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Former student jailed for child porn possession

Jonathan Mettin
Managing Editor

Mohamed Ali Al Madfai, an 18-year-old former Embry-Riddle student, has been sentenced to five years in federal prison after customs officials found several videos of child pornography on his computer, according to his friends.

Al Madfai, who was indicted April 5, had a package shipped to him from his native country, the United Arab Emirates.

When it did not clear customs at Orlando International Airport quickly, Al Madfai told the officials he would "make it worthwhile" for them to release his package. Assistant U.S. Attorney Vincent Citro said.

Al Madfai's actions made customs suspicious, and they conducted a search of the package's contents. His laptop computer was found in the package, and when federal officials logged on to the computer they found several videos of child pornography, one of which showed a five-year-old girl being sexually abused by an adult male.

U.S. Magistrate David Baker released Al Madfai on a \$250,000 signature bond in April pending his trial, denying Citro's request to hold Al Madfai without bail because the case was on the "benign end" of child pornography cases.

Al Madfai admitted to using a file-sharing program to download music, pictures and other content, and said he planned on pleading guilty because if the case went to trial he "will lose."

As for the incident with customs, Al Madfai said in court, "I didn't realize what I

was saying. I was scared. I was in shock."

Al Madfai had listed in his online profile that his favorite quote was "evil rises when darkness falls." He also claimed to be an aerospace engineering major and a flight student.

According to Dean of Students Sonja Taylor, Al Madfai was an English language student, which is a "non-degree seeking program." He was registered for the Spring 2006 term, his first at Embry-Riddle, but is no longer an enrolled student at Embry-Riddle. Taylor was unable

to comment further.

Immigration and Naturalization Services placed a hold on Al Madfai because they believe he violated the terms of his student visa and may be deported.

The Avion attempted to contact Al Madfai via e-mail, but his erau.edu account had been terminated. The State Attorney's office would not release their records of Al Madfai's case, citing sensitive material in the case, and the federal courthouse in Orlando said no records of the case were available at the time.

Sept. 11 anniversary marked with reverence



ZACH MAHONE/AVION

A JOINT MILITARY COLOR GUARD raises the American Flag on Sept. 11, 2006. Over 450 ROTC cadets, their officers and ERAU staff members observed the five-year anniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks with a moment of silence. ERAU alumnus David Charlebois was the first officer of American Airlines Flight 77, which was crashed into the Pentagon.

Big changes within Flight Safety Dept.

Spencer Conklin
Staff Reporter

"I just took the ball and ran with it," David Zweggers said. Zweggers has been promoted to the Director of Flight Safety following the resignation of Grant Brophy. Brophy resigned over disagreements with the administrative changes being made to the flight safety department. The fall semester had kicked off with 123 instructors at Embry-Riddle launching aircraft before the sun rises and until the sun sets. With Daytona Beach International being the third busiest airport in Florida and the 28th busiest in the United States, flight safety is paramount.

Zweggers' background includes graduat-

ing from Embry-Riddle in 1998, becoming an instructor pilot, assistant team manager, standards pilot, team manager, designer of the Air Force flight training here at Riddle, and back to a team manager. "Safety goes in everything I've done," Zweggers said. His knowledge of Embry-Riddle and the flight department was paramount in easing the transition from job to job. "It made it easy," Zweggers said. "Everyone has been very supportive."

Change has been occurring rapidly in the flight department. 60 new instructors were hired this semester to fill the vacancies caused by departing instructors. This gives Embry-Riddle 85 full time and 38 part time instructors with an additional 18 instructors

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New Women's Center formed at students' request

Eddie Drapkin
Aeronautics Editor

On Thursday, Aug. 21, the Women's Center here at Embry-Riddle held its grand opening. On Thursday, Sept. 15, two weeks after the Center was opened, The Avion sat down and talked to Dr. Nancy Parker, the chair of the new Diversity Advancement committee, and Ms. Paula Reed, the director of the new Women's Center.

Dr. Parker told The Avion that one of the first things that she had done after being appointed Director of Minority Advancement was to give the Student Experiences Survey, to determine what action was necessary to create a more diverse, more welcoming environment here at Embry-Riddle. "Not surprisingly," she said, "some of the issues were relating to the women on campus." She went on to add that we were, considering our numbers, well within the norm for such things, but "that doesn't mean that we were satisfied with the fact that people were getting harassed ... and we wanted to do something about it." With the results of the survey, the committee set about establishing Focus Groups for all the different demographics in the student population. They determined from both levels of surveys that the most pertinent way to increase diversity in the student population was to establish a Women's Center, an idea that they had been discussing for almost three years.

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Professors unveil new novels

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Last Thursday, two professors gave a classroom full of students, faculty and friends a sneak preview of their upcoming novels as part of the Arts and Letters series for 2006-07.

Dr. Linda Straubel spoke first, reading an excerpt of her novel-in-progress, tentatively titled "Mystic Fruit." Her novel, she said, was originally supposed to be a story of a friendship in her past, but the more she tried to explain how it had gone, the more it seemed to require an elaboration of her friend's history.

The short story grew into a novel centered on a young woman, Karen, caught up in the peace rallies and riots in Chicago in the late 1960s. The chapter Straubel read had Karen alone among the masses near

Lincoln Park, hiding from policemen and wondering about what exactly needed to be done to get out of the barricades safely. She darts from alley to alley, dodges tear gas canisters, and comes face to face with riot police.

The second presentation was Dr. Chris Vuille reading the first chapter of his novel, "Einstein's Daughter," based on a fictional life of Albert Einstein's illegitimate daughter, Lieserl. His story follows many people in the style of Tom Clancy, shifting from an American spy being dropped into the skies around Wilhelmshaven to Vice Admiral in Hitler's Kriegsmarine and back again in the first chapter. The American's objective is to assess the Nazi ability to develop an atomic bomb, and, if necessary, to eliminate key personnel. Lieserl, in the story, was a brilliant physicist and assistant to Dr. Heisenberg, and the story revolves

around the spy tracking her as she moves from location to location and from historical event to event.

During a question and answer period after the readings, the doctors spoke of the other characters in their stories and the different techniques they each used to develop characters. Dr. Straubel said that most of her characters live in her head (assuring the crowd in the meantime that she wasn't insane), and that they all had their own personalities. Her writing, she said, was mostly these characters interacting, and she would mostly let them do their own thing for the most part.

Dr. Vuille had the challenge of incorporating usable characters into historical characters; he said he would read everything he could about their actions and words, and then try to anticipate how they would act if a situation were given to them. Consistency is always an issue, they

both said, and most of the time they were spending nowadays on their respective works was getting characters to behave consistently and correctly with themselves, their surroundings, and their stories.

Anyone who knows about Embry-Riddle knows there is talent in the ranks; what is not commonly known is that the talent can range away from technical sciences to include fiction writing and any number of other "hidden" gifts. Drs. Straubel and Vuille were kind enough to share theirs with the members of the Embry-Riddle community, and put emotion and energy into their readings to make everyone in the audience truly appreciate these works in progress. More polishing and reworking is in order before the books are published, but already these stories are intriguing enough to keep the audience engaged for a Thursday night reading.

"SAFETY" from Front

in standardization. Once the new IPs are standardized there will be a total of 141 instructors. With so many new instructors, many of them starting with no dual given time, the inexperience raises questions of safety.

"The concern is always there," Zwegggers says. It is standard for instructors to learn the most as they teach their students. Although this number of new hire instructors is large, it's not unheard of.

April Larsen is on a three person committee that helps the Director of Flight Safety inform students of safety concerns. In response to the risk of so many new inexperienced instructors, she said, "Of course I think it's an inherent risk that is introduced. But I also have a lot of faith in the way we were trained and the people who trained us." Frank Ayers adamantly stated that the flight department had not and would not lower their standards despite the need for more IPs.

With the concern in mind, Zwegggers has begun to introduce changes in flight safety. There are seven team safety leaders in the flight department, instructors who will now begin to sit in the back of new hire IPs and provide comments at the end of the flight. Within a month, all new IPs will have had a TSL at least once in their aircraft.

Safety reports filled out by instructors and students have increased rapidly since the beginning of the semester. Although this initially would seem like a red flag, both Zwegggers and Larsen contribute this to the push for the reports to be filled out. "We need to know what's going on out there," Zwegggers said. "There is no limit or restriction as to how a safety report can be filled out."

Students and instructors have never been more informed as to flight events on campus. Regular e-mails of verbatim safety reports have been e-mailed out to flight students as they come in. Students' suggestions are always welcome in the safety department and Zwegggers would like more involvement by students.

As for whether there have been more or less incidents in comparison with previous years, Larsen commented that "I don't know if there are more or less, but there are more being reported," and that she says is a good sign. Students have many options for submitting safety reports, including online, filling out a form, talking to Zwegggers, or any other method they can get the information through. The Flight Safety Department wants to know what is going on in the aircraft.

In the past, although students have been warned of drug testing it has never been followed through with it. Having noted that drug testing had not occurred in some time, the first random drug tests occurred only a few weeks ago before the Fall semester started. "We know that drug use is a reality," Zwegggers said. More random drug testing will occur with the flight students this semester.

Other projects have been started by the Flight Safety Department, including the creation of a Safety Corner in The Avion. This weekly article is written by the committee of students including Larsen. Zwegggers also hopes to create Section Safety Leaders, students from the primary aeronautical science ground classes such as AS 132, 133, 232, and 272. These students will keep informed on safety issues and report these issues back to their classes.

The hope with these changes is that with more awareness flight students and IPs will be able to avoid common situations that occur in the flight training environment. By having the knowledge it is hoped that they will avoid the same mistakes that have already been made by other pilots.

Recruiting at the Activities Fair



A STUDENT MANS THE Eagles Sport Aviation club booth at the activities fair. Held on Sept. 12, the activities fair provided an opportunity for new and returning students alike to talk to club representatives and find out what organizations are available.

New Women's Center opens

"WOMEN," from Front

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THE WOMEN'S CENTER OPENED this year, and is intended to help women on campus make the transition from a one-to-one male-to-female ratio to the less even ratio at Embry-Riddle.

have a larger voice in campus and "when you help one group, you help everyone." Ms. Reed, as the director of the Center, told me that her plans for helping the students include offering space and/or funding for women-oriented groups, offering advice to the female students and increasing "recruitment and retention" of the female students. They said that their plans for doing this were to increase awareness both locally and through recruitment seminars of the roles that women play in the worlds of engineering and aeronautics and by showing to prospective students that women are playing an active role in our student body and are not just a voiceless minority. Dr. Parker also went on to explain that one of the aspects of the Women's Center was to help the female students cope with such a radical change in ratio, from high school where the male to female ratio is roughly 1-to-1, to here at Embry-Riddle, where the men vastly outnumber the women.

Another thing that Dr. Parker made special note to mention was that the Women's Center also strives

to prevent any sort of sexual crime on campus. "There's a lot that's been covered up," she said, referencing to the fact that there are no published incidents of sex-related crimes in the Clery Act publication, "but I've had girls that have talked about things that have happened to them..." She wants there to be a place where any girl, were something that tragic and unfortunate to happen to them, would have a place to go to direct them to the support and any help that they needed.

The Women's Center does not appear to have any one, set purpose to which they adhere. Ms. Reed's idea seems to be to have a place where women can go for support and a place that offers not only the women, but the whole student body all the help that it can.

Anyone who wants to speak with Ms. Reed can stop by her office next to the women's center in Canaveral Hall, or email her at Paula.Reed@erau.edu. The Women's Center is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Volleyball extends win streak, improves to 6-6

Jonathan Mettin
Managing Editor

Eagles volleyball made it to the .500 mark for the first time this year with three victories last week, coming from behind to beat NCAA Division II Florida Tech before sweeping conference rivals Florida Memorial and St. Thomas, extending their winning streak to five matches.

Middle blocker Jenn Meglic led the offense with 33 kills and a hitting percentage of .388 over the three matches, with two .500-plus matches. Setter Marissa Gonzalez totaled 92 assists for the week, with libero Rachel Ridder holding down the back court with 43 digs total.

"Our goal for the week was to go 3-0," said head coach Joslynn Gallop. "We accomplished that."

"It was awesome," middle blocker April Ebanks said. "We completed our goal."

The action started on Wednesday when the Panthers of Florida Tech came to the ICI Center looking to sweep the Eagles for the second year in a row. Unlike 2005, however, it turned into a battle of the defenses, with the two teams combining for 148 digs. The teams split the first two games before the Panthers held ERAU to .091 in the third game, hitting .212 themselves to take game three. The Eagles answered in kind, hitting .269 in game four while Florida Tech couldn't even get into positive

digits, hitting a dismal .037. The Eagles kept the momentum going to take the deciding game five and win the match 3-2 (24-30, 30-27, 21-30, 30-17, 15-12).

Outside hitter Jenni Nelsen had an impressive 10 kill, 20 dig performance, also adding a service ace and three blocks. Gonzalez put up 43 assists, while Meglic had a match-high 13 kills and five blocks. Middle blocker April Ebanks, in addition to four blocks, hit .421 on her way to nine kills. Ridder laid out for 18 digs.

On the Panther side of the court, libero Melissa Reinders led all defenders with a mind-boggling 41 digs in addition to four service aces. Setter Amanda Boyce put up 53 assists while also posting 14 digs.

"They're Division II, which goes by a supposedly higher standard," Gallop said. "[Now we] know that we can beat a very good program." She praised her team, saying she's "very pleased" with their production on the court, and that her latest recruits – all of whom are seeing significant court time – are working out well.

Friday saw the Florida Memorial Lions take the court against the Eagles. Embry-Riddle quickly let them know whose house they were in with a 30-6 shellacking that saw the Eagles hitting .368 as a team while the Lions posted an atrocious -.208 hitting percentage.

Lions head coach Mae Sherriff called out to her team as the first game winded down, "Let's not give them points, ladies! Let's make them earn it!" Her team actually held a 13-10 lead in game two before the Eagles got their act back together, with Ebanks serving 10 unanswered points to close out the game 30-19 before Gonzalez opened game three serving 11 straight points as the Eagles cruised to a 30-10 victory, hitting .391 in game three.

Ebanks finished the match with 12 service aces and seven digs, Gonzales not too far behind with 10 aces and four digs. Nelsen and Meglic paced the offense: Nelsen had a match-high nine kills and a .294 percentage, while Meglic set a new season high mark for the Eagles with an error-free .571 percentage on her way to eight kills.

The Eagles as a team held themselves to nearly one-quarter of the errors the Lions posted (15 vs. 55), with zero reception and ball handling errors. One-third of Lion errors came from a single player – outside hitter Kiesha Alexander. The Lions were held to 16 kills as a team.

The Eagles took to the ICI floor again on Saturday afternoon to take on yet another Florida Sun Conference rival, the St. Thomas Bobcats. The Bobcats took an early lead before the Eagles knotted the game at 7-7, then took the lead and never looked back, trailing only once more in the entire match on their way to a 30-17, 30-26, 30-22 victory.

Meglic again paced the offense with 12 kills and a .526 percentage, while four other Eagles posted five or more kills. Ebanks and Mia Jaramillo both went up for five blocks apiece, while Ridder logged



ZACH MAHONE/AVION

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With the three victories the Eagles improve to 6-6 overall with a 3-0 record in the FSC, which puts them in a three-way tie for first place with the Savannah College of Art & Design (8-2 overall, 4-0 FSC) and Webber International (6-1 overall, 2-0 FSC).

Asked if there was a team to beat, Ebanks simply replied "Savannah." SCAD was the only FSC team to sweep ERAU last year on their way to the conference title – the second in as many years for the Bees.

The Eagles won't play at home again until Sept. 30, when they host Palm Beach Atlantic. In the

meantime, they will hit the road to play Lynn on Thursday and take part in the Palm Beach Atlantic Tournament this weekend. They will also travel to St. Augustine next Tuesday to face former conference rival Flagler, who left the FSC this year to join the NCAA Division II. The Eagles don't play any conference games until the end of the month, when they will host both Northwood and Edward Waters, who moved into the conference to replace Flagler.

"It's a new conference," Jaramillo said after Saturday's win. But after agreeing with Ebanks that reigning champion SCAD was in their sights, she added, "We're a whole new team."



ZACH MAHONE/AVION

FRESHMAN JENN MEGLIC led the Eagles offensively, logging 33 kills in three matches with an overall hitting percentage of .388. Meglic hit better than .500 in both conference matches last week. Rachel Ridder (right) led the defense with 43 digs.

Erica Baldrige appointed as head cheerleading coach

Press Release

Embry-Riddle Athletics

Daytona Beach, Fla. -- Embry-Riddle University Director of Athletics Steve Ridder announced the appointment of Erica Baldrige as the new head cheerleading coach today.

Baldrige is a Licensed Massage and Sports Therapist certified by the Southwest Institute of Healing Arts, and has coached three years of AAU youth cheerleading. She is also a head judge of AAU youth cheerleading and

has served as a Professional Athletics Coach at the Broadway Gymnastics School in Los Angeles (BGS). At BGS, she taught both individual and group classes and was the head coach for Westside Special Olympics.

"We're very excited to have Erica as our new coach," said Ridder. "She exemplifies the character traits that our program is very much committed to having. I'm excited about her overall knowledge of cheerleading, her personality, and her commitment to take our program to another level."

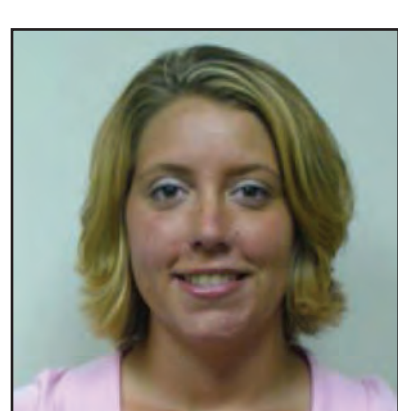


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Jessica Garcia breaks ERAU all-time leading scorer record

Press Release

Embry-Riddle Athletics

Daytona Beach, Fla.--Senior Jessica Garcia scored the game winning goal and added an assist to become Embry-Riddle University's all-time leading scorer as the Eagles rallied for a dramatic 4-3 come-from-behind win over Rollins College on Thursday night.

The Eagles went up early in the first half on a goal from freshman Lindsey Evans, who rifled a shot from 18 yards out into the top right corner. Katrina Morgan doubled the Eagles' lead going into the break with her fourth goal of the year, an unassisted marker that slipped out of the reach of Tars goalie Stephanie Woelfel.

The Tars came back 18 minutes into the second half with a goal from Ashley Hunsberger. Jeri Ostuw sent a corner into the box, and Hunsberger came out of the scrum to put it past ERAU goalie Stephanie Taylor. It was the first goal the Eagles had given up all year.

Lindsey Giblin tied the game for Rollins just eight minutes later with a penalty kick, and Ostuw's unassisted marker just 1:07 after that gave the Tars the lead.

The Eagles, who had several near misses on net early in the first half, re-tied the game when Sarah Hirst

floated a pass to Kristen Phelps, who beat Woelfel for her fourth goal of the season. Garcia, who had tied Lisa Lundgren ('02) with an assist on Evans' goal, put away the game winner with an unassisted marker.

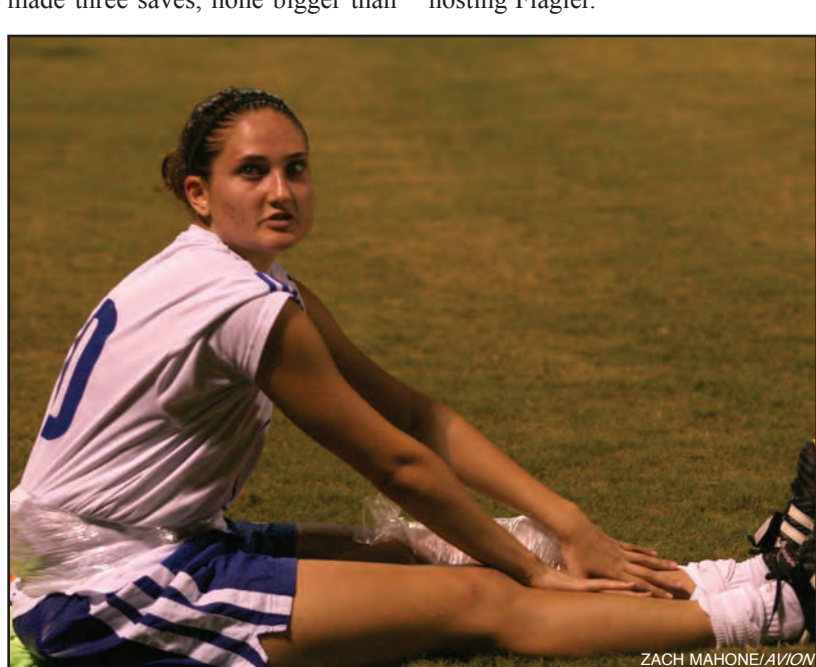
"At halftime, Hirsty was talking about a through ball on a throw-in, pulling one forward out and having the far forward running in, and that's exactly what happened," said Garcia.

ERAU goalie Stephanie Taylor made three saves, none bigger than

the snuff of Jacquelyn Parsons' breakaway attempt late in the game.

"I think we learned a couple lessons tonight. I thought we showed exceptional character once we went down. I thought Sarah Hirst changed the game. She really fought us back into it," said head coach Dan Blank. "To have five freshmen and three sophomores on the field when you're down a goal to come back is amazing."

ERAU will next play on Sept. 27, hosting Flagler.



ZACH MAHONE/AVION

ERAU wins 2-1 in upset over No. 2 Rio Grande

Press Release

Embry-Riddle Athletics

Rio Grande, Ohio -- Second-half goals by Joe Yoffe and Ian Thompson lifted the fourth-ranked Embry-Riddle men's soccer team to a 2-1 upset of second-ranked Rio Grande in the final game of the Rio Grande Tournament on Saturday. The win snapped a 112-game regular season unbeaten streak for the Redmen who suffered their last regular season loss to Ohio Dominican on Oct. 17, 2000. The Eagles improved to 5-0 on the year, while the Redmen drop to 6-1 with the loss.

From the first whistle, both teams

played at a very fast pace with Rio Grande holding a 4-1 advantage in shots, including one on goal in the first half. But neither team was able to find the back of the net resulting in a scoreless tie at the halftime break.

Rio Grande broke the deadlock in the 69th minute when the referee called a foul on the Eagles in the penalty box. Conar Dawson converted on the penalty kick to give the Redmen a 1-0 advantage.

The Rio Grande goal served to ignite the Eagle offense and after a couple of near misses, ERAU finally got on the scoreboard in the 75th minute. Yoffe took a shot that was deflected by a Redman defender resulting in an Embry-Riddle corner

kick. Phil Middleton's short corner went to Liam McIlhatton who lifted a ball into the box. Yoffe was on the receiving end and knocked home his 11th goal of the season to knot the score at one goal apiece.

With 2:20 remaining on the clock, the Eagles earned a throw-in from deep in the Redman defensive third. Middleton's fancy footwork allowed him to get by three URG defenders and find Thompson on the far side of the six-yard box. Thompson slid in and beat Redman keeper Derek Talcott low to net the game-winner.

The Eagles return to conference play at 7 p.m. Wednesday, when they host Savannah College of Art and Design at Embry-Riddle Soccer Stadium.



MELANIE PUGH/AVION

JOE YOFFE LEADS THE squad out onto the pitch against Northwood earlier this week. Yoffe had four goals against the Seahawks, three against Mobile, and tacked on his eighth of the week against Rio.

ERFSEDS member speaks with NASA admin.

Megha Sharma
ERFSEDS

On March 14, 2006, I spoke with NASA Administrator Mike Griffin at the American Astronomical Society's annual Goddard Memorial Symposium in Greenbelt, Md. After his opening presentation, he answered questions about the aerospace demographic gap, space science, and how to be where he is now.

During his presentation, Griffin spoke about the communications gap between scientists and engineers, but I asked about a different communications gap — the one between the older generation that is dominant in the NASA workforce and the needed influx of younger scientists and engineers to replace them when they retire. He suggested that a way to link incoming and outgoing employees was through professional societies, as he did when he was younger. "What I did was join professional societies like AAS, AIAA, IEEE. I did things to put myself in the company of older folks: I went to professional society meetings, I joined committees, I volunteered to work on things. In that environment, age differences will go away and they

will accept you. The role of AAS is underutilized, underappreciated by many young folks."

One of the hot topics at the time of his presentation was the impending reductions in space science. When asked how students studying for careers in science should consider the cuts, he noted that the reductions are dependent on perspective. "We're flying 54 missions right now in the operational phase and dozens more coming along. We're spending \$5.3 billion this year on space science missions. There are an enormous number of opportunities."

How does Griffin define success in his position as NASA Administrator? His firmly-bounded criteria included flying the shuttle safely, finishing the space station during his tenure, being well along the road to finishing CEV, and effectively preparing for a return to the moon. "If we have our architecture accepted for 'this is the way we're going back to the moon,' then I'll feel

I have been successful."

I also asked him how we can follow him to the top of the ranks in the space industry. "Those are the right things to think about: 'how can I be where I want to be?' So, what you have to do right now is to be a practitioner: to do real stuff, and to do it on as broad a stage as possible. Write professional

"We're spending \$5.3 billion this year on space science missions."

- DR. MIKE GRIFFIN

papers, go to conferences, work, join committees, get involved and you'll have the opportunity to meet international players. When you get older together, you'll have a history with each other."

Remember: when you talk to Mike Griffin in person, it's Mike, not Dr. Griffin. If you participate in the AAS Goddard Memorial Symposium in March 2007, you will have the opportunity to try this and ask him your own questions. Also, if you participate in the SEDS National Conference in November this year at UCF Orlando, you will have the opportunity to talk to a NASA Headquarters' representative.



NASA ADMINISTRATOR MIKE GRIFFIN poses with Megha Sharma of ERFSEDS at a March symposium of the American Astronomical Society. Griffin says that the age gap in NASA can be bridged by older professionals working with students in societies like AAS, AIAA and IEEE.

A truckload of pumpkins

Community service:
Bringing the season back

Christopher Gomes
Lambda Chi Alpha

It's that time of year when supposedly the changing of seasons is upon us here in sunny Florida, next Thursday to be exact. Yet there are

a couple of things that we as a university will be missing, such as any form of leaf change, drastic change of weather and any form of fall feeling in the air. Those of us who are from states that have seasons know the feeling of fall upon us. Well, there is a select group that refuses to let this lack of change affect them. They are bold, they are leaders, they wear green, and they are Lambda Chi Alpha. Yes, that's right; the men in green are back again and are ready to show this school that we will not let this problem ruin our ability to keep the season alive. The place, First United Methodist Church in Deland; the date, Sept. 30; the time, 0900 hours. The task here is to unload a

semi-truck full of pumpkins ranging in weight from 1 to 200 pounds. It is purely community service; all proceeds from the sale of the pumpkins that we unload at the church will go to the community to help underprivileged children. Our fraternity offers the utmost help when it comes to community service and offers its hand of friendship to the local area. Who would have thought that bringing the season back would be so easy with a little hard work and community service? This is an event that has been done for the last three years by us and we have no intentions of stopping. Look for us at the 2006 Deland Pumpkin Patch. Until next week, GO GREEN.



PHOTO COURTESY LAMBDA CHI

Delta Chi is ready to go

Andrew D. Reichel
Delta Chi

The Delta Chi Fraternity would like to welcome back the students and faculty of Embry-Riddle. We would also like to welcome our new Associate Member Class Gamma Alpha.

Unlike most organizations that come to a stop once summer hits, Delta Chi kept moving forward. This past summer our chapter sent 12 of our brothers to Cleveland for the 55th Delta Chi International Convention. Besides having fun, we also left with seven different awards. Including Outstanding Website, Outstanding Alumni News Letter, Most Undergraduate Attendees, and Outstanding



Financial Management. Our brother, Christopher Rowell, was awarded the "E" Key Award for his outstanding work as our alumni relations secretary. And we would also like to congratulate our brother and alumnus, Ed Fusco,

for being inducted to the Order of the White Carnation. This honor is bestowed on members of the fraternity who have shown outstanding service to the chapter and the fraternity as a whole.

We would like to thank all of the people that came out to our Toga Party at El Azteca it was a great success, also, thank you to those who came out to our various rush events last week it was a great time. During the upcoming semester we will be holding socials with Alpha Xi Delta, which we are looking forward to, and we are planning many other great events.

We are excited and have hit the ground running; to see more on what is going on with us feel free to drop by our website at www.eraudeltachi.com.

Keep all eyes on Sigma Chi

Football team to turn heads

Matthew Pillon
Sigma Chi

With a very successful rush last week the Eta Iota chapter of Sigma Chi would like to congratulate the Gamma Epsilon pledge class and wish them luck on their pledgship. The chapter ended rush week with a complimentary dinner at the house with some very motivational testimo-

nials from some undergraduate and alumni brothers.

While other schools are busy with their NCAA football games, Embry-Riddle will be watching the intramural football teams work their way through the ranks to see which Embry-Riddle football stars will emerge this season. The Sigma Chi flag football team is practicing and ready to give the other Greek teams a run for their money. Keep an eye on the Sigma Chi team because there are a few star players who promise to shake things up this fall. The Gamma Epsilon pledge class flag football team will also be making an appearance and are sure to turn some heads.



From the Flight Department: The Weekly Safety 'Coner'

Bird strikes – A serious hazard to aviation

How many times have you flown around the greater Daytona Beach area and been that close to striking some sort of wildlife? Whether it is land animals or winged pilots, a possible bird strike should always be in a pilot's mind. They can occur anywhere and everywhere, even here at Daytona Beach. Embry-Riddle had three reported bird

and take off phase of flight.

We are sure most of you have noticed the high level of bird activity in the Daytona Beach area and have wondered what type of action airports like DAB do to minimize the problem. John Murray, from Daytona Beach Airport Operations, gave us an insight into their daily scarecrow (bird scaring) activities.

Along with the many excited airport personnel who you have all seen shooting off rounds of blank shotgun cartridges, operations use other

lesser known interesting techniques to scare off the birds. A common one is titled "bangers and screamers" which actually goes up in altitude with a whining sound followed by a loud explosion. Airport Operations will carry out these operations and follow the flock of birds until they are clear of airport property.

During the winter months from October through April, remote controlled propane cannons are strategically placed around the airport. Operations cars, from a safe distance will activate these cannons via timers which then emit a loud discharge frightening the birds.

One of the most unknown wildlife scaring methods are two Border Collies, "Colin" and "Libby." These are well-trained dogs that chase

birds away on the command of their trainer. With quiet bird activity on the airport these dogs are taken to the landfill behind the airport to keep their skills sharp. As a last resource, Airport Operations hold a depredation permit but encouragingly have never had to kill any birds to date.

Since 1990, 171 bird strike reports, consisting mainly of Egrets and Gulls, have been submitted at the Daytona Beach airport. This count includes reports by both pilots and Operations cars, which carry out continuous runway checks and report any dead birds found within 200 feet of the centerline as a wildlife strike.

If you ever encounter any flocks of birds, it is best to report them to the corresponding air traffic controller so they can help keep other aircraft away from danger. In the AIM the format requested is as follows:

1. Geographic location
2. Bird type
3. Approximate number
4. Altitude
5. Direction of bird flock path

If you ever do strike a bird, you are required to file a wildlife/bird strike report with the FAA. The official forms can be found at the flight line as well as online, at wildlife.pr.erau.edu/strikeform/birdstrikeform.html.

ERAU hosts a Wildlife Hazard Management Workshop from Oct. 31 to Nov. 2. www.erau.edu/electsoctapd/wildlifemgmt.html



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A PIPER SEMINOLE SHOWS the effects of a bird strike. Almost 200 deaths have occurred in the U.S. between 1988 and 2006 because of bird strikes, with almost 7,000 incidents last year alone, costing over \$500 million in repairs and preventative measures.

Bird Strike Statistics in the United States

Phase of Flight:		Type of Bird:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Takeoff	20%	<input type="checkbox"/> Gulls	26
<input type="checkbox"/> Climb	18%	<input type="checkbox"/> Turkey Vulture	19
<input type="checkbox"/> Cruise/Descent	7%	<input type="checkbox"/> Cattle Egret	17
<input type="checkbox"/> Approach	39%		
<input type="checkbox"/> Landing/Roll	16%		

Source:
<http://wildlife.pr.erau.edu/BASH90-05.pdf>

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Student Government Association

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The color of school pride

Nathan Clapper
SGA President

With the start of the college football season, many students enjoy watching their favorite team on Saturday afternoons. It has been a wish of many Embry-Riddle students over the years that ERAU develop a football team to foster more school spirit. That begs the question: what is it about a football team that brings a campus together? Is it the tailgating, hanging out with friends or simply watching the event? Whatever the case may be, all three of those activities can be done at ERAU with our current athletic teams.

However, the difference between other universities and ERAU is none of those three things; the difference is the campus itself. For those of you who have been on a large, public college or university campus probably know, everything

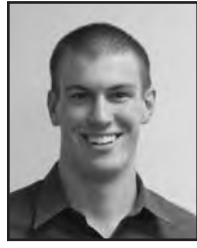
about that campus shows school spirit. From the art on the walls to the architecture of the buildings, school spirit is a common theme.

I have visited a major university within the last year, and I can tell you that their campus is different than ours. I don't mean the basic things such as size, number of buildings, or number of students. Rather, I mean the colors of their buildings and rooms. Take for example our UC where the colors are gold and red, the College of Aviation building, which has a fair share of purple in it, and, across the street, the ICI Center, where maroon prevails on the roof accents. Where is the school pride? Much in the same way, the pedestrian bridge over to the ICI and the library were both painted within the last year, both

a shade of pink.

Again, where is the blue and gold of Embry-Riddle? I have heard that students always have input on the design, function, and color of new construction and renovation. I consider myself an informed and active student on campus, yet I have never heard of any type of student input into the color of the library, bridge, UC, *et cetera*. Since students are the focus of the University, the needs and wants of the students should be placed first.

As a visitor to our campus put it last week, there are rooms and spaces on this campus that look no different from any other college campus. We are the leaders in aerospace and aviation education – it's time that we took some pride in our University and found a paintbrush.



Nathan Clapper
SGA President

SGA volunteers clean beach



NATHAN CLAPPER/STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

EMBRY-RIDDLE SGA MEMBERS Scott Longshore (left), Carlos Williams (center) and Evan Halbhuber (right) collect trash along the shores of Daytona Beach in a community effort to clean up the beach.

Evan Halbhuber
Student Representative

For the past 19 years, the Ocean Conservancy and coordinators in over 100 countries around the globe have worked together to create the largest daily volunteer effort in the world. In 2005, Volusia County had over 500 volunteers that participated in the cleanup, removing over 4,000 pounds of debris from 15 miles

of our beaches.

Last Saturday ten students from Embry-Riddle, along with the SGA's Environmental Awareness Committee, joined the community to help in the costal cleanup effort, at Daytona Beach's Sunsplash Park. All volunteers shared one common goal: to keep our beaches cleaner for future generations to enjoy. Volunteers arrived to gloves and trash bags and the task of picking up loose pieces of trash

and cigarette butts.

Remember, next time you head out to the beach, be considerate of others and future generations; throw away your trash in the trash bins provided. Do not let laziness be the ruin of our beaches and the environment.

For more information on the SGA's Environmental Awareness Committee and community service projects contact Evan Halbhuber at Evan.Halbhuber@erau.edu

Student Rep. Board Greetings

Chris Haas
SGA Vice President

Seeing that this is my first article this year, I would like to personally extend my welcome to all the new and returning students. If any of you were here this summer you would agree that it is nice to see everyone back and off to another great year.

This week, I would like to bring you all up to speed with what your student leadership is doing for you this year in the SGA. For those who don't know, the Student Representative Board is your voice within SGA. I chair this group of outstanding leaders, which is tasked

with voicing your concerns and working on every week. We have our meetings in the Endeavor Conference room (up the stairs to the left) in the UC every Tuesday from 12:45 p.m. - 2 p.m. I encourage everyone to stop by and see what we do, the meetings are open to all students.

Some of the goals we have set for ourselves this year are: to coordinate the Orlando Shuttle Program, to improve Saferide program, to update the internal SGA governing documents, evaluate the food on campus, to address information technology

issues, to participate in community service projects, to monitor flight line satisfaction, to hold Forums every semester for students in each college and to hold town hall meetings on specific issues.

This list is by no means exhaustive. We are here for your concerns, so if there is a concern on campus you would like heard, please let us know. Feel free to stop by the SGA office in the UC during the week and ask for myself or you can send an email to sgasuggestionbox@erau.edu



Chris Haas
Vice President

Saferide cards expire in Sept.

Bo Pollet
Director External Affairs

The saferide program has become a staple of the SGA. We are trying hard to make sure everyone knows about the service and feels comfortable using it when necessary. Here are a couple of important notes

about the saferide program this year. You need a new card every year. They all expire in September, so stop by the SGA office to get a new one. Saferide is free for students, so why not have one just in case you need it. It does not hurt to tip; \$2 is a good amount. The SGA is trying to cut expenses on Saferide abuse, so do not put your home address as

Denny's. Last year saferide expenses accounted for nearly \$50,000 of the SGA budget. Although we promote the use of Saferide when necessary, make sure that you are not abusing the Saferide system, as well as your hard earned money. If you have any questions regarding a saferide card or how to acquire one, simply stop by the SGA office.

It's time to voice your opinion!



What do you want your money spent on?

- Paving the dirt parking lot behind alphabet soup
 - Posting TVs Riddle Runaround hot spots, such as Financial Aid, Records and Registration and the Bursar's Office
 - Daily delivery of USA Today and the New York Times, or other newspapers
 - Providing students with a wider variety of food, like Taco Bell or Starbucks
- Bring suggestions to the SGA office, or contact Chris Haas at sgavpres@erau.edu

SRB Constitution Committee

Shawn Storey
Student Representative

Greetings from your Fall 2006 SGA Student Representative Board Constitution Committee. My name is Shawn Storey and I am the Committee Chair for this semester. I would like to take the opportunity to personally welcome back all of the returning students, and all of the new students to the university. Here in SGA, we are really looking forward to a great school year.

To that end, we have been working hard these first few weeks to set our house in order to serve as a basis for the many programs and services we plan to provide over this year. Your Constitution Committee has been changing the governing documents to streamline our processes and positions

so we can spend less time doing normal business and more time dealing with improving student life. The Committee this semester is made up of four members including myself, Craig Benjamin, Josh Saunders and Steven Spiller, all COA Representatives. We meet every Tuesday morning at 9 a.m. in the SGA Office, so feel free to stop by.

Last Tuesday, Sept. 12, the Student Representative Board (SRB) approved a packet of 30 changes to the SRB by laws that were developed. We have also developed a packet of 15 changes to the SGA Constitution. These changes can be found in this week's *Avion* and will be discussed and voted on in the SGA General Session on Tuesday, Oct. 4, in Spruance Hall, 206. If you have comments or suggestions for the

amendments, you may submit those in writing to the SGA Office or stop by our Constitution Committee Meetings and voice your issue. These General Sessions are open to the public, especially you the student. We always welcome those who are interested in getting involved and making a difference here on campus.

Remember, you can always find out what the SGA is up to by stopping by the office, getting some free coffee, looking through our governing documents, and talking to those of us on duty. Also, a copy of our meeting minutes is always on file in the office, so if you want to know what the SRB was working on this week, do not hesitate to ask to see them.

Thank you for taking the time to get to know us, and we hope that all of you have a great year.

TFO develops campus leaders

Nathan Mulder
Student Representative

Do you have an interest in leadership? Are you a First-Year student? The Student Government Association (SGA) has an organization for you. Task Force One (TFO) was developed more than three years ago as a way to get first year students who are interested in representing their fellow classmates, involved in student government. TFO was established to serve as an effective liaison between first year students and the SGA. TFO informs and empowers students by increased campus involvement, and provides students an opportunity to develop the skills necessary to become effective

leaders on campus.

Students in this outstanding organization have the opportunity to become officers, which include, President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary. TFO is open to all first-year students, including transfer students to the Daytona Beach campus. In past years, TFO has held events on campus, such as the grand opening of the game room, Rockin' the Holidays BBQ, and the famous Spring Splash Pool Party. TFO members also become very involved in the SGA by attending General Sessions, Student Representative Board meetings and retreats.

Last year, TFO went through a major overhaul, with the development of new vision and mission statements being drafted, and a

reconstruction of bylaws. Through the hard work of past officers and members of TFO, it is now an organization that is highly involved on campus and allows students to really learn about the SGA and the University.

Last week, TFO held its first meeting on the flight deck with a great turnout of over 30 students. Meetings will continue to be held on Mondays at 6 p.m. in the SGA Office, located in the Student Center. If you have any questions about the organization, please stop in the SGA Office or visit our link on Facebook. Task Force One looks forward to working with as many first year students as possible this year. We look forward to seeing you at one of our meetings or events.

Free On-Campus Events

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Your SGA entertainment division

EVENTS

- October 2, 2006 (Monday)
Monday Night Football Game on Big Screen with a live band and free food (PHI DELTA THETA & TNG)
- October 25, 2006 (Wednesday)
Outdoor Movie on Big Inflatable Screen (Superman Returns)
- October 26, 2006 (Thursday)
Homecoming Student Talent Show
- October 27, 2006 (Friday)
Tailgate party and Homecoming parade
- October 28, 2006 (Saturday)
Big Show Comedian

MOVIES

- Stop by the IC Auditorium any Thursday at 8:30 for a free movie
- Sep 14- The Break Up
- Sep 21- X-men III
- Sep 28- Pirates of the Caribbean
- Oct 05- Thank you for Smoking
- Oct 12- You Me and Dupree
- Oct 19- Miami Vice
- Oct 25- Superman Returns (homecoming)(wed)
- Nov 02- Talladega Nights
- Nov 09- A Scanner Darkly
- Nov 16- Click
- Nov 30- Accepted

Sound lessons on plagiarism

We want to start this article off by saying plagiarism is wrong and will only come back to haunt you in the end. Like most of us, we may have already committed, or thought about committing plagiarism throughout our college or high school years. Maybe you have gotten away with it before, but it will catch up with you and will jeopardize your future. As the digital age and computers are becoming more advanced, so are our professors and the programs they use to catch cheaters.

Work, work, sports, friends, work, social life and school? Yes, we know; you are not the only one. Do you think you don't have any time for school, work and plagiarizing is the only way to get your work done, you are dead wrong. It occurred this semester to two of your fellow classmates. The offense happened just four weeks prior to their graduation. Their actions led to a hear-

ing in front of the Dean of Students and faculty with the possibility of suspension or expulsion from the university. One of the students was reprimanded separately resulting in a zero grade for the paper and barely passing the class with a "D" to be shown on their transcript. The second student appeared in the student court to plea "responsible" for his or her actions and face the consequences. The hearing lasted an hour and a half with both sides arguing their cases and presenting evidence to the judges. After some deliberation by the judges, a verdict was rendered and is kept confidential due to the student's rights.

Being caught for plagiarism is probably one of the worst feelings in the world. The feelings that you have when you are being charged with academic integrity are indescribable. Let us attempt to do so: loss of sleep, appetite, desire to have a social life, to do school work, the feeling of emptiness and not knowing what the future might bring are excruciating. We know this because it happened to us; we are the fellow classmates in this article. We have both learned from our actions and consequences and are embarrassed for the crime that we have committed. We strongly urge you not to take the shortcut that we did, and to make time through better

time management and do your own work. We wish we had, and you will too. Not only will you not get caught for plagiarism, you will be more self-fulfilled having done your own work.

Getting caught for plagiarism will only embarrass you in front of the faculty and your friends as well as hinder your future. When it comes to looking for a job at a company they will surely look at your school record to see if there are any discrepancies. When they see that you have been caught for plagiarism you will have an uphill battle to fight for the position you are applying for if you are even lucky enough to be considered. Most companies will see this offense and toss your resume into the trash.

If you haven't learned already, and you are even thinking about plagiarizing or cheating, learn from us. It's not worth it!

~Nancy Salb and Jason Scavilla

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Getting caught for plagiarism will only embarrass you ...
- SALB & SCAVILLA”

Five years later: lessons of 9/11

For those of you who know me well, you know that I am a Marine and two times Operation: Iraqi Freedom veteran. On this five-year anniversary of Sept. 11, I would like to take a few minutes to reflect. I was sitting in the cafeteria at my school this morning; sitting across from me were two other students discussing the war in Iraq as the memorial service with the President on Fox News played on the TV overhead. I couldn't help but hear them speak about how screwed up the war is and why we should leave immediately. I have a very hard time with this. I understand that the war has not been perfect, but what war has? It is war after all. The big misconception is who we are fighting against in Iraq. Most of the "insurgency" we face are the same terrorists we saw five years ago.

This is no different than what happened to us in 1941. Americans then would have been outraged if we didn't retaliate against the Japanese, so why are we so upset about retaliation against Islamic extremists? There is no difference. I despise the liberal media for making this war look like the worst decision America has ever made. I can also say that I have personally had hundreds of Iraqis thank us for freeing them from the reigns of Saddam. Americans could not possibly imagine what it was like to live under this evil villain.

Many Americans argue that the Iraqi government is not standing up in the way it should because the Iraqis do not have the drive or education to continue their own growth. This is partly true. The Iraqi's certainly have the drive, but do lack in education. This is not to

say that the Iraqis are stupid. On the contrary, it is simply that under their previous dictator, education was governed very strictly, not allowing the people to properly grasp the concept of democracy (which obviously would be in Saddam's best interest).

I truly believe that within the next ten years, President Bush will no longer be regarded as the one of the worst Presidents, but instead, the truth will surface and America will realize that the President saved us from numerous other terrorist attacks.

I would like then, today - five

years to the day from this tragedy, for Americans to not only remember and memorialize this day, but be thankful it hasn't happened again. This is due solely to the President of the United States and the Prime Minister of Britain standing their ground and making sure we fight these extremists on their turf and not ours. Take a minute today and thank your military members and firefighters, and police officers. And be thankful to our government for exercising its military to defend this great nation.

~Brian Asbury

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... be thankful to our government for exercising its military ...
- BRIAN ASBURY”

Stand Up! Keith Olbermann and some powerful words

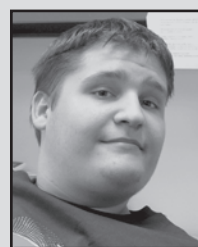
First, I would like to congratulate Arsenal Football Club on their spectacular win over Manchester United. The first time the Gunners have won at Old Trafford in four years. Go GUNNERS!

Now on to the topic at hand. I stumbled across an excellent video on YouTube while skimming the stories on Fark.com. The video is a clip from Keith Olbermann's special comment section on his show Countdown on MSNBC. The show was set at the ruins of the World Trade Center on the fifth anniversary of Sept. 11 and his comments were truly moving.

He opened his speech sternly, saying "And anyone who claims that I and others like me are 'soft,'

in the ground? We have not forgotten, Mr. President. You have. May this country forgive you."

Olbermann's words on the anniversary of Sept. 11 and his retort on Secretary of Defense Rumsfeld's speech last month remind me of another journalist who spoke out against the errors of an administration. Edward R. Murrow spoke out against the Red Scare and the terrors of McCarthy. He fought for the truth and tried to shine light on rampant fear. Olbermann may be our Murrow. He spent 40 days reporting in New York after Sept. 11 and seems to be one of the few journalists who are not afraid to speak out.




Chris Tezak
Columnist

“
This country needs someone like Murrow ...
- CHRIS TEZAK”

I encourage everyone to watch these clips, go to www.youtube.com and search "Olbermann Special comment" to see the videos, or go to his page on MSNBC for transcripts and videos. This country needs someone like Murrow to get the people back down to Earth. I will end with words from Murrow as both Olbermann and myself feel are pertinent to repeat.

"We will not walk in fear, one of another. We will not be driven by fear into an age of unreason, if we dig deep in our history and our doctrine, and remember that we are not descended from fearful men, not from men who feared to write, to speak, to associate, and to defend causes that were for the moment unpopular. So good night and good luck."



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Rebuttal letter to Mr. Coma's 'Times when ignorance isn't bliss'

In the Sept. 12 edition of *The Avion*, Azdren Coma expressed his views about the war in Iraq and the Bush administration. I am pleased that Mr. Coma not only has the freedom of speech, but also exercises it. I will now respectfully disagree.

Mr. Coma begins by stating that Saddam Hussein had absolutely no connection with al Qaeda or any weapons of mass destruction prior to our "invasion." I don't much like to call it an invasion but instead liberation, as that is what it was, but I'll get to that in a minute. Chris Tezak also had a column published stating the same thing with, however, a little more evidence to back himself up.

I'll agree that Saddam probably was not "in cahoots" with Osama bin Laden, and as Mr. Tezak stated, Saddam was untrustworthy of him. This is believable, knowing Saddam's untrusting character, even to the point of having his own agencies spy on each other. On the issue of WMDs however, I think we are still very unclear and it may take many years to completely un-sort everything.

Let me give you a quick background on myself. Before coming to Embury-Riddle, I spent five years

on active duty in the United States Marine Corps, including two tours in Iraq. My point here is that I've been there and seen it firsthand, not just what the media has shown. Iraq is a fairly large country that is mostly desert. If someone wanted to hide something, bury it perhaps, it could be done very easily and unless some serious excavations went on, it could be years, if ever, before it would be found.

Now I know that you're probably thinking something along the lines of "what about all the documentation?" There were literally millions of documents found throughout Iraq regarding any and all weapons Iraq supposedly had. Only a few thousand were actually significant, most of which pointed toward Iraq being rather weak in firepower. Documents however, can be altered or destroyed, and during the months prior to March of 2003, while Hans Blix was in country, there was definitely some sweeping under the rug going on. I truly believe that there could still be weapons either hidden in Iraq or smuggled next door in Syria, still to be found.

Mr. Coma also said that terrorist attacks "have exponentially

climbed" since Sept. 11. I'll agree that Al Qaeda, a terrorist organization, which have been launching attacks on the United States for years, has stepped up its aggression toward us. But to say "exponentially" is a bit extreme, and the fact is that the CIA and FBI have thwarted more attacks in the past five years than have actually been carried out - if only by the efforts enacted by our President, who amongst great criticism stands fast to protect this nation. I don't know about you, but if people in this country are talking to terror affiliates in the Middle East, I would like the FBI to listen in, and if that means they might listen to me talk to my girlfriend for five minutes, then so be it.

Next, Mr. Coma addresses the "mess" in Iraq, which I take as a personal insult against myself and the entire U.S. Armed Forces. The fact is that in three and a half years in Iraq, we have lost only around 3,000 people. In the same amount of time in World War II, we lost over 400,000. With today's technology and training, we have literally waged the most successful war ever. Not to get gruesome, but we have a 23-to-1 kill ratio in Iraq against the enemy. It

doesn't get any better than that. Yes, it is WAR! There will be casualties.

A lot of people question why we are there. Well, there are two very good reasons, the first being reason Saddam Hussein. As most of you know, he was a very evil dictator. Things may not be perfect in Iraq right now, but they are much better without him. The second reason we are there is to fight the terrorists. At least 90 percent of the people in Iraq are happy we are there. They don't want us there forever, but they are glad to be free. The other 10 percent are either the few people that benefitted from Saddam's being in power or the insurgency. The insurgency is, in fact, the terrorist group. In other words, we are fighting them there instead of here, which is good in my opinion. I would much rather go there and fight, than in downtown Orlando or Ft. Lauderdale (both cities have known al Qaeda hubs).

So Mr. Coma, I think I have taken a step back, as you requested, and I think we have done the right thing, to the point that if I could go back in time, I would do it again. It is an opinions page and this is my opinion.

~Brian Asbury

Student Forum

The Avion asks: "What do you think of all the construction on campus?"

—Compiled by Mijeong Yoon



Toby Bucsesu
Air Traffic Management
Sophomore

"It would be awesome if all the construction workers were chicks."



Nosakhare Walcott
Aerospace Engineering
Sophomore

"It's a pretty good outlook for ERAU. It's becoming the ideal university for any student to consider."



Mashaal Alzhrani
Computer Science
Freshman

"I'm a new student ... I guess it's good ..."



Shinichi Awa
Aeronautical Science
Sophomore

"All of my friends complain about how crowded it is. We are all looking forward to the new dorms being built."



Tomoaki Tasuda
Aviation Business
Junior

"The Alphabet Soup is kind of old and decrepit. It doesn't feel like I'm going to a university. I'm happy about the new business building."



Lissette Figueroa
Software Engineering
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"Parking is horrible. I spend 40 minutes looking for parking most of the time."



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Public Notice: Proposed Changes to SGA Constitution

1. Change Article IV, Section 1 ("The President"), Letter g
a. From: Chair a monthly meeting of the SGA branches and divisions twice during the Fall and Spring semesters and once during the Summer.
b. To: Chair a meeting of the SGA Branches and Divisions twice during the Fall and Spring semesters and once during the Summer semesters.
2. Change Article IV, Section 1 ("The President"), Letter n
a. From: Maintain active representation as a member of the Independent Colleges and Universities of Florida (ICUF).
b. To: Maintain active representation as a member of the Independent Colleges and Universities of Florida (ICUF) Student Alliance.
3. Change Article IV, Section 2 ("The Vice-President"), Letter d
a. From: Attend and report on the SRB at the monthly SGA meetings.
b. To: Attend and report on the SRB at all Executive Board meetings.
4. Add to Article IV, Section 2 ("The Vice-President")
a. Letter 'g': Create an agenda for all SRB meetings.
b. Letter 'h': Verify compliance with all SRB Bylaws.
5. Change Article IV, Section 3 ("The Treasurer"), Letter d
a. From: Attend and report on the SFB at the monthly SGA meetings.
b. To: Attend and report on the SFB at all Executive Board meetings.
6. Add to Article IV, Section 3 ("The Treasurer")
a. Letter 'f': Create an agenda for all SFB meetings.
b. Letter 'g': Verify compliance with all SFB Bylaws.
7. Change Article IV, Section 4 ("The Chief Justice"), Letter 3
a. From: Attend and report on the Student Court at the monthly SGA meetings.
b. To: Attend and report on the Student Court at all Executive Board meetings.
8. Add to Article IV, Section 8 ("Student Court")
a. Letter 'e': Any interpretation issued by the Student Court will remain in effect for one year from the date of interpretation and will be documented and kept by the Student Court.
9. Change Article V, Section 2 ("Absences and Removal"), Letter a, Number 2
a. From: Tardiness of more than fifteen minutes to a regular meeting shall result in 1/3 of an absence. The missing of a special or emergency meeting shall result in 1/3 of an absence.
b. To: Tardiness of more than ten (10) minutes to a regular meeting shall result in 1/3 of an unexcused absence. Tardiness of more than thirty (30) minutes shall result in an unexcused absence.
c. Add 'Number 3': The missing of a special or emergency meeting shall result in 1/3 of an unexcused absence.
d. Add 'Number 4': Absences not excused by the chair of that particular board or committee may be appealed to the Student Court within five (5) business days.
10. Change Article V, Section 3 ("Impeachment"), Letter c
a. From: In the event a member of the Student Court comes under impeachment charges the SRB shall conduct the hearing following the above outlined procedure.
b. To: In the event a member of the Student Court comes under impeachment charges, the SRB and the SFB shall conduct hearings and hold an impeachment vote following the above outlined procedure.
11. Change Article VI, Section 5, Letter c
a. From: The Executive Officers must be present during both summer terms to serve their respective office hours.
b. To: Regarding Executive Branch Member summer obligations.
c. Add 'Number 1': The SGA President must serve office hours for the entire academic year, including all summer semesters. The President may not participate in summer abroad activities, internships, or Co-ops, except where provided by section 3 or 5 of this paragraph.
d. Add 'Number 2': All other Executive Branch Members may participate in summer internships, or Co-ops provided they are based in the continental 48 states.
e. Add 'Number 3': All Executive Branch members may participate in documented military obligations.
f. Add 'Number 4': No more than two Executive Branch Members may be excused at any given time under this section.
g. Add 'Number 5': Any Executive Branch member with extenuating circumstances may be excused for up to two weeks with approval by the SGA Advisor and the Chief Justice.
h. Add 'Number 6': All Executive Branch members are subject to these procedures when absent due to summer obligations. Failure to maintain these standards will result in the forfeiture of the executive position.
i. Add 'Number 6, Letter i': All internships and Co-ops must be approved by the SGA Advisor.
j. Add 'Number 6, Letter ii': An individual from the respective board must be appointed by the outgoing Executive Board member to act on their behalf.
k. Add 'Number 6, Letter ii, Letter A': This person will gain all rights and responsibilities of the position during the absence of the elected Executive Branch member.
l. Add 'Number 6, Letter ii, Letter B': The appointed interim is subject to practices defined under Article V, and upon removal from office, will revert to their previous position. A new interim must then be appointed.
m. Add 'Number 6, Letter iii': Weekly contact between the Executive Branch member and their interim must be established and maintained.
12. Change Article VIII, Section 2 ("Process"), Letter c
a. From: The prospective changes will be advertised to the students for a period of two (2) weeks.
b. To: The approved changes will be advertised to the students for a period of one (1) week.
c. Add 'Letter c, Number 3': Instructions to students detailing Article VIII, Section 2, Part d of the SGA Constitution shall also be included in the advertisement.
13. Change Article IX, Section 2 ("Endorsements of the SGA Constitution")
a. From: This Constitution has been last amended and ratified by majority vote effective November 8, 2005.
b. To: This SGA Constitution has been last amended and ratified effective 4 October 2006.
14. Add to Cover Page
a. To: This SGA Constitution has been last amended and ratified effective 4 October 2006.

OBJECTIONS TO THE PROPOSED CHANGES ARE DUE IN WRITING TO THE SGA BY OCT. 3rd AT 5:00 PM

The amendment shall be adopted if, within two weeks of the vote, no petition for veto has been filed with the Chief Justice. The petition for veto must contain the signatures of Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University students equal to twenty-five percent of the turn out in the last general election. Copies of the SGA Constitution can be found in the SGA office or on the SGA web site.

Truss added, shuttle departs and heads home

Cherlene Valerio
Staff Reporter

The Space Shuttle Atlantis left the International Space Station (ISS) on Sunday, after upgrading the station with solar panels, which resumes construction of the ISS since the 2003 Columbia incident. The shuttle is scheduled to land in the pre-dawn darkness on Wednesday, weather permitting.

Atlantis arrived at the station carrying a 750 metric ton truss, which spans 70 meters in length. Over the course of three space walks, the structure was installed onto the space station. The solar panels arrived folded inside the truss and were deployed during the mission. These panels are to generate one fourth of the space station's power when the outpost is completed.

14 more shuttle launches are planned to improve the space station before the shuttles are to retire by 2010. One of the items on NASA's agenda is to install two more pairs of solar panels in 2007.

The solar panels deployed on this flight are the first addition to the ISS since the Columbia accident, where seven astronauts died upon returning to Earth. NASA reportedly spent more than \$1 billion to modify shuttles to make them safer. Several shuttle inspections were conducted, as well as two test flights, to ensure the safety of Atlantis.

The crew Sunday woke up to the song "Danger Zone," by Kenny

Loggins, a song requested by Pilot Chris Ferguson's family. Ferguson said to Mission Control, "That's great music for ... what will be a bit-sweet day for us today, undocking from the station." With hugs, handshakes, and the traditional ringing of a bell, the crew said their goodbyes to the three residents of the ISS.

Before flying back to Earth, the shuttle is to do 360-degree fly around to take photos of the newly expanded, half-finished station. Also, using sensors and cameras, a final inspection on Atlantis' heat shield will be conducted.

Atlantis is to arrive back at Kennedy Space Center after an 11-day trip this Wednesday, with touchdown on the first of two opportunities scheduled for 5:58 a.m. EDT.

Meanwhile, the next resident crew of the ISS, Expedition 14, was scheduled for launch Monday morning, just after midnight eastern time from the Baikonur Cosmodrome in Kazakhstan.

Onboard are astronaut Michael-Lopez Alegria and Russian Cosmonaut Mikhail Tyurin. Accompanying them is the fourth space-tourist, Anousheh Ansari (of the Ansari X-Prize), who paid an estimated \$20 million for the trip. She will return with the two Expedition 13 crewmembers the following week. European Thomas Reiter, onboard since STS-121 in July, will remain on the ISS with Expedition 14 until the next shuttle flight in December.

Space Technology Editor Ben Cooper contributed to this report.

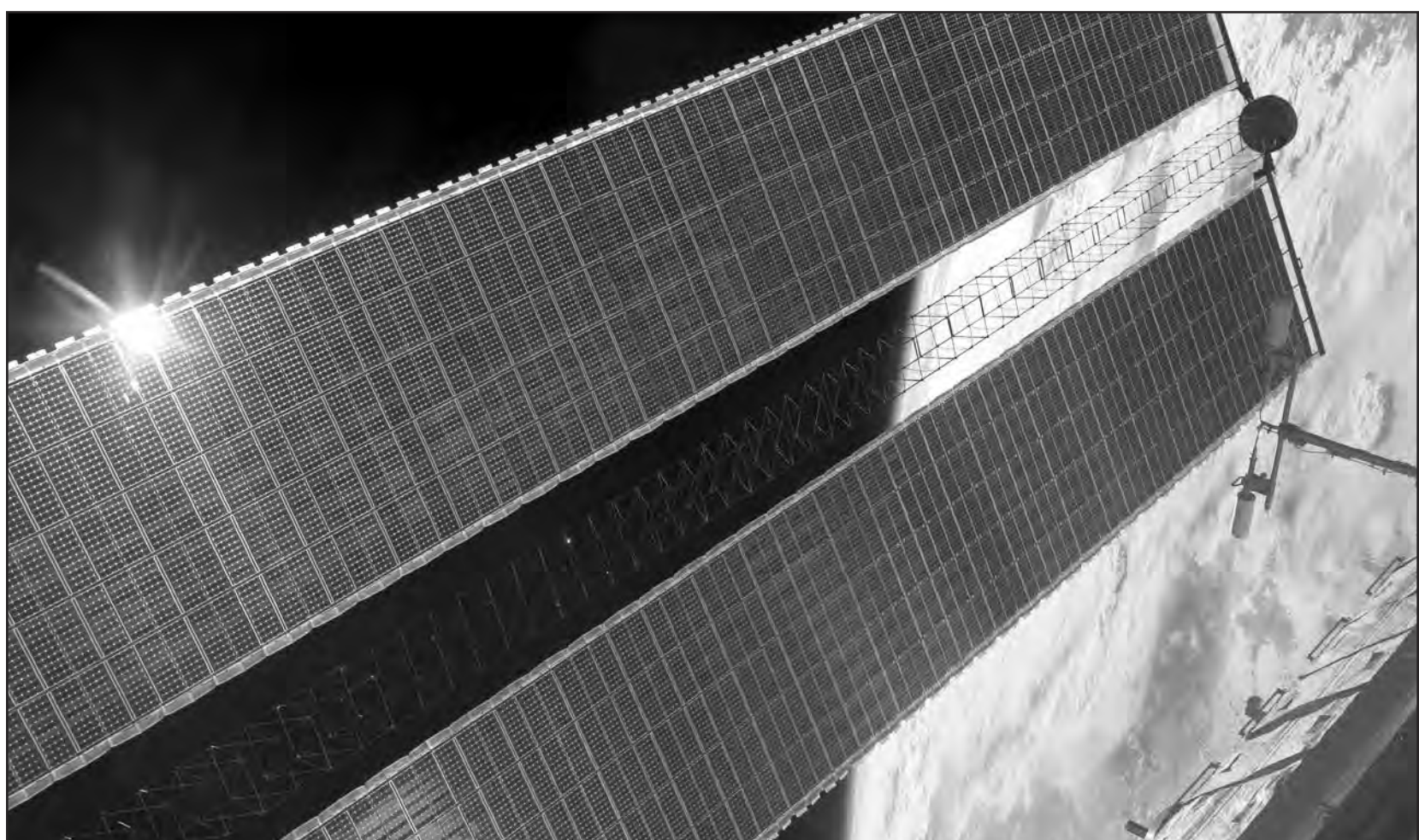


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THE NEWEST ADDITION TO the International Space Station, the second set of gigantic solar array panels, is clearly visible in this image taken on mission day six. The solar panels will provide a quarter of the station's power when completed and stretch 240 feet from tip to tip. Atlantis flew a 360-degree lap around the ISS before departing, video of which is available at nasa.gov.

Russia, China could partner Solar Thermal Facility tested

Joseph Poznanski
Staff Reporter

In a landmark effort, Russian officials have agreed to a strengthening of the Chinese participation in the Russian space program. The Federal Space Agency, headed by Anatoly Perminov, issued a statement proclaiming renewed interest on the part of both governments in manned space flight, especially in a mission to the lunar surface.

Traditionally, Russia and China have limited their space agency involvement to only trading

equipment; most of the Chinese manned spaceflight program came from seed equipment Russia provided. Russia moved away from manned spaceflight after the early 1970s, due to booster rocket mishaps and the loss of the "space race" to the United States. The Chinese have only recently become involved by sending several manned mission to orbit the Earth in 2003 and 2005, with more missions planned. Currently, Russia is involved in developing a probe that can travel to one of Mars' moons to retrieve soil samples.

The joint operation between the two nations has a timetable

drawn up to orbit a new space station and begin landing probes on the lunar surface by 2010.

In contrast, NASA plans to design and deploy a new fleet of spacecraft, dubbed "Orion," by 2014 to replace the aging shuttle fleet, and making the earliest moon mission in 2020.

NASA is relying heavily upon the Russian Soyuz and Progress spacecraft to deliver much needed supplies and personnel to the International Space Station, and is currently in a bid with the U.S. Congress to purchase Russian rockets and delivery systems in order to perform its own launches again.

Andy Kwok
Staff Reporter

The Sandia National Laboratories conducted a unique material test over its nine-acre Solar Thermal Test Facility on Sept. 6.

A total of 212 heliostats, all monitored by a computer controlling system, reflected solar light to the rooftop of a 200-foot tower where the light was concentrated on the tested object functioning like Archimedes' mirror.

The 3,500 degrees Fahrenheit concentrated solar beam was used to test a

two square feet sample material block made by ARA ablatives Laboratory, a contractor to NASA. The test lasted for two minutes and the sample suffered minimal damages.

The solar beam generates about 5 million watts of thermal power with a peak flux of 220 watts per square centimeter.

NASA planned to employ the material tested on Sept. 6 for future spacecraft, since the material's ability to withstand intensive heat would enable a new flight maneuvering technique known as air capture.

Under the traditional approach, spacecraft employ aerobraking to

reach its designated orbit. However, aerobraking requires an enormous amount of fuel and time. Air capture uses Earth's atmospheric drag to stop the spacecraft at a particular orbit, a process that will generate tremendous heat but taking only minutes, instead of months using aerobraking maneuvers.

The Solar Thermal Test Facility, located in Albuquerque, N.M., has been conducting similar testing for NASA for the past three years.

"This is a very unique facility with very unique capabilities," a NASA manager Bonnie James told the website SpaceDaily.com.

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First European on ISS; Reiter's mission is Astrolab

Joseph Poznanski
Staff Reporter

The International Space Station (ISS) received a new crewmember in July, bringing the current permanent crew up to three. Thomas Reiter is the first European astronaut to become a resident of the station. As part of a combined Europe research initiative, Reiter's mission is known as Astrolab.

Reiter is tasked with experimenting with a number of different projects drawn from organizations and universities all over Europe, all with the common goal of making space safer for future spacefarers.

In the field of radiation dosimetry,

which examines how the radiation in space affects human physiology, Reiter will monitor the effects on himself, the other crewmembers, and the samples he brought with him.

Shielding against radiation is also being tested, including Kevlar and a revolutionary new method of using superconducting magnets to deflect cosmic particles.

Biological experiments will examine more closely the effects of microgravity on humans; the degradation in muscle tissue and immune system decrease are of top concern, as past astronauts have even had trouble walking when returning to Earth's gravitational field, and suffer from an extremely vulnerable immune system from their stay in space.

Bacteria and its growth in space is another key topic; this may lead to technologies such as waste reclamation and a partially self-subsistent lifestyle based on the use of bacteria for air aboard future craft.

This series of experiments represents a renewed international interest in the entire International Space Station project and another Laboratory, named the European Columbus Lab, is currently being prepared as an addition to the ISS.

This laboratory will vastly extend the scope of the experiments being performed, hopefully leading to advances in all areas of the sciences as well as making space safer for future generations of space travelers.



PHOTO COURTESY SPACEFLIGHT.NASA.GOV
EUROPEAN SPACE AGENCY ASTRONAUT Thomas Reiter of Germany has been living aboard the ISS since July 6 and will remain there until the next shuttle flight in December. His mission is known as Astrolab.

Your guide to viewing launches at the Cape

Ben Cooper
Space Technology Editor

There may not be a more welcome sight to new students at Embry-Riddle than the thunderous roar and unbelievable light show put on by a 15 or 20 story rocket rumbling into space. And you are at no better university to have that chance, with just a one-hour drive to the world's prime launch viewing site.

Launches are beautiful, and like nothing else in the world. No photo or video can replicate what you see in person. A night launch, in fact, is literally so bright that it casts light across all of Central Florida and is nearly blinding to look at with the eye. Even in the daytime the flame will hurt your retina.

While shuttles are by far the most thrilling to see launch, as they carry human life and are the most powerful rockets in the world, just as cool to see in person are the many unmanned rockets sent into space over the

course of the year. They carry a range of payloads from commercial to military to scientific.

In fact, the public can get closer to some of the unmanned launches than the shuttle. While they are not nearly as powerful as the shuttle, the closer viewing distance may make them seem more impressive in relation to some shuttle launches.

As there is no shuttle, Atlas 5 or Delta 4 launch scheduled before December, let's stick to Delta 2s for now. The next two unmanned launches here, including the one currently (as of press time) scheduled to launch next week, are Delta 2s.

So where is the best place to watch them? The most scenic viewing spot, Jetty Park, is also the closest. The photo in the background shows a Delta 2 rocket after shooting into space with a GPS satellite in March of 2003 as seen from the pier in Jetty Park.

At the northernmost point of Cocoa Beach in the city of Cape Canaveral, the pier was built primarily for launch viewing.

Extending 1,200 feet out into the Atlantic, it accommodates several thousand people (and fills up completely for some of the more high-profile NASA missions) and offers an elevated and scenic view across the water.

It is just over 2.5 miles from the Delta 2's Pad 17. By comparison, the closest anyone can view a shuttle launch is from three miles, and over six-and-a-half for the general public. To get to Jetty Park, take Interstate 95 south to Exit 205, heading east on Rt. 528, also known as the Beachline. You'll go over two rivers before arriving at the exit, marked with a giant green sign marked Terminal B/South Pier (that's just past the blue sign marked Terminal A). Turn left off the exit and follow the road (George King Blvd.) to the park entrance. There is a \$5 fee to park, and it is recommended that you arrive at least an hour before launch time (the drive from Daytona is about an hour). Walk out to the very end of the pier for the clearest view of the pad.

One last note: The KSC Visitors Complex may suggest viewing from the complex itself.

In fact, it is nowhere near Pad 17, so don't head there for Delta 2 launches.

How will you know what's going on when you get there? People near you should have scanners to inform you as to how the countdown is progressing. Or, if you have your own scanner, tune it to either 146.9400 or 148.4850 for a possible countdown, though they are not always active.

Remember, launches are often scrubbed, so be prepared. It is best to check launch update sites such as SpaceflightNow.com's "mission status center" up until the moment you leave, to see how the weather is fairing or if any technical problems are being worked. Otherwise, enjoy the launch, as it will not be a sight (or sound) you soon forget.

The editor attends every launch and is a veteran of dozens over the years. Further questions regarding launch viewing and photographing launches can be sent to Benjamin.Cooper@erau.edu. A more comprehensive launch viewing guide is available on my website at www.LaunchPhotography.com.

Delta 2 to launch GPS sat.

Sunday, Sept. 24 at 2:54 p.m. EDT

A Boeing Delta 2 rocket is scheduled to launch the next in the series of Global Positioning System satellites (dubbed GPS 2R-15M) into orbit Sunday (as of press time). Liftoff from Launch Pad 17A at Cape Canaveral Air Force Station is slated for 2:54 p.m. EDT, with a window lasting either of 15 or 29 minutes, to be announced later this week (window dependent on the GPS orbital position chosen).

To view the launch, travel to Jetty Park as outlined with directions in the article at left. Check www.SpaceflightNow.com's mission status center for the latest on weather and technical delays before launch.

Sept. 24 Delta 2 Next GPS sat. Launch time: 2:54 p.m. EDT	Dec. 14 Space Shuttle Discovery STS-116 / ISS flight Launch time: 6:55 p.m. EDT First night shuttle since 2002
NET Oct. 25 Delta 2 NASA's STEREO Twin solar-monitoring craft Launch time: TBD	Dec. 19 Delta 2 NASA's THEMIS Five Earth-monitoring craft Launch time: TBD
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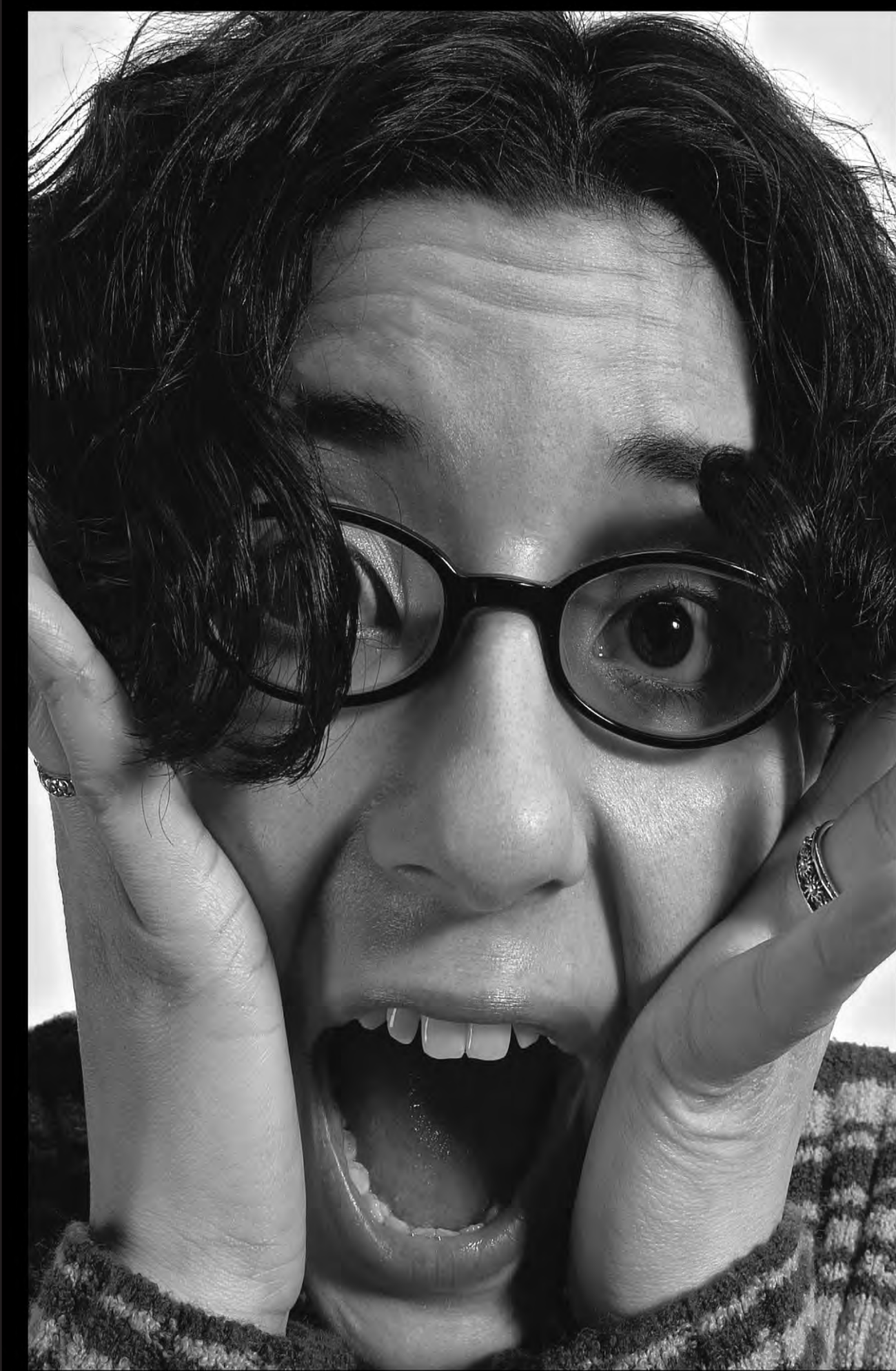


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Mustang first very light jet to be FAA certified

Cessna secures awaited certification for its VLJ

Erin Roberts
Guest Reporter

The race for the first Very Light Jet (VLJ) Certification came to an end on Friday, September 8, when the Cessna Citation Mustang received full type certification from the FAA.

While retaining a provisional type certificate, the Mustang's only competitor, the Eclipse 500 VLJ, fell behind in the race after switching engine suppliers in 2002 ultimately leading to its loss by the Mustang.

Certification for the Mustang included single-pilot operation, day/night operations, visual and instrument flight rules (VFR/IFR), and operations in reduced visual separation minimum airspace (RVSM), making it the first fully certified entry level business jet. Jack Pelton, Cessna Chairman, President, and CEO remarked, "This is an immense achievement, marking another point in history where Cessna has led the aviation industry into new territory."

Although not certified for flight into known icing conditions, the Mustang is well on its way. "The majority of that testing is complete, and the final test conditions will be flown over the next few weeks as natural icing conditions materialize with cooler Autumn weather," said Pelton.

Surely Cessna is leading the way into the future for business jets. The Mustang Program which started in 2002, has striven to achieve only the highest standards. With a fully equipped Garmin G1000 Avionics suite, it is the first aircraft certified for use of the WAAS navigation features, which help enhance GPS capabilities, giving the aircraft precision guidance, especially in landing where no guidance is available. Two 10-inch color Primary Flight Displays surround a 15-inch color Multi-Function

Display, the largest in its class, which provide functions such as real-time weather data, the aircraft's altitude and speed, traffic, terrain, and engine instrumentation. The Garmin G1000 also includes the SafeTaxi feature which gives the pilot an accurate graphical representation of the aircraft on the ground.

Powered by two Pratt & Whitney PW615F turboprop engines, the Mustang has a top speed of 400 mph, a ceiling of 41,000 ft, and a range of 1,324 miles. These two engines also boast the Full Authority Digital Engine Controls (FADEC), which automatically adjust optimum fuel and power settings, helping to increase engine life and including user friendly controls.

With a sleek interior, comfortably seating four and considerably more room for baggage, just over 45 cubic feet, sales for the Mustang have already risen to 250 orders, continuing production well into 2009, with deliveries commencing in 2007.

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787 on schedule



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BOEING SAYS THE 787 is on track and will be released on time.

Bob Scheid

Chief Copy Editor

Boeing's 787 program is progressing normally and has entered a period of weight tweaking which is normal for this period in the program, AviationNow.com reported last week.

The aircraft is within its promised weight limits, but the company believes it could weigh less. Efforts are being made to reduce the weights of various components, within reasonable limits and the timetable which has been laid out by Boeing.

Other components of the development of the 787 are on schedule, and some are even ahead of their goals. For example, engine development has been reported by both General Electric and Rolls-Royce as being

ahead of Boeing's expectations.

The schedule may be again modified later this year, when Boeing will make a decision about its production figures in 2011 and 2012. An option also exists for opening a second production line for the aircraft. The 787 production run until 2011 has already been sold out, and production slots in 2012 are rapidly being sold, according to Craig Saddler, Chief Financial Officer of the 787 project. Boeing is taking its time with the decisions about the production output and the production line because of the amount of money involved.

After its expected first flight in late 2007, the 787-8 is expected to enter service in 2008. Boeing has already confirmed that they will be constructing a stretched-body version, the -10, but that will not be available until at least 2012.

Aer Lingus offers its first IPO to buyers

Aer Lingus to be publicly traded

Eddie Drapkin

Aeronautica Editor

After first calling off plans to offer an IPO following the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, Aer Lingus, the Irish-based carrier company, will be publicly traded by the end of September. The Irish government owns 85.1 percent of the company; the remaining 14.9 percent is owned by the employees, many of whom feel that the IPO will result in a loss in their job security. As a result, the employee union has been strongly opposed to the IPO since it was first discussed.

Aer Lingus is looking to use the funds it hopes to raise, an estimated \$1.4 billion to fund an expansion of their fleet of aircraft. The company is currently in negotiations with both Airbus and Boeing to purchase

14 new aircraft, either the A350 XWB or the 787 Dreamliner.

The expansion is targeted to be completed by 2011. Seven of the 14 purchased will be addition, while the other seven are going to be replacements for the fleet of A330s. Neither company can produce the aircraft immediately; the A350 is not supposed to be released for commercial use until 2012, while the 787 is slated for release in 2008, but most of the 787s production slots have been filled until 2011. Aer Lingus is looking for an "interim deal" with either company, to use current aircraft until the newer ones are available. Neither company has been chosen at this time.

The IPO will be priced at \$2.65 to \$3.40 each and the company hopes to raise \$630 million for their fleet expansion. Experts say the company increased their overall value simply by offering an IPO and the trade of the company's stock ought to increase the company's value even more, allowing the company to move from offering exclusively routes from the US and Ireland to elsewhere in Europe and into Asia.

London city airport for sale, deal close

London airport limits prospective buyers to six

Kareem Miller

Staff Reporter

London City Airport, which was first opened in 1987, has entered into the second round of negotiations with six bidders. The airport, which was constructed as a part of a governmental development project, is now being sold by its present owner, Dermot Desmond.

Desmond, an Irish billionaire, purchased the airport from a construction firm, Mowlem, for \$44.18 million in 2005. The airport initially struggled during its first years, but gained popularity with the city's workers who were attracted by the airports short check-in times and short haul routes.

The airport has since then become a thriving hub for air traffic and passengers are estimated to double to 2 billion by 2020. In May 2006, Desmond hired investment bank Morgan Stanley for advice on the airports financial state and the potential for future profit. At the time, the amount for the airport was estimated to be priced for \$752 million, but the final bidding price could top \$1.316 billion.

The six bidders were expected to submit their offers by Tuesday, Sept. 19, at noon. The airport is also expected to be the hub for the 2012 Olympic Games and has become one of London's busiest transit points. This will result in higher revenues for both the new owner and the economy, as traffic continues to increase and more airlines begin flying to the airport, creating more landing fees. Businesses such as restaurants, hotels and shops will also open in and around the airport.

"They're [the bidders] all attracted because of the growth characteristics of the underlying assets. There's lots of confidence in London aviation and the airport's position in the London system," said one of the sources close

to a bidding group told Reuters.

The six bidders are all a combination of two or more firms pooling resources: British construction firm Balfour Beatty PLC and US bank Merrill Lynch; ABN AMRO is bidding with Vancouver airport and Australian fund manager AMP Capital; Spanish construction group Sacyr Vallehermoso partnered with French insurer AXA and HSBC bank; America's GE teamed up with Credit Suisse and AIG; French infrastructure fund Galaxy partnered with Cologne Bonn Airport; and finally Fraport the managers of Frankfurt airport has an alliance with Deutsches Bank's infrastructure group. Bidders into a smaller group so a deal can be reached by the end of September.

U.S. airlines seek new routes to China

Andrew Striker

Guest Reporter

The four U.S. airline companies are competing with each other in an all out desperate attempt to receive public and corporate support on their recent bids to fly a new route into China.

American Airlines, Continental Airlines, United Airlines, and Northwest Airlines are all racing as they make their cases to the transportation department. All have their pros and cons as far as the services they plan to offer, but as crunch time approaches, the airlines main allies will be the public.

All airlines realize that a single extra route to an economically booming country could be very

advantageous. The recent hammering of low-priced competition in the states leaves little room for financial difficulty. The new route is most likely one of the strongest opportunities any of the airlines will see for at least the next few years.

The United States government keeps strict regulations on all traffic to and from China. The Asian country presents the greatest competition to the U.S., so the government is in no hurry to give way to more economic expansion.

United Airlines, a current member of the capital-to-capital coalition, wishes to add a service from Washington D.C. to Beijing. There is currently no service flight that offers such a route and it is the one seen as the most needed. Many believe that the planned

route could give United the upper hand as it would offer the most to consumers and governments, not to mention the cultural aspects.

Continental plans to offer a flight between New York/Newark and Shanghai. After giving a press conference in New York's Chinatown, Continental started to push the public relations side of the fight. After the conference they received more than 15,000 letters supporting the Continental plan American proposes creating a service flight between Dallas/Fort Worth and Beijing. Last month they launched the website www.flytochinaonaa.com in order to allow the public to support them in the race. American focuses more on businesses which they believe will be the most

likely to use the services.

Northwest is the furthest behind in the area of public support. It plans to launch a website to support their Detroit to Shanghai route. Northwest is currently focusing more on giving briefings to airport officials and executives who they believe will be the best allies in receiving the new route.

Joe Schwieterman, a transportation expert at DePaul University, told Reuters that he believes that the public will show little interest in the competing airlines, but that the airline that receives the most support from businesses will be the one with the upper hand. He also believes that there is no way to predict the outcome of the race, and that only time will tell.

Congressman calls for removal of MU-2

Jonathan Mettin

Managing Editor

After repeated fatal crashes around the nation, a Colorado congressman is calling for the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to ground Mitsubishi MU-2 until a thorough safety evaluation has been completed.

Rep. Tom Tancredo called for the resignations of top officials at the FAA and the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) for their "failure to act responsibly for hundreds of deaths."

About 12 percent of all MU-2s ever manufactured have crashed with fatal results, according to an

ABC News report, with an accident rate 78 percent higher than other twin-engine turboprops. Tancredo's office estimates that one out of every four MU-2s made have crashed, killing more than 250 people in about 200 separate incidents.

"As far back as the spring of 2005, I asked the FAA to 'ground' the Mitsubishi MU-2 series aircraft due to its shockingly high accident rate," Tancredo said in a letter to President George W. Bush. "Because [they] have consistently failed to take appropriate action on this issue despite repeated warnings about the aircrafts [sic] suitability for use, I believe the public would be well served if they were replaced by administrators willing

to act swiftly and deliberately on this matter."

The MU-2 has a reputation of being difficult to fly, and the FAA has stated it will require pilots to undergo additional, specific training for the MU-2. The NTSB has blamed most of the crashes on pilot error. Pilots and witnesses of many crashes have reported problems with the engines before the planes lost stability and crashed.

Two MU-2s crashed in Florida within a week of each other, on Aug. 25 and Sept. 1. The FAA believes weather was a factor in both crashes, the latter of which happened in Flagler County.

The FAA has called the MU-2 "a complex aircraft requiring

operational techniques not typically found in other light turboprop aircraft," but stopped short of requiring a type-rating requirement for the aircraft - something Mitsubishi has supported.

"We don't believe there is a safety issue with the airplane itself," FAA spokesman Les Dorr Jr. said. "It meets its original certification standards. We continue to believe that if pilots are properly trained to fly this airplane, this airplane can be flown safely."

"Grounding the aircraft remains the optimum solution," Tancredo said. "But this is a good first step for the FAA, who, like a recovering alcoholic, has taken the first step of admitting that there is a problem."



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'The Last Kiss,' overhyped and underperformed



The Last Kiss



Don Macanlaly
Staff Reporter

Right after college, you'll meet your "other half." One of you will get pregnant, enter into a time machine and suddenly you're unhappy and 50 years old. "The Last Kiss" is a culmination of those things, trying to eloquently question the passion of relationships.

While the film brings to light the uncertainties of intimacy, it falls short of showing that passion onscreen. For those that don't know, "The Last Kiss" is a remake from the Italian film of the same name. Having watched the original first (which you can rent, under the title Last Kiss), I must say the American version is less com-

elling and less convincing to watch.

"The Last Kiss" is about four friends on the brink of turning 30 years old. Each is a symbolization of every guy: non-committal, uncertain, selfish and undeniably terrified. That's where we meet Zach Braff's character, Michael, who's about to have a baby with Jenna, played by relative newcomer Jacinda Barrett.

With the little I know about women, I do know that having a baby is a big deal. This concept is so big and unsettling to Michael, that he goes out and allows himself to get seduced by a much younger, more vibrant woman. Throughout the film there is a lot of yelling, screaming and complaining which really doesn't end - only verbally - until the movie does.

Each actor tries their best to capture the troubles of the characters they play. Braff, still shining off his gem of a movie "Garden State," tries to push himself into the dramatic realm, but you can't help but be amused when you're supposed to be angry at him. For a movie that has been heavily marketed as a drama, you can't help but feel it's on the light side.

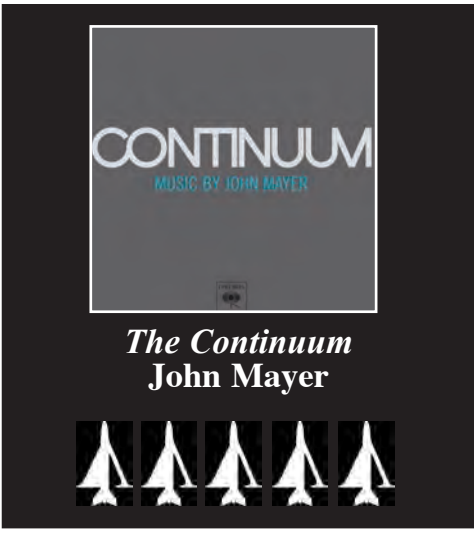
Even in the movie's more intimate moments, the raw anguish that all the characters hold is immense but doesn't lead you to believe it as much as you should. What you do believe, however, is that this movie is about growing up and facing responsibilities we wish we could put off for forever.

If you're looking for a movie that leads you to question - for two hours - where exactly you want your life to go, then bring your life partner and enjoy "The Last Kiss." If you're looking to watch what could happen to you, and believe might actually happen to you and your friends, then I strongly recommend watching the much better Italian original, located in the foreign section of our local Blockbuster.



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Continuum gets rave reviews, a first-rate album



The Continuum
John Mayer



Peter Richardson
Staff Reporter

John Mayer's third studio album, *Continuum*, debuted on Sept. 12 and is a huge breath of fresh air into the mostly pop or rap music scene this fall. While in the past Mayer has wowed the world with

his breathy vocals, emotional lyrics and his peerless guitarman'ship it all comes together on a new level for Mayer on this album. *Continuum* takes many of the features of the *John Mayer Trio* experience he played with last year and seamlessly blends it with John's mass-appeal smooth tunes. The end result is a truly different Mayer sound that easily appeals to old John fans and also has a certain pull to those who haven't heard Mayer before.

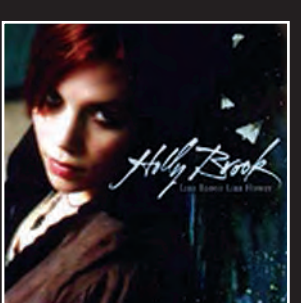
Continuum has a great old-school blues or soul feel to it that is prevalent throughout the album's 12 songs. Each of the tracks has a low to midtempo beat yet all have their own flavor and appeal. Slower tracks like "Gravity" show the new blend of John's smooth tunes and unrestrained guitar, while quicker tracks like "Vultures" and "Waiting on the World to Change" show a larger blues influence but still manage to keep a good dose of Mayer-ness in them. John even has an exceptional cover of the Jimi Hendrix classic "Bold as Love," which really accents his new vibe and his awesome guitar skills.

Maturity is another newer trend for Mayer throughout this album. *Continuum's* tracks are all sung with a strong sense of skill and assuredness that some say were missing in his older songs. Even *Vulture's* high-pitched

chorus is sung with a new-found confidence that exudes from the tones. John knows that he has hit something good in this album, and it shines through on all his tracks. The topics of many of *Continuum's* tracks also display some new maturity in them. The now 28 year old Mayer sings about some of new adulthood's fears and problems as opposed to his past albums which were mostly based on relationships and their issues. Some examples are in his Generation Y indifference based "Waiting for the World to Change" and the resisting aging song "Stop this Train." This new material really suits Mayer and this album shines because of it.

John freely admits that he believes that this is his best studio album and I am inclined to agree. It seems John has finally let go of his pop-rock star dreams and has started making the music he really feels in his heart. He has unchained his amazing guitar skills, combined them with his new-found blues sound, meshed it all with his famously breathy vocals and added a spice of emotionally mature lyrics to create this superb album. Any listeners looking for a good sound to chill-out to should enjoy this album and I can strongly recommend it to anyone who is tired of the pre-fab fake Pop music being pumped into our heads this fall.

Holly Brook, a new and talented musician



Like Blood Like Honey
Holly Brook



Bob Scheid
Chief Copy Editor

The music video of Fort Minor's "Where'd You Go" is spreading across the internet and TV, a wave of remakes is in progress, the cell phone ringtone won VMA Ringtone of the Year, and the woman singing the chorus is ... who?

Her name is Holly Brook, a rising star in pop and a new, talented entry in the music world of today. Her first album, *Like Blood Like Honey*, came out June 6 of this year, and features a selection of songs that definitely stray from the norm of the present. Her voice can dance across notes for a playful effect; she can jam on a good groove to pound out emotion; and she can use a hauntingly dark, echoing tone to make a spring

afternoon feel like Halloween.

Like Blood Like Honey uses all these things, and more, to shape a stunning album that can please almost anyone. Brook provides the vocals for the album, as well as piano and guitar work, as well as a few other instruments. Her style is unique, though it can contain elements similar to those of Jem, Natalie Merchant, and even some early Barenaked Ladies songs. Her Wisconsin roots come through in a few songs to give a heartland feel and accent to her words. However, the most interesting element of the whole album is the sparseness of the backing instrumentation. A few songs have full instrumentation behind them; others have only a piano and strings, and some have only a mourning piano melody to accompany her voice.

This is not to say the music is understated or incomplete. Brook has well-earned confidence in her voice, and she uses it not only to produce lyrics, but as an instrument for making sounds to accompany the rest of her music. The songs "Wanted" and "Giving It Up For You" show what she can do in the mainstream of rock and pop, while songs like "Saturday" and "Curious" illustrate her ability to make two instruments fill a room with the passion and beauty of an orchestra.

Her music, like all music, is not for everyone; the fact that she starred alongside Linkin Park's singer and was signed by the group's lead guitarist may be misleading. However, I believe there's enough on this disc to intrigue anyone, if even for a minute. You can hear previews of her songs on her website, www.hollybrookmusic.com.

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A few shows that our editors are excited about



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Mon. @ 10 p.m. on Showtime



Six Degrees
Thurs. @ 10 p.m. on ABC

Silent Bob comes to Orlando to speak to fans

Don Macanlaly
Staff Reporter

Silent Bob finally speaks his mind in an open forum at the Orange County Convention Center in Orlando, Fla. on Saturday, Sept. 23.

That's right, Indie Maverick director Kevin Smith will be participating in a no holds-barred Question and Answer session that leaves no stones unturned.

For those that know Smith, he might actually throw some proverbial stones back. "Snootchie Bootchies," anyone?

Smith is widely regarded as an Independent film icon whose films "Clerks," "MallRats," "Chasing Amy," and "Dogma" have garnered massive critical and commercial acclaim. His unique

style— or self— proclaimed lack thereof— has made his films cult hits over the past decade.

Most of his films feature the same characters surrounded in a world of pop culture comic book references, corner stores and regular appearances by Jason Lee, Ben Affleck and Matt Damon.

Fanboys everywhere have celebrated Smith's witty and coarse dialogue for its comedic and off-beat undertones.

The event presented by Florida's Future Filmmakers, called "An Afternoon with Kevin Smith," begins at 10 a.m. with a special screening of the classic indie hit "Clerks." At 2 p.m., Smith will arrive and immerse himself in a question and answer session with attendees of the event.

Although the event is scheduled to end at 4 p.m., Silent Bob's will-

ingness to answer questions— ironically— could make the event last several additional hours.

If you are wondering where to get your tickets, they are on sale even as you are reading this.

You can go online at www.floridafilmmakers.com. Each ticket is only \$35.00, and seats are on a first come, first served basis.

However, for those of you who are planning to buy your tickets the day of the event, you can buy them for \$50.00, if they are available.

In 2005, Florida's Future Filmmakers embarked on a journey with the sole purpose of giving the next generation of filmmaking talent the resources they need here in Florida.

"An Afternoon with Kevin Smith" is considered just one of the many events that are planned

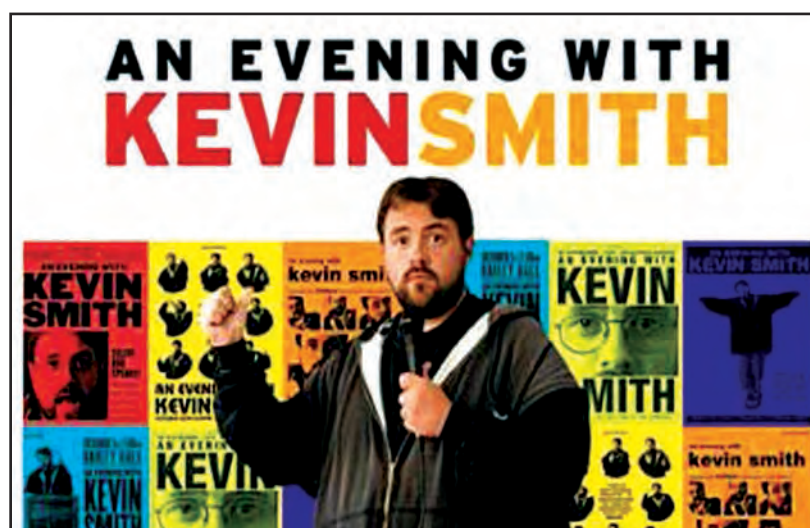
over the next couple of years to help aspiring filmmakers and industry professionals.

If you haven't seen Smith respond to questions, and I mean any questions, then you don't want to miss out on this rare and candid experience.

Be prepared however, for Smith is extremely fond of R-rated language.

If that isn't enough, in addition to the Kevin Smith Question and Answer session, attendees will be able to engage with event sponsors comprised of the most active film organizations in Florida.

If you have any questions and are looking for more information on the Kevin Smith event, or merely just curious about Florida's Future Filmmakers, please contact (321)274-9678 or visit their website at www.floridafilmmakers.com.



KEVIN SMITH, ALSO KNOWN from his many movies as Silent Bob, is coming to the Orange County Convention Center to speak with his fans. Smith promises to answer all questions that they might have.

Facebook community expands to include everyone

Charlene Valerio
Staff Reporter

Facebook, an online community once only open to college students, will soon be opening its gates to anyone with a valid e-mail address.

The change was set for Sept. 11, but has been deferred to this week as the company regroups after massive protests against its recently added "News Feed" feature, which automatically tracks changes in the status of a user's friends.

Mark Zuckerberg, founder and CEO of Facebook, and Chris Hughes, co-founder and spokesperson, announced their idea of going global in an online news conference. Hughes states, "We're doing this because one of the top suggestions we get from our users is 'Make it so that my other friends can get on!'"

Anyone who would want to register for Facebook will be required to join one of 500 regional networks. These networks would work just like the current college, high school, and work ones do, and new users would have the same privacy features as current users. Also, if a user would like to join

another network, they would have to be authenticated to go through. With time, Facebook hopes to expand the number of regional networks.

A company spokeswoman admits that these new changes will be a shock the current users.

"Whenever we've opened up our network, our existing members have reacted negatively, even though they've always adjusted," she said. "We're sure this will be no different, but we think it's in the best interest of the community."

Since the announcement of opening up Facebook, users have created dozens of groups opposed to this idea.

Online petitions are being distributed among users, and The Official Petition Against Opening Up Facebook group has increased dramatically to 39,000 over the past four days.

There is criticism that Facebook is expanding in an effort to compete with Myspace. By opening up Facebook, it could ease the user population gap between its 9.5 million and Myspace's 109 million. Zuckerberg, however, denies these claims.

"We are aiming to be a social

utility where you rebuild the real-life social networks that you already have... Myspace, on the other hand, tries to connect you to people you don't know." Facebook ranks as the seventh most trafficked site in the United States.

The company that is at risk with this move is Microsoft, who had joined Facebook as the provider of sponsored links and banner advertising - a move similar to Google's deal with Myspace. The Facebook/Microsoft partnership is to go into effect this fall, and is planned to boost Microsoft's AdCenter Web ad platform, which had trouble settling with a major distributor last year. Microsoft will likely benefit if Facebook can preserve its appeal.

For most college students, Facebook has already lost that appeal. "Facebook could be hurt when users start drawing comparisons to MySpace," says Fred Stutzman, a graduate student at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill's School of Information and Library Science, who studies Facebook's use among that university's students. "There's a backlash with every change at Facebook—but this is now the point of no return."

FACEBOOK HAS ANGERED ITS members once again. Facebook is trying to expand its membership to non-student users. Current members have started a group to petition the additional networks.

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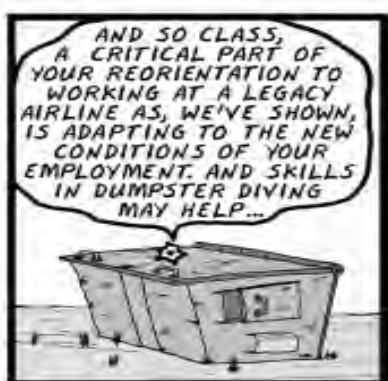
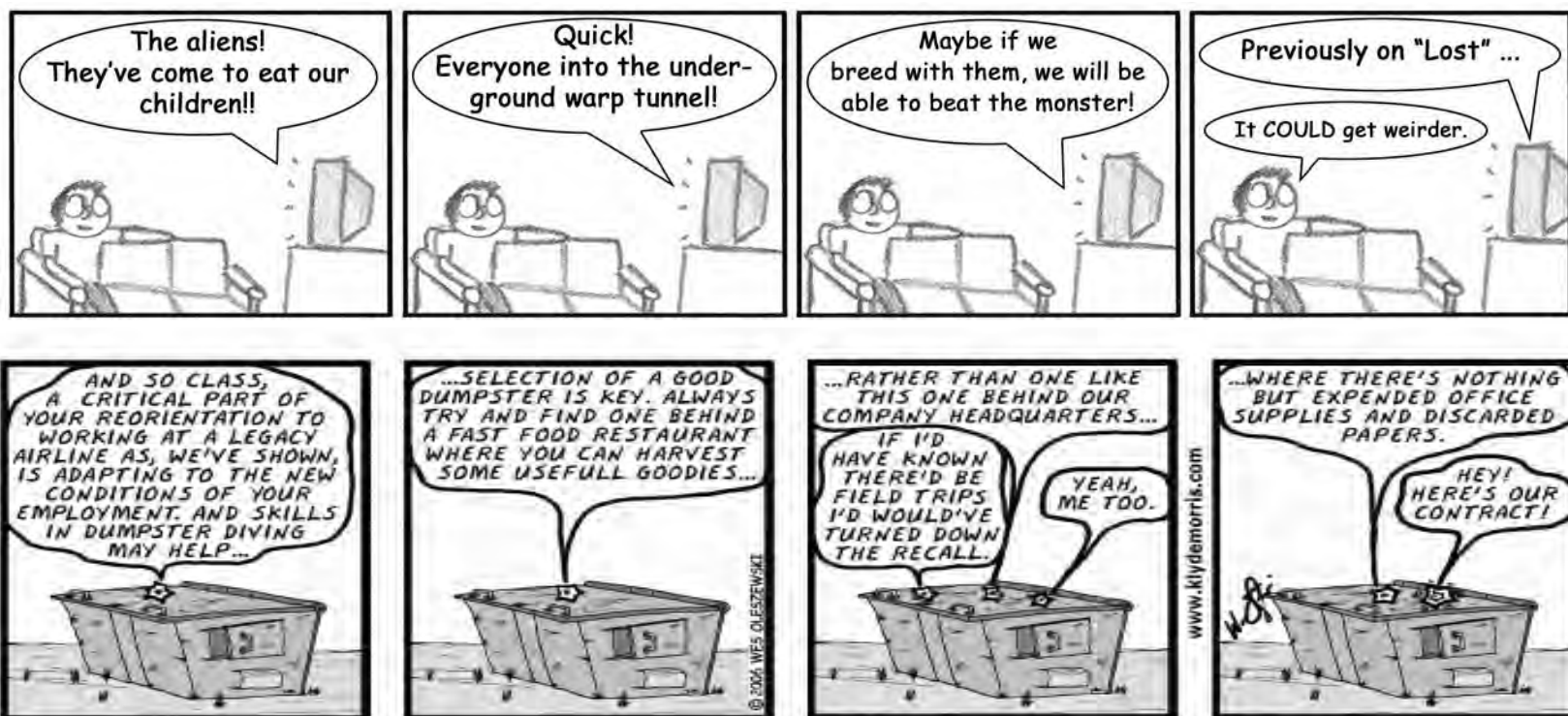
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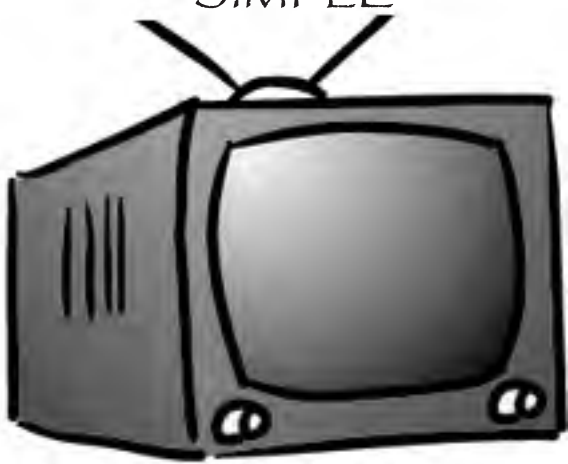
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- 17. D'oh!
- 20. The battle between good and evil ... Oh and a travelling circus to boot.
- 22. Twenty-to-life in "The Emerald City."
- 23. Pop Rocks and Soda ... Busted!
- 24. Despite it's name, Jack and Karen usually ran the show.
- 26. Who ever heard of a male cleaning lady?

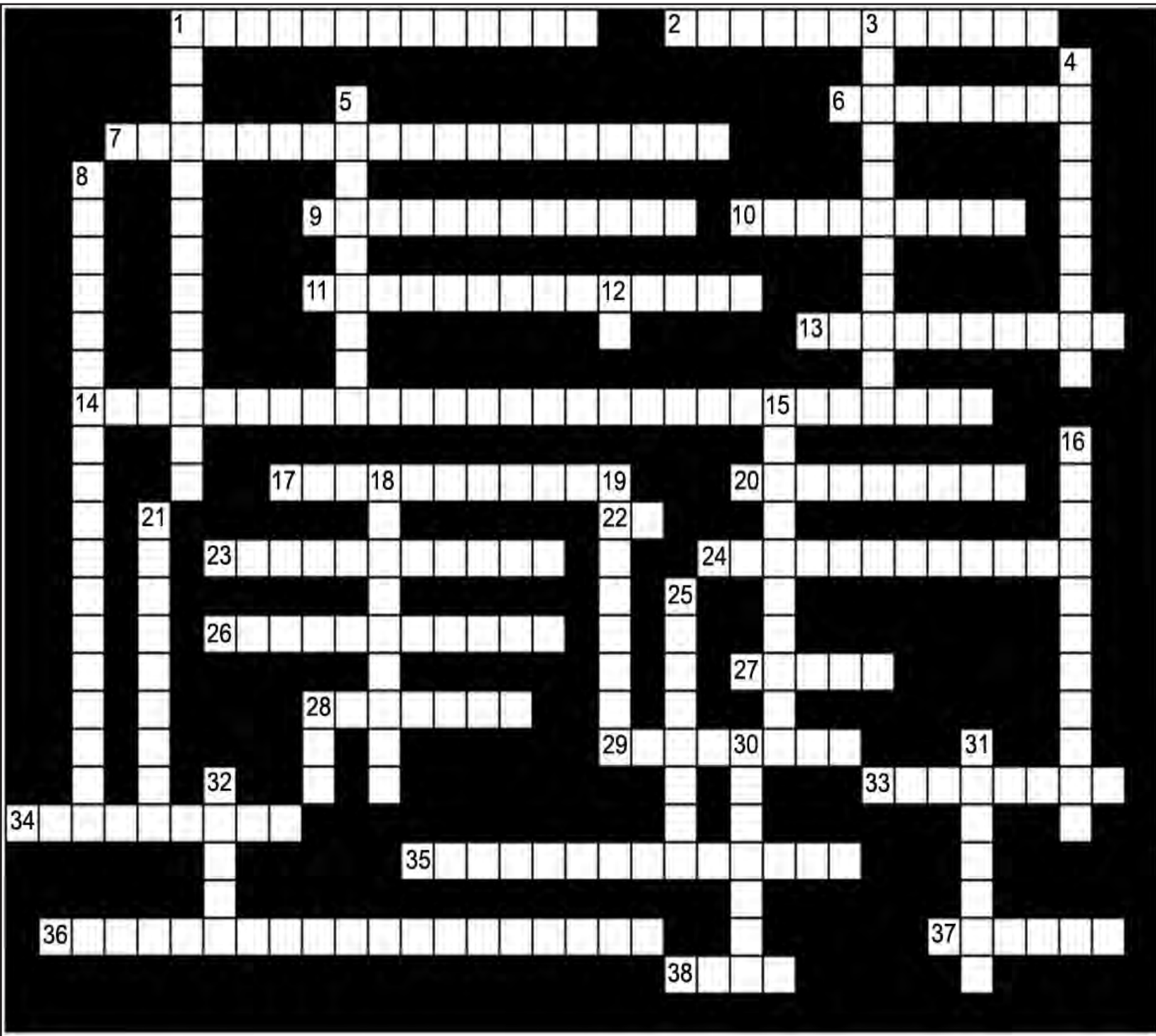
- 27. Suburban drug dealers ... Hey, single moms have to make a living somehow.
- 28. Witches, Whitelighters and Demons ... oh my!
- 29. "No soup for you!"
- 33. A role model for Bill Nye and Beakman, his show began airing in 1951.
- 34. Host Mike Rowe will do most any job you won't.
- 35. Growing up in the 60's was not nearly as easy as some people today might have you believe.

- 36. Al almost always had his hands down his pants.
 - 37. Some fun in a hospital with some hopeful interns.
 - 38. 4, 8, 15, 16, 23, 42 ... every 108 minutes.
- DOWN**
- 1. Mr. Roper was always making things difficult for Jack, Chrissy and Janet.
 - 3. Dr. Samuel Beckett just wants to get home.
 - 4. Scully and Mulder tackle some pretty bizarre reports.
 - 5. "Not the momma!" with a frying pan.
 - 8. Featured a talking rabbit, Floppy ... but only when Jack was alone.
 - 12. Dr. Carrie Weaver at County General in Chicago.

- 15. George dies and is recruited to be a grim reaper.
- 16. Tubby, British butler ... circa 1980's.
- 18. The TV show is great, but the movie is "Bigger, Longer and Uncut."
- 19. You're not-so-typical Italian-American family ... with guns.
- 21. With your best Cuban accent, "You've got some 'splaining' to do!"
- 25. This seasons contestants are divided by race.
- 28. Three different cities ... one investigative job.
- 30. Rachel to Ross, "It's not that common, it doesn't happen to every guy, and it IS a big deal!"
- 31. "What don't you like about yourself?"
- 32. A crippled doctor can fix any ailment, except his own.

ACROSS

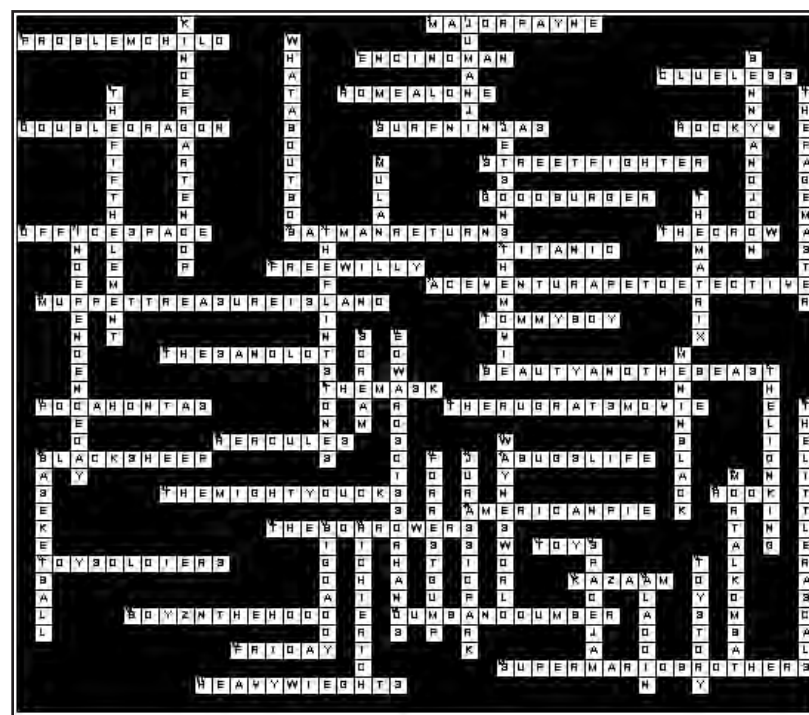
- 1. You take my room, I'll take yours, \$1,000 or so budget.
- 2. Arthur Spooner (Jerry Stiller) is walked daily by the neighborhood dog-walker.
- 6. David Hasselhoff, Pamela Anderson and numerous extended, slow-motion shots.
- 7. "West Philadelphia, born and raised ..."
- 9. The child prodigy and M.D.
- 10. He could take you out with a paperclip, a piece of string and some chewing gum. "What's he doing with that thing?"
- 11. Good times at Bayside High.
- 13. You might call it a remake of the Brady Bunch ... but this time, Ann B.



Submit your completed crossword to our office in SC 110. All correct entries will be entered to win a \$20 gift certificate to The Brooklyn Ice Cafe. Entries are due Friday by 5 p.m. Good luck! FYI: We had NO entries last week ... The prize went unclaimed!

Last Week's Solutions

Movies: The Best (& Worst) of the 90's



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