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Homecoming does not disappoint

Nicole Fossum

Staff Reporter

Nov. 7-11 marked an eventful homecoming on campus. Alumni of all ages invaded campus giving students opportunities to meet their predecessors as well and a chance for the Alumni to reconnect with their classmates.

The theme of "Primetime Homecoming" challenged student groups to choose a T.V. show and design all of their homecoming contest entries around their decision. As always, the students of Embry Riddle did not disappoint with their creativity. A few of the chosen T.V shows included "Survivor," "I Love Lucy," "America's Next Top Model," and "Gilligan's Island." The week was full of events of every kind including a chalk art and spirit sign contest, movie on the lawn, talent show, parade, concert, basketball game and comedian.

Touch-N-Go's weekly movie was shown on Wednesday, students were entertained by the traditional style of the ever favorite Simpsons in the "Simpsons Movie." The movie was originally slated to be presented on the West Lawn on the 30-foot screen but the cold weather brought the movie, into the Student Center. Along with the movie Touch-N-Go served pink frosted donuts and squishies to give everyone a little piece of Springfield.

Thursday saw ERAU's student population showcase their abilities at the annual Talent Show. Acts ranging from cover bands, solo singers, an "Evolution of Dance" sequel

and jugglers to a step routine from Kappa Alpha Psi, the Acafellas with a throw back to "Happy Days," and plenty of illusions and tricks from MC Dave Gerim.

The Acafellas repeated as group champions, continue their all out style that saw them dress up in full Gnarls Barkley attire and sing the bands hit single "Crazy."

As Friday was University Day, the students seized the break from classes to sit back and enjoyed the festivities. The parade route was lined by Alumni, people from the community and students alike. Those who watched received a show with the bright and uniquely decorated floats and creative skits to match.

Floats, cars and groups of walkers tried the best they could to impersonate their groups chosen TV shows. "Legends of the Hidden Temple" and "Guts" brought some Nickelodeon nostalgia. Classics like "McHales Navy," "Cheers," "Star Trek," "Kung Fu" and "Gilligan's Island" added a bit of history, while contemporary shows like "Scrubs," "The Deadliest Catch" and others added some flare.

The group winners ran the gamut from witty to bordering on chaotic. The Society for Physics Students and Sigma Pi Sigma teamed up to win the group title. Their ren-dition of "Beauty and the Geek" saw five guys try to put together a Rubik's cube the fastest to the bewilderment of the crowd. Sigma Alpha Epsilon took first in the vehicle category with their rendi-tion of "Cops," complete with censored streakers, police helicopters



MELANIE PUGH/AVION

JOCELYN DUNN, AND PAUL Zigler were this year's Homecoming king and queen. The crowning was just one event in an actionpacked week that was topped off with comedian Pablo Francisco and country artist Keith Anderson.

and general mayhem. Taking home fect cheer, Matt Foley, and Mary the float category was the Riddle Players, with a full-on "Saturday Night Life" revue featuring the per-

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Women's NAIA tourney brings 20 teams to ERAU

Tim Kramer

Staff Reporter

The top NAIA women's soccer teams in the nation will perform on Wednesday campus through Tuesday, as Embry-Riddle hosts the national tournament. For the past two years ,ERAU has hosted the men's national tournament, but this is the first year the college will host the women's tournament. The 20-team bracket includes 14 regional champs and six at-large qualifiers, including the host Eagles. The brackets were

released on Thursday. The Eagles (7-10) are seeded 20th and will play Wednesday night against 13th-seeded Kansas Wesleyan. ERAU enters the tournament com-ing off a 5-2 loss to Savannah College of Art and Design in the regional tournament.

Johansson leads the Eagles with 16 goals and four assists. Kansas Wesleyan outscored its opponents 4-0 on way to the Region IV championship.

Lee (Tenn.) enters the tournament as the top seeded team. Lee defeated defending national champ Lindsey Wilson (Kent.) on Sept. 26 to jump to the top of the national rankings, and has not looked back. They enter the tournament with a 20-1 record and outscored their opponents 6-1 en route to a third straight Region XIII championship.

Second-seed Lindsey Wilson (13-2-3) is seek-ing its third national championship in four years, but enters the tournament with an at-large bid after losing to Martin Methodist in the Region XI championship game. Among the other

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Riddle Players opens up '12 Angry Men'

Freshman

Jordan Clancy

Staff Reporter

The applause received at the curtains close was well deserved this past Saturday for the Riddle Players Theatre Company's performance of Reginald Rose's "Twelve Angry Men." The audience was carried on an emotional elevator stopping at every floor by a story of one woman's quest to find the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth, so help her God. "It's a classic story of an underdog set in the 1950s, but could take place anywhere or in any time period. So excit-ing," Stefanie Thaxton told The Avion. The plot begins with a 19-year-old man who stood trial for the fatal stabbing of his father. In the jury room, it appears to be an open-and-shut case until one of the jurors begins to open the others'

eyes to the facts. Tempers get short, arguments grow heated and the 12 jurors quickly become "Twelve Āngry Men." Outstanding perforthe level-headed individual among the 12-member jury, ensuring justice is found with truth.

Some actor's emotions came across so strong and real that members of the audience became angry with that character's personality, particularly with the character's interaction with other jurors. Frank Arban, portraying Juror No. 3, was able to get lost in his character's role well; it was a joy to watch this actor's natural talent shine in his sixth show with the Riddle Players. "The emotions of the actors are spot on with the original movie. It is an accurate recreation of the original," audience member Carter La Barge told The Avion. A common theme among the jurors' vocabulary was "I never thought about that," as Juror No. 8 began to examine in a new

THE FIRST OPERATIONAL DELTA 4-Heavy was launched from Cape Canaveral Air Force Station Saturday, lifting the last Defense Satellite Program vehicle into geostationary orbit. The largest unmanned American booster performed perfectly after its launch at 8:50 p.m. EDT, its three main engines generating a total of almost 2 million pounds of thrust.

up, including Stefanie

mances were given by

new and old members to

the Riddle Players line

It's a classic story of an underdog set in the 1950s.

-STEFANIE THAXTON

Thaxton, in her first play production since kindergarten, as Juror No. 8. Thaxton, a small-town girl from Lebanon, Tenn. is a first-year transfer student at ERAU majoring in Space Physics. Her natural talent helped portray to the audience the character's ability to stand out as

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Basketball makes two for two with win over Viterbo.

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USAF F-15s grounded after safety concerns come to light.

'Fred Clause' is not your typical holiday movie.



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Industry/Career Expo a success Riddle players

Jordan Clancy

Staff Reporter

The bar continues to be raised by Embry-Riddle's Career Services office with the completion of this year's 2007 Industry/Career Expo. Students, alumni and members of the community flocked to the newly repaired ICI Center Nov. 7 and Nov. 8 in search of co-op, internship and full-time job opportunities.

This year saw the largest volume of on-campus inter-

views scheduled at the Expo Expo's success in terms of the and conducted by employ-ers, as well as the largest volume of on-site hiring for full-time, co-op and internship positions. This event included 128 registered companies with more than 20 on the waiting list.

Also, for the first time in the Expo's history, powerhouse employer Boeing initiated a direct-hire event, in which several students were given letters of intent for offers following their interviews.

"I am extremely proud of the

quality of both the employers and the students that attended this year, and pleased with the number of opportunities extended to our students and alumni," Lisa Scott-Kollar, Executive Director at Career Services told The Avion.

Planning for the Career Services staff begins the day after the previous Expo. Using their experienced team, the office is always looking to reinvent, improve and look at what can be done differently at the next event.

"This year saw seasoned staff and student assistants, so a lot of the planning and organization stages ran more smoothly, and we were able to focus our efforts on creating a positive experience for all in attendance." Scott-Keller told The Avion.

With a job well done in 2007, the students look forward to next year and the many opportunities provided by the hard working individuals within the University who go above and beyond their job requirements.

□ "ANGRY" from FRONT

light the facts presented in the case. "The great thing about the Riddle Players is, they provide a creative and artistic release from math and science. Strange, but I wasn't nervous, just excited because of all the hard work we put in before it came together so beautifully during opening night. Our job was easy because of the great job the director did with cast-

ing," Thaxton told The Avion. Bringing you one the most inspirational American stories ever written and in charge of it all was first time director, Stephen Post. It was back in the winter of 2006 when he was sitting at home watching television with his father that he first came across the 1957 version of "Twelve Angry Men." Immediately drawn into its compelling storyline and characters, Post decided

at that moment he would do everything he could to bring the show to Embry-Riddle. "As a director you only have so much control over actors. You rehearse as much as you want, but when it is show time, it's the actors who are in the spotlight. I did my best to give the audience the finest onstage chemistry available."

Rehearsing for two months, three times a week and two to three hours a day, this cast's onstage chemistry came together wonderfully. It gave the audience yet another glimpse at the talent this campus hides behind the pilots and engineers already

in the University spotlight. If you are looking for a break from the standard campus life and want a night of classy entertainment, be sure to catch the final performances of "Twelve Angry Men," this coming Wednesday, Friday, or Saturday at 7 p.m. in the IC Auditorium or 4 p.m. Sunday at Grace Episcopal Church.

Prime Time Riddle

"PRIME TIME" from FRONT

Catherine Gallagher.

After the parade the group moved across the street to the Touch-N-Go tailgate party. The ICI parking lot was packed with energetic students anxious to kick off the evening's events. Students flocked for free food and to hear the Grammy nominated Keith Anderson perform. His hit songs "Pickin' Wild Flowers" and "Wrap Around" had the crowd on their feet dancing and singing along.

To close the evening, the Men's Basketball team did not disappoint in their game against Viterbo with a victory of 90-75 with Eric Lorenzi leading the Eagles scoring 23 points. At half time 2006 homecoming king and queen Israel Sandoval and Kerrin Bullock, handed down their titles to Paul Zigler and Jocelyn Dunn, capping a two week campaign for the coveted crowns.

On Saturday, students were treated to ERAU sponsored

Matt Chapman in his CAP 580. Chapman put on a 15-minute show with students packed on the rooftops of the COA and maintenance buildings. After the display Chapman parked in front of the hanger where the crowd was gathered and met and talked with students.

The final act of the week saw Touch-N-Go present comedian Pablo Francisco. The ICI was filled to capacity with students who were presented with a solid performance from the energetic, if not slightly over the top, Francisco.

Complete Event Standings:

Parade

Group: Fourth: Kappa Alpha Psi, Third: Tae Kwon Do club, Second: National Society of Black Engineers, First: Society of Physics Students/Sigma Pi Sigma

Vehicle: Fourth: Inventor's Club, Third: The Avion, Second: Christian Fellowship Club, First: Sigma Alpha Epsilon

Float: Fourth: John Paul Jones, Third: African Students Association, Second: Alpha Xi Delta/Med Club, First: Riddle Players

Talent Show

Bands: Third: Sonic Destruction, Second: At Last

Plaque dedicated to fallen alumni



VETERANS DAY MARKED THE commeration of a plaque dedicated to all ERAU alumni who have died in the war on terror since its inception. 20 names were emblazed on the granite slab and were read aloud by Air Force ROTC Wing Commander Ken Sturgis. The plaque will be displayed in the flower bed between the Student Center and IC Center. President Johnson as well as veterans, alumni, and family memebers were in attendence.

Get to Know: Dave Shaw Weekend Supervisor at the Student Village Cafeteria Compiled by: Andrew Zaback



Hometown: Philadelphia, Penn.

Why did you take this position? I like to work with young people and the job gives me that opportunity.

What did you do before Riddle? Culinary Arts Instructor for Job Corps, a national agency to teach 16-24 year olds trade.

Family/Children: One son of 27 years. Been happily unmarried for 33 years. Greatest fear: I will be physically unable to surf due to old age.

Most Embarrasing Moment: I was a security guard in the in a Rocky Mountain Ski Resort being interviewed by the local news. They asked me if I was cold and I replied, yes, I am cold, it's the Rockies and 11,000 ft of elevation and I am not wearing any underwear. It was broadcasted on the 6 o'clock and 11 o'clock news that night.'

Favorite Band/Music: Widespread Panic and Pepper

First thought when you wake up: More action than thought. I am immediately up and ready to go

Ring tone? No cell phone, I do not like being that accessible

Thing you hate most about Daytona Beach: Bad drivers. They think they are in a

video game or a NASCAR driver.

Something you want to accomplish before you die: Have a grandchild. What's in your freezer right now? I am vegetarian so I have fresh fruit popsicles and peaches from my tree.

Favorite Movie: Fifth Element

Last movie seen at the theaters: 300

Simpsons, South Park, King of the Hill, Family Guy or Futurama: South Park!! Crest/Colgate or other: Other, Mentadent

Favorite holiday: One that I have off

Job if money was no object: Go back to ski areas in Colorado. Did it once before and it was the greatest job I ever had.

First Car: Did not have car until 30 years old, hitchhiked everywhere. When I did get a car, it was a Ford Courier Pickup.

What do you do on weekends? Work open to close at the Student Village Cafeteria. 16-17 hours a day.

Favorite Plane/Rocket: Virgin Atlantic Boeing 747

Quote: "You can't take life seriously because you aren't going to get out of it alive anyway." -Unknown

One thing to tell Riddle students: Don't be too quick to judge. That can apply to anything.

Minutes Notice, First: Skyward Beats

Individuals: Third: Jasmeen Hankerd, Second: Megan Grow, First: Jarrod Salvestrini

Group: Third: All I Ask of You, Second: Evolution of Dance Part Deux, First: Acafellas

Chalk Art

Groups: Third: Anime Club, Second: Volunteer Network, First: In the Game Individual: Elben Heramis

Spirit Signs Fourth: Tie- Omicron Delta Kappa and Silver Wings, Thrid: National. Society of Black Engineers, Second: Sigma Sigma Sigma, First: Alpha Xi Delta. Editor-in-Chief Chris Tezak contributed to this article.

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SPORTS

Basketball shows off its new lineup

Eagles take down Viterbo 90-75

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Alison Smalling ERAU Sports Info.

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. --The Embry-Riddle men's basketball team celebrated Homecoming 2007 with a 90-75 victory over Viterbo, Friday at the ICI Center. Sophomore Eric Lorenzi led all scorers with 23 points, including a 3-4 night from beyond the arc, and pulled down nine boards as the

Eagles improved their overall lead to 11 points in the first four minutes of the second half, but the Eagles fended off points, 10 of which came in the second half as Viterbo fell to 0-2 on the year.

Both teams traded baskets in the first few minutes of play until the V-Hawks went up 11-8 at the 15:40 mark. Ryan Ridder, who handed out nine assists on the night, scored his only points of the night to pull the Eagles within one and Tyler DeBord put up two of his 20 points on a layup on the next possession to give the Blue and Gold the lead. From that point, the Eagles never looked back and pulled away to a 53-37 advantage at the half.

The V-Hawks cut the Eagle

four minutes of the second the charge and increased their lead to 17 points with 13:15 remaining, thanks in part to a pair of three-pointers by Rocky Pierre who finished the night with 17 points. Pierre connected on five of nine three-point attempts.

But the V-Hawks were undaunted and cut the lead to seven points thanks to a sixpoint run by Bardney.

The Eagles responded by going on a 12-4 run to close out the game and seal the win.

Embry-Riddle begins a fourgame road swing in Kissimmee, Fla. on Monday when they take on Florida Christian at 7 p.m.

Hizak has rough time at Nationals



CHRIS TEZAK/AVION AFTER WINNING AN UNPRECEDENTED third ITA "Super Bowl," Hizak had a rough go at the Indoor Nationals. After losing his first match 7-6, 7-5; he won his first consolation match before being taken out by the fifth seed Bryan Koniecko of Ohio State.



MELANIE PUGH/AVION

NEWCOMER ERIC LORENZI IS proving to be a deadly weapon for the Eagles. His ability to play the outside and inside game gives ERAU a deadly option. Lorenzi scored 23 points in the win over Viterbo, going 3-4 from 3-point land and picking up nine boards on the night.

Women to play Wednesday

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teams in the tournament is surprising Southern Nazarene (11-5-2), which had a thrilling regional tournament run. The Crimson Storm upset top seed John Brown to win the Region VI championship. Martin Methodist (16-4) also returns to the tournament after winning its region over last year's NAIA national champion.

The 20 teams from 14 states will make their way down to Florida for the tournament. The tournament will start on Wednesday with No. 16 SUNY Canton (NY) against No. 17 McKendree (III.) at 11a.m. Games will continue through the day at

1:30 p.m., 4:30 p.m., and will end with ERAU facing off in their game against Kansas Wesleyan at 7:30 p.m.

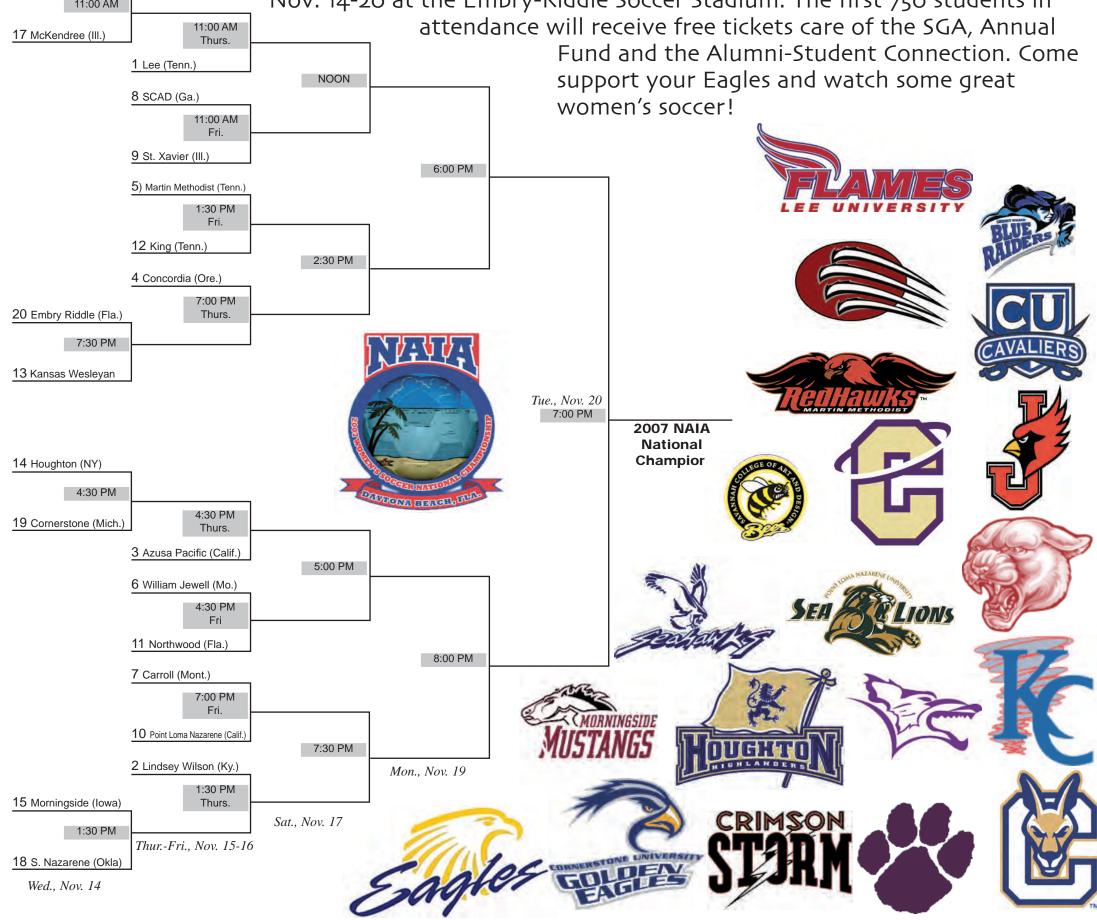
The championship game is scheduled for Nov. 20 at 7 p.m.

For a total overview of the tournament, tickets, and a bracket, log onto the NAIA tournament website at www.naia.org

2007 NAIA Women's Bracket

16 SUNY Canton (NY)

The 2007 NAIA Women's National Soccer tournament will take place from Nov. 14-20 at the Embry-Riddle Soccer Stadium. The first 750 students in



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Kurdish guerillas remain resolute

Sudarsan Raghavan

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The Washington Post

In the jagged mountains of northern Iraq, hard-bitten Kurdish fighters are increasingly besieged. To the west and north, Turkish troops are massed along Iraq's border. From the east, Iranian artillery is shelling the guerrillas' bases. And now from the south, Iraq's government, under heavy U.S. pressure, has begun to suppress the only sanctuaries the fighters have known for more than three decades.

Yet, in conversations at their frontline bases, members of the Kurdistan Workers' Party, or PKK, say they are determined to fight for their cause. They are motivated by long-held grievances and recently born suspicions — not least over the health of their imprisoned founder, Abdullah Ocalan. They have stepped up attacks against Turkish soldiers in recent weeks, fearful that their leader is being poisoned, a charge Turkey denies.

The fighters' determination highlights how much the movement is still driven by a man who has spent almost nine years in a Turkish jail serving a life sentence. "His prison is very bad," said Abdul Rahman Chaderchi, the PKK's chief spokesman. He demanded that Turkey give Ocalan treatment "urgently or change his location until he is freed.

With winter's thick snows approaching and the United States vowing to tackle the PKK, the specter of a Turkish invasion of Iraq is fading for now. But the guerrillas' underlying concerns reveal a movement that is attempting to stay relevant.

PKK leaders are worried about the increasing popularity of Turkey's Islamic-oriented ruling party. In July elections, record numbers within the Kurdish minority backed the party, which has eased some

restrictions on Kurds expressing their identity, eroding support for the PKK and its dreams of a Kurdish homeland in Turkey.

Turkish investments in northern Iraq have soared since the U.S.-led invasion, linking Kurds in Turkey and Iraq not only economically but also in opposing conflict that could disrupt this lucrative trade.

Increased shelling into northern Iraq this year by Turkey and Iran has convinced the fighters that these nations are colluding to suppress the aspirations of Iraq's Kurds and their quasiindependent region and to seize Iraq's northern oil reserves.

Above all, the PKK's sense of relevance is closely tied to Ocalan's fate. Here in the rug-

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What we want is basically the fundamental rights that are natural for people to have -MURAT KARAYILAN

ged cocoons of this vast terrain, he is both hero and guru. "Our lethal weapon is our will and our belief in Abdullah Ocalan,' said a PKK commander at his base north of the village of Sharanish.

Nabi Sensoy, Turkey's ambassador to the United States, said the Kurds' allegations of Ocalan's mistreatment were unfounded. "He is under medical surveillance not because his health is bad or because he has been poisoned, as they claim, but in order to make sure these allegations can be refuted. It means we are taking good care of him," Sensoy said.

In the northern Iraqi region of an unpaved road near the Turkish

border — the first sign that the guerrillas were in control of the rugged landscape. A few feet beyond, words were scrawled in Kurdish script on the tan wall of a crumbling guard post: "Long live our leader Abdullah Ocalan.

A female fighter sat under a canopy of tree branches on a nearby hill, her Kalashnikov rifle at her side. A Turkish Kurd, she had fought her country for nine years. "I joined for freedom," she explained. "I lived in a community where I had no identity because I was Kurdish. And in the Middle East, freedom for a woman is very limited. So I am here.

In the PKK, men and women are deemed equal, on and off the battlefield. Nature is cherished. Family ties are severed, replaced by bonds among war-riors so disciplined that sex is prohibited. "Abdullah Ocalan is not a human being. He's an ideology, a concept," said Akbar Jehangir, editor of Homeland Son, the official magazine of the Kurdistan Democratic Solution Party, which is run by Iraqi Kurds and is closely aligned with the PKK.

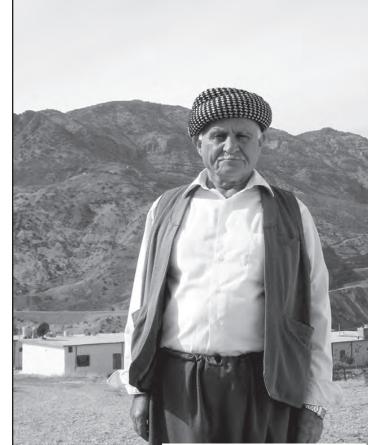
Describing themselves as a "democratic humanitarian movement," the PKK's leaders insist they want a peaceful solution and said they are only defending themselves from Turkish attacks. They have killed more than 40 Turkish soldiers in the past month.

"Self-defense is a legal right in all laws," Chaderchi said. "Turkey is displacing Kurds and burning villages. Isn't these actions terrorism? How many times we announced the cease-fire but Turkey was staging military campaigns against

Pressure is mounting on the fighters. President Bush has given Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan a com-Ranj Prakh, three logs blocked mitment to root out the PKK, which the United States considers a terrorist organization. Kurdish security forces in northern Iraq recently shut down offices of Jehangir's party and vowed to stop the guerrillas' supply routes.

But at two frontline redoubts, the guerrillas displayed no fear were not authorized to speak to a reporter who found them by asking villagers and border guards for the locations of their camps.

Over hot tea and, later, a dinner of lukewarm rice, tomatoes grown near their base and bread



SUDARSAN RAGHAVAN/THE WASHINGTON POS

of capture or death from Iraqi Kurds, even though they were near border checkpoints operated by the Kurdistan Regional Government, the semiautonomous body that administers three northern Iraqi provinces. These knife-edge spires and webs of goat trails are their time-tested ally, impossible for conventional armies to penetrate, fighters said.

The guerrillas refused to give their names because they they had baked, the guerrillas said they were impelled into a life of war by Turkey's persecution of Kurds and treatment of Ocalan. Some said they had grown accustomed to their way of life and principles.

'We don't like war or violence. I'm young. I want to live my life," said a fighter in his mid-30s. "But I have a faith that makes me stay here."

The PKK, founded in 1974, launched an armed struggle against Turkey in 1984. Since then, more than 30,000 people have died and hundreds of thousands of Kurds have been displaced in eastern Turkey. In 1999, Ocalan was arrested and iailed.

But the PKK, driven by its founder's teachings rooted in Marxist-Leninist philosophy, continued to stage attacks from mountain bases. A few years ago, a sister group began launching assaults inside Iran, where Kurds are also seeking rights. Today, PKK leaders say they no longer seek a separate state inside Turkey, but rather more autonomy for Kurds, official recognition by Turkey of Kurdish culture and identity and, of course, Ocalan's release.

'What we want is basically the fundamental rights that are natural for people to have," Murat Karayilan, the top PKK leader, said in an interview in the Qandil Mountains in September.

The guerrillas do not hunt deer, on grounds they must protect nature. Nor are they allowed to pick fruit from a tree unless it is completely ripe. They may drink milk and eat eggs, and some of the fighters admitted they have killed and eaten chickens. Now, Jehangir said, a campaign is underway to get fighters to quit smoking, deeming it unhealthy to nature and man.

"A human being is part of the universe, so a human being is not allowed to damage the environment," Jehangir said. "The PKK believes there should be no difference between human beings and animals. Nobody is higher than the other."

When asked how a PKK fighter then can justify killing Turkish soldiers, Jehangir replied that the guerrillas can kill if it is in self-defense. "The life I have just described is a beautiful life," he continued, his voice filling with pride.

N. Korea offers evidence to rebut uranium claims

Glenn Kessler

The Washington Post

North Korea is provid-ing evidence to the United States aimed at proving that it never intended to produce highly enriched uranium for

mass destruction.

The South Korean official said North Korea's efforts mark an important shift. "In the past, North Korea simply said no," he said. "Now they are trying to convince us."

U.S. intelligence first concluded in July 2002 that North Korea had embarked on a large-scale program to produce highly enriched uranium for use in weapons, saying it was constructing a facility that would be fully operational by 2005. "We discovered that, contrary to an agreement they had with the United States, they're enriching uranium, with a desire of developing a weapon," President Bush said in a November 2002 news conference.

projects, not for weapons of different routes to building nuclear weapons. The North Koreans were able to reprocess 8,000 spent fuel rods — which had been held in a cooling pond and monitored by U.N. inspectors under the 1994 agreement — to acquire the weapons-grade plutonium.

enriched uranium.

The administration this year began to back off its earlier claims that North Korea has an active program to enrich uranium. In February, the chief U.S. intelligence offi- research program involving cer for North Korea, Joseph a few dozen centrifuges but DeTrani, told Congress that that claims of a large-scale

of the Institute for Science and International Security, wrote in a report this year that there is "ample evidence" that North Korea was trying to put together a small-scale

"shatter the argument" that they were meant for a uranium program.

But Albright said it is difficult to see how North Korea could explain away a set of centrifuges that Pakistani President Pervez Musharraf said a Pakistani nuclear-smuggling network provided to Pyongyang. "I think the North Koreans are making a big mistake" if they deny they had any interest in uranium enrichment, he said. "They are going to create a lot of trouble if they stick to this.

nuclear weapons, undermining a key U.S. intelligence finding, South Korean and U.S. officials said this week.

In closely held talks, the North Korean government has granted U.S. experts access to equipment and documents to make its case, in preparation for declaring the extent of its nuclear activities before the end of the year. North Korean officials hope the United States will simultaneously lift sanctions against Pyongyang when the declaration is made.

If North Korea successfully demonstrates that U.S. accusations about the uranium-enrichment program are wrong, it will be a blow to U.S. intelligence and the Bush administration's credibility.

The U.S. charges of a largescale uranium program led to the collapse of a Clinton-era agreement that had frozen a North Korean reactor that produced a different nuclear substance — plutonium. The move freed North Korea to use the plutonium route toward gathering the material needed for a nuclear weapon. Pyongyang conducted its first nuclear test last year, detonating a plutonium-based device, and has built a plutonium stockpile that experts estimate could yield eight to 10 nuclear

weapons. "They have shown us some things, and we are working it through," a senior U.S. official said Friday, speaking on the condition of anonymity because the talks are confidential. "We are having a discussion about things. Some explanations make sense; some are a bit of a stretch.'

"This is now in the process of being clarified," a senior South Korean official said in an interview. "The North Koreans are now ready to prove that they did not intend to make a uranium-enrichment program by importing some materials

He said North Korea is attempting to show that the materials it imported including 150 tons of aluminum tubes from Russia in June 2002 — were intended for conventional weapons programs and other dual-use

U.S. officials also have asserted that a senior North Korean official admitted to

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-U.S. OFFICIAL .99

the program in an October 2002 meeting in Pyongyang between officials from both nations. North Korea later denied that any such admission took place.

After the administration accused Pyongyang of violating a 1994 agreement struck with President Clinton to freeze its plutonium facilities, North Korea ejected U.N. inspectors from the country and restarted its plutonium reactor, allowing it to stockpile its weapons-grade material.

For years afterward, during the impasse over North Korea's nuclear ambitions, the Bush administration insisted that North Korea admit to the uranium facility, rejecting arguments from other nations that it was more important to freeze the plutonium facility in order to halt the nation's production. After North Korea tested the nuclear device, the administration agreed to a deal in which Pyongyang froze and then disabled the plutonium facility in exchange for international aid.

Plutonium and highly enriched uranium provide

A uranium program would have required Pyongyang to build a facility with thousands of centrifuges to obtain the highly enriched uranium needed for a weapon. Iran's nuclear program, which the United States alleges is intended for weapons, involves

while there is "high confidence" that North Korea acquired materials that could be used in a "productionuranium program, scale" there is only "mid-confidence" that such a program exists. David Albright, a former

U.N. inspector and president

effort were flawed.

Albright said Friday that the tubes acquired by North Korea needed to be cut in half and shaped in order to be used as the outer casings of centrifuges. If Pyongyang proves that the tubes were untouched, he said, it could

Anger at Musharraf extends to U.S.

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Henry Chu

Los Angeles Times

It takes almost no effort to find people who are angry with Pervez Musharraf on the streets of this bustling city. The Pakistani leader's name comes up quickly in casual conversation, yoked with unprintable adjectives and harsh denunciations of the emergency rule he has imposed.

But dig just a little deeper and another target of resentment surfaces: Musharraf's richest, staunchest and most powerful patron, the United States.

"We blame the U.S. directly for keeping us under the rule of the military," said Arfan Ghani, a 54-year-old professor of architecture. Musharraf, who heads Pakistan's army, is just "another dictator," Ghani told an American reporter, "serving the interests of your country."

Musharraf's abysmal popularity rating has reached a new low after he declared a state of emergency Nov. 3. But sinking alongside it is the public image of the United States, which many Pakistanis see as the primary force propping up an autocratic ruler.

In spite of Washington, D.C.'s repeated assurances that it wants to help restore democracy to Pakistan, there is a strong feeling here of disillusionment with what are seen as hollow promises, and even a bitter sense of betraval.

After the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, when the U.S. latched onto Musharraf as a key ally in its war on terrorism, many Pakistanis welcomed American interest and largess , hoping the relationship would boost their aspirations to become a modern, prosperous, democratic soci-

Six years later, the nation remains under the thumb of a military leader who seized power in a coup and refuses to announce when he will return Pakistan to civilian rule. Opposition parties remain in disarray and now are being harassed.

Yet the Bush administration largely has stood by Musharraf. While it chides him for decreeing emergency rule, it has refrained from imposing any real penalty, such as cutting the billions of dollars in aid that have flowed in, much of it straight into the military's coffers.

U.S. officials have said plainly in the past that although they would like to see Pakistan become a democracy and would help in that effort, their first priority is to get Musharraf to crack down on Islamic militants.

Musharraf is seen by many people here as a stooge of the U.S. -- or "Busharraf," as one formulation has it.

To many Pakistanis, America seems not to care about their wish to be rid of Musharraf. "People are saying, `You can't have another eight years, because it's time for you to go now. Let others develop this democracy," said Nayab Shami, an art curator in Lahore. "The U.S. has never supported the people. The U.S. has always supported the leaders.'

This is a very anti-American country," Shami added. We've always been stabbed by Americans in the long run." Relations between the U.S. and Pakistan have been vexed throughout the 60 years of Pakistan's existence. Neither can stand the other at times, or approves of everything the other is doing. But each gets something out of the relationship.

For the U.S., Pakistan acted as a bulwark against the Soviet Union during the Cold War, especially after the Soviet invasion and occupation of Afghanistan. Now, Pakistan serves the same function

We blame the U.S. directly for keeping us under the rule of the military -ARFAN GHANI

against Islamic terrorists and al-Qaida.

In return, Islamabad has received massive amounts of U.S. financial aid and advanced weaponry, a boon to the powerful Pakistani military establishment.

Opinions of the U.S. among ordinary Pakistanis have run the gamut, from those who despise it as the Great Satan bent on destroying the Muslim world to those who send their children to expensive private American universities.

Cynicism is increasingly part of the mix. Unwavering U.S. support for Musharraf in spite of his autocratic rule, and other actions such as the invasion of Iraq, make Washington, D.C.'s lofty rhetoric hard to swallow.

"They have no right to talk about democracy at all," Maria Zafar, 22, said with a scathing laugh.

Since the state of emergency was declared, U.S. diplomats in Pakistan have been vocal in criticizing the move, even if there is no threat of sanctions from the U.S. Some Pakistanis still see a role for the U.S. to play in putting their country back on the right path.

"It is time now that it stood on the side of democracy and stopped working with an autocrat whose only objective seems to be to preserve his own rule at any cost, regardless of what happens to his country and its people," said an editorial in The News, an English-language daily

Whether that means throwing U.S. support behind one of Musharraf's rivals, such former Prime Minister as Benazir Bhutto, is not clear. Plenty of Pakistanis might resent the United States' decision to back Mush arraf, but they do not necessarily have alternatives in mind.

Just as common these days is a simple plea for Washington to be quiet. After decades of U.S. "interference" in Pakistan's affairs, the time has come for the U.S. to stand aside and let Pakistanis sort out their own problems, many residents say

"We don't need America," said Mohammed Ayub, 40, as he sat taking orders outside his roadside restaurant near Lahore's Old City. "This is my house, and I can manage it better.'

Times staff writer Laura King in Islamabad contributed to this report.

OPINIONS

Bowl Championship Series is flawed

With a victory over Ohio State in January, Florida was crowned the 2007 NCAA Division I football champ. But were the Gators real champions? Many think not. Unbeaten Boise State pulled off a miracle upset in the Fiesta Bowl against Oklahoma in overtime, resurrecting a 50-year-old play the "statue of liberty," to score a two-point conversion to upend the Sooners. So, with a 16-0 record, shouldn't the Broncos have been the national champions over the 16-1 Gators? This issue once again raised questions about the NCAA's method of crowning a football champion. And though it may seem like old news more than halfway through the current season, it's becoming more and more likely this year will end with another controversial champion - and yet another outcry for a playoff system in Division I football. The battle over the NCAA's method of crowning a Division I football champ

has been waged for decades. Originally the champion was determined by national polls, a method that led to numerous controversial and "co-" champions. In 1984, an unknown but unbeaten BYU team was named the national champion with a 13-0 record, despite playing an extremely weak schedule. In 1991, Miami was voted number one by the AP media, but crowned cochampions with Washington, crowned by the CNN polls. These polls. These are just two examples of college just football seasons that finished with controversial champions.

The Bowl Alliance system was designed in 1995 to place the champions of the major conferences into Alliance Bowls. The point totals between the AP media and USA Today/ CNN coaches' polls helped to determine the bowl matchups. This system held ground until the end of the 1997 season, when Michigan was crowned the nation-

al champion by the AP poll and Nebraska by ESPN. This intensified the battle over how the champion should be crowned. But a playoff system - the only true way to determine one champion – remains elusive.

Fans, players, coaches and the media are interested in implementing a playoff system in exchange for the BCS. Playoff opponents argue that a playoff would make the season longer and cut into student-athlete class time. But extending the season one or two more weeks would not make a difference since these athletes are practicing for their upcoming bowl games anyway. A playoff system would give the players a chance to fight for their own destiny in college football, instead of being told where they rank by a computer.

By inserting a playoff system, the non-human factors of the BCS will not play the final role in deciding the national championship game. Computer-generated rankings currently are part of the formula that calculates the Top 25 rankings. By removing this factor, small schools will have

66 A playoff system would give the players a chance to fight for their own destiny... -TIM KRAMER

a chance to make it to the "big dance," as it is called in ever-popular NCAA the Basketball playoff system. A champion should determined by headbe to-head competition, not computers and polls.

Critics also say a playoff would devalue the regular season games. However, in

recent years, many upsets, local rivalries and conference championships have turned the tables for top-ranked teams in the regular season.

Last year, No. 1 Ohio State was pitted against conference rival No. 2 Michigan in the last week of the season. Both teams were fighting for another Big Ten conference championship and the right to a No. 1 ranking at the end of the year. Who would be interested? Or this year, Appalachian State walked into the Big House and defeated No. 5 Michigan in the biggest upset college football has ever seen. Who would be interested? These scenarios and many more are why people watch the regular season, for the excitement and rush that college football brings them every Saturday. A playoff system would continue this excitement into the postseason. This will lead to one game in January pitting the top two teams against each

other for the national championship.

A 16-team playoff can be set up with the conference winners and others teams atop the BCS polls. Yes, the BCS can still be used, but it will not be the final decision-maker on the national champion. The No. 1 ranked team will play the No. 16 team; the No. 2 ranked team will play the No. 15 team, and so on. It could end up that the No. 1 team will play the No. 2 team, but this allows teams to compete for the championship instead of being pushed out by decimals and calculations. The semifinal and final games would be played at the four BCS bowls, the Tostitos Fiesta Bowl, the Rose Bowl, the FedEx Orange Bowl and the Allstate Sugar Bowl, rotating each year. This will keep the bowls happy financially, and will provide a lot of excitement in the last four weeks of the season.

~Tim Kramer

Student Forum

The Avion asks: "What did you like most about Homecoming?"

-Compiled by Andrew Zaback



Hetal Solanki Junior Aerospace Engineering "I did not go."



Patrick O'Bryan Freshman **Engineering Physics** "The parade."



Zack Karstetter Sophomore Mechanical Engineering "The halftime show by

the cheerleaders."



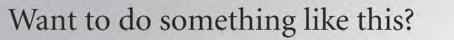
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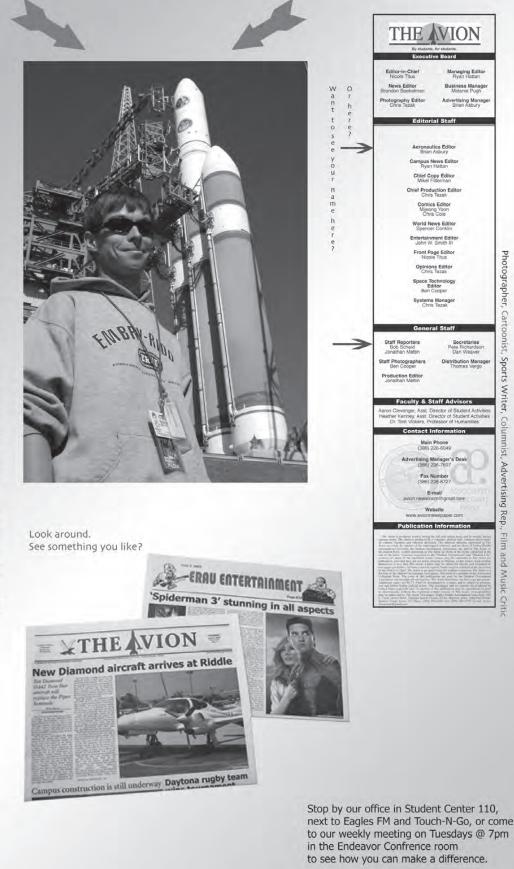


Monique Gagnon Freshman **Aeronautical Science** "The air show."



Andrew Paolinetti Sophomore Aerospace Engineering "Pablo's opener."





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Student Government



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Three colleges to hold student fora

Ryan Gorman

Student Representative

With the end of the semester approaching, your Student Government Association (SGA) is in full swing. Upon the end of a successful homecoming, SGA is hard at work in planning each colleges forums. This year, the Student Representative Board decided to try something a little different. Last year, we held our first SGA Day, which was a success, but we wanted to give more time to the colleges and allow you, the students, more time with your professors.

On Nov. 28, we are running SGA forum day. The College of Aviation, the College of Arts and Sciences and the College of Engineering will be holding forums for students.

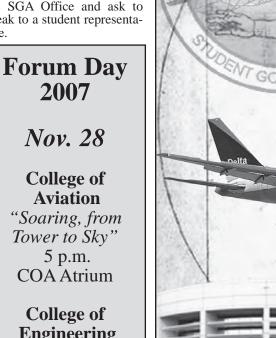
The College of Aviation is combining their forum with the Fight Line Satisfaction Committee's "Soaring From the Tower to the Sky" event. During this event students have a chance enjoy some great food and mingle with their professors, Team Managers, and other faculty. Also there will be a few Air Traffic Controllers from the Daytona Beach International Airport Tower. Guests will also have the opportunity to view our new Diamond Twin Aircraft and other aircraft. There is also a open panel discussion planned between students and ATC personnel. This will give students a perspective on what is happening in the industry and allow them to ask questions. There is also an opportunity for students to win a trip to Orlando International Airport to tour their tower facilities. This will give the students that win the raffle an opportunity to see an ATC up close. This event starts at 5 p.m. in the Collage of Aviation building atrium and throughout the Aviation Complex.

The College of Arts and Sciences will be holding a forum for students who are majoring or minoring in Human Factors. There will be free food and free mugs for 10 winners of the raffle. They are also going to be many faculty members there to mingle with students. Also the faculty will be able to discuss with students the current issues about human factors and address any concerns the students may have. The Human Factors forum will start at 5:30 p.m. in A-109.

The College of Engineering is holding a forum for all of the students in that college. Students in any of the six various degree programs are encouraged to attend. Students will have the opportunity to speak one-on-one with their professors and ask them questions and address any concerns the students may have. Also, many of the EGR 101 instructors are allowing students to receive credit for attending the forum. During the forum, there will be free pizza for students along with free Smoothie King smoothes. Students will also have the opportunity to see some of the various engineering-related clubs that are on our campus. This will allow them to see how they can get involved in some professional organizations. Also, we will be giving out free stuff to students that attend. This event takes place at 4:30 p.m. in the Lehman

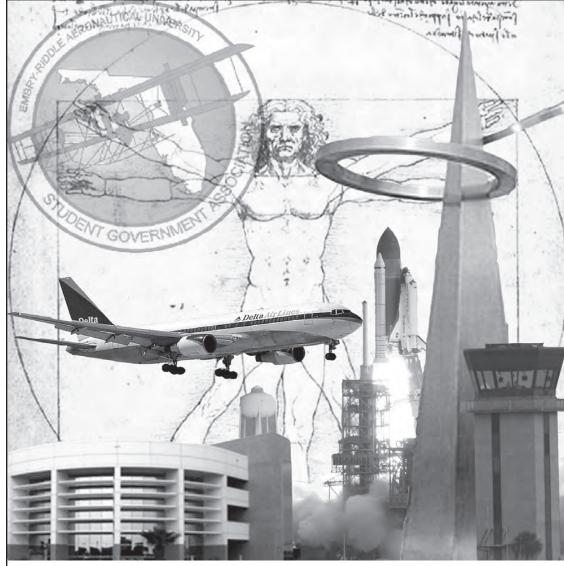
Engineering and Technology Center atrium.

We are really excited about these events and hope that everyone checks out the various events that are happening. Look for the College of Business forum coming soon with the opening of the new College of Business building. For any questions or further information, please stop by the SGA Office and ask to speak to a student representative.



Engineering 4:30 p.m. Lehman Building Atrium

Human Factors 5:30 p.m. A-109



RYAN GORMAN/AVION

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE Colleges of Aviation, Arts and Sciences, and Engineering are having their semi-annual forums on Nov. 28. The fora will be held in the College of Aviation Atrium, A-109 and Lehman Building Atrium. Students will have a chance learn more about their respective colleges, enjoy some free food, win free prizes and meet with various faculty and staff.

Thought about getting involved in



The Student Representative Board is looking for your input. We would like to hear from you at our meetings.

> Tuesdays at 12:45 p.m. in IC-101

STUDENT LIFE

AHP gives tours

Warren Winkler

On Friday, Nov. 2 the brothers of Alpha Eta Rho, the professional aviation fraternity, hosted 53 fifth graders from Bonner Elementary for a tour of the Embry-Riddle campus and some of its facilities. The elementary students toured various areas of the campus to get a first-hand look at the college atmosphere and to see what they could be doing someday. The highlights of this tour included going up into the

flight supervisor office overlooking the fight line, attempting to land a plane on an aircraft carrier in the simulation center, and seeing the wind tunnel laboratories, along with various other destinations. At noon the students were served pizza on the flight deck and then were given a short presentation about the summer programs that the University has to offer for students of their age.

One of the four major purposes of Alpha Eta Rho is to promote aviation in all of its areas so that it can continue

to grow and be a successful industry for many years to come. The purpose of bringing these kids to campus is to motivate them to want to go to college and possibly pursue a career in an aviation-related field. As the oldest organization on campus, AHP enjoys these events and taking part in many aviationrelated events around the state. In the spring of 2008 Alpha Eta Rho hopes to host another group of students from a different school. For more information on these events or others contact a brother.

Σ AE plays with Legos

Will Gons

Sigma Alpha Epsilon

Thanks to everyone who came out to Bubba Gumps this Saturday to support Habitat for Humanity. Bubba Gumps co-sponsored a Lego building competition at Ocean Walk that drew in a large crowd and a variety of Lego creations for the Halifax Habitat for Humanity. The SAE team ended up creating a fullsize statue of Sharad Raj. No details were overlooked. The only way to tell the two apart was that the statue didn't talk nearly as much as Sharad. The builders were Will, Fayad, Sean, Casey, Jeff, Chris and Tom. If you missed the event, look for pictures of all the different creations.

Everyone should also know that this past weekend was Homecoming and alumni weekend. It started Friday with the annual Parade. There were many interesting and some crazy floats. Everybody who worked on a float did a great job. The festivities continued Saturday with an awesome performance by Pablo Francisco. The alumni were treated to the very best Sunday at a barbecue letting everybody reminisce of past memories.

Coming up this weekend are the Caveman Wars. SAE has been training nonstop and is ready to compete. We are looking forward to seeing Ryan Knight dressed up as a caveman. Good luck to everyone that will be competing at Caveman Wars. The White Space Club has commandeered the Student Life Page! Fight this piracy by submitting articles about your club or organization to *avion.newsroom@gmail.com*. Pictures and logos are welcome.





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China says no race

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Entertainment Editor

"Don't hang up your dancing slippers" was the statement made by Wernher Von Braun during the first space race because Americans would be dancing the streets because of the advancements the country has made towards exploring space.

There will be no dancing in Asia because China insists that there is no space race in Asia.

Although Japan, China and India will have lunar probes orbiting the moon in the next few months, China says there is no space race, but rather innovations towards a countries ability to advance technology, engineering, and social/economic status. All three lunar missions are similar to lunar exploration started by the former Soviet Union and the United States during the Cold War.

Despite the three lunar missions feeling like a space race, James Oberg, a space consultant in Houston, said "The current glut of lunar missions is less of a space race and more a matter of those countries developing new technologies at similar rates.

All three have lately developed more powerful rockets, along with experience with payloads." Pei Zhaoyu, assistant director of the Lunar Exploration Program Center,

told reporters "that the lunar mission adds depth to the Chinese space program." These moon probes also advertise a country's technological level which is good for high-tech exports.

SPACE TECHNOLOGY

Despite a recent threat sent out to the international community by China when the launched an anti-satellite missile from the ground expected to destroy a satellite in orbit,

Chinese officials say they have, "always adhered to the principle of peaceful use of outer space."

By furthering their exploration into space, China says all recent exploration milestones are strictly for innovations in science, engineering, and technology.

New black hole is largest yet

Ashley Roper

Staff Reporter

3 million light years from Earth a new discovery has been made. A massive black hole in the galaxy M33 has a measured mass of 15.7 times that of our Sun. This makes it the most massive black hole known to astronomers.

The most intriguing thing about this black hole is that it is not alone. It is in orbit around a huge companion star. The stellar black hole, known as M33 X-7 could shed some new and interesting light on the way massive stars develop and the way their lives end.

and the way their lives end. M33 X-7 was discovered through X-ray detection over 25 years ago, but its unusually high mass was calculated through data from NASA's Chandra X-ray Observatory and the Gemini telescope in Hawaii.

The companion star to M33 X-7 is also extremely massive, 70 times more so than the Sun, making it the most massive companion star to a black hole ever discovered. Such an intriguing pair cannot be created using conventional models of the life and death of black holes and massive stars. M33 X-7 was indeed cre-

ated when the core of a massive star collapsed; however, the radius of the parent star would have had to have been immense; wider than the distance between M33 X-7 and its companion star.

This lends scientists to assume that the stars would have had to have been brought closer together.

To achieve this, an immense portion of the systems' mass would have been lost in energy transfer, too much to have maintained a black hole of such immense size.

The only other way M33 X-7 could have been created was if its parent star lost gas at a rate of about 10 times less than expected by conventional models. This means that it would have been about 150 times the mass of the Sun when it exploded to create the black hole.

NASA's Chandra Observatory has also discovered that because of the black hole's orbit around its companion star it is the first black hole to undergo eclipses. These eclipses give scientists a general idea about the size of the black hole.

Recently, the University of Alabama in Huntsville (UAH) has made new calculations about the mass of the universe. They found that the universe is about 20 percent less massive than originally suspected.

Dr. Max Bonamente is an assistant professor in the Physics department at UAH. "A significant portion of what we thought was missing mass turns out to be these relativistic electrons," he told Science Daily news.

"The discovery was made while trying to analyze the makeup of... the largest cosmological structures in the universe."

The discovery of such a massive black hole and the star it is feeding off of could play a role in accurately calculating the mass of the universe.

The properties of M33 X-7 are currently impossible to explain by conventional methods, but the study of the universe's mass as a whole could surrender some answers about this mysterious giant.

One shuttle in, the other out



ROBERT KEITH/AVION

SHUTTLE DISCOVERY IS TOWED off the Shuttle Landing Facility at sunset last Wednesday, about four hours after its 1:01 p.m. EST landing on Runway 33. Its 15 day mission was a huge success, and paves the way for a marathon month of spacewalks and module-moving aboard the space station before the shuttle Atlantis arrives in early December. Atlantis made the six-hour rollout to Pad 39A this past Saturday morning.

DARPA's new satellite propulsion system

Bob Scheid

Chief Copy Editor

The U.S. Defense Advanced Research Project Agency (DARPA) is currently developing a new satellite propulsion system designed specifically for small, low-mass satellites. The High Delta-V

The High Delta-V Experiment (HiDVE) will use low-cost and low-volume technology to give satellites in the tens of pounds weight class (also called nanosatellites) the ability to maneuver in orbit for the first time. Traditionally, these satellites are too small to contain their own maneuvering system, so once launched they are locked into their initial orbit. HiDVE may give these satellites the ability to change their orbital planes, range and attitude.

The proposed system would use solar energy directed onto a small heat exchanger, heating some sort of fuel to several thousand degrees and exhausting it through a nozzle. Brian Kidder, a spokesman for Pratt & Whitney Rocketdyne, said in an interview with Space. com that potential fuels could include water, methane, or ammonia.

"It's essentially a steam kettle," he told Space.com. But for a small system, it has a very good efficiency, much higher than what has previously been capable for small engines. It has a specific impulse of nearly 400 meters per second, compared to the space shuttle's 455 meters per second.

Solar electric propulsion has also been considered, but very small satellites are rarely able to generate the amount of electrical power necessary to generate useable thrusts.

Space.com also reported that Pratt & Whitney Rocketdyne and SpaceDev were selected last September to receive six-month contracts to begin developing the technology. If the results of those trials are promising, a satellite may be developed in the coming months to test the operation of such a device in orbit.



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F-15s grounded

Bob Scheid Chief Copy Editor

The Air Force has grounded its fleet more than 700 F-15 Eagle aircraft, after an aircraft was destroyed in training two weeks ago.

The crash is still under investigation, but initial reports from the Air Force suggest that the aircraft, an F-15 C from the Missouri Air National Guard (ANG), underwent structural failure. Built in 1980, it was one of the about 500 older C versions of the plane in the inventory. Later variants, like the E variant, are more predominant in operations in Afghanistan and Iraq, but all F-15s regardless of type have been grounded from preplanned and immediate support operations in all U.S. actions

until further notice. The AFP also reported that several other countries also use many F-15 variants. Japan has grounded its fleet, awaiting safety reports from the U.S. Air Force.

F-15s in combat zones and on watch for NORAD will continue to stay on alert to launch if needed for emergencies. In the meantime, Navytimes.com reported that B-1B Lancer bombers and French Mirage 2000 and F-1 CR fighters have taken over the F-15's roles in Afghanistan until the flight hold has been removed. Several weeks ago, the A-10 "Warthog" attack aircraft in the country were removed, leaving the F-15 as the only U.S. fighters in the area.

Lt. Gen. Gary North, commander of the U.S. Centeral Command's Combined Air Forces Air Component, said in a statement the continual task of the task force included maintaining airpower, surveillance, intelligence, reconnaissance, precision strike and support and logistics operations in the area. "The investigation will get to the cause of the accident," he said. "In the meantime, we'll continue to provide air supremacy for the Afghan National Army and the collective NATO, coalition and U.S. forces on the ground."

Air Force officials have been pushing for increased F-22 Raptor orders and production rates in order to replace the aging F-15s. Funding and congressional support have been short for the expensive Raptor replacements, but the results of the crash investigation may result in a change in these plans.



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ALL F-15S HAVE BEEN grounded after an F-15C crash at the Missouri Air National Guard unit two weeks ago. The F-15C entered U.S. Air Force service in 1979 and has served in the Persian Gulf, Korea and still serves today in various combat zones.

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Inspector general probes NASA study

The Office of Inspector General began looking into the saga of NASA's National Aviation Operations Monitoring Service (NAOMS) a week after NASA Chairman Michael Griffin said the data from the survey would be released publicly. Griffin was on the hot seat last week after The Associated Press ran a story in which a NASA official said it withheld results of the survey, which polled 29,000 pilots on their experiences in the air, because it didn't want to alarm the public or affect airline revenues. The OIG will look at the efficiency and taxpayer value of the survey, something which Griffin also called into question during the hearings, according to New Scientist magazine.

FAA opens ATC tower at Cessna plant

So, how busy is your aircraft plant that it needs its own tower? The FAA started daily 7 a.m.-to-7 p.m. staffing of an air traffic control tower at Independence, Kan., last week and Cessna's piston single and Mustang entry-level jet traffic is the main reason. "This is another milestone in the expansion of the Independence facility," Rod Holter, manager of Cessna's Independence plant, said in a news release. "With the increase in traffic following the successful launch of Mustang production here, installing a tower was the right thing to do for the convenience and safety of our



customers and our employees who fly."

Skimping on fuel leads to more "emergencies"

At busy Newark Liberty International Airport, just outside New York, 73 flights land-ed after telling controllers they were operating with minimum or low fuel during six months this year, compared to just five flights making the same declaration during a similar period in 2005. An additional 10 flight crews declared an emergency fuel situation, requesting to land immediately, according to WABC News. The WABC report blames cash-strapped air-lines for pressuring their crews to carry minimum fuel, saving money by cutting weight on the flights. "They're taking away the margin of safety," former NTSB Chairman James Hall told WABC. "Seeing numbers like that, the FAA administrators should be calling the airlines in on the carpet and find out what's going on." WABC also cites anonymous reports from NASA's aviation safety reporting system in which one pilot says an airline's "fuel sav-ing program takes preference over safety," and another writes, "It's a case of dice rolling at its most dangerous.'

NTSB targets incursions, pilot fatigue

The NTSB released its annual "most wanted" list of aviation safety improvements

on Thursday and among the most urgent recommendations is that the FAA address runway incursions. "It is time to do something before we have to investigate an accident that is catastrophic and explain to the families that technologies are out there to begin to prevent this thing from happen-ing," NTSB Chairman Mark Rosenker told a news conference Thursday. Although the FAA has had a program in place to reduce incursions for several years, the NTSB still considers its response "unacceptable" and notes that there have been 24 incursions this year. The NTSB says there need to be systems to directly warn pilots in the cockpit about impending incursions (like the one tested in Syracuse, N.Y., earlier this year) rather than the systems that now warn controllers in the tower. The NTSB also took aim at pilot and controller fatigue.

737 proves one engine is enough

I heard this huge bang, and [the man next to me] said, that's our engine that's just fallen off. I couldn't believe it. He had to repeat it to me," passenger Ronel Derma told the Independent News. A Nationwide Boeing 737 was taking off from South Africa's Cape Town International Airport on Wednesday afternoon when the right-hand engine separated from the wing. "The aircraft returned and landed ... without further incident," the airline said. The landing was safe and none of the 106 passengers was hurt. "The plane started to shake a bit, but what was amazing was the staff and passengers, everybody was so calm," said Derma. "There was no hysteria, no nothing, it was amazing.'





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Francisco hilarious to crowd, gives props to TNG



With apprehensions stemming from last year's comedy show running about has high as the expectations for this year's, Saturday night's "Big Show' turned out to be a huge success. Touch-N-Go Productions lined up comedian Geoff Keith to open for headliner Pablo Francisco. This years show was a huge improvement over last year, as both comedians provided fresh material for an ample amount of time.

Keith took the stage to perform in front of what turned out to be a typically Riddle rowdy crowd. His ability to interact with the audience, whether they were hecklers or adoring fans,

made him an instant favorite with the crowd. One female fan was so enamored that she felt compelled to toss her undergarments up on the stage with her phone number, which was later provided for the whole crowd. His material, though hysterical, was definitely not suitable for a younger audience.

After Keith pumped up the crowd, Francisco came out to loud raucous applause. His brand of high energy impressions and sound effects were hugely popular with both his new and old fans. This was readily apparent as several fans from the crowd yelled out requests to do some of his most popular material, which he conceded to for the close of his set. He was on stage for almost an hour and kept everyone there laughing the whole time.

After the show, The Avion was able to sit down with Francisco and ask him a few questions.

The Avion: What's your favorite venue to perform at?

Pablo Francisco: The Tempe Improv in Phoenix. It's got good acoustics and Phoenix is my home town. My second favorite was here. It was run very well. Really a top notch crew

AN: With doing your com-



edy so often, do you still find yourself and your material funny?

PF: Yeah, I still find myself funny because I know there are people that haven't heard it yet. I love doing my older material for my fans that request it at

shows AN: What subjects are off

limits or taboo for material for you? PF: I really stay away from retarded jokes. Also politics, because you basically have to be a politician to understand it.

It's just too twisted. AN: If you could have dinner with anyone past or present who would it be and where would it be?

PF: It would definitely be with Richard Pryor. I'd want to take him to the Topless Bar Buffet.

AN: What was the worst show you've ever done? PF: The show I did at the

Non-Alcoholic Casino in Denver. It was terrible.

AN: What TV show did you enjoy doing the most, "Family Guy", "Mad TV", or "Frank TV?"

PF: I think Mad TV when I was filling in for Artie Lange. It was exciting working with a different celebrity host each week.

AN: On weeknights are you watching Letterman, Leno, or Conan?

PF: I watch the first 15 minutes of Leno and then the rest is Letterman.

AN: What are your goals going into every show?

PF: First is to get there. Then I always want to try something new. I always hope to get good laughs and to make sure there is no dead time while I'm on. AN: What do you think of

Riddle?

PF: Awesome school. Four out five agree, 10 stars.

AN: What was your most embarrassing moment on stage?

PF: I was on stage at Knuckleheads Comedy Club in Phoenix and boogers starting coming out of my nose. They went everywhere.

AN: How long do you see yourself doing stand up and comedy?

PF: I want to do it for the rest of my life. I love doing shows at universities and coffee houses. With YouTube everything's changed. It's the new TV. We went to Europe and sold out 4,000 seats for 30straight days.

One thing that he mentioned over and over again throughout the interview was how well Touch-N-Go put together and executed the show. He felt that they had done an extremely professional job and couldn't say enough about them.

Francisco is one of a handful of comedians that really support YouTube and the internet video revolution. Fans of his can check out almost all of his material on his website, pablofrancisco.com and on YouTube.

Touch-N-Go's staff invested many hours of hard work to make Homecoming weekend the success it was. If you in joining, stop by their office in SC 107.

Reporter Matt Guest Goldberg also contributed to this article.



'Fred Claus' shakes things up

lives an ordinary life in Chicago as a fast-talking wise-cracking Repo Man. He resents his Saintly and successful younger brother and hasn't seen Santa or their parents for years. He only calls his younger brother when a spat with Salvation Army Santas lands him in jail with a \$5,000 bail. Santa tries to exercise some "tough love," and says he'll pay bail, along

> ... you can't walk away from this movie without a smile on *your face* -Chris haas

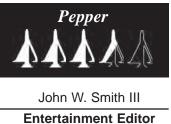
with \$50,000 extra, if Fred comes and works for him at the North pole. From then on, it becomes Vince Vaughn takes on the North pole, and Fred reakes havoc on Santa's operation less than a week before Christmas. Fans of "Wedding Crashers"

a funny movie that happens to have a Christmas message: even the naughty kids deserve presents too.

If you liked the movie "Elf" a few years back with Will Ferrell, and you like Vince Vaughn, you will like this movie.

Nevertheless, considering the ho-ho-ho nature of the film it's amazing they have the caliber of acting they do, with many Academy Award winners and nominees among the ensemble cast. Kathy Bates ("Misery") plays the mother of Santa and Fred, always-extolling Fred to be more like his Saintly younger brother. Kevin Spacey ("American Beauty") plays a devilish efficiency expert who is threatening to shut Santa down for failing to meet his toy quota. Rachel Weisz, who is as talented as she is beautiful (she won an Oscar for "The Constant Gardener" in 2006, though most will recognize her from "The Mummy"), plays Fred's English girlfriend who works as a meter maid in Chicago and is fed up with his self-serving antics. With Vaughn at the helm, you can't walk away from this movie without a smile on your face. Though not an instant Christmas classic, you can add it to your Christmas comedy collection when it comes out on DVD, or go see it with your family when home for Christmas. "Fred Claus" is rated PG for mild language and some rude humor.

Pepper spices up an indoor beach party in Orlando



Coming from the radically relaxed party central of Hawaii herself, Kona natives of the band Pepper brought their rock/ reggae/party sound to the House of Blues in Orlando on Nov. 8. Kaleo, Bret, and Yesod really know how to bring an atmosphere beach party inside as they played fan favorites like "Give It Up" and "No Control." Finding a home on indie record label LAW Records, this trio isn't a traditional Hawaiian band. Heavily influenced by reggae and rock, their melodic tones and island vibes have found their music into the hearts of thousands across the country. After touring across the country and parts of Canada on the Vans Warped Tour, they released their fourth full-length No Shame which drummer Yesod Williams said, "we wanted to make a record that perfectly catches the Pepper vibe and I think we've done just that." Their music has really come together over the past few years and is finally getting the recognition they

deserve.

Pepper really threw some spice on the crowd at the House of Blues as they constantly mentioned the love they have for Orlando and how the crowd is excellent every time they are in the city. Sprinkled in the crowd were a few Hawaiian natives but majority of the crowd were older Bob Marley fans getting their reggae fix. Pepper kept the crowd energized throughout their entire hourand-a-half set. Other songs that had the crowd roaring were "Boot," "Point and Shoot," and "Stone Love."

Pepper definitely knows how to bring a beach party anywhere withtheir music.



with a Christmas tree, and now we have "Fred Claus" released by Warner Brothers on Nov. 9. In some ways, "Fred Claus" has the traditional Christmas movies things: Santa, elves and families. In fact, with a PG rating and a Academy Award winning cast, it has a little something for everyone. But it also has Vince Vaughn, and he's the driving force behind this movie.

Fred Claus

Chris Haas

World Editor

It's amazing how early

Christmas is starting this year.

The day after Halloween, Wal-

"Fred Claus" is the story of St. Nick's brother, Fred, who and "Old School" will appreciate the wisecracking role Vince Vaughn reprises in this movie (with his new catch all phrase, "You're better than that"). Movie-goers looking for a Christmas movie will find it, though this film isn't as classic as "It's a Wonderful Life" nor is it as funny as "Wedding Crashers." But "Fred Claus" is

When in Rome: Holland, Mich.

John W. Smith III

Entertainment Editor

No its not the country in Europe. It's the quiet little town on Michigan's west coastline of Lake Michigan. With a population of roughly 35,000, this town rich in Dutch culture has the third biggest parade festival in the country, not to mention a unique windmill directly from the Netherlands, tulip farms and a semi-diverse population to fill the small streets. There isn't a whole lot to do in this town besides travel somewhere else to have fun and run into people that are somehow related to you or that you went to high school with; however, it's home for many others and myself.

If it's summer, besides hanging out with friends and enjoying time off from work and school, there is only one thing to do, and that is go to the beach. There's plenty of beaches to choose from, whether it be the State Park, Tunnel Park, Oval Beach in Saugatuck, or, if you're lucky enough to own one or know someone who owns their own "private beach.". Just be sure to stay off others' private beaches unless you enjoy getting yelled at by old people that have been there longer than your entire family because they "own" that part of the beach. If you're into water sports, Holland is the perfect place. If you have

a sailboat, Sea-Doo, or just want to cruise around in your multi-million dollar yacht, you can enjoy putting around Lake Macatawa, brilliantly nicknamed Lake Macatoilet because of the waste that is dumped into it by local companies, or you can head through the no-wake zone, through the channel, past our famous lighthouse, "Big Red," and out to the clean Lake Michigan.

If you're coming off the lake and your're hungry, you can stick to the norm and go for fast-food chains or big-name restaurants, which are plentiful everywhere, or you can put your nose and taste buds into something worth paying for. The homemade pizza factory is probably the most popular restaurant in recent memory, and has some of the best pizza in town next to Village Inn, which has one dollar a slice, all day, every day. Or you can go for one of the best things since sliced bread, the pepperoni roll from Pereddies. A small roll of bread wrapped around mozzarella and pepperoni. If you're into fancy dining with food you can't pronounce there's Italian at Via Maria and nice French cuisine at The Piper. And of course there is the American Classic semidiner Jackie's Place, which is small, but probably the best in town for any type of food.

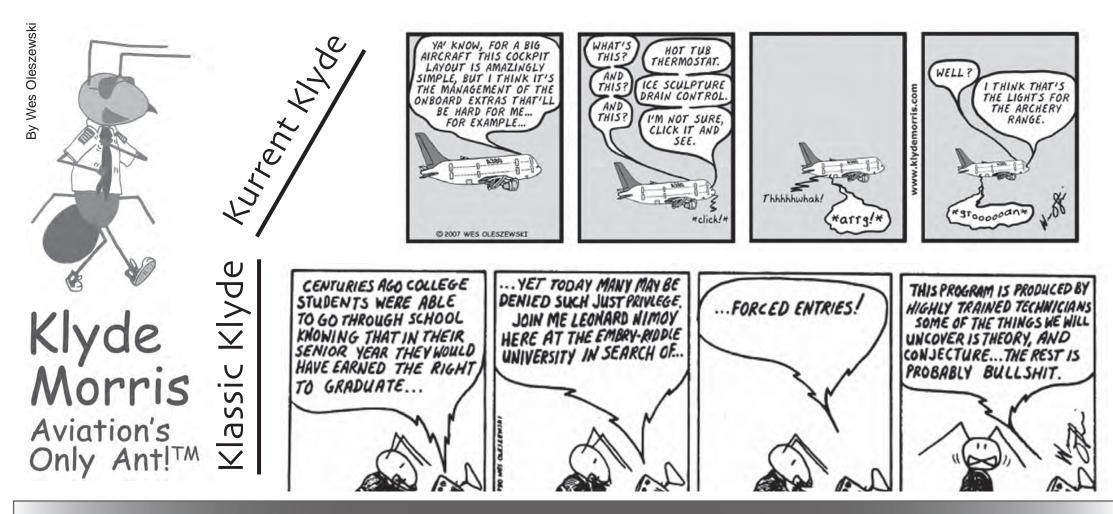
The one significant event that is unique to Holland is Tulip Time. Held every year since the town was created, this festival is known for tulips all around town and parades that seem to be rained on every year. Should the tulips bloom at the correct time it can be very beautiful to drive around town or take a stroll down Tulip, however be careful not to touch them because should you break one it is two-hundred dollars per broken Tulip stem. Tulip Time is also known for the famous Dutch-Dancers, who dance around in their wooden shoes and Dutch outfits. But the best part of Tulip Time is by far the food vendors that make their way into the city. From fat balls to elephant ears and snow cones, you can never go hungry or broke eating from these vendors.

The winter is beautiful when it decides to snow; however, it can be very dangerous should you decide to venture out into the arctic conditions. Although there aren't any places to ski/ snowboard in Holland, there are plenty of ski resorts near-

Regardless of the weather, Holland is beautiful especially if you go to the right places. With one high school, two middle schools, and about five active elementary schools, everybody knows everybody because a majority of the town still lives in the same house they've lived in all their lives. If you are ever in Michigan and you choose to stop by Holland, it won't take you long to be bored.

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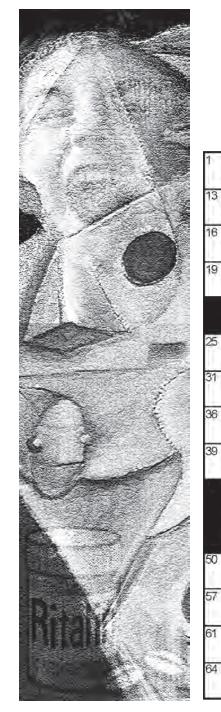
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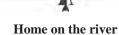


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