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## Embry-Riddle mourns one of its own



**JAMIE FLETCHER, Ph.D.** (1956 - 2004) "Free spirit and a friend"

Respected professor perishes in aircraft accident

> Adam Greiber Staff Reporter

Jamie Fletcher, Ph.D. perished in a plane crash Wed. Feb. 12, 2004 at roughly 10:00 p.m. CDT in Escambia County near the Alabama-Florida border. Fletcher in his single engine Beech Bonanza reported having fuel problems shortly before radio communications were lost.

Fletcher served as the Fitness Center Director, an advisor to the Ice Hockey Club and was also a professor with the Aeronautical Science Department.

He had been with the Embry-Riddle family for thirteen years.

According to the FAA, Fletcher had filed an IFR flight plan from New Smyrna Beach, Florida to New Orleans, Louisiana with a stop at Pensacola Regional Airport. Late Wednesday night, Fletcher radioed the Pensacola tower informing them he was low on fuel and six miles out. According to authorities, at approximately 10:15 p.m. CDT the tower lost communications with the aircraft. At the time of the incident, the airport reported winds of 10 knots from the east, three-quarters statute miles visibility, fog, mist and a ceiling of

Residents interviewed by the Pensacola News Journal reported hearing a plane circling before its engine faltered and it crashed into the trees of rural Cantonment, 15 miles northwest of the airport. Because of the terrain and location of the crash site, investigators and rescue personnel were unable to reach the aircraft until 3:30 a.m. CDT.

When rescue crews finally arrived at the site, they were confronted with a 200-yard debris field. Fletcher's body was recovered just outside of the wreckage.

The 1958 Beechcraft Bonanza had passed its inspection in March of last year. The FAA and the NTSB are currently working on the accident in an ongoing investigation, and hope to discover what caused the accident.

Jamie Fletcher, Ph.D., is survived by his wife and two children. May his contributions to life and Embry-Riddle never be forgotten.

[We at The Avion would like to extend our deepest heartfelt sympathy to the family, colleagues, friends and students that knew Jamie Fletcher best. We are all stunned and saddened by his sudden and untimely passing. We would also like to invite all of our readers to join us in our next issue, where we will celebrate The Life of Jamie Fletcher.]

## **The Gray Ghost**



ONE OF THE SPECIAL guests at this year's Daytona 500 was a B-2 Stealth Bomber. The B-2 flew in during the singing of the national anthem prior to the race. It was accompanied by two F-15s as it quietly made its way through the skies over Daytona International Speedway. Race fans, as well as Embry-Riddle students glanced in awe at the big gray behemoth. As the bomber flew by, people could barely hear the engines of the silent killer.

## Avion 101

In last week's issue of The Avion, an article was published in the Student Life section entitled, "Battle of the Bands brings music to the Flight Deck." It was a critical article about the bands that performed - a review. The writer of the article provided positive and negative feedback about the bands. Some people



Crouch **Editor-in-Chief** 

Lucas

believe the wording of the article was TOO harsh, or unethical.

People, including band members, have contacted me or come up to the office to complain and say things like, "What sort of bylaws or ethics do you [The Avion] follow when publishing material?'

Initially, I agreed with them about publishing the article. However, upon further reflection with my staff and faculty advisor, I realized that I should really be defending the article, not apologizing for it.

I'll start with the basics. We are a newspaper, entitled to the same first amendment rights as anybody else. Second, Battle of the Bands was an event that took place in the public forum. Obviously, the student press was there. This article appeared on the Student Life page, which virtually always contains reviews of entertainment. When entertainment comes on campus, it's our duty to cover it for the student body.

I will admit, perhaps we should have made more clear that the article was a REVIEW, not a purely news article telling people what happened. If that was the case, it would have appeared on the Campus News section. However, in the future we will make it clear if we review something, especially a student band. We will label it as a review.

With that said, members of a band have to remember when they are performing, they are putting themselves in a public forum, and they have to be prepared to receive criticism. Look at how other news media cover the entertainment industry, it's certainly not objective. In addition, the writer of the article criticized many of the bands, and often played on the reactions of the crowd rather than their personal tastes or opinion.

I stand by our staff and their writing, and I believe we did nothing wrong by publishing this article. If some readers still have a problem with this, I invite them to come up to The Avion office and discuss the basics of journalism with myself or our faculty advisor.

## Piece of Hindenburg on display in library

Artifact donated by grandson of eyewitness

Phyllis A. Salmons

**ERAU Heritage Project** 

At a length of 803.8 feet and a maximum diameter of 135.1 feet, the German passenger airship Hindenburg (LZ-129) was a luxurious flying hotel, faster than any ship -- the pride of the Third Reich. She was the largest airship ever to fly. Construction of the Hindenburg began in Friedrichshafen, Germany in 1931 and it was completed in 1936. The airship was destroyed in a tragic fire on May 6,

1937, at the Lakehurst Naval Air Station The commercial flights of the Hindenburg pioneered the first transatlantic air service. The framework was made of an alloy of alu-

minum and copper with traces of magnesium,

manganese, iron and silicon. Each of the 16 gas cells was coated with a gelatin solution to insure against permeability of the hydrogen

The control car was divided into three areas: control room and bridge, navigation room, and observation area. In addition to rudder and elevator controls, the control room contained instruments such as the altimeter, inclinometer and a gas-cell-pressure monitor along with toggles to release hydrogen gas and water ballast. The navigation room contained two gyro compass repeaters, a radio compass and telephone switchboard.

The Hindenburg was powered by four 16-cylinder diesel engines, two per side in a staggered arrangement. Each engine developed 1300 hp for five minutes at takeoff, and 850 hp for cruising.

A section of an outside strut of the Hindenburg is on display in the Jack R. Hunt Memorial Library. Louis P. Morales, an employee of the New Jersey Bell Telephone Company following the crash, originally obtained this artifact. Stephen B. DeLuca, the grandson of Morales, donated the artifact to Embry-Riddle.



AN ACTUAL PIECE OF the Hindenburg now rests in Embry-Riddle's Jack R. Hunt library. The airship's destruction was the worst in aviation history.

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## R. L. Lewis enlightens students

Michael Marano

#### **Managing Editor**

One subject that Embry-Riddle has little experience in is art. However, famed Florida artist R. L. Lewis came to Embry-Riddle to teach students about art history in the state of Florida.

The presentation was held last Wednesday in the IC Auditorium. Many students and local residents were in attendance to listen to what Mr. Lewis had to say.

R. L. Lewis is one of the quietly creative and versatile figures of a famous black art tradition called 'The Highwaymen.'

The Highwaymen are a group of African-American artists who have dedicated themselves to painting the Florida landscape.

These famous artists developed

their individual techniques and rendered waterscapes, backcountry marshes, and inlets with a raw beauty and mystique, which became well-known vintage Floridian

R. L. Lewis was born in Cocoa, Fla. on the Indian River Lagoon. He graduated form Florida A&M University in Tallahasse, Fla. with a degree in Art Education. He went on to become an illustrator at Boeing.

He drew large crowds of students in his art classes with his artistic drawings and sketches. After his tenure with Boeing, he went on to pursue a career in art educa-

tion. He taught in four different elementary schools in Brevard County, Fla. He taught for 32 years before retiring.

His artistic talents include still life scenes, portraits and sculpture. His main focus is the capture of various Floridian landscapes onto canvases of various sizes.

In the matter of only an hour, R. L. Lewis managed to complete a painting for his audience.

As R. L. Lewis was painting, he and his son, R. L. Lewis, III, answered the audience's questions regarding Lewis and the Florida Highwaymen.

After he finished his painting, Lewis made himself available for additional questions and auto-

graphs.
When *The Avion* asked Mr. Lewis why he chose to speak at Embry-Riddle, he said, "Embry-Riddle is a part of Volusia County. It was a great location for me to present my artwork.'

R. L. Lewis offered additional advice to the students at Embry-Riddle. He said, "Whatever you do, always keep [God] in your heart. Remember that you are in America, and if you can't do something for them, be something for them and bless you all." He added, "Just remember that all fruits do not ripen at the same time."

R. L. Lewis was presented by Professor Steve Glassman and by Embry-Riddle's Arts and Letters



R. L. LEWIS PAINTS a picture of a typical Floridian landscape for his audience. It only took a little more than an hour to complete Afterwards Mr. Lewis was available for questions and autographs.

## **Cheerleaders Cheer America**



THE EMBRY-RIDDLE CHEERLEADER SQUAD practices their routine at the Daytona International Speedway. They would perform during the pre-race ceremonies at the Daytona 500 on Sunday. The cheerleaders marched in a parade paying tribute to the United States of America. Race fans and even President George W. Bush watched as the squad performed.

## Students get a taste of Las Vegas

## SGA, Touch-N-Go present Casino Night

Michael Marano

**Managing Editor** 

Student Government Association (SGA) and Touch-N-Go Productions offered students some well needed

entertainment. Last Friday, they slot machines, chance wheels and presented Casino Night, where the casino favorite, Let It Ride. each student who attended got free chips with a chance to win one of several prizes.

Many students were stranded on campus because of traffic due to Speedweeks 2004. Casino Night offered those who wished to get out on Friday night a reason to stay on campus.

The SGA and Touch-N-Go offered a number of popular casino games. Students had the choice of playing blackjack, craps, roulette, Caribbean stud poker,

Students were given \$25,000 in playing chips which they would use to build up their winnings. After the night was done, students would exchange their chips for raffle tickets. The more money a student won, the more tickets he or she would get. increasing their chance of taking home a prize.

Robert Molard of Sigma Alpha Epsilon won an estimated \$250,000 in tokens and walked away with a brand new stereo system. He said,

Seth Shaw won almost \$360,000 in chips and came away with a brand new television set. He won most of his money playing high stakes poker. "I was one of the smallest winners to cash out, and I just got lucky. I liked the event, the games were pretty good," he said.

SGA President Matt Collier was

also in attendance, taking charge of the chance wheel game. Overall, Casino Night seemed to have a good turnout. Perhaps the SGA and Touch-N-Go will have similar events in the future.

## **Briefs & Notices**

## Honor's Presentation

Mr. Stephen Trachtenberg, President of George Washington University, will speak on Wed., Feb. 25, 7:30 p.m., in the IC Auditorium.

His talk is titled "Variables: The Uncertainty of Human Endeavor." The event is free & open to the public.

### Letter Party

Up 'til Dawn is holding its last Lifesaving Letter Party on Wed., Feb. 18, from 5 p.m.- 8 p.m. Bring your address book to the Student Village Fountain Room and help

the kids of St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

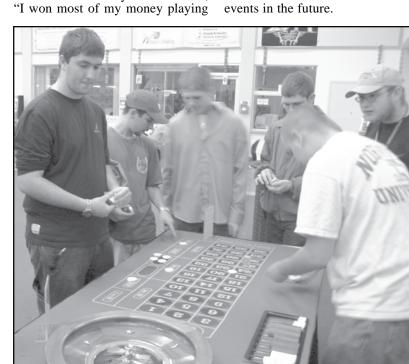
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STUDENTS TRY THEIR LUCK at the roulette table. The game was

one of the many featured at last Friday's Casino Night.

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- BRIAN MORA 99

government and you

could be a terorist.

## Patriot Acts of the Government Evolving race

about the USA Patriot Act? Sure, you know it's controversial and that "liberals" complain it strips us of civil liberties - but we're at war; sacrifices must be made. Besides, you only need to worry if you're a terrorist or have something to hide.

Do you think you know who the terrorists are? They are extreme fanatical Muslims from other lands,

federal crime of "domestic terrorism. Among other things, states that acts committhe United States "dangerous human life that are a violation of the criminal laws" can be



acts of domestic terrorism if they "appear to be intended" to "influence the policy of a government by intimidation or coercion," or "to intimidate or coerce a civilian population." This provision applies to U.S. citizens, as well as illegal

Couldn't protests be construed as acts that "appear to be intended to influence the policy of a government?" Moreover, clashes between demonstrators and police officers and acts of civil disobedience, even those that do not result in injuries and are entirely non-violent, could be construed as "dangerous to human life" and in "violation of the

Notice, also, that there is no

requirement of imminent danger.

a fence, such as the protesters in Vieques, Puerto Rico did to oppose government nuclear testing there, and if somebody fell and bumped his head, or perhaps if it was only possible that someone might, this could be grounds enough to call you a terrorist. Environmental activists, anti-globalization activists and anti-abortion activists who use direct action to further their political Think again.

Section 802 of the Patriot Act to prosecution as "domestic terrorists."

words, disagree with the government and could be a terror-

Other sections in the Patriot Act are equally troubling. Be careful what you put into that Google search. According to

words and websites raise red flags with the FBI, CIA, NSA and other security agencies. Government programs such as CARNIVORE randomly screen millions of emails on the internet. If you are caught sending an email with certain key words, you might be investigated. Your internet service provider will have to provide the FBI with records of your session times and durations, websites you visit, IP addresses and email accounts. Then, 'email-routing" will duplicate every email you send, delivering a copy to a government database for further

There are other intrusions that

telecommunications services. This means you might become a terror suspect just because you watch an "unpatriotic" pay-per-view show or if you subscribe to a "suspicious" television network (such as Al-

Sections 351 and 358 require financial institutions to monitor your financial transactions and share that information with other agencies. Section 215 contains the infamous clause that urges library employees to report "suspicious borrowing" to the FBI and prohibits them from revealing to anyone that a patron is under suspicion. Sections

507 and 508 say if your records are certified as "relevant to an investigation," (even if that investigation is not terrorism) educational institutions have no choice but turn over student infor-

mation including fields of study, grades, coursework, student health files, personnel files, mail, e-mail, financial information, ethnicity and school employees cannot tell you that your information has been

Under Section 216 of the Act, law enforcement now not only has the authority to intercept transmissions from people suspected of terrorist activity, but also from people "of interest." This authority contains no constitutional safeguards. Judges are now required to issue blank warrants without reference to a location or jurisdiction, as long as law enforcement certifies that the surveillance is "relevant to an ongoing investigation.'

Section 203 of the Act allows law should make you uneasy. Section enforcement to share with intelli-211 allows the government to gence agencies including the FBI, Department of Defense sensitive information about any "person(s)

This broad definition is a dangerous one. Congress originally insisted on using the word "suspect(s)," because it implies a person must first be suspected of a crime. The White House fought vigorously against the use of "suspect(s)" and eventually won.

Nearly all of the provisions I listed (and some that I haven't) existed as law before the Patriot Act was passed. The difference is that they are now so watered-down that the government doesn't need to worry about the both-

> ersome Fourth Amendment. The Patriot Act weakened, and in many cases, completely removed the prerequisite of probable cause. Combine that enormously

broad definition of "terrorist" and you have a government that could potentially silence ALL dissent, debate and public force for change.

Thankfully, some provisions of the USA Patriot Act are set to expire. Others, such as the so-called "sneak-and-peak" clause (which enables the government to go into your home, look around, take pictures, copy your hard drive, and even seize your property, all without telling you,) are having their constitutionality challenged in court. In his State of the Union speech, the President asked that the Patriot Act be renewed. He has even called for a Patriot Act II.

Don't get used to this, people. It's an outrage. This sort of "trust us; we're the government" solution is entirely unacceptable.

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-Brian Mora

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Fernandes is presently seeking permission from ally Russia to deal directly with manufacturers, after having listed an effective air defense system as the government's highest priority. In an interview with Defense News Weekly military magazine, he also said that New Delhi would replace its aging attack missiles mostly through imports.
"...Top priority acquisitions will

be medium multi-role combat aircraft, air defense systems, (nuclear) command and control, advanced weapons for aircrafts and forcemultipliers," he said. Patriot missiles from the U.S., low-level air defense radar systems from France, early warning systems, anti-tank rockets, electronic warfare and drones from Israel are just a small portion of the shopping list for the \$ 5.3 billion fund set aside by New Delhi for buying sophisticated weapons.

Although ally Russia still accounts for 70 percent of Indian aramament sales, inordinate delays in supplying critical components has led to friction between the two sides.

Nobel laureate Amartya Sen slammed India's defense budget for harming the country's human development programs. India with a population of 1.1 billion people of with 260 million of whom live below the poverty line. Prof. Sen's call for moderacy in defense spending is being picked up by people around the globe. "I find it surprising that instead of concenthe country's attention is revolving around a victory over Pakistan," he said. The U.S. military aid package to Pakistan of 80 attack helicopters, 1,000 armored personnel carriers and two squadrons of F-16 aircraft, in lieu of Pakistan being a frontline state in the U.S.'s war against Al-Qaeda has stoked fears in New Delhi. Most of this will be concentrated on the Indo-Pak border plains, and not towards the Hindu-Kush mountains of Afghanistan, said Indian defense officials.

Former Australian prime minister Paul Keating has accused the Bush administration of kicking off a new nuclear arms race by turning its back on a string of arms control treaties, signalling to other countries that they, too, could be part of a resumed nuclear arms race. This is turning impoverished states into manic regimes, bent on the acquisition of their own pocket nukes to make the world deal with them

Having already fought three wars since gaining independence in 1947, and having extensively used their air force in the last two wars, this present escalation of air power on both sides is cause for alarm in the international community. Both countries have an active nuclear weapons and an indigenous ballistic missile program, capable of delivering deep into the other's territory.

-Mohammad M. Ali Siddiqui

## The Noth factor Be my Valentine

I can tell it's coming: stores are selling candy hearts, clubs are selling flowers and images of happy couples abound in the The third most commercialized holiday of all time is coming, and Hallmark executives are no doubt planning vacations in advance of their upcoming

While card and candy makers would argue that Valentine's Day was indeed invented for gift giving and romantic celebrations, just as PAAS would have vou believe Easter is about eggs, Valentine's Day is actually named for Saint Valentine, who was martyred by the Romans for refusing to renounce his faith in Christ. Saint Valentine distributed greetings of hope and love to the poor and downtrodden. Each greeting was signed "Your Valentine," sentiment still used today.

Today's traditions are significantly different, however. Valentine's Day still means love and encouragement for couples, but is a completely different experience on the single side of the board. The loneliness experienced by someone tied up in the middle of a remote desert any other day of the year pales in comparison to the loneliness felt

by singles on Valentine's Day. For me, Valentine's Day helps me remember. I remember that I am not a 6'6" Abercrombie model. I remember that I wear glasses and that everyone thinks I'm giving them condescending looks. I remember that I drive an '89 Chevy. Most of all, I remember that the real reason I haven't been on a date in six months has nothing to do with the car I drive, or the way I dress: I can't get a date because I'm a cynical curmudgeon with a big ego and bigger ears.

Thanks to my friends in many

industries, what was meant to be a day for people to get little messages like "you are beautiful inside," has turned into another reason to feel, regardless of what I accomplish, I am a complete and total loser. I will probably spend my Saturday afternoon flipping between reruns of Newlyweds and the VH1 soul channel, listening to an Air Supply CD, and focusing on the fact that, contrary to popular belief, I am not dating a voluptuous Swiss model named

Card and candy companies have not only turned the celebration of a martyr into another reason to spend money, but also another reason for alcoholics to drink, smokers to smoke, and depressed people to think "hmm ... so how about those wrists?'

I really have no reason to be surprised that another Christian holiday has been raped and pillaged by advertising executives who push consumerism as a personal philosophy, though. Instead of heart-shaped boxes of candy saying "Love," I think they should say "Money." That's what Valentine's Day has come to

focus on. Across the globe men are pondering "What should I buy my girlfriend?" and women are wondering, "Gee, I wonder what my boyfriend is going to buy me for Valentine's Day.

The real point of Valentine's Day doesn't have anything to do with possessions or money, though. Saint Valentine knew that a little bit of encouragement and flattery can mean more than all of the world's money, and if everyone remembered that on Valentine's Day, even singles might enjoy an otherwise bland celebration of the passing of one more February 14.

-Christopher A. Noth

## Letters to the Editor: Up 'Til Dawn Battle of the Bands causes a big controversy

## Inadvertantly I struck a nerve with the article

Apparently, I struck a nerve in last week's article, "Battle of the Bands brings music to flight deck." Let me start by saying that I had originally written a completely different article, a hard news version of the Up 'Til Dawn event to be placed on the "Campus News" section of *The Avion*. I sent the article to the section editor who told me his page was full and the article would be placed on the "Student Life" page. Translating

this for those without journalistic experience, the Up 'Til Dawn event was not newsworthy enough to replace what was already placed on the "Campus page. Naturally I rewrote it as

a review for the "Student Life" page where readers go to learn the writer's opinion of the music or the movie, etc. No one wants to open up this section and read a dry news article about a student organization. That's why The Avion has "Campus News"

**Eric Thompson** 

Aerospace Engineering

Freshman

"Futurama - action and

humor.'

and "Student Organizations" pages. However, as the event sponsors, Up 'Til Dawn was associated with the bands and event whether it was a hard news story or a review. All I can say to Up 'Til Dawn is Fridays at 5 p.m. That's the deadline for organizations to submit their held the bands articles. If you don't like what we to the same print, write your own article, and we standards that I will be happy print it as is minus AP style and grammar corrections on the "Student Organizations" page. Now that the content of each section has been clarified, I should say that I am an extreme realist. I'm not going to sugarcoat anything for anyone. I'm going to tell it like it is. I realize I was a bit harsh in my review, but someone had to remove certain bands from their pedestals before

they fell and hurt themselves. What gives me the right to If you don't like music what we print, and review it accordingly? write your own I've not only been doing so, without opposi-tion, for two years, but I live, article ... - MARY CLOUTIER 99 eat, sleep and

breathe music, and I have my entire life. I come from a family of musicians. My mother and uncle are professional musicians, my sister earned a degree in music from the nation's second best music school, in less than two years I'll be marrying a musician

in music since I was five-years old when I began piano lessons. I wrote the "Battle of the Bands" review and interest for the children of St. I would

have written any other, and I also would have for any concert I attended. If you have the nerve to get on stage and put yourself in the public eye, you bet-

ter have the nerve to take or brush aside any criticism. I'm not saying I'm right and that everyone does or has to agree with my opinion of the bands that played. I'm saying this is my opinion, and this is what made me form it. With all of that said, being included in any news media is a privilege, not a right.

-Mary Cloutier

## A point missed about Up 'Til Dawn

Dear Avion, The article you presented in the last issue of *The Avion* about the Battle of the Bands, was at least,

an important part of this university. Your article about the Battle of the Bands was too busy criticizing the judges' choices (who were volunteers of Up 'til Dawn) and bashing the bands who actually showed their support for what we do. Maybe The Avion needs to start having that same support, then you too, will develop some character. I hope that *The* Avion will make the right decisions in correcting what many people miss

and I have been actively involved horrific. I'm the Recruitment Chair

... an organization

committed to

- BRANDON FELTS

gathering

donations

on the campus ... we are dedicated in what we do, for the kids. Brandon Felts Up 'til Dawn Recruitment Chair

**The Avion asks:** "What is your favorite cartoon?"

## **Student Forum**



**Barry Bedanbaugh** Aerospace Engineering **Junior** 

"Spongebob Squarepants it's a great way to relax after a hard day.'



**Ashlin Harrison** Aerospace Engineering Junior

"I'll take the Jetsons - they were cool."



**David Johnson** Aeronautical Science Senior

"G.I. Joe."



**Tosin Sowande** Aerospace Engineering Senior

"Strong Bad because it's ...



- Compiled by Jonathan Mettin

Mike McLane **Human Factors** Senior

"South Park cuz they don't care who they offend.'

### Campus organizations available to you:

### Aviation/Aerospace

 American Institute of Aeronautics &

• Eagles Flight Team

Astronautics

Future Space Explorers

- & Developers Society
- International Society of
- Air Safety Investigators
- Mars Society
- Ninety-Nines, Inc.
- Society of Civil Aviation
- **Technicians**
- Sport Aviation • Women in Aviation,

### International **Ethnic/Cultural**

- Ascendants League
- Caribbean Students
- Association
- Indian Students
- Association Korean Students
- Association
- Latinos Unidos
- African Students Association
- **Honor Society**

#### Alpha Omicron Alpha

- Omicron Delta Kappa Honor Society
- Sigma Gamma Tau (Aerospace Engineering) Sigma Pi Sigma
- (Physics) • Sigma Tau Delta (English)

### Military

- Arnold Air Society
- Eagle Wing Naval Aviation Club
- Scabbard and Blade
- Semper Fidelis Society
- Veteran's Association

#### Professional/ **Academic**

- American Association of Airport Executives American Society of
- Civil Engineers Association for
- **Computing Machinery** •Human Factors and **Ergonomics Society**
- Mathematical Association of America
- I.E.E.E.
- National Society of
- Black Engineers
- Order of Omega
- Robotics Association Society of Automotive
- Engineers Society of Physics
- Students • Society of Women
- Engineers

### Service

- Alpha Phi Omega • Circle K International
- Up till Dawn

### **Special Interest**

- Amateur Radio Association
- Anything Goes Anime Art Club
- Culinary Club • Embry-Riddle Resident
- Student Association • GALBA (Gay-Straight
- Alliance) Gamer's Guild
- The Green Party
- Model United Nations
- Muscle Car Association Music Company
- Pep Band
- Red Rope Riddle Players
- Riddle Riders
- Scuba Diving Club Silver Wings
- Southern Crosswinds • Sport, Compact &
- Import Car Club Student Alumni
- Association
- Study Abroad
- Vintage Life Club • Weather Club
- Wild Riders
- Triathlon Club
- Water Sports Club
- Wrestling Club
- Religious

- Catholic Student Union • Christian Fellowship
- Club • Fellowship of Christian

## FCA apologizes for poster in UC

Tim Cantwell

FCA member

I would like to apologize on behalf of the FCA, for the wording, and hopefully offer a better explanation for the poster titled "Life's Final Exam" hung up in the UC on Feb 9. In hindsight, the poster did several things it was not intended

The greatest of which was to alienate some people from the gospel of thing. But, in order to say that, your Christ. In our

To better explain

the poster: We

believe Jesus was

unique and radical.

zeal we overlooked the fact that the poster carried a rather large punch, was grammatically incorrect and left the reader with a thought

that was not as complete as it should have been. We are sorry for not thoroughly thinking through the image being portrayed.

To better explain the poster: we believe Jesus was unique and radical. He did not claim to be just a good man, a teacher or God's messenger. He claimed to be God himself John 10:30, Matt 16:16. Muhammad did not claim to be God, nor did the Jewish prophets or Buddha. Only Jesus Christ claimed to be God.

The verse referenced on the poster was John 14:6, where Jesus says, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no man comes to the Father but through me." Understanding what Jesus said, you could have two reactions. One, you could believe and be saved Matt 19: 25-26, John 10:9, Rom 10:9.

Or two, you could say that sounds elitist, arrogant or at least "closed-minded." In all honesty, if I didn't believe, I would say the same logic pattern must

be: "I am basically a good person, and when I die, God, if there is a God, will understand nobody is perfect, and that I am sorry for my sins."

- TIM CANTWELL 99 This neglects the fact that the Bible says, "The fool has said in his heart, 'There is no God Psalm 14:1.'" The wrath of God

abides upon sinners Psalm 37:38,

Eph 2:3. "All have fallen short of the glory of God Rom 3:23." God has said you shall not steal, lie or covet Ex 20:15-17. Jesus said lust is the same as adultery Matt 5:27-

28, hatred the same as murder

Matt 5:21-22, and he has

repent Luke 13:3. Jesus even said the greatest commandment is "To love the Lord God with your whole heart, mind and soul Matt 22:36-37.

On the Day of Judgment, we will have to give an account for every thought, word and deed 2Cor 5:10, Rom 2:16. All crimes have a punishment. God is good. He

has to see that justice is served. God loves us, though. He really

does! And I know this because "While I was yet a sinner Christ died for me Rom 5:8." God loved all of us so much that "He gave his only begotten Son so that whoever believes in him shall not perish but shall have eternal life John 3:16."

God, in his unfailing love took our sin, our death, our punishment and placed it upon himself. Your punishment has been atoned by God when you place your faith in Christ Jesus Rom 3:25-26. God's grace, mercy and love are far beyond my comprehension.

It is my sincere hope that this letter has helped to clear up any misunderstandings from the poster. And I do pray that these verses would speak to you and cause you to put your faith in Christ Jesus.

## ife's Final Exam

According to John 14:6, who claims be "the way, the truth, and the life"?

- **Parents** 
  - b. Politicians
- c. Pastors d. Go<u>od friend</u>s

e. Jesus Christ

lesus, the one and only correct answer. John 14:6

THIS POSTER IS THE current FCA poster in the UC. The offensive poster was taken down and the FCA replaced it with a poster that was less controversial.

## Up 'til Dawn Letter writing; it's for the kids

Kerri Rottner

#### **Up 'til Dawn Director**

Up 'til Dawn's Last Lifesaving Letter Campaign of the year is being held this Wednesday from 5 p.m.-8 p.m. in the Student Village Fountain Room. If you haven't come in to address a let-ter for the children of St Jude yet, please don't miss this opportunity Raising money for St. Jude

Children's Research Hospital is over our goal of writing 5000 as easy as adding an address to letters and that's much closer to a letter and sign-

ing your name. That's it. Even if you don't have an address book full of names, you certainly know your parents and grandparent's addresses. If

every student at ERAU wrote just one letter than we would be school (no pun intended) for the Up 'til Dawn e-mail letter writing

the \$50,000 we hope to

make helping St Jude or any other charity a priorty in your life. - KERRI ROTTNER

I encourage you to

been chosen as the pilot campaign. So if you prefer e-mail to snail mail you can still help.

Between homework, classes, clubs and jobs we don't have a lot of time to spare. I encourage you to make helping St Jude, or any other charity a priority in your life. We are all privileged to be here at this stage of our lives.

Think about dying before you ever had your first kiss, learned how to drive or graduated from high school. Being a survivor of childhood illness, I have many friends that did. I am not trying to be morbid and I am not looking for pity, I just want you to know that your spare time may be all the time they have.

I would like to thank all of the students that have come out to support Up 'til Dawn over the past two semesters, from those who have come to write letters, to the bands from the Battle of the Bands and those who have volunteered for our Date Auction later

## Are you ready?

### Alpha Xi Delta member

It's Crush-time! Crush, our annual spring formal will be held two dates! So get ready, it's going to be a blast! Need more info? Check out our banner in the UC.

So let's re-cap this week. Chapter was Monday. We've got lots of events planned for the semester. Abbe and Jen Shaw (two of our alumni) left us this week. Alpha Xi Delta and Maria Bonitas will miss them. Tiffany found her "role model."

Jodie got a job at Boeing; so break out your suit and flip flops, and make us proud! Our intramural softball team is awesome! We've got some cool shirts on the way, thanks to Amanda. Delta Chi, Mardi Gras was great! Amanda Gregory is the Pike's sweetheart. Congratulations!

Are you interested in joining

Alpha Xi Delta? Have you ever

thought about it? Do you like ice cream? Alpha Xi Delta will

be having an INTEREST GROUP

MEETING on TUE, FEB 17 on

**Chess Club** 

Learn Play Challenge

Wednesday at 7:15 P.M.

**IC 204** 

Matches assigned according to skill and wins, custom to your

schedule. Learn how to play; practice methods and statagem;

attend tournaments and retreats.

For more information contact Heidi Schlieper at

schli692@erau.edu or X- 7453

the FLIGHT DECK at 7 p.m. Come for information, to meet the sisters and have some ice cream,

We can't wait to see YOU there! on Feb. 21 (Saturday.) Why is crush awesome? We can bring the UC on Feb. 28 to play Bingo. EVERYONE is invited. This is a philanthropy event, so admission will be \$8 per person. PRIZES will be awarded to winner, and they're going to be great prizes

> All money collected will be donated to the Children's Advocacy Center of Daytona Beach. The CAC is a non-profit organization that provides services to children of abuse and their families. They need YOUR help! So come have fun and play BINGO on their

> Our annual XI MAN competition will be held in April. Xi Man is also a philanthropy, which guys compete to become our next Xi Man (basically our sweetheart). Look for more information in the

> next few weeks. Attention sisters: THE BUG is coming to town on March 5! Are you ready?

Who: Riddle Riders

H a v e

only e-mail addresses?

Embry-

Riddle has

What: *Bike/car/truck wash* 

When: *Feb.* 29

Where: Walmart on Beville Rd.

Contact a Riddle Rider for more information

The newly formed German Student Association (GSA) would like you to join us if you're somewhat interested in German culture and language or if you just like to meet an average German. GSA also

ety and culture, including the different aspects Germany has to offer. Even if you're only remotely interested, please stop by anyway. See

Our first two meetings will be held on Thurs, Feb. 12 and Feb. 19 at 5 p.m. in COA room 137. We welcome everybody to share his or her ideas and proposals with us.

## **New GSA** Letter from the editor

Natalie Irrlitz

**GSA** member

The German Student Association is one of the newest clubs on campus and is looking for new members.

provides a great opportunity for students who would like to study abroad to learn the language and build connections. We would also like to expand the cultural exchange between our countries. We offer a fun environment and insights to our soci-

what we're all about, and enjoy a little bit of German "Gemuetlichkeit."

Every week *The Avion* provides a page of the student newspaper exclusively for ERAU clubs and organizations.

The student organizations page is set aside to inform the student body of the upcoming events and news for each club. In some instances

this page could be a form

of free publicity, for others a weekly news update. As a whole, the students of ERAU deserve to know which clubs and events are available to them. In this, each student organization should be writing or sending in information pertaining to their clubs, so others may have

in the clubs on campus. There are many clubs that nobody knows of their existance or activities. These unknown clubs and the active clubs should have equal opportunity when it comes to the newspaper, but we need stories and articles to

the opportunity to partake

make equality possible. I am asking the president or an active member of every club submit articles to The Avion. If

nothing else, these articles should tell a little about each club and what it does every semester. I know every club on campus could use new members or advertising



Ashley Moore Student Orgs. **Editor** 

other students. W e t h e Avion would like a chance to dote upon our clubs and organizations. So when your club sends in an advertisment

about a fundraiser,

If you want to

increase your club

participation on cam-

pus this is the best

way of getting your

information out to

we want to know how it turned out. Send us a follow up, so we can let the rest of Embry-Riddle know the results of your club. There are hundreds of clubs on

campus and many of them have never been heard of. Take this opportunity to be seen and heard. All articles can be submitted to:

avion new spaper@hotmail.com

### Athletes

- Shelanu Jewish Club
- Muslim Student Association

### **Sports**

Golf Club

Aiki O'Kami Society

• Ice Hockey Club

- Baseball
- Crew Club • Diving Eagles Scuba Club
- Inline Hockey Club • Iron Eagles Rugby Club • Jiu Jitsu Club
- Karting Club Kickboxing Club
- Lacrosse Club • Rock Climbing Club
- Skydiving Club • Stormriders Surf Club
- Swim Club • Tae Kwon Do Club
- Triathlon Club
- Water Sports Club Wrestling Club

Fraternity/Sorority

- Alpha Eta Rho Alpha Phi Alpha
- Alpha Phi Delta Alpha Xi Delta
- Delta Chi • Delta Sigma Theta

### Kappa Alpha Psi

- Lambda Chi Alpha • Omega Psi Phi
- Phi Delta Theta
- Sigma Alpha Epsilon • Sigma Chi
- Sigma Pi • Theta Phi Alpha
- Panhellenic Association **Interfraternity Council**

VISIT STUDENT **ACTIVITIES** FOR UPDATES ON CAMPUS **ORGANIZATIONS** 



## Baseball defeats 2 **Division II**

Eagles beat sixth ranked North Florida then drop Florida Tech

Chris Cole

**Advertising Manager** 

The Eagles' victory over the sixth-ranked NCAA Division II powerhouse North Florida Osprey's could be described as nothing but a classic pitcher's duel. With the victory, the Eagles moved to 8-0.
Uriah Kimmig, J.C. Blass, Patrick Ryan

and Jordan Suvak all pitched to give the team another shutout. "Both teams pitched a great game, and in the end what it came down to was who would make a mistake first. Fortunately for us, they did...", said Coach Greg Guilliams.

> ...what it came down to was who would make a mistake first...

- Coach Greg Guilliams

Kimmig allowed only four hits in almost eight innings, but the Ospreys still posed a scoring threat in the top of the eighth. Ross Clifford prevented any chance at a score when he made the final two outs of the

Going into extra innings with no score, the Eagles were finally able to make things happen. Back-to-back sinlges put a man on first and second. Andrew Huff put down a sacrifice bunt, but in an errant throw to first allowed the Eagles to score the only run of the game.

Jordan Suvak earned the win pitching a scoreless tenth for his second victory of

In the second game of the week against a NCAA Division II opponent, the Eagles notched another win over Florida Tech 5-

Embry-Riddle took the early lead in the first, but the Florida Tech Panthers struck back in the third with a run of their own.

The Eagles retaliated quickly in the bottom of the third, putting three more runs on the board. Richard Cormier was hit by a pitch, and scored on a triple by Kevin Haney. Scoring the third run was Haney, who crossed the plate on Bart Huntons single. Finally, Ross Clifford completed the innings offensive burst with a single to bring in Ramon Kemp, bringing the score

The Panthers retaliated in the seventh and eighth to tie the game at 4.

The final run of the game was scored in dramatic fashion. An error allowed Clifford to take first, and advance to second on a sacrifice bunt by Mickey Kropf. Cheyne Hurst brought him in with an RBI single

The win brought the Eagles to 9-0 and looking to improve their record over the weekend in the Brewton-Parker Baseball Tournament in Mt. Vernon, Georgia.

### **Eagles Scoreboard**

Basketball **Opponent Score** Feb 11 Florida Memorial W 95-58 Feb 14 Flagler College L 81-86

Feb 6 NCAA Div. I \* L 2-5 Stetson University Feb 10 St. Thomas W 9-0

<u>Tennis</u>

Designates Women's Event

**Baseball** 

**Date Score Opponent** Feb 10 NCAA Div. II # 6 W 1-0 North Florida Feb 11 NCAA Div. II W 5-4 Florida Tech W 6-0

Feb 13 Shorter College

Feb 13 Brewton-Parker

**Upcoming Home Games** 

**Basketball** 

Feb 21 Webber International @ 7pm **Baseball** 

Feb 19 Cumberland 4pm Feb 20 Cumberland 4pm <u>Golf</u>

Feb 21-22 Bethune Cookman Invitational

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With win, Flagler

gets season series

for first time ever

Jake Pickett **Guest Reporter** 

Flagler defeated Embry-Riddle men's

Going in to Saturday night's contest with a

2-3 conference record the Eagles desperately

needing a win to secure seeding for the con-

For thirty-eight minutes of the game, the Eagles were convinced they had accom-

Connecting on four three-point field goals

in a row down the stretch, Flagler gained the

lead for the first time in the game and secured their spot atop the Florida Sun Conference. After an early 11-20 deficit, the Eagles used

pressure defense, and forced their way back

into the lead taking a one-point advantage into the locker room at half time. The Eagles

held their ground throughout the second half, keeping a five to ten point lead for much of the half.

Flagler connected on just 39.4 percent of its shots in the first half, but had a tremen-

dous second half hitting 61.5 percent from

the floor and an amazing 71.4 percent from

three-point land including the four consecutive long-range buckets by John Randolph

Luis Chavez stripped Randolph at mid-court with eight minutes to play to take

what seemed like a commanding eight point

lead. Crowd support played a big factor in

Flagler's comeback. Randolph and Crumpler

made two three-point buckets a piece during

the next three minutes to take a lead they did

With thirty-six seconds remaining and

the Eagles only down two points, Darrell

Freeman gave the Saints a five-point lead and

respectively. The Eagles also received great

minutes from Fabrice Kunakey, who recorded his first double-double with 13 points and

Carlton Summers with 26 points.

The Saints used a balanced scoring attack, with five players in double figures, led by

The Eagles return to action Wednesday,

the win making a bucket and a free throw. The Eagles were lead by Luis Chavez and Denny Joseph scoring 23 and 21 points,

basketball team 86-81 Saturday night in the

Flagler Gymnasium.

ference tournament.

plished their mission.

and Chris Crumpler.

not have most of the game.

11 rebounds.

## Embry-Riddle basketball 1-1 in week

W 7-0

## Embry-Riddle impressive in win over Florida **Memorial Lions**

Adam Greiber

#### **Guest Reporter**

The Embry-Riddle Eagles defeated the Florida Memorial Lions in dominant fashion this past Wednesday at the ICI Center, destroying the Lions with an impressive 95-58 win.

Each team entered Wednesdays match with comparable conference statistics. The Lions were 4-19, 1-4 in the Florida Sun Conference (FSC) and the Eagles 15-10, 1-3 in the FSC. The last time the Eagles faced the Lions the Eagles lost 66-72.

The Lions scored the first points of the game and continued inching ahead of the Eagles. Eight minutes into the first half, the Eagles surged, and a lay up by Luis Chavez put the Eagles ahead by one. With the end of the first half in sight, the Lions charged the Eagle's basket, but fouls and turnovers allowed the Eagles to increase their lead. With a minute remaining Eagles' Jon Gill knocked down a three, and in the final second of the first, a fast break by Ben Witherspoon added two more. Entering halftime, the Eagles led the Lions 41-27.

Halftime brought a rare chance for twenty lucky students. Richard Theokas and the Flight Department gave away two hours of free flight time, an estimated value of \$300. The students competed for the prize in a basketball shoot out event, in which Rodrigo Blanes, a senior in Aeronautical Science, out shot his competitors for the win.

The Lions made a run early in the second half, bringing the Eagles lead down to nine points. Eagles' Denny Joseph led the team, with 14 second-half-points, 31 for the night. Defense and constant pressure on the ball, according to Coach Steve Ridder, helped the

Late in the second half, Scott Bradley hit two three pointers and a lay up, adding eight to the board. With under a minute remaining in the game, the Pep Band led the 'go home' cheers, sending the Lions home with

Embry-Riddle Athletics would like to encourage all students to come out and support the Eagles in their last home game of the year on Saturday, Feb. 21 at 7:00 p.m. in the ICI Center.

**Sports Facts** 

Rodriguez, the Yankees will eclipse

The Yankees will pay a luxury

that's more than several other team

tax close to \$70 million this year,

Michael Waltrip, last year's winner of the Daytona 500, only

Dale Earnhardt Jr. won the

Dale Earnhardt Sr. waited until

his 20th try to win the Daytona 500,

Dale Earnhardt Jr. won his

his father's only Daytona 500 win.

Daytona 500 six years to the day of

2004 Daytona 500 on his fifth try.

finished 70 laps of the 2004

his only win at Daytona.

The Yankees salary will be \$60 million more than any other Major

With the trade for Alex

\$190 million in player salary.

League team.

entire salary.

Daytona 500.



**DENNY JOSEPH SCORED A** career high 31 points in the victory over the Florida Memorial Lions, 95-58. The Embry-Riddle flight department provided two hours of flight time to Rodrigo Blanes who won a halftime basketball shootout.

## Feb. 18 as they travel to Warner Southern College to take on another fierce rival. Baseball at 11-0; no signs of slowing down

### Copy Editor

Off to their best start since 1998, when they went 25-0 to start the season, the Eagles moved to 11-0 with two victories over Shorter College and Brewton-Parker this weekend at

the Brewton-Parker Baseball Tournament. Bryan Banks led the Eagles to their first win of the tournament on Friday, Feb. 13. In the 7-0 win over the Shorter College Hawks, Banks pitched seven shutout innings, striking out eight while only giving up four hits.

During the second inning, Eagles' junior Sean Greear was hit by a pitch and later moved to third on a single by junior Mickey Kropf. Greear later scored the first run of the inning on an RBI single by Richard Cormier. A crucial error allowed the remaining three

The Eagles tacked on two more runs finishing with a 6-0 victory. The win brought the Eagles season win total into double digits, with the loss the Hawks moved to 2-4.

Embry-Riddle took to the diamond again at 7 p.m. against Brewton-Parker in what would be their second shutout of the day and their third win over the Barons this season.

Junior Chris Langlois struck out a seasonhigh 12 batters in his second one-hit game of the season, improving his record to 3-0.

The Eagles took an early lead, with a rur by Kevin Haney in the first and never looked back. Haney was hit by a pitch, and later scored on an RBI-single down the center by

sophomore Bart Hunton. By the end of the third inning, the Eagles had increased their lead to 3-0 after senior Mike Liberatore scored on a triple to center

field by freshman Cheyne Hurst. The Eagles added three more runs in the fifth and another in the seventh before finally

ending the game with a 7-0 victory. The final game of the tournament for the Eagles should have been against the Savannah College of Art & Design, but bac

weather canceled the game; it will not be rescheduled. The next home game will be Thursday, Feb. 19 against Cumberland.

## Who's Next?



MEN'S TENNIS BROUGHT THEIR record to 1-2 with a win last Tuesday against St. Thomas in Miami. Their first loss came against NCAA Division I Florida Memorial, the second loss was at the hands of fourth ranked NCAA Division II powerhouse North Florida. The Eagles Men's team is currently ranked ninth, the women are ranked fifth.



EAGLES THIRD BASEMAN ROSS Clifford makes the throw to first during Tuesday's matchup with the fourth ranked North Florida Ospreys. Embry-Riddle eked out the win in extra innings, 1-0. Jordan Suvak earned the win.

## **AERONAUTICA**

## ATA introduces new class FAA creates friendly ATO

Michael McGraw

#### Staff Reporter

ATA Airlines has announced ts intent to start a business class product, which should be available system wide by the fourth quarter

The currently economy class, low fare carrier has cited a recovering economy as well as an increase of business travelers using low fare

In an ATA press release, CEO

the most popular busi-

markets ... "
ATA has been concustomer research and product

ness as well as leisure

analysis surveys to shape the business class product. Elements to be operation for 31 years, and is the included are two-by-two leather seating, additional legroom, priority

initial emphasis was on the leisure one way fare of \$399 anywhere market, our recent growth has been in the domestic U.S. Business focused on building a coast-to-coast class passengers will also network serving a combination of receive complimentary on board entertainment and bev-

> ATA currently operates a fleet consisting of the B737-800, B757-200 and the

B757-300. The airline has been in tenth largest U.S. airline, in terms of passenger numbers.

Adam Greiber **Staff Reporter** 

The FAA officially created the Air Traffic Organization (ATO) in order to become more customer focused and friendly. The decision was made on Feb. 8. This reorganization will leave the FAA with control over regulations while the ATO will be responsible for air traffic services, research and acquisition. Russell G. Chew, a six-month employee of the

FAA, is in charge of the new ATO.

In the past, the FAA and other governmental agencies have tried to improve air traffic services to the public by adopting business like policies and practices. The main focus was to provide smarter, safer, more consumer oriented air traffic services. Chew believes the formation of the ATO is another step toward achieving that goal.

The ATO is modeled after Nav Canada, which operates the civil air navigation service for Canada. Chew, in a meeting with Nav Canada executives, observed how they were able to change the Canada's air service from government operation to a consumer based service organization.

In order to accomplish this goal, Chew plans to eliminate some of

the middlemen that lie between a controller in the field and the chief operating officer (COO). He believes that to increase staff efficiency you must remove layers of management. Chew assures, "With goal-setting and deliberate redirection of the fundamental way the agency runs, we can make people aware of how to manage better.'

After becoming a customer and service based organization, the ATO hopes to put more emphasis into ontime performance and its cost to the consumer, as well as focusing more on what the consumer wants. Despite the drastic changes that lie in the future for the ATO, the FAA maintains that safety is still their top goal and that modernizing the world's largest air traffic control system is a daunting yet achievable task.

## TSA and Boeing extend contract

Christopher Noth

#### Staff Reporter

In a continuing effort to strengthen and improve airport security effectiveness and efficiency, the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) and Department of Homeland Security awarded a \$198 million contract extension to Boeing. The extension applies to the original \$1.37 billion contract, granted in 2002, to install and maintain explosive device detection equipment at more than 400 commercial airports in the U.S. About the contract, Boeing Homeland Security and Services Vice President and General Manager, Ron Prosser, said "We are committed to supporting the safety, security and integrity of the U.S. airline industry and the traveling public."

This is not the first extension to the 2002 contract. The current extension comes under the existing terms of a contract signed in late 2003. The entire contract and its extensions fall under congressional legislation enacted after the terrorist attacks of 9/11 which mandated explosive device detection systems for all airports be installed no later than

Along with installing more than 6,000 systems in 429 airports, Boeing Airport Security Programs trained more than 25,000 baggage screeners for the TSA. Boeing Airport Security Programs Director, Tony Swansson, notes "Many thought the job was impossible, but we accomplished the goal by building a world-class team and working hand-in-hand with TSA and the aviation industry. We will continue the same focus and commitment in the next phase of the project, because we have a vested interest in a secure and efficient avia-

Boeing's security initiatives fall into Boeing's Integrated Defense Systems, a \$27 billion business. A leading provider of systems solutions for global intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance agencies, the company is also NASA's largest contractor and the world's largest satellite manufacturer. The group is also the world's largest military aircraft manufacturer and recently received a \$61.8 million contract from the U.S. Navy.



Air Force One spotting

EMBRY-RIDDLE STUDENTS GATHER at Columbia Lot to witness the arrival of Air Force One. The president was here to participate in the pre-race events and to watch the Daytona 500 race.



### 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**.

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## SPACE TECHNOLOGY

## Shuttle flights delayed



### **Space Technology Editor**

NASA Administrator Sean O'Keefe testified before the House Science Committee that a space shuttle launch would not be possible during the predicted period of September-October.

The reason for the delay is the slower then expected progress clearing of the fuel tank. The shuttle's underside protection development is also the cause for

As a reminder, last year, a piece of paint broke off the orange fuel tank and caused a piece of protective foam to break off the Columbia, causing the breakup of the orbiter.. NASA has been working on a better shield for the shuttle, so that the foam wouldn't break off so easily.

## Mars rovers explore

Alex Sidorov

#### **Space Technology Editor**

Opportunity and Spirit continue to explore Mars. The two rovers continue to excite NASA with their discoveries as well as their performance.

Spirit has already outrun the rate of 1997's Sojourner rover, traveling about 190 feet in three days, which is the farthest any human-made object has ever traveled on Mars. The rover followed a planned route, automatically executing a turn and running further before stopping. The rover also sent some pictures en route to its destination – a crater named Bonneville, which is 800 feet away from the landing site.

On its way toward Bonneville, Spirit found a rock, which JPL named "Mimi." Jim Erickson, the mission manager, spoke for scientists, who are wondering why the rock is flaky. The flakiness may indicate that there was a degree of layering in the past.

Scientists estimate that it will take 17 more days for Spirit to reach its location.

Unlike its twin rover, Opportunity is studying "Hematite Slope" and will burrow into the soil and take soil samples as this issue goes in production. The rover has traveled 43 feet from its landing site in Meridiani Planum.

Aside from their geological activities, the two rovers also used their mini-thermal emission spectrometer to observe the temperature changes in the Martian atmosphere along with a Mars orbiter, which took readings

Both rovers are equipped with an autopilot feature, which JPL will allow them to use in the future. As of now, Spirit has tested its autopilot feature en route to Bonneville. Opportunity has not yet used it, since it does not have to drive that far yet.

## Indian satellite helps India

Alex Sidorov

#### **Space Technology Editor**

Indian space agency announced he start of a satellite project that will bring down the illiteracy rate among 350 million Indians. The project will use satellites to train teachers over long distances.

The project will be based in southern Karnatka state and will cost about 900 million rupees (\$19.5 million). The project will

be begun with the satellite INSAT-3A, which is currently in orbit. Once EDUSAT is launched, the project will shift to that satellite, while INSAT-3A will continue its normal communications opera-

Last year, according to the Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO), 87 percent of the students dropped out of school before reaching the 12th grade. This is mainly because of the shortage of teachers - 50 percent of the teachers are educated only up to a secondary level, or up to the 10th grade.

Another satellite, Healthsat will facilitate communications between hospitals and health clinics that are located in Indian cities and villages. With the help of the satellite system, doctors will be able to remotely examine a patient, by using X-ray machines, which are available in most Indian villages.

## Korean clone breakthrough

Alex Sidorov

#### **Space Technology Editor**

South Korean scientists successfully cloned stem cells from embryonic cells. The experiment was not or purposes of reproductive cloning, but for therapeutic - to make tissues and organs to replace damaged ones.

The announcement was met with much criticism and added to the debate that has been going for years. Supporters of cloning argue the same point that the South Korean researchers are arguing - the ability of doctors to replace damaged organs by growing perfectly matched organ or tissue. The opponents argue that cloning is murder because it involves murder of human embryos, which are considered alive by the opponents from the day of conception.

"We call for a ban on reproductive

We call for a ban on reproductive

cloning

- SHIN YONG MOON

cloning," Shin Yong Moon of Seoul National University in a news conference. However, he and his colleagues support therapeutic cloning

President Bush's administration called for a ban of all kinds of cloning in Congress and the United Nations, but was unsuccessful.

The researchers followed a general cloning procedure that includes taking an egg cell, taking out the nucleus and replacing it with a new one, taken from a cumulus cell, taken from a woman's ovaries. The next step is to use a chemical trigger to start the cell's reproduction.

Out of more than 200 egg cells, only 30 blastocysts (a sphere of cells containing 200 cells that can be used as a base for stem cells) were formed.

Although stem cells are found in adults, they are harder to work with.

## **Space Valentine**



A SPACE FLOWER IMAGE was made by the space telescope Spitzer. The nebula, catalogued NGC 7129, is 3,300 light years away from Earth, in the constellation Cepheus and spans 10 light



Photography



## DATA TECHNOLOGY



# Sneak Peeks

A quick look at future moments in technology

Timothy Hatcher

Staff reporter

The open source community has

managed to port its creation Linux

The GameCube is the latest con-

sole to try the Open Source Project,

which has already been able to turn

the Xbox and the PS2 into comput-

ers. Although still in its infancy, the

GameCube project is currently able to

draw Tux the Penguin on the screen of

the TV, eventually the hope is to turn

the entire system into a low powered

computer like the kit that is available

Although this may seem like a

strange idea to Americans, the idea

was more intended for the European

community. In Europe, computers are

still very expensive to own because

the components cost so much. An

game, is due for shipping in the fall

for the PS2 at \$199.

onto Nintendo's GameCube.

Xbox, which was the first to be

cracked, contains a 700mhz proces-

sor, a 20 gigabyte hard drive and a

video card comparable to a Gforce

4. This makes for a 200 dollar com-

puter which is a very cheap alterna-

tive to getting a PC, especially since

Microsoft will sell you the keyboard

GameCube is to have it act as a server

for other games in a network and also

have it act as a computer if need be.

cially commented on what its stance

is on the project, it will undoubt-

edly not matter much to those that

want to port the operating system.

Eventually the system will move

along enough to have a GUI and a

hard drive of decent capacity to store everything. The program is available

Although Nintendo has not offi-

One point of porting Linux to the

for its applications.

at www.gc-linux.com.

### Arcade Ol'Skool Game of the Week: **Daytona USA**

Darrin O'Brady

#### **Data Technology Editor**

In honor of the Daytona 500, the game of the week is the arcade-racer, Daytona USA.

This awesome SEGA arcade game premiered back in 1994 and straps you into the driver seat as you race to the finish against 34 other drivers. Daytona USA features state of the art graphics (at the time), three tracks varying



in difficulty, manual or automatic shifting and was one of the first arcade racing games to feature link play, where 2-8 people can link up and race each other on the same track.

I know I'm not alone when I say this game was certainly addicting, and anytime I found a chance to play, I was ready to

## Nintendo's Dual Screen Linux on GCube

Timothy Hatcher

#### Staff reporter

The next generation of handheld video game consoles will be hitting the market later this year in the form of the Nintendo Dual-Screen.

The new handheld will feature two three-inch LCD screens, each controlled by a separate processor, and a gigabit of memory.

The concept of the Nintendo DS is having a screen to look at your individual player in addition to the rest of the field on the other display, for games such as soccer. Supposedly you will be able to link the two screens together and play on a sixinch screen as well. This, however, will be left up to the game developers on what to do with that technology.

In addition to these features, a few rumors are floating around about other features such as a built in camera and wireless game play. The wireless game play would be a huge advantage to DS multiplayer because it would eliminate the need to carry around the adapter with you, and there exists the possibility to play more than the

Other rumors suggest the screens will be layered on top of each other to produce a 3D effect. Nintendo publicly explained the screens would not be stacked on top of each other but one placed above the other for two separate monitors not one three-inch one.

### current four players at a time.

Although there are a number of unsubstantiated rumors floating about, everyone will have to wait for E3 in May to find out exactly what all the features of the Nintendo DS are.

## KaZaA facing legal troubles

Christopher Noth

#### **Staff Reporter**

KaZaA, an international peer-topeer internet service and subsidiary of Sharman Networks, was subject to raids by five music labels. The raids on three Australian universities and internet service providers were court sanctioned. Music Industry Piracy Investigations (MIPI), owned by several recording labels, inleuding BMG and Sony, led the raids.

Sharman's lawyers have asked Australian Federal Courts to delay

similar cases regarding copyright infringement have been concluded in America. KaZaA was ruled a legal operation by the Dutch Supreme Court last year. Lawyers for Sharman are optimistic about the outcome in the American case, since recording labels lost in first rounds of the case, currently under appeal in U.S. federal court. Sharman Networks' counselor David Casselman notes the raids in Australia come late in the American case, saying, "Now that they're losing in the United States, they seek to come here and fight the same battle on Australian soil.'

Even though it was founded in the Netherlands, KaZaA has faced greatest scrutiny in America where several copyright lawsuits face Kazaa and Sharman Networks.

Computer experts view KaZaA as a completely different system from Napster, the first and leading file sharing program. Napster, banned in 2002 by U.S. courts, centered its activities on a server, whereas KaZaa facilitates a connection between



HALO 2, THE SUCCESSOR to the immensely popular Xbox

## Halo 2 rescheduled for Fall

**Timothy Hatcher** 

### **Staff Reporter**

In the world of games, Halo 2: In Reach of Fall, has been delayed again. Bungie, who is now a subsidiary of Microsoft, announced Halo 2 would be shipped in the fall for Xbox pending a few modifications to the game, including Xbox Live modifications, graphic update, and weapon upgrades.

Bungie's site is full of screenshots and information about the release of the game, such as the high resolution photo of multiplayer, where you can actually see the brass from the machine gun spinning as it is ejected, as well as the reflections off the glass of The Master Chiefs HUD. One thing

to remember is these images are rendered for computer. The actual game may look a little different.

Everyone will just have to bide their time and wait for the release this fall. The game will be unveiled at E3 this May in Los Angeles. For more updates visit Bungie's site at www.bungie.net to see new weapons, vehicles and the future of combat.

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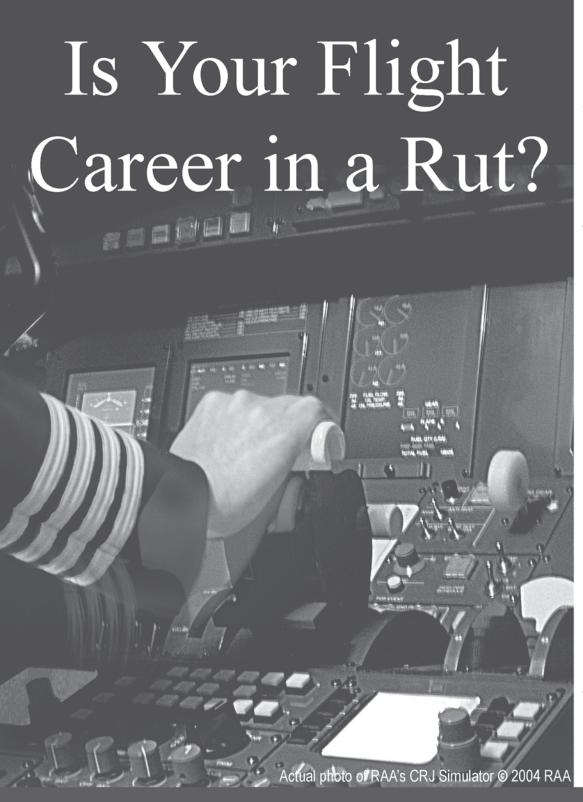


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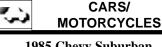
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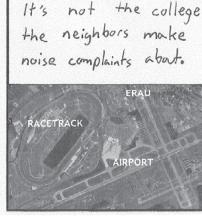
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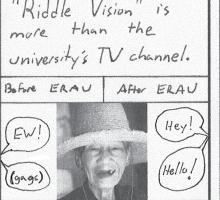
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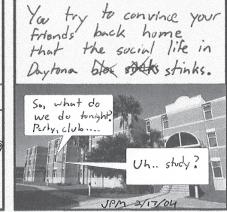
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Part two of a series that may or may not continue, depending on how bored I am.



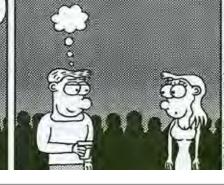


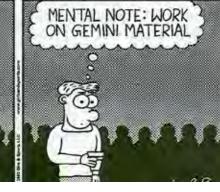






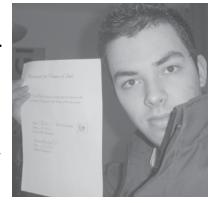






### On eBay last week...

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# STRANGE BUT TRUE...

Actual courtroom testimony

Q:What was the first thing your husband said to you when he woke that morning? A: He said, "Where am I, Cathy?" Q: And why did that

upset you? A: My name is Susan.

Q: How was your first marriage terminated? A: By death. Q: And by whose death was it terminated?

Q: Doctor, how many autopsies have you performed on dead people? A: All my autopsies are performed on dead people.

Q: Do you recall the time that you examined the body? A: The autopsy started around 8:30 p.m. Q: And Mr. Dennington was dead at the time? A: No, he was sitting on the table wondering why I was doing an autopsy.

Q: So the date of conception (of the baby) was August eighth? A: Yes. Q: And what were you doing at that time?



by Wes Oleszewski

