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# University Presidency decided today

## Board of Trustees meeting this afternoon to vote on fifth president

Brian Case

Editor-in-Chief

A special meeting of the Board of Trustees is scheduled for today at 3:30 p.m. The 18 trustees along with the five student and faculty delegates to the board will meet in Spruance Hall to decide who will be the next President of Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University.

The meeting is the last step in a selection process that has lasted nine months. On November 16, former University President

Dr. George Ebbs announced his resignation from Embry-Riddle, where he had served as President since 1998. Since that time, the University has been under the stewardship of Interim President Dr. John P. Johnson.

Johnson was one of 75 applicants for the position. An outside consulting firm narrowed the candidates to 28. The Presidential Search Committee to the Board of Trustees pared it down to eight candidates for interviews. Of those eight, four were selected for campus visits. After reviewing feedback from students, faculty and staff, two remain.

The Board of Trustees will now decide between Johnson and Air Force Lt. Gen. Michael M. Dunn. Dunn is the current President of the National Defense University, which is institutionally similar to Embry-Riddle.

An announcement is expected at some point this week. Following an official announcement, *The Avion* will bring you full coverage on our website, [avionnewspaper.com](http://avionnewspaper.com).



Lt. Gen. Michael M. Dunn, USAF



John P. Johnson, Ph.D.

## University Pool to close after Labor Day



CHRIS TEZAK/AVION

**STEVE SHELLEY KEEPS WATCH** at the University Pool on a sunny afternoon. The pool is adjacent to the site of the new Fitness Center, which will force the pool to close until summer 2007. The pool was originally supposed to stay open until Thanksgiving, but the decision was recently made to close it earlier.

## University forms Women's Center

Mikel Fitterman

Staff Reporter

Students know it as "The Riddle Ratio". Only 18 percent of students at Embry-Riddle are female, leaving a huge diversity imbalance in the University's enrollment. Seeking a way to attract a higher percentage of women to the university as well as supporting the existing population, a Women's Center has been created on campus. Over the last few months, a group of women from the Embry-Riddle community have worked hard to launch this new office, which will officially kick off operations in the new school year.

Paula Reed, Director of the Women's Center, has been at Embry-Riddle for 11 years, and was asked to head the program

this summer. She has previously worked in both the Diversity and Dean of Students offices. Reed was sought to head the center because of her dedication to women's issues on campus. After moving from the Diversity office, Reed thought "of all the diversity programming that I did, I've got to bring one issue with me, and that [is] women's programming." Reed believes that women need to feel that they have a right to attend Embry-Riddle and that they are supported by the university.

A major complaint heard from the overall population of Embry-Riddle has been, "why aren't there more female students here?" The University Chancellor as well as the office of the Provost heard these complaints

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## As fuel prices grow, general aviation slows

Jonathan Hornack

Guest Reporter

The effects of high fuel prices are being felt around the country every day, most notably, heightened airfares and airline bankruptcies. However, hardships endured in the general aviation community often elude the headlines. Flight schools, flight students, aircraft owners and related businesses are beginning to feel the effects.

Many pilots await calm, crisp days, and on these days, they take to the sky with the intention of landing at a new and exciting field for lunch. If the pilot decides to fuel up at Atlanta's Dekalb-Peachtree Airport he or she can expect to spend up to \$5.92 per gallon for 100LL according to [Airmav.com](http://Airmav.com). High fuel prices such as these are causing pilots to change their habits. Ben Carr, a pilot examiner located in Chattanooga, Tenn., owns a Beech Baron 58TC. Due to the price of fuel Carr flies the aircraft only out of necessity. During climb Carr's aircraft burns 56 gallons of fuel per hour, which is why he is "seriously thinking about downsizing" to a more fuel efficient single-engine aircraft. Carr is representative of many aircraft owners. An already expensive industry is becoming unbearably expensive. Carr has also felt the effects of high fuel costs in his business as a pilot examiner, "I'm probably doing a third to a half of what I was doing several years ago," he said.

Aircraft owners are not the only people affected by increased fuel prices. Jack Silverman, owner of Buffalo Springs Station Restaurant, located on Catalina Island in California, estimates that approximately 50 percent of his customers are brought to the restaurant by aviation. Last summer he began to feel the effects of soaring oil prices. He has observed a 25 percent decrease in business. Unfortunately, for customers of his

restaurant, Silverman was forced to raise his prices to compensate for lost business: "[At] Catalina it's twenty dollars to land. Plus gas. Plus food. Plus, plus, plus," he said. Although there has been a substantial decrease in business, Silverman is confident that, because the island is so unique, the loss in business will not become unbearable in the future.

Leonard Harris of Wings and Things pilot shop located at Dekalb-Peachtree airport has seen a considerable decrease in business since Sept. 11, 2001: "This is a business that used to, on a really good month, would do \$100,000 in sales. Then it dropped to eighty, then it dropped to sixty. Well, then it dropped to thirty," he said. Prior to Sept. 11, 2001, Wings and Things was a flight school in addition to a pilot shop. In September 2001, the flight school closed and the pilot shop remained open. As Harris told his story not one customer entered the store over a period of approximately forty-five minutes. He has observed a decrease of 40 percent in sales in the past two years. He began to feel the effects of high oil costs when it hit around \$49 per barrel. Harris has been forced to raise prices because of higher shipping costs. Much of his merchandise is shipped from the west coast. The significant decrease in business at the pilot shop has not only been due to fuel costs. The internet is also to blame. With advancements in technology, such as the internet, it is much simpler for consumers to find the cheapest price for a given product. As online pilot shops gain popularity Harris loses business. 40-50 percent of his business is generated from pilots purchasing new charts as required by Federal Aviation Regulations.

Dekalb-Peachtree Airport (PDK) is home to many flight schools with a diverse student population. Aviation Atlanta located at PDK primarily trains

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## ERAU receives *Sentinel* honor

Press Release  
Embry-Riddle

**Daytona Beach, Fla., Aug. 4, 2006** – Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University was named one of Central Florida's Top 100 Companies for Working Families at the Top 100 Awards Luncheon held Aug. 4, 2006, at the Rosen Plaza Hotel in Orlando.

Compiled annually by the *Orlando Sentinel* and published in the Aug. 6 edition of the newspaper's Florida magazine special section, the Top 100 list honors the local companies most committed to family-friendly policies. Applicants are judged on their family-related benefits, work environment, communication network, and training opportunities.

Embry-Riddle has 2,000 full-time employees worldwide, 1,255 of them in Central Florida. The world's largest university special-

izing in aviation and aerospace, Embry-Riddle educates more than 32,000 students annually.

"We're very proud to have been named to the Top 100 list for the second year in a row," said Irene McReynolds, Embry-Riddle's director of human resources. "It reflects our ongoing commitment to assisting our employees and their families in every way we can. Not only do our benefits rival that of any employer in Central Florida, we also offer additional benefits that only a university can provide."

Tuition waivers, a paid time-off plan, and health insurance are among the most popular benefits at Embry-Riddle for employees and their families, with some benefits available to domestic partners as well.

Employees and their family members have access to a world-class education at Embry-Riddle through 100 percent waivers of tuition for

credit courses and 25 percent waivers of flight lab fees. More than 30 undergraduate and graduate degree programs in aviation/aerospace, engineering, business, and related fields are available. As a bonus, Embry-Riddle's participation in a national tuition exchange program allows dependent children of employees to choose between 500 U.S. colleges and universities to attend tuition-free.

Health insurance at Embry-Riddle includes medical, dental, vision, and retail and mail-order pharmacy coverage for employees and their families. All eligible employees who retire while covered by these plans are eligible for retiree coverage until age 65. Employees can pay for certain medical expenses with pre-tax dollars through a flexible spending account.

Embry-Riddle makes sure its employees get plenty of time to spend with their families, starting

with 10 paid holidays each year, plus the business days between Christmas and New Year's Day. Workers also accrue personal leave, which is used for vacation, illness, and so on, and increases with years of service. New employees earn between 12 and 18 days of personal leave in their first year of full-time employment.

Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, the world's largest, fully accredited university specializing in aviation and aerospace, offers more than 30 degree programs in its colleges of Arts and Sciences, Aviation, Business, and Engineering. The university educates more than 32,000 students annually in undergraduate and graduate programs at residential campuses in Prescott, Ariz., and Daytona Beach, Fla., Worldwide at more than 130 centers in the United States, Canada, Europe, and the Middle East, and through online learning.

## University buys plagiarism service

Brian Case  
Editor-in-Chief

Embry-Riddle is the newest customer of *Turnitin.com*, a plagiarism prevention service. The service is available to all professors within BlackBoard as of July 17.

*Turnitin.com* claims to be the service of choice for plagiarism detection. Their client list has thousands of organizations, including Auburn University and the University of Florida.

To check a paper, a professor simply uploads the document to the *Turnitin.com* website. In less than 15 seconds, the paper is compared against billions of internet pages for similarities. *Turnitin.com* also compares the document to millions of previously submitted works (as many as 20,000 new papers are added each day), and a collection of published works, like journals and periodicals. The professor then receives an "Originality Report" which details the results of the search.

Each paper is given a percentage grade for originality. The matching source documents are listed in the originality report, with links to the original text so they may be compared side by side.

*Turnitin.com* claims that 30 percent of the papers it scans contain significant plagiarism, and one percent are outright copies. The company also claims that widespread institutional use of its services lowers plagiarism to nearly nothing.

Student papers will not be submitted to *Turnitin.com* without warning. Professors will be required to include a paragraph similar to the following in their course syllabus:

"All papers submitted for grading in this course may be submitted to *Turnitin.com* where the text of the paper is compared against information in the *Turnitin.com* database. Papers submitted will also be included in the *Turnitin.com* database and become source documents for the purpose of detecting plagiarism."

## Center aims to attract new women

"WOMEN," from Front

and decided that some sort of women's programming was needed to boost the female population. The Women's Center has been established to provide leadership and to promote academic and professional success as well as a social network for new and continuing female students.

Located in the Canaveral Research Center, the Women's Center has been designed to create a welcoming and nurturing environment. Donors have been supporting the center since its creation, enabling Reed to purchase supplies to set up a communications center. There will be a lending library for female students to be able to come and borrow videos on professional development and women's health issues. The space will also be available for women's groups to have meetings in a more private setting than currently possible on campus.

Programs for the Women's Center will begin at orientation, where incoming female students will be

invited into a big sister/little sister program. Through this program, Reed hopes that these women will feel more comfortable in their first few months at college, where they may otherwise not make friends immediately or feel comfortable asking more experienced students for help. Throughout the year, there will be events on women's health and professional development, including speakers from industry. Reed says that girls are typically not exposed to math, science, and technology enough in school, so outreach programs such as Women in Aviation Day will serve to recruit younger girls.

The Women's Center's message of dialogue and equality has received a warm welcome on campus, Reed says. "My primary focus is the retention and recruitment of female students," she states. The center has been long needed, and will take on an even greater importance as the female population of Embry-Riddle is set to grow once again with this year's incoming freshman class.

## Briefly...

### International Speedway Blvd. closing

International Speedway Blvd. (U.S. 92) will be closed at the railroad crossing just west of Ridgewood Ave. (U.S. 1) from Saturday, August 12 through Tuesday, August 15. The closest alternatives are Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune Blvd. to the north and Orange Ave. to the south.

Between the end of exams August 14 and the beginning of class August 28, many parking lots will change required decal colors. Concord lot, east of Doolittle, will be exclusively for commuters, and many lots will have decal rules enforced 24 hours. Please visit [www.avionnewspaper.com](http://www.avionnewspaper.com) for details.

### The 2006 Orientation Schedule

**MONDAY AUG. 21**  
• International student check-in

**TUESDAY AUG. 22**  
• International student check-in

**WEDNESDAY AUG. 23**  
• 8:30 a.m. New student check-in  
• 3:30 p.m. New student convocation

**THURSDAY AUG. 24**  
• 8:00 p.m. "Better Grades in Less Time" with Gary Tuerak

**FRIDAY AUG. 25**  
• 8:00 p.m. Hawaiian Luau at the pool  
• 11:00 p.m. "Over the Hedge" outdoor movie

**SATURDAY AUG. 26**  
• 6:00 p.m. Greek Life BBQ  
• 8:00 p.m. Illusionist Nick Comis

**SUNDAY AUG. 27**  
• 5:00 p.m. BBQ and live band, followed by Women's Soccer vs. Florida Tech.

**MONDAY AUG. 28**  
• School Starts  
• 8:00 p.m. Hypnotist Tom DeLuca

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## EAA Air Venture 2006, through a looking glass

Spencer Conklin  
Staff Reporter

Over 750,000 people from over 70 nations showed up to see the world's largest airshow. Oshkosh was a smash this year with over 10,000 aircraft flying in. "You gotta be there" was the right slogan for the show as people swarmed in to see some of the world's most famous aircraft.

As people continued to fly, drive and bus to the show events kicked off. Chelton Flight systems Gordon Pratt and Ricardo Price received the EAA Raspet Award for making flying safer. Chelton flight systems has designed the first certified synthetic vision EFIS (electronic flight information system).

The flight line was covered with very light jets. At every aircraft manufacturers booth there was a VLJ. The Eclipse 500 was featured along with Cessna's entry into the VLJ community, the Citation Mustang. The Embraer 500 was in full display along with the long awaited and anticipated HondaJet.

The forums kicked off with a long awaited discussion on general aviation's possible contribution of GA fees. Airlines for years have pushed this issue, have the GA community pay more while the airlines have to pay less for the services pilots use, such as air traffic control,



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navigational features, and runway maintenance. Fees for the GA community might shift billions of dollars in expenses from the airlines to the GA community.

Day after day people swarmed into the air show. Luiz Carols Novi

flew his maximum range of three hours at a time from San Paulo, Brazil, all the way up to Oshkosh. Robert Goyer braved thunderstorms to fly into Oshkosh where, with so few aircraft willing to brave the thunderstorms, he said it didn't feel

like Oshkosh without the 50 to 60 aircraft in the pattern. Only a day later a gaggle of sixteen aircraft was cleared to land at once on runway two-seven.

EAA dedicated an exhibit at the EAA AirVenture Museum to

SpaceShipOne where the aircrafts designer was there to commemorate the event. "The screws are exactly in the same place, even where we put them in the wrong place in the real thing," Mike Melville said. SpaceShipOne is set to change the aviation community forever, making space travel a viable possibility in the near future.

Honda has announced an alliance with Piper Aircraft to build the HondaJet, Honda's first aircraft insert into the aviation community. The Piper Vero Beach plant in Florida will build the new aircraft which will decrease Honda's starting costs into the aviation community. The HondaJet is expected to cruise at a speed of 420 knots at up to 43,000 feet, 1,100 nm range, and cost only in the one to two million range.

There was an abundance of new aircraft designs at the event, including the idea for an aircraft that you can also drive. The idea has already been laid out on the drawing board. This new plane, called the Transition, will allow you to take off on a runway, then land, fold in the wings, and go for a drive. Getting around 30 m.p.g. on a regular tank of unleaded gas, this new design could revolutionize aviation. When the wetaher gets bad, you land, then drive off until the weather picks up, then you take off again.

DUATS, Direct User Access Terminal System, was a subject of conversation at AirVenture with the notion that the FAA may discontinue its use. Originally, the contract for the DUATS system was awarded in 1989 but the FAA has decided to cancel this contract. Lockheed Martin will end up taking over the system and revamp it for an entirely new system. There is a question of the quality of service that Lockheed is intending to provide. Its system will not be FAA certified which makes the weather information questionable.

Suzanne Oliver made her debut at Oshkosh with a skywriting act. She and her husband, Steve, are the only husband-and-wife skywriting duo group in the world. Throughout the week they wrote many messages for people to read. The messages drifted with the wind, lasting sometimes upwards of two hours and drifting across many miles of ground.

The end of the week came though. With nearly a million people in visitation and the airport being busier than O'Hare International Airport, the show had been a huge success. Many were sad to leave the event but were ready to return back home to a real bed and out of their tents. Mary Conklin, long time AirVenture visitor said as she packed up her Cessna 180 that she was "looking forward to next year already."

## Virgin Galactic ready to begin selling tickets

**For a price of \$200,000 a person**

Mikel Fitterman  
Staff Reporter

In October of 2004, Scaled Composite's SpaceShipOne ushered in the age of commercial spaceflight by winning the Ansari X-Prize. In the span of two weeks, SpaceShipOne became the first privately funded spacecraft to be launched to an altitude of 328,000 feet, land safely, and repeat the task. Now, just two years later, Burt Rutan, the president of Scaled Composites, and Sir Richard Branson, the founder of Virgin Group, have announced that they have already accepted deposits for over 150 passengers on the first commercial spaceflights with Virgin Galactic. The first flight is slated for 2008.

Everything seems to be on track for the first flights, as Scaled Composites works on refined ver-

sions of SpaceShipOne and its carrier ship, White Knight. SpaceShipTwo will be piggybacked on White Knight Two and take off from a normal runway in the Mojave Desert. White Knight Two will climb to 50,000 feet, where SpaceShipTwo will detach and then rocket away to the edge of space. Total flight time is expected to be 2 hours and 15 minutes, with 15 total minutes in space and five minutes of weightlessness.

Each flight will carry six passengers. Eventually Virgin Galactic will move to a new base in New Mexico, Spaceport America, by 2010. The first 100 passengers on Virgin Galactic were carefully selected by the company for a diverse mix of what the company is naming "founders". Relying on word of mouth and endorsements from their customers, many founders are featuring their trip to space in ad campaigns, speeches at conventions, and even art exhibits. If an applicant is not chosen as a founder, they can still apply to be pioneers or voyagers and pay an initial deposit instead of the \$200,000 immediately. A number of famous celebrities have expressed interest in being Virgin Galactic passengers, including British Royal Prince

Harry, Brad Pitt, Angelina Jolie, and William Shatner.

Virgin Galactic has not yet received federal approval or certification to begin spaceflights, so the \$200,000 ticket price is refundable if flights never occur. Will Whitehorn, President of Virgin Galactic, as well as Rutan and Branson, are confident that their commercial spaceflight venture will proceed as planned. Over 60,000 people have registered interest via the company's website, proving that the public is also certain that commercial spaceflight is a viable operation.

Founders and other registered passengers maintain that spaceflight should not just be for the rich. It remains to be seen, however, how much ticket prices will decrease after the first years of commercial spaceflight, and if it will ever be accessible for the average person. Virgin Galactic is dedicated, however, to bringing the dream of commercial spaceflight to reality. Since 1961, when cosmonaut Yuri Gagarin became the first human in space, less than 500 people have become true astronauts by going into space. Virgin Galactic hopes to put 500 people in space during its first year in operation.



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## HondaJet for production Fuel prices and aviation

Joseph Poznanski  
Guest Reporter

World-respected engine builder Honda announced in August of 2005 its intention to begin building jets; the first prototype has just recently been successfully flight tested. Known as the "HondaJet", it is already being marketed as the latest in affordable business travel, and will compete in price against such rivals as Cessna, Gulfstream, and Eclipse. The estimated sale price is between \$900,000 and \$2.7 million, though none of the aircraft will actually hit the market until at least 2008, since it usually takes 2 to 3 years to pass approval for sale by

the Federal Aviation Administration.

When the HondaJet debuts, it will be a major contender in the MicroJet category. Also known as Very Light Jets or VLJs, these craft have been traditionally available only within the realm of the ultra-rich; Honda hopes to change this by making the price relatively affordable. The U.S. Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) estimates that 4,500 of these jets will be in operation in the United States by 2016, causing a 'boom' in the need for private/business pilots. One analogy for the HondaJet has been from the chief executive of Honda Takeo Fukui who calls it the "Honda Civic of the sky."

Residents of Greensboro, North

Carolina might already have seen the new jet, as the prototype has been extensively tested in the area.

The plane is designed for seating six, either in a two crew and four passenger configuration or a one crew member and five passenger configuration. Honda claims that its newly developed natural laminar-flow wing section, called the SMH-1, will aid in fuel economy and speed; other changes, such as a laminar-flow nose section and an over-the-wing engine will also help improve efficiency. The HondaJet has a maximum speed of 420 knots, with a range of 1,100 nautical miles under nominal load from its twin Honda HF118 Turbofan Engines.

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students who wish to fly for a career. President Philip Sanders said the school is "probably as busy as we've ever been." However, he is dealing with the cost of fuel by absorbing a substantial amount of the expense himself: "I passed on half the cost, and I'll slowly pass on all the cost. I haven't done that now 'cause I didn't want to reduce the volume of business that we have," he said. Aviation Atlanta, and their students-while not struggling-are beginning to feel the effects of the lofty cost of fuel. On the other hand, when Joe Tito, General Manager of PDK Flight Academy was asked what effect the cost of fuel has had on business, the answer was surprising: "Judging from hours flown, and everything, we're well ahead of last year at the same time," he said. Tito explained "Our business is booming." Approximately 60 percent of PDK Flight Academy's student population, according to Tito, earns upward of \$150,000 per year. Many students fly for pleasure or modified business at PDK Flight Academy. Although PDK Flight Academy is paying over five dollars per gallon for fuel, they are not seeing the effects of heightened fuel prices on business just yet.

Other countries may be able to help answer the question of how heightened prices will ultimately affect General Aviation in America. Peter van den Bandt, a Flight Instructor based out of Cobb County Airport-McCollum Field, located northwest of Atlanta, learned to fly in Holland. He explained that aviation in Holland is costly: between \$14,000 and 22,000 for a Private Pilot Certificate (compared to around \$6,000 in America). Van den Bandt acknowledged that the General Aviation community is much

smaller in Holland than in the United States. He explained that fuel currently costs approximately six dollars per gallon at Rotterdam International Airport in Holland, and may be more expensive at larger airports. He also said that the fuel is not only to blame for the high cost of aviation in Europe; European flying is riddled with additional fees that aviators in America need not pay, such as Air Traffic Control fees. Van den Bandt believes that the combined costs of fees and fuel are probably to blame for the substantially smaller General Aviation

community in Europe. While aviation in America is not dead, perhaps it is becoming more like the smaller scale aviation communities found in Europe.

Some businesses are feeling the pain of high fuel prices more than others. With escalating violence in the Middle East, and a forecast for a volatile hurricane season, the outlook is not great for fuel prices. Aviation suffers directly from the high price of fuel. Enjoy the calm, crisp, days now — while you still can afford it. Fuel is beginning to cost more than just money.



ADAM WRIGHT/AVION

AS FUEL PRICES RISE many worry about the effects it is going to have on the General Aviation community.

## Hydrocarbon lakes found

**New images of Titan from Cassini**

Joseph Poznanski  
Guest Reporter

NASA's Cassini spacecraft recently flew within 600 miles of Saturn's moon, Titan, and the images and data it sent back confirms that lakes of methane or ethane are present all over Titan's surface. Called the "Hydrocarbon Lakes," they are theorized to be formed from rain produced from methane clouds in Titan's atmosphere, though more information is needed by scientists to be certain. Interest from the scientific community is extremely high, as these lakes are very similar to primordial Earth. The next flyby by Cassini is scheduled for September 7, 2006.

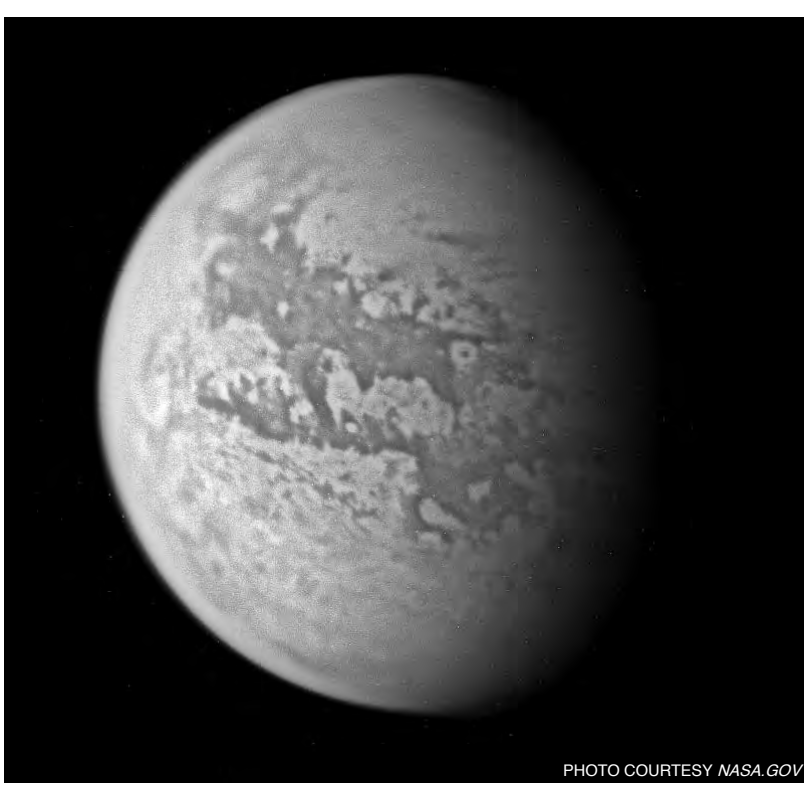


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## Atheist, or just anti-Christian

Recently Michael Perstin indirectly called the Christian faith a cowardly confession. Putting our sins on another man, he said, was "something only a coward will do." Maybe he should talk to some of those rappers and drug addicts who have turned to Christ for their salvation from self and sin. They will tell you how cowardly they were when subjected to their own depravity.

In the Bible, Christians find guidance in both the Old and New Covenants (Testaments) about truth, standards and philanthropic practices. It has been said that the Old Testament is the New concealed, and the New Testament is the Old revealed. Slavery and such was not necessarily bad, it was capitalism at the time, and a commonplace function of society. Nevertheless, there were and are warnings given to cruel and unjust slave-masters. "And masters, treat your slaves in the same way. Do not threaten them, since you know that He who is both their Master and yours is in heaven, and there is no partiality with Him" (Ephesians 6:9). The present tense is given because slavery still existed then, as a way of life. Even though slavery is extinct in our country, it still plays into our spiritual life as Christians and even atheists.

"Do you not know that to whom you present yourselves slaves to obey, you are that one's slaves, whether of sin leading to death, or of obedience leading to righteousness?" (Romans 6:16) This is the crux of the argument, Mr. Perstin. Whom do you obey? Jesus said you cannot serve two masters in Matthew 6:24. If God seems distasteful to you, perhaps you need to "taste and see that the Lord is good" (Psalm 34:8). Obeying Him is not cowardly, it is impossible for man to do apart from His supernatural pull (Isaiah 64:6, John 6:44). Atheistic naturalism will never be able to account for man's spiritual vacuum and instinctive predisposition to obey the general call of servitude to an almighty God.

**"... it is impossible for man to do apart from His supernatural pull ..."**  
- DANIEL HOFLE

According to your logic, my Christian opinions are ramblings which constitute indefinite lockup in a padded facility. In naturalism, all matter chaotically rambles around the galaxy in a frenzy of disassembly. However, somehow you trust your school textbooks are written in a coherent and procedural manner. Even your very thoughts are spontaneous chemical combinations that result in debatable opinions! Well, something has to give. Either nothing is interpretable, or there is objectivity in the universe. Your mention of "today's standards" and opinion forming is interesting. Here's a syllogism: If Hitler's opinions were not based on the Bible (as you say), and you

wish people had more of their own opinions (as you said), then do you wish that more people had opinions like...Hitler's? It is an honest question. It brings us to that very 5 year old you referenced.

Deuteronomy 6:6 says "and these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thy heart." A young person needs not to be taught how to do wrong; he already knows what is right, but cannot achieve God's standard of perfection. None of us can morally incline ourselves toward righteousness, only away from it. "The wicked are estranged from the womb: they go astray as soon as they are born, speaking lies" (Psalm 58:3). "Before I was afflicted I went astray; but now have I kept thy word" (Psalm 119:67). The standard is set for our duty as creatures of God. We are born wicked, and cannot achieve "good" even in our own conscious, as you attested last week (Isaiah 1:5-6+64:6, Romans 3:10-18). You admitted that there were some things you weren't proud of in your life. That makes two of us. The difference is that I have appealed to God for a new heart (Ezekiel 36:26, 2 Corinthians 5:19, Ephesians 5:26) for the forgiveness of sins. Your response is that slavery to God is threatening and cowardly, and that God would be unjust to overlook your inherent goodness. The answer is in those

standards. Not "today's standards" but God's. That 5 year old knows that when daddy hits mommy he's not acting right. Daddy knows too. Without real heart knowledge, however, there is no fear of God before that man's eyes even though his conscious is screaming at him to stop. In closing, I argue that a normative statement such as "not proud of" indicates a God given feeling of imperfection within oneself. Unless you had some idea of "right" you would not be able to say "I should have done this or that." This presents the Christians view rather well "for when the Gentiles, who do not have the law, by nature do the things in the law, these, although not having the law, are a law to themselves, who show the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness." (Romans 2:14-15) You, although an atheist, have a God given conscious that leads you to despair of his standards, and look for answers elsewhere, presumably a form of lower law engendered by a deceived heart (Jeremiah 17:9).

Humans can justify anything in their mind, even hypothetical questions about the authenticity of the most investigated book in history; I'll leave you to figure out which one that is.  
~Daniel Hofle

## Stand Up!

### Why do Republicans hate America?

When writing this column I really try to not just go after a party in general, but also rather talk about an issue or story more people should know about. But after what transpired this week on Capitol Hill I do not care anymore.



Chris Tezak  
Columnist

The minimum wage in this country is an absolute atrocity. Working full time for 52 weeks nets you \$10,700 a year, a full \$6000 under the federal poverty line for a family of three. The federal minimum wage has not been raised in nearly ten years. TEN YEARS. I was in fifth grade learning my times tables and no one had even considered George W. Bush for president in 1996. In that period of time Congress has raised their pay \$31,000, that's almost three times a yearly minimum wage earner. If you don't scream WTF when you think about that, you don't have a soul.

Now this year when the idea of Congressional pay raises came across the floor of the Senate, the Democrats vowed no too accept a pay raise until minimum wage was raised. Granted it's an election year and it's probably political, but still it's something. But low and behold the Republicans in Congress, using their majority power, decided what a great time to put on a rider. And the rider they chose, but of course it must be a repeal of the estate tax. The estate tax; a tax one third of one percent of people in this country pay, a tax the Republicans have been trying to repeal for quite a few years now, and a tax cut the Democrats will never agree to.

So the events unfolded and the Senate vote went along party lines with 54 votes for the bill from the Republicans. Who would have guessed? The Democrats have a chance to bring this bill back, as

there is no way they will be able to get the 60 votes needed to attain cloture on the issue, so we should see it again. If we don't it will be just another measure from this government that stomps on the middle and lower class and helps the richest of the rich. And in this situation there is no question about the validity of that statement. It cannot be any clearer.

Now I am sure some of you out there will think, "We don't want to raise minimum wage, it will hurt the economy," or "Raising minimum wage will create fewer jobs." Well one doesn't even have to leave the state of Florida to see those statements are false. Since this state raised it minimum wage to greater than the federal minimum the state has seen a decrease in unemployment and upward growth in the economy. To see the reports do a google search for "Florida Minimum Wage Report" and you can see a bunch of nice facts and figures if you don't believe me.

Come November, this country needs some serious house cleaning. It makes me sick how little it appears Congress cares about the people that make this country tick. The lower and middle class in this country have been taking it on the chin for far too long, and it is time for us to do something about it. Write your Senators and Representatives and tell them what you think. If you feel as I do, please, for the good of the people in this country make a stand on this issue, if nothing else. Also, if there is anyone who reads this column who can explain to me why the Republicans are openly showing they don't care about the working class in this country, please write in *The Avion*, because I would like to hear an explanation.

## Parking on campus, not an issue

We've all heard the dreaded news. It's been splayed across the front of this very paper only a few weeks ago. The headlines streamed across the pages, the dreaded news listed in each column of paper: parking spaces slashed, 422 spots to be closed, parking spots not being replaced, new decals added, more students than ever showing up. It's like a nightmare for anyone who owns a car. As the image landed on the front of the paper one would have thought an epic battle was preparing to be waged by students

across the parking lots. Students prepared to do war over that last remaining spot. They filled their cars with gas, preparing to have to wait many hours day and night, no one leaving campus, simply living in their cars in order to be able to have a parking spot. Students will arm themselves, preparing to do hand to hand combat over the best spaces. Freshmen will have their cars bombed in order to remove them for those students who live off campus.

Yeah, right. Get real. Embry-Riddle has capacity for

3,917 cars. Now, yes, we have more students than parking spots and when you factor in the employees you would think we'd be dramatically short of parking spots. The numbers simply do not add up. But, be honest, have you ever not found a parking spot somewhere on campus? Some students are only here some of the days of the week or only during certain times, the rush is around noon, but there is still parking available.

Did you know that the farthest parking lot on campus, the Spitfire lot, located behind ROTC across Clyde Morris is only a 15 minute walk to any building on campus? That's it. But from the amount of complaining you overhear one would think that you have to walk hours upon hours through blistering heat across a desert uphill through a war zone to get to class.

We have it lucky here. Many schools don't allow freshmen to have cars on campus. Or you have to park so far away that you require a bus from the parking lot to even get to your class. Parking is only \$35 for cars here but it can be upwards \$100 at other campuses. I've never had trouble finding a parking spot.

Now, yes, I will admit, I'd like to park closer sometimes. When I show up at noon and am forced to park in one of the farthest spots it's annoying, but I still have a spot and it still really isn't that bad. The school has gone out of their way to add an extra 172 spaces to compensate for the loss. This lot is right next to the flight line. There is no parking crunch. There will be plenty of parking for everyone.

So, I ask everyone to take a deep breath and realize that there are more important things than worrying about parking

such as your tuition going up, again and again. Maybe someday parking will be an issue on campus, but this year we have nothing to worry about. You may not be as close as you are used to, but at least you have a parking spot. It could be a lot worse.  
~Spencer Conklin



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## Student Forum

*The Avion* asks: "What is your favorite nightclub in Daytona or Orlando?"  
—Compiled by Mikel Fitterman



**Bernhard Smets**  
Sophomore  
Aviation Maintenance

"Rain."



**Steven Franke**  
Senior  
Aviation Maintenance

"Fuel."



**Ryan Ribeiro**  
Sophomore  
Aviation Maintenance

"Mai Tais."



**James Willingham**  
Freshman  
Aerospace Engineering

"Razzles."



**James Williams**  
Sophomore  
Aeronautical Science

"House Parties."



**Sam Valverde**  
Senior  
Human Factors

"Aqua Lounge."



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## WORD SEARCH

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## The Riddle of Life

By Jonathan Mettin

Searching for life in the barren wasteland...

## Klyde Morris

Aviation's Only Ant!™

by Wes Oleszewski

## SHOTS

- Across**
1. Everclear, and cherries
  4. Cough Syrup: \_\_\_\_\_, creme de menthe, vodka
  6. Jack Daniel's, Jim Beam, Johnny Walker
  8. Crown Royal, Sour Apple Pucker, and cranberry juice
  10. Alabama Slammer: Sothern Comfort, gin, and \_\_\_\_\_
  14. Tequila, triple sec, lime juice
  19. Butterscotch schnapps, and Bailey's Irish Cream
  22. Cinnamon schnapps, Tabasco sauce
  23. Buttershots liqueur, Bailey's Irish Cream
  25. Bailey's Irish Cream, and Sambuca
  26. \_\_\_\_\_ Cake: Vodka, hazelnut liqueur, lime, sugar
  27. Backdraft: Drambuie, and \_\_\_\_\_
- Down**
2. Blue Curacao, Malibu rum, peach schnapps, sweet and sour, and Sprite
  3. Carjacker: Cognac, and \_\_\_\_\_
  5. Jagermeister, and ginger ale
  7. Bailey's Irish cream, Guinness, and irish whiskey
  9. Jagermeister, peach schnapps, cranberry juice
  11. Peppermint Patty: Peppermint schnapps, and \_\_\_\_\_
  12. Bailey's Irish Cream, lime juice
  13. Vodka, lemon juice, sugar
  15. Surfer on Acid: \_\_\_\_\_, coconut rum, and pineapple juice
  16. Liquid Cocaine: Bacardi 151, Goldschlager, and \_\_\_\_\_
  17. Vodka, peach schnapps, Grenadine, and pineapple juice
  18. B-52: Kahlua, \_\_\_\_\_, and Bailey's
  20. Mind Eraser: Goldschlager, \_\_\_\_\_, and vodka
  21. Tabasco sauce, and tequila
  23. Irish cream, Kahlua, whipped cream
  24. Woo Woo: peach schnapps, \_\_\_\_\_, and cranberry juice



## ‘Little Miss Sunshine’ delivers with dark comedy

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After a free screening of the independent film “Little Miss Sunshine,” I certainly couldn’t ask for my money back, nor would I have wanted to.

The movie comes with a large buzz stemming from the most marketing in the Sundance film competition so far, but that didn’t mean it wouldn’t deliver. “Sunshine” has many moments, and is sure to drive an audience outside the art house realm due to the presence of “The 40-Year-old Virgin” himself, Steve Carrell.

The poignant story revolves around a family, the Hoovers, who must conquer each of their self-afflicted problems during a roadtrip to their daughter’s

beauty pageant. Each character packs their problems into a yellow VW bus all for the sake of seven-year-old, Olive, who is determined to become Little Miss Sunshine in California.

Of course, if you pack several flawed human beings in a VW bus, two things are sure to happen: tension will build and their will be a breaking point. All their flaws are written with a sad kind of humor, making it almost ironic that each character manages to get as far as they do.

Among the many character flaws is that of Olive’s suicidal Uncle Frank (Carrell), who’s depression lingers on after the man — yes, I said man — of his dreams left him for another. Her Grandpa is a junkie, Mom and Dad are on the verge of a breakdown, and the brother “hates everyone.” Throughout the

course of the film, each of them solves their problem one by one as they ‘push’ — if you watch the movie you’ll get it — towards Olives dream.

Upon arrival, comes the reality that pageants like the ones portrayed in the movie are real and really scary. Through a sea of JonBenét Ramsey-looking kids, Olive possesses the last flaw of the Hoover family; she longs to be someone but herself. Each flaw culminates into a look-at-me-now message telling us that everyone we meet or know is deeply flawed and tremendously beautiful.

From a satirical standpoint, you wouldn’t expect this movie to be laugh-out-loud funny, but that’s exactly what you’ll do. So much so, that you’ll get out, hop in a VW bus and enjoy the “Sunshine.”



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Little Miss Sunshine



## Shake ‘N’ Bake with ‘Talladega’

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“Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby” is one of Will Ferrell’s best since “Elf” and “Anchorman,” will send you home in stitches.

Written by Will Ferrell, and Director Adam McKay, Ferrell plays speed hungry, ego driven, endorsement-loving, NASCAR driver Ricky Bobby, who lives by the credo is “If you’re not first, then you’re last.”

The story begins by the birth of Ricky Bobby (Ferrell) in the back of a speeding Chevy. The movie then establishes Bobby’s need for speed, when he steals the family station wagon and races through traffic using a wiffle-ball bat to press the gas pedal.

Bobby eventually teams up with his grade school friend Cal

Naughton Jr. (John C. Reilly), on the racetrack, and defines their close relationship with the term “shake and bake,” a mantra that is reiterated numerous times throughout the movie.

Ricky Bobby’s Cinderella story racing career is turned upside down when Jean Girard (Sacha Baron, aka “Ali G”), an espresso-sipping, gay Formula One driver challenges Ricky on his own turf.

One of the most memorable scenes comes early in the movie, where Bobby says grace to “baby” Jesus, and thanks PowerAde for its new flavor, “Mystic Mountain Blueberry,” because it stipulates in his contract that he has to mention PowerAde every time he says grace.

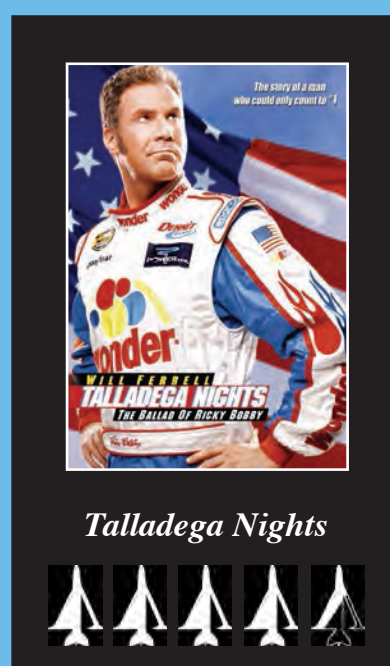
It’s definitely a laugh out loud movie meant to poke fun at the commercial side of NASCAR, by overindulging every aspect of the

movie with endorsement deals, and product placement. Ricky goes so far as to sell the space on his windshield to Fig Newton, and comments at how hard it is to see around the sign while driving.

The movie is chock-full of product endorsements including Big Red chewing gum, Taco Bell, McDonalds, Burger King, KFC, AppleBees, Pepsi, Perrier, Old Spice, Wonder Bread and even Maxpad, the official tampon of NASCAR. The list is endless.

Others cast in the movie include Ricky Bobby’s dad, Reese Bobby (Gary Cole), and mom, Lucy (Jane Lynch). Leslie Bibb plays Ricky’s “smokin’-hot” wife, Carley Bobby, and Houston Tumlins and Grayson Russell play his two trash-talking sons, Walker and Texas Ranger.

If you’re looking for non-stop laughs, “Talladega” is one summer movie that’s sure to deliver.



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