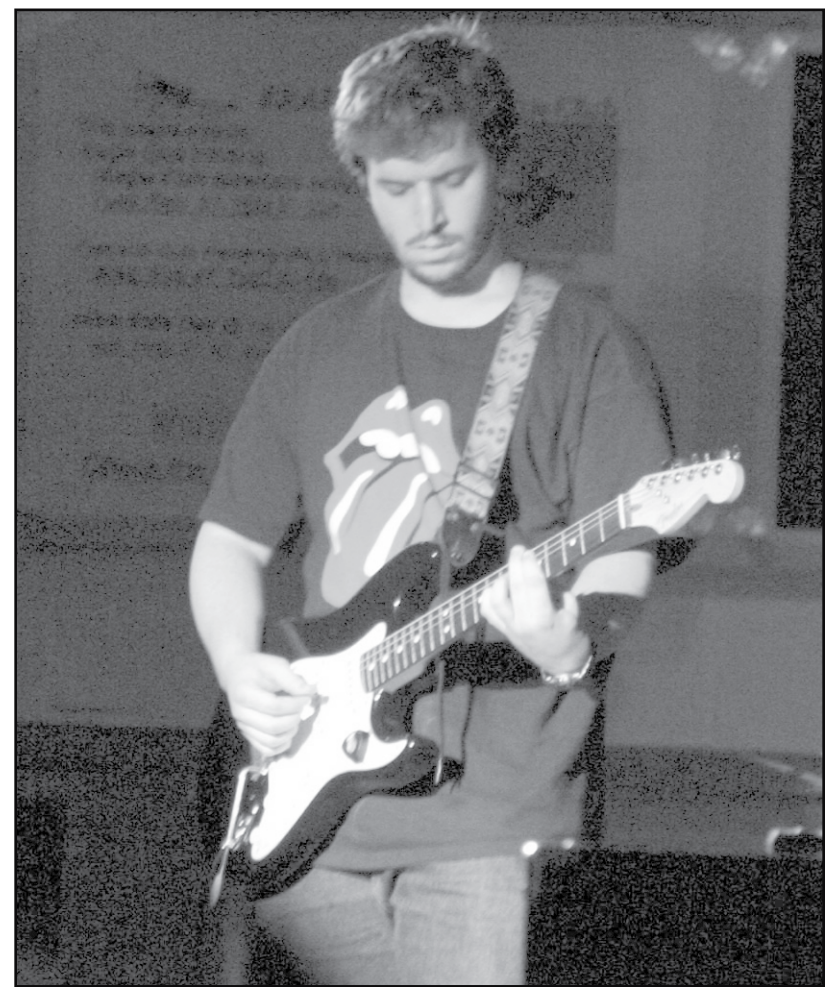
The night ended with *[COOL][BLUE][PICK]* playing three original songs: "Spinning

Room," "Miss Page Turner" and "Picture." Although this band won second place, they were the least talented band to perform. The judges obviously joined the pity-party that the lead singer offered them to join. Even if they had been musically talented in the least, they were personally repulsive, which should automatically disqualify them from awards, not to mention public performance. But they weren't musically talented in any way.

Not only was I worried about shattering glass from the singer's constantly off pitch notes the entire set, their original songs weren't original. They sounded very simple, were very repetitive and lacked any kind of energy. Their stage presence was horrible. The members had trouble

playing together. Granted there were technical difficulties, but the other bands managed to work through it fairly quickly. The worst part of their performance was the excuses the lead singer tried to use to make himself and the band look better than everyone else, which the judges obviously fell for. Having one lung doesn't justify 20 minutes of off-pitch singing with no improvement. Bands play covers to learn proper technique, vocal and instrumental, until they develop their own styles. If you can't write good music, don't torture your audience with it.

All of the bands experienced some technical difficulties, but Up 'Til Dawn took the delays to campaign for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.



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THE MIGHTY INK PENS' lead guitarist performs during the talent show that took place at the Student Center on Friday Feb. 10, 2004. The show helped raise money for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

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US Airways struggling amidst stiff competition

Joe Daniel
Staff Reporter

US Airways stock closed just above the year low of \$4 last week at a modest \$4.65 after a small gain from reporting a smaller loss on the quarter. The airline lost \$98 million last quarter as opposed to \$794 million one year previously. US Airways credited the minimization of loss with a major cost-cutting agenda, including labor concessions, fewer flights, as well as fewer employees.

Despite the airline's strong cost-cutting initiatives, airline management is asking its employees for even more leeway. Once hailed Chief David Siegel, is now humbled by criticism that, under his direction, the company emerged from the protection of Chapter 11 Bankruptcy too soon. The airline's pilot union insisted upon Siegel's firing after he requested yet another

demand for labor concessions in December.

US Airways also plans on selling even more of their assets as part of their plan to profitability. American Airlines, JetBlue, AirTran, and Delta are some of the interested parties in purchasing some or all of the assets up for bids by US Airways Group, Inc. One of the airline's prime assets up for bids is the East Coast Shuttle, which is expected to sell for over \$100 million. American actually bid \$300 million for the Shuttle in 1997.

The airline is facing even more pressure as feared low-cost competitor, Southwest Airlines, vies for seats at Philadelphia, one of US Airways' prime markets. The plight of US Airways is getting quite a bit of attention from the other US majors as the airline industry tightens its collective belt for the greater efficiency needed to survive in a tough market.



US AIRWAYS HAS BEEN going through tough times, yet is faring better than it did last year. The airline reported a \$98 million loss last quarter as opposed to a \$794 million one year previously. US Airways plans on selling some of its assets to help them during these times.

Boeing commences final preparation for Dreamliner

Christopher Noth
Staff Reporter

In a press release on Feb. 2, Boeing announced that it has entered the final stages of negotiations defining "work statements and pricing" for its new 7E7 Dreamliner.

They also announced two suppliers have been secured for the jet - Rockwell Collins Corporation and Hamilton-Sundstrand.

Rockwell Collins, named Best Managed Aerospace Company by Forbes Magazine, will provide display, communications and surveillance systems for the 7E7. While

Boeing's Chairman and Chief Executive Clay Jones would not release the terms of the company's contract with Rockwell Collins, he told The Wall Street Journal that the 20-year contract is worth "a very, very significant number."

Hamilton-Sundstrand, a subsidiary of United Technologies

Corporation, will provide several different systems for the Dreamliner. The group will both design and supply the jet's heating and air-conditioning system, auxiliary power unit and other various components associated with making and distributing power. The group's contract covers the life of the jetliner program, and

is anticipated to be worth more than \$5 billion over the course of the program.

Citing sources close to the situation, *The Wall Street Journal* reported that Boeing will likely announce Honeywell International as the navigation systems provider for the 7E7. Other announcements are expected

soon as Boeing finalizes plans for the jet it bills as "a mid-sized airplane that will provide exceptional fuel efficiencies for airlines and superior comfort for passengers." The announcement led to a boost in the company's stock prices, fueling its run to regain market shares lost to Airbus.

Terror concerns cancel inbound flights Europe to blacklist

Michael McGraw
Staff Reporter

An intelligence report led to the cancellation of several Air France and British Airways flights last week. Specifically mentioned a target in the report was BA Flight 223, which connects London's Heathrow Airport with Washington's Dulles International Airport. Also mentioned were BA 207 from London to Miami, and AF 026 from Paris to Washington.

U.S. officials said that they had specific and credible information

that Al-Qaeda was interested in using international flights to carry out attacks on the U.S., its foreign interests and allies.

One federal law enforcement source stated that a major fear is that the terrorist organization was planning on using the aircraft to deliver biological, chemical or radioactive components to U.S. soil. Specifically, the intelligence community believes that Al-Qaeda may be attempting to hijack one of the flights and fly it into a U.S. target.

Senator Jay Rockefeller, D-VA, said the US would really have

no way to counter such an attack from a US bound airliner. "... It's partly the problem of biological weapons, which nobody has figured out really what to do about yet. Nobody has any idea about what to do about them on an airplane or on the ground," he said on *Fox News* Sunday. He later added, "You play it safe, and the plane doesn't fly, and people are going to have to get used to that, and people are not going to like that, but it's what you've got to do in this era."

This is not the first time international airlines cancelled flights because of security concerns.

During Christmas week of 2003, Air France cancelled three of its Paris to Los Angeles flights. In early January, British Airways twice cancelled Washington bound BA 223 for security reasons.

It must be noted that the U.S. government did not choose to cancel these flights, but merely passed along the information to the appropriate foreign authorities, who then informed the airlines. In the current situations, it has been the airlines' choice whether to fly or not.

Both airlines have said they will not operate a flight unless it was completely safe to do so.

Joe Daniel
Staff Reporter

In response to many safety shortcomings of some European airlines, the European Union (EU) announced it would create a blacklist of foreign airlines that were not up to standard. Questions arose only after a Flash Airlines Boeing 737 crashed in the Red Sea on Jan. 3, killing 148 people. Switzerland banned the airline from its airspace due to safety violations in 2002; however the flight's passengers were not made aware of such concerns.

Under the EU plan, any EU country may report a suspected aircraft that is not EU compliant to the European Commission, which will investigate and prohibit the aircraft from flying within EU airspace. The commission will list aircraft banned from EU airspace, and it plans to spread any ban from one EU member to the entire Union. Pressure for the plan's quick approval is cited on public outrage over the tragedy which many feel could have been prevented with a more sound safety reporting system with better communication throughout the European Union's member countries.

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Rovers Opportunity, Spirit explore Mars

Alex Sidorov
Space Technology Editor

Scientists prepared Opportunity to roll on Monday, Feb. 2 to look for signs of life in a crater on Mars in Meridiani Planum.

And on Saturday, the rover came close enough to the rocks to investigate. On its way, the controllers on Earth at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory used the Microscopic Imager to analyze the soil on the rover's wheels. The rock that Opportunity will analyze was named "Snout."

The next step for the rover is to deploy its robotic arm and investigate the rock's composition by using the Moessbauer

spectrometer. The JPL team is also deciding the next destination for Opportunity.

While Opportunity is "roving" around, Spirit has already dug a hole in a Martian rock, dubbed "Adirondack." The rover used its Rock Abrasion Tool (RAT), which consists of two diamond cutting heads and after 3 hours of cutting, Spirit's RAT dug a hole 1.8 inches in diameter and .1 inches deep.

The exposed interior will be used by the rover's scanners to look for materials. The hole is the first planned hole in a rock on Mars.

JPL is also planning to take Spirit to a crater named "Boneville," which is 1,150 feet (350 meters) away.

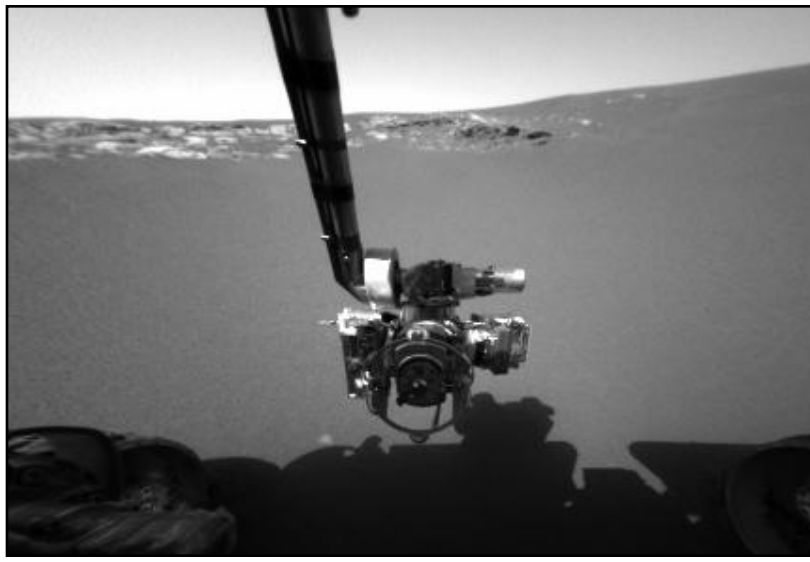


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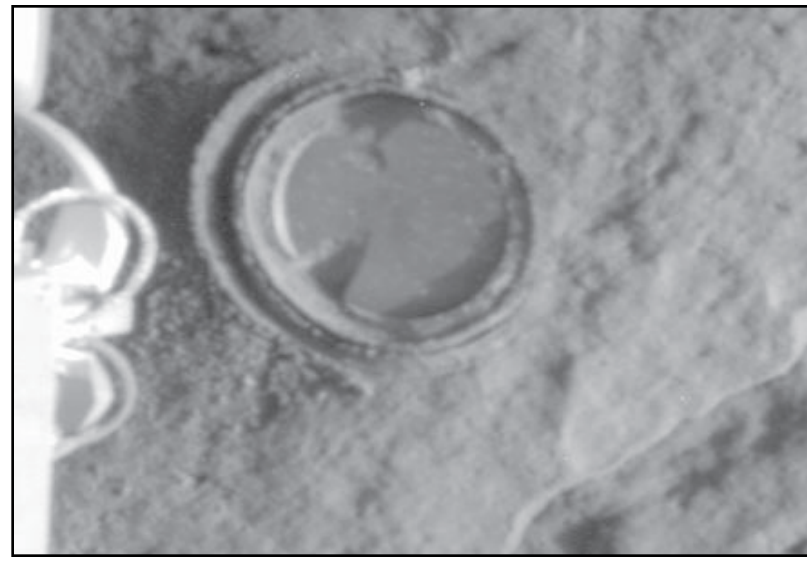


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NASA Plans to Use Soyuz Capsule

Jonathan Mettin
News Editor

NASA has included the possibility of buying a Russian Soyuz spacecraft to ferry astronauts to and from the International Space Station in the budget it released Monday.

The proposal for the next fiscal year, which begins on Oct. 1, includes \$140 million to buy Russian spacecraft to carry cargo and crew to the ISS, possibly before the shuttle is retired in 2010 (which is also the year the ISS is scheduled to be completed).

This would free up the shuttle to haul the large pieces of equipment needed to finish the station, and be a much more economical alternative - shuttle flights can

cost up to \$500 million.

Congress still must approve NASA's overall budget, as well as using non-American spacecraft to transport American astronauts.

The Soyuz has not had a fatal accident since 1971.

The new budget proposal also includes \$428 million to develop a new spacecraft to fly to the moon, the Crew Exploration Vehicle, which is not expected to be ready until 2014.

In the meantime, NASA hopes to start shuttle missions again in the fall.

It is unclear how much NASA will have to pay for a Soyuz, however, a law passed in 2000 prohibits the United States from purchasing spacecraft from Russia. There is currently a bill pending in Congress to change the law so NASA can go

Venus will pass in front of Sun in June

Alex Sidorov

Space Technology Editor

On Jun. 8, 2004, another rare celestial event will unfold for all to see. For the first time in 122 years, Venus will cross in front of the sun.

Venus, the second planet from the Sun, will pass in front of the Earth, resulting in a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to observe an extraterrestrial object with an atmosphere in front of the Sun.

Venus has been growing brighter since last year and you might have noticed it during evenings. It will continue to grow brighter as it moves closer to the Earth along its orbit.

This event has been observed

by humans only five times, in 1639, 1761, 1769, 1874, and 1884.

The transit in 1761, during which Russian astronomer Mikhail V. Lomonosov found that the disk of Venus was not sharp, but a fuzzy

and there was a halo surrounding the

planet. The fuzzy disk was caused by Venus' atmosphere, which fades away into space (instead of clear disk like that of Mars and Mercury). Later, in 1927 and 1928, observations made by

the American astronomers William H. Wright and Frank E. Ross further proved the existence of a Venusian atmosphere. The two scientists discovered the clouds using an ultraviolet telescope.

The next transit will occur in 2012. The next transit will not occur for another 105 years.

"This event has been observed by humans only five times."

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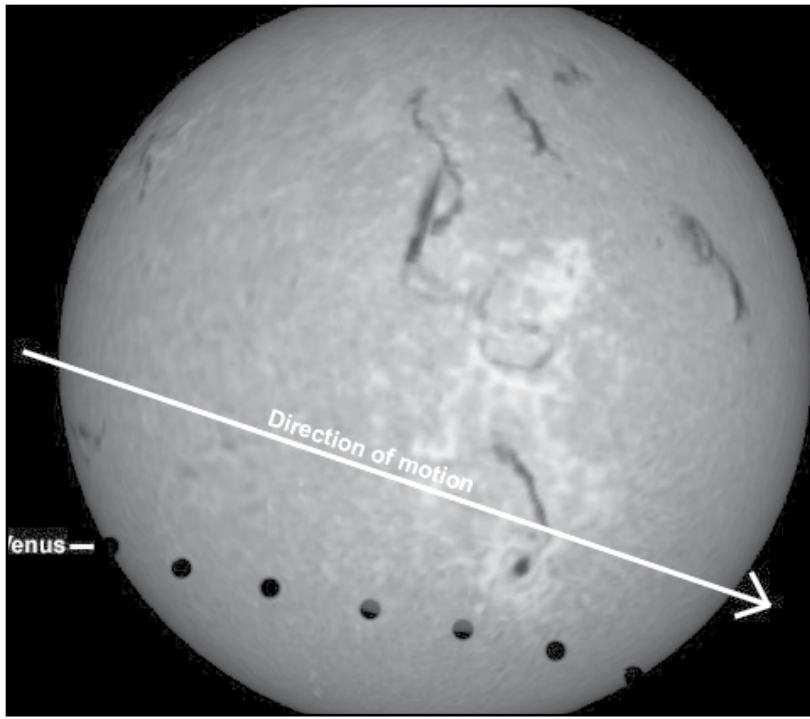


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Technology goes to court

ISPs ignore RIAA request for info

Michael Perstin
Staff Reporter

After an appeals court has ruled Internet Service Providers (ISPs) do not have to hand over names of suspected music pirates to the Recording Industry Association of America (RIAA), ISPs are showing no interest in the RIAA's latest effort to enlist them in its fight against piracy.

The decision reversed a January 2003 lower court decision upholding the Digital Millennium Copyright Act (DMCA) subpoena power. Using that decision, the RIAA issued more than 3,000 subpoena requests to ISPs, asking for private information of users, and filed nearly 400 copyright infringement actions. No subpoenas have been issued after the Dec. 19 decision.

"We would like to work with you to supplement our efforts by arranging for ISPs to notify their subscribers who are engaged in

fringing activity that this conduct is illegal," the RIAA wrote to most of the nation's 50 largest ISPs in a letter sent on Dec. 19.

"We are asking you to do this without providing us with any identifying information about the subscriber." Since most of the illegal file sharers are teens, the ISPs would notify the account holders, their parents, about their child's infringing activity. So far no ISP came up with a decision to help the RIAA.

According to the January 2003 decision, a subpoena may only be issued to an ISP engaged in storing on its servers material that is infringing or is the subject of infringing activity. Since the copyrighted material (music files, videos, etc.) are stored on the user's hard drive and not on the ISP servers, the RIAA, or any other individual who claims to be a copyright holder, do not need to file subpoenas to obtain private information about users.

According to Sarah Deutsch, Vice President and Associate General Counsel for Verizon, anyone, from RIAA representatives to copyright holders and scam artists and crooks, could obtain that information by filing a one-page form. The only thing standing

between them and that information is a clerk that checks that the form has been completed correctly.

"It unfortunately means that we can no longer notify illegal file sharers before we file a lawsuit against them to offer the opportunity to settle outside of litigation," said Cary Sherman, President of the RIAA.

"Regardless of this decision, we will continue to defend our rights

online on behalf of artists, songwriters and countless others involved in bringing music to the public. We

can and will continue to file copyright infringement lawsuits against file sharers who engage in illegal activity."

Even though ISPs are reluctant to cooperate with RIAA, probably because of the fear of losing subscribers, many peer-to-peer file-sharing programs are leaving the "free market" and slowly moving to the pay monthly subscription category. Two of the major programs to do so are Napster and KaZaa. Even so, many people suspect that it will take much more to defeat the peer-to-peer file sharing networks.

"We can and will continue to file ... lawsuits against file sharers who engage in illegal activity."

- CARY SHERMAN

Artists dump labels

Michael Sullivan
Guest Reporter

A new musician's alliance known as the "Magnificent Union of Digitally Downloading Artists" may revolutionize the way music is bought and sold. The alliance, MUDDA for short, will allow artists to sell direct via the internet instead of through record labels.

Rock veterans Peter Gabriel and Brian Eno presented MUDDA's plan as a thin red manifesto at Midem music conference, Monday, Jan. 26.

"Unless artists quickly grasp the possibilities that are available to them, then the rules will get written, and they'll get written without much input from artists," said Eno, who believes that removing record labels from the equation will allow artists to decide their own prices and agendas.

Due sometime next month, the pamphlet illustrates ideas for exploring this new freedom, such as day by day releases, or a release of several variations of a recording online, with a poll for listeners to

decide which they like best. The purpose of the plan, Gabriel says, is not to shut down the record companies, but rather to give listeners and artists more options.

A MUDDA representative added that other musicians had expressed an interest in participating in the program, but declined to give names.

The idea of marketing music digitally on the internet was proven successful by Apple's iTunes Internet store, a legitimate music download site selling songs for a dollar each. Other internet ventures are showing success, such as Vermont-native band Phish's live concert download page, www.livephish.com.

With the recent crackdown on pirated music and illegal download programs such as KaZaa, with stagnant prices of CD's, digital music available through the internet is an intelligent alternative, as well as a way to allow new bands to express themselves without the worries and deadlines associated with business through a record company.

Microsoft against Mikerowesoft.com

Michael Perstin
Staff Reporter

On Nov. 19, Mike Rowe, a 17-year-old high school student from Victoria, British Columbia, received an e-mail from Microsoft's Canadian lawyers Smart & Biggar, demanding that he give up his domain name, *Mikerowesoft.com*, claiming it's in violation of Microsoft's copyrights.

Mike Rowe sent them an e-mail telling the law firm that he had spent a lot of time creating the website and he doesn't intend to give it away. He then received another e-mail from the firm.

Containing an offer to pay Mr. Rowe for all of his out-of-pocket expenses in return for the domain name.

By offering to sell the domain for profit, Mike Rowe unwittingly slipped into the classic trap set by companies in order to get hold of domain names. Since he offered to sell his domain, according to the logic of the domain dispute arbitrators, it shows the owner had no legitimate interest in the domain in the first place, and thus it should be handed over.

Mike did not hear anything from the law firm until Jan. 14, when Microsoft sent a 25 page letter

and book to Rowe's house stating that he intended all along to sell the domain for profit and that his domain would confuse Microsoft's customers.

Perhaps Microsoft did have a few confused customers because of the domain name. According to Rowe, his website was receiving so many hits that he had to switch to a different provider that would give him more bandwidth. Rowe stated that at some point his site was receiving more than 250,000 hits per day.

After a short legal battle, Mike Rowe has decided to give away his domain name. In return, Microsoft

has agreed to help him get Microsoft certification training, an Xbox game console and many other gifts, including an invitation to a technology festival in March at the Microsoft headquarters in suburban Redmond.

Even after receiving all those gifts, Mike Rowe has decided to make an additional sum of money by going on eBay and selling the one-inch-thick book containing the 25 page letter he received from Microsoft's lawyers on Jan. 14. In addition, the booklet contains web pages, registrations, trademarks and even e-mails between Rowe and Microsoft's lawyers.

O' Skool Game of the Week: Simon

Darrin O'Brady

Data Technology Editor

Simon says, get reacquainted to a game that required intense concentration. *Milton Bradley's Simon* hit stores in 1978. The game usually began with simple color combinations, but after a few rounds, had older players running for Advil and younger players ready for more.



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1994 Chevy Camaro
Good condition, pwr, cd, \$3400 obo. Call Ryan (814) 833-2966.

OTHER ITEMS

Miscellaneous Items
4 drawer dresser, exc. condition \$40, matching nightstand \$20. Both have maple finish. Twin bed \$50 OBO. call (386) 274-4056 or e-mail at bymero@erau.edu.

Aircraft Rental
C-172 - Twin Geronimo - DC-3 call, check our website, or visit to find out why our customers think we are the best deal in town. 767-9464 www.mcflyers.com

Guitarist Needed
Hard rock band is searching for a guitarist. Creativity is a must. If interested, call 299-7527 and ask for Chris.

Free Cellphone
and free first month's service! Need someone to take over cellphone contract ending in June. Five months of service for the price of four. Call Josh for details. 763-0871.

Motorcycle Jacket
Alpine Star XL. Gray and Black with all pads, removeable liner. New condition. \$160 obo. Call Tory at 846-3079.

OTHER ITEMS

Shoei Helmet
Black, large, good condition, clear and tinted visors. \$65 obo. Call Tory at 846-3079.

THE AVION ONLINE

returns to the World Wide Web. View all the content of *The Avion* newspaper plus a weather page and archives of past issues. Also submit letters to the editor, or request information on placing ads and classifieds. A great way to keep up-to-date with events on campus, even when you are away.

HELP WANTED

Job postings provided by Embry-Riddle's Student Employment office. Any questions regarding job postings should be directed to Student Employment at 226-6320 or room 112 in Spruance Hall.

Flight Instructors, PT & FT with Epic Aviation at NSB airport. \$15/hour. Call Danny or Frank at (386)409-5583 for an interview. Job ID #2844

Office & Shipping clerk needed by beachwear company on beachside. Office work and packing beachwear for shipment, Computer work, answering phones, etc. Call Sue or Linda Immediately at 255-2690. Job ID #2843

Chemistry Lab Asst for Physical Sci Dept. Call Marlene Coslow x7022

HELP WANTED

Work mornings, part time, for Mediatech. They are hiring administrative Assistant/Technical Writer. Located in Holly Hill. Need working knowledge of Microsoft Office appl (MS Word, Excel, etc.) in MS Windows environment. \$7.50/hr Call Mr. Riley at 258-9958. Job ID #2838

Speed Park on Fentress Blvd., is hiring PT track attendants. Approximately 20 hrs./wk, flexible schedules. Located Across from the speedway and convenient to campus. Apply in person or call 253-3278 for appointment. Job ID #806

Tour Guide needed by Admissions Dept. Call Nicole Arslanbas x6126

Local real estate office needs assistant to real estate executive. Must have good computer skills, be organized and have Positive attitude w/good communication skills, experience with digital camera and imaging. Database management, word processing, etc. Job ID #711

Work in an ice cream shop on the beachside. Baskin Robbins hiring part time counter help, flexible hours, will work with Your school schedule and will train. Customer service attitude helpful. Can work afternoons, evenings and/or weekends. Call Richard at 258-1666. Job ID #2845

Beachside pub needs security workers, some shift work between 7pm and 3am. Several openings. Apply in person to The Oyster Pub, 555 Seabreeze Blvd., or call 255-6348, ask for Kelly. Job ID #881.

Avion Classifieds

*If you do not see your advertisement in this issue, please contact the Avion Staff at (386)226-6049.

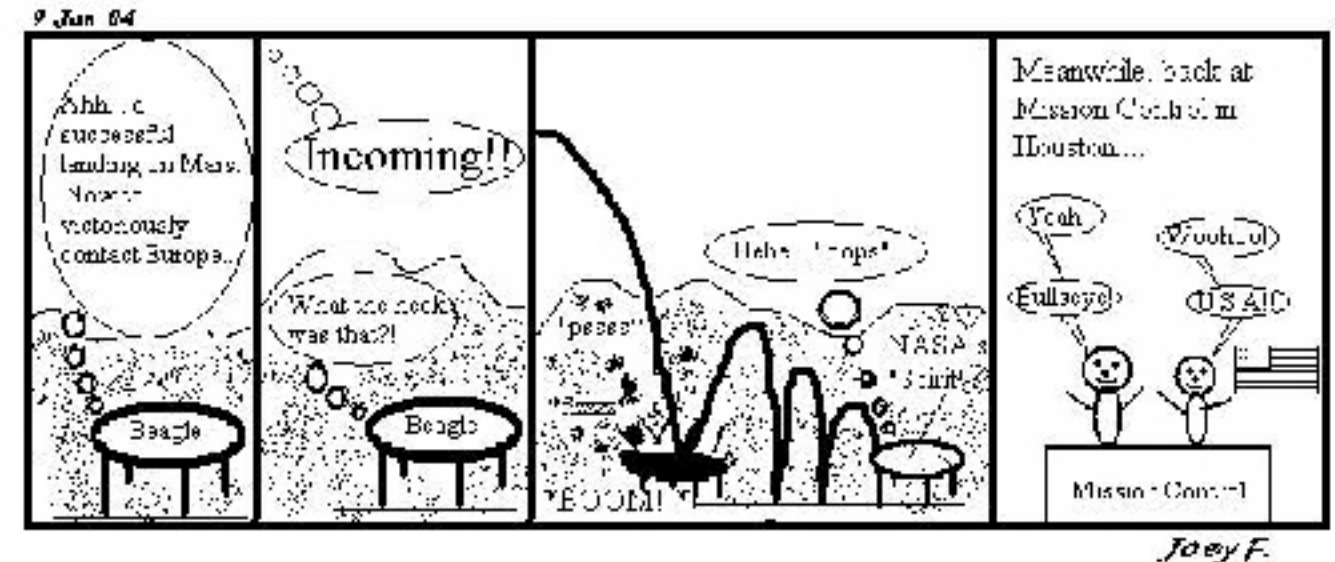
*The Avion runs classified ads for 2 weeks. If you would like your ad to run longer, you will need to fill out a classified form again.

*The Avion does NOT accept classified advertisements from businesses of any kind!

*To place an ad, visit the Avion in the John Paul Riddle Student Center (Suite 280)

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When roommates have slight issues with each other...



Joey F.

What really happened to the ESA's "Beagle" Mars Rover

Klyde Morris
Aviation's Only Ant!™
by Wes Oleszewski

