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Director of Safety retires

Andrew Striker
Staff Reporter

Dec. 7 will be the final day for the Director of the Embry-Riddle Safety Dept. Kevin Mannix. With over 27 years in campus security positions, including holding his position at the university for a total of 10 years, Embry-Riddle will be hard-pressed to find such a seasoned replacement.

Mannix will be joining his wife in their southern-style home in Monroeville, Ala. "It's been a real tug of war," he said. "She has been wanting me to get out there." Many may recognize Monroeville as the town in which the famous novel "To Kill a Mockingbird" took place.

"My wife and I love the south," he said. Having owned the house for several years, he has

"It's been a pleasure knowing and working with everyone here and I will miss it all."

-KEVIN MANNIX

been planning his retirement for some time. Originally planning to retire before the start of the Fall semester, he has been

postponing his retirement for several months in order to wait for many campus projects to be finished. Mannix also refused to leave the campus during hurricane season so that in the unlikely event of a hurricane striking the campus, the Safety Dept. could operate to their best possible ability. This serves as only one of many examples of his devotion to the campus and the Embry-Riddle community.

After Mannix departs, the Director of Parking and Traffic Rich Amato, has been assigned to be his temporary replacement. Phone interviews with potential candidates have already begun, and during the break, these interviews will continue and in-person interviews will be conducted. The University

would like to have a permanent replacement by the start of the Spring semester.

"I have always liked Embry-Riddle," Mannix said. "I love working with the unique group of students we have here. We have such a great faculty and staff here. I want all the students to know what a unique university they have and to take advantage of everything it has to offer. So much has been accomplished since I've been here. It has been a pleasure knowing and working with everyone here and I will miss it all."

As his final day here approaches, everyone is invited to stop by the Campus Safety office in the student center to wish Kevin Mannix good-bye and a happy retirement.

Men's soccer has top GPA in the nation

National distinction for both NCAA and NAIA

Press Release
ERAU Sports Info.

KANSAS CITY, Kan. – The Embry-Riddle men's soccer team continued its tradition of excellence in the classroom as the 2006-07 squad was recognized as a College Team Academic Award Winner by the National Soccer Coaches Association of America on Friday. Not only did the Eagles' team grade point average of 3.53 meet the minimum qualification requirements for the

award for the fourth year in a row, they also posted the highest team GPA of any men's soccer program at any level in the country, including NCAA I, NCAA II, NCAA III and the NAIA.

"To be the highest achieving academic team, not only in the NAIA but across the country, is an amazing accomplishment," ERAU head coach David Gregson said. "It's a goal we set out to have at the start of 2006 and to accomplish it speaks volumes of the quality of people in our program."

The academic award caps off another successful on-the-field season for the Eagles who won their fifth straight Florida Sun Conference regular season title and their fifth regional title in 2007. The Blue and Gold advanced to the quarter-finals of the NAIA National Tournament and finished the season at 12-7-2.

Seniors lace up one last time



Stephanie Thaxton
Staff Reporter

The crowds came out to the Arctic Zone Ice Rink on Ridgewood Avenue last Friday for Fan Appreciation and Senior Night. The Flying Eagles showed their gratitude by hosting a public skate before the game and getting out on the ice to help beginners. "We are extremely appreciative of the fans and their support. They give us a huge home advantage," said Bryan Dietz.

It was also a big night for graduating seniors Tim Hollenshade, starting forward, and Dan Trundle, starting goaltender. Friday's match represented their last home game for ERAU. Trundle, who has been playing hockey for 14 years, said, "It's bittersweet, but I've

loved every minute of it, win or lose." Hollenshade added, "It's definitely sad leaving. I've been through a lot with the team, and they're going to have to rebalance the chemistry for next semester."

Both seniors have been with the Flying Eagles for their entire Riddle career and have contributed enormously to the team, on and off the ice. "They always remind you to practice hard and play hard, but to still have fun," claimed Dietz. Freshman Ben Graham stated, "The whole team is really close. It will be like losing an older brother."

While two of the team's strongest players will be leaving, Coach Jim Lennon remains cool and confident in his deep pool of talent "I'm losing one of the best goalies I've ever had, but the cream always rises

to the top," he said.

The general consensus throughout the team is that the younger players such as Dietz, Graham, Kyle Strong, George Seel, Nick Scotto, and Eric Hart are going to have to step it up.

When asked about handling the new pressure, freshman goaltender Hart responded by saying, "I'm going to hold up my end by practicing and getting better, as always." Graham wasn't fazed and showed a lot of enthusiasm: "I'm not afraid of anything or anybody – I want that puck!"

Even though Hollenshade and Trundle are graduating this semester, they both plan on staying involved with the team as long as possible. Hollenshade is considering graduate work at Riddle, which would allow him to continue playing, and

Trundle would love to be a defensive coach.

On a parting note, Hollenshade wanted to say "Thank you to all the fans for your support. Hockey at Riddle has come a long way and gets better every year. I want to see that tradition keep going." Trundle adds, "Good luck to the team for the rest of the season and I hope the administration takes notice of our huge fan base."

The Flying Eagles will be back in full force in January. Many players will be participating in alumni games or playing with their high school teams over the winter break. Team manager Dave "Magic" Gerin says to keep your eyes open for interesting hockey fundraisers next semester, like taking shots at senior goalie John Lopez or Eric Hart at the Arctic Zone Ice Rink.

SGA Pres. gives mid-term report

Nate Clapper
SGA President

As the fall 2007 semester comes to a close, there are several projects and events that the ERAU SGA has been wrapping up, and even more that are slated for next semester. Most recently, the SGA sponsored three college forums, including the College of Engineering, College of Arts and Science and the College of Aviation. Each event was hosted by the Student Representatives of each respective college and every forum was a huge hit. From the free flight training, tours of JetBlue and tours of air traffic control towers raffled off at the COA's "Soaring from Tower to Sky" forum, to the free Smoothie King and pizza offered at the College of Engineering's forum, to the free food and mugs distributed at the COAS's Human Factors forum, hundreds of students and faculty members took the opportunity to discuss current issues; both within the college and university, and the industry as well.

Similarly, the SGA continues to address student issues both on and off campus. The long-awaited Bank of America ATM is scheduled to be installed in the Tallman Commons in the Student Village sometime during the first two weeks of December. The ATM will be up and running when classes resume in the spring. With this framework laid for

this new ATM, options are being explored for ATM upgrades in the Student Center as well. Along the same lines, funding has been secured for a new payphone to be installed, most probably in the Student Center, over the winter break. As no payphone currently exists on the Daytona Beach campus, this will prove to be an asset for students, faculty, staff and visitors alike.

The recycling program on campus continues to grow as the SGA has partnered with the Housing Department and the Chancellor's office to bring a comprehensive recycling program to the residence halls. This program will be in full operation by the start of the spring 2007 term and looks to reduce landfill waste as well as costs for waste disposal. As this program gets underway, the SGA is looking to expand this recycling program across campus.

The proposed Bike Lane along Clyde Morris Boulevard between Beville Road and International Speedway Boulevard is an ongoing project. This project will provide an eight foot sidewalk along the western edge of Clyde Morris for both pedestrians and bicyclists. The SGA is working with the University Administration and local government to provide safe transportation options to students, faculty, and staff.

In working with local government on the proposed Please see "SGA," page A2.

Cessna CEO to speak at graduation



Press Release
Embry-Riddle

Daytona Beach, Fla., Nov. 27, 2007 – Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University will hold commencement ceremonies for 364 students on Monday, Dec. 17, at 10 a.m. in the Ocean Center, Daytona Beach. The guest speaker will be Jack Pelton, the chairman, president, and chief executive officer of Cessna Aircraft Company. He will receive the university's Eagle of Aviation

Award for his significant contributions to aviation.

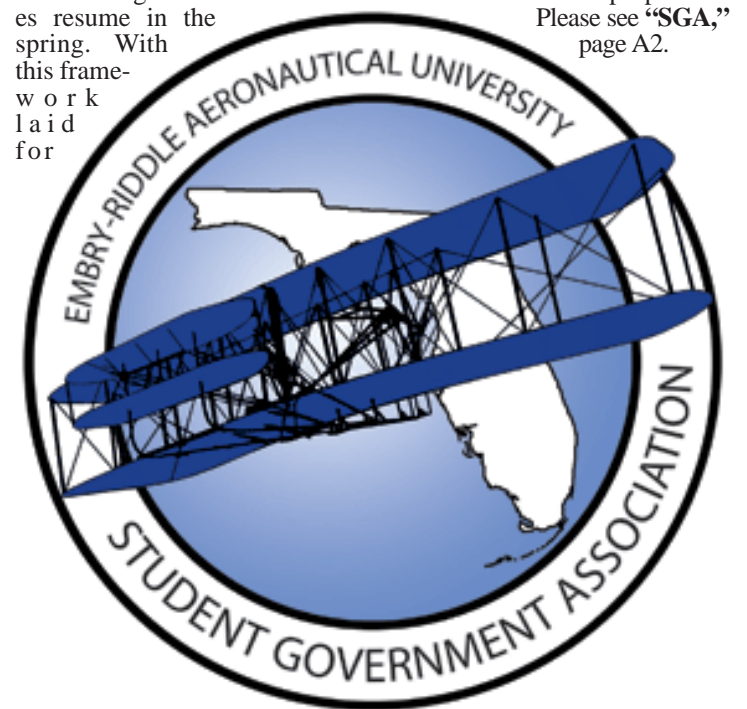
The day before commencement, on Sunday, Dec. 16, all four Embry-Riddle colleges will participate in a joint hooding ceremony for master's candidates at 4:30 p.m. in Embry-Riddle's Miller Instructional Center auditorium. The colleges will hold a joint reception for their master's candidates in the College of Aviation atrium immediately following the hooding ceremony.

Commencement speaker Jack Pelton leads Cessna Aircraft

Company, the largest worldwide manufacturer of general aviation aircraft. Headquartered in Wichita, Kan., Cessna has produced more than 189,000 aircraft since the company was founded in 1927, including the largest global fleet of nearly 5,000 business jets. Embry-Riddle uses high-tech Cessna 172 airplanes in its training fleet.

Pelton has more than three decades of aviation experience. He joined Cessna in 2000

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Cars lose control, cause property damage

Bob Scheid
Chief Copy Editor

At approximately 6 p.m. Sunday, a car accident occurred outside the north hall of O'Connor. Though no one was injured, there was some property damage to surrounding cars and the lots.

The crash involved two Riddle students who were driving at high speed eastbound on Richard Petty Boulevard. Both cars lost control, crossing the median just after the dirt lot and the other lane of traffic and skidding along the grass near a dumpster before hitting a parked car in the lot directly adjacent to

O'Connor Hall. That car skidded sideways for more than five feet, damaging the cars next to it.

In the crash, the cars narrowly missed bystanders. One, a Dodge Charger, hit and bent two 2-inch above-ground copper water pipes, causing water to fountain above the ground. Potable water to the school was not contaminated or disrupted.

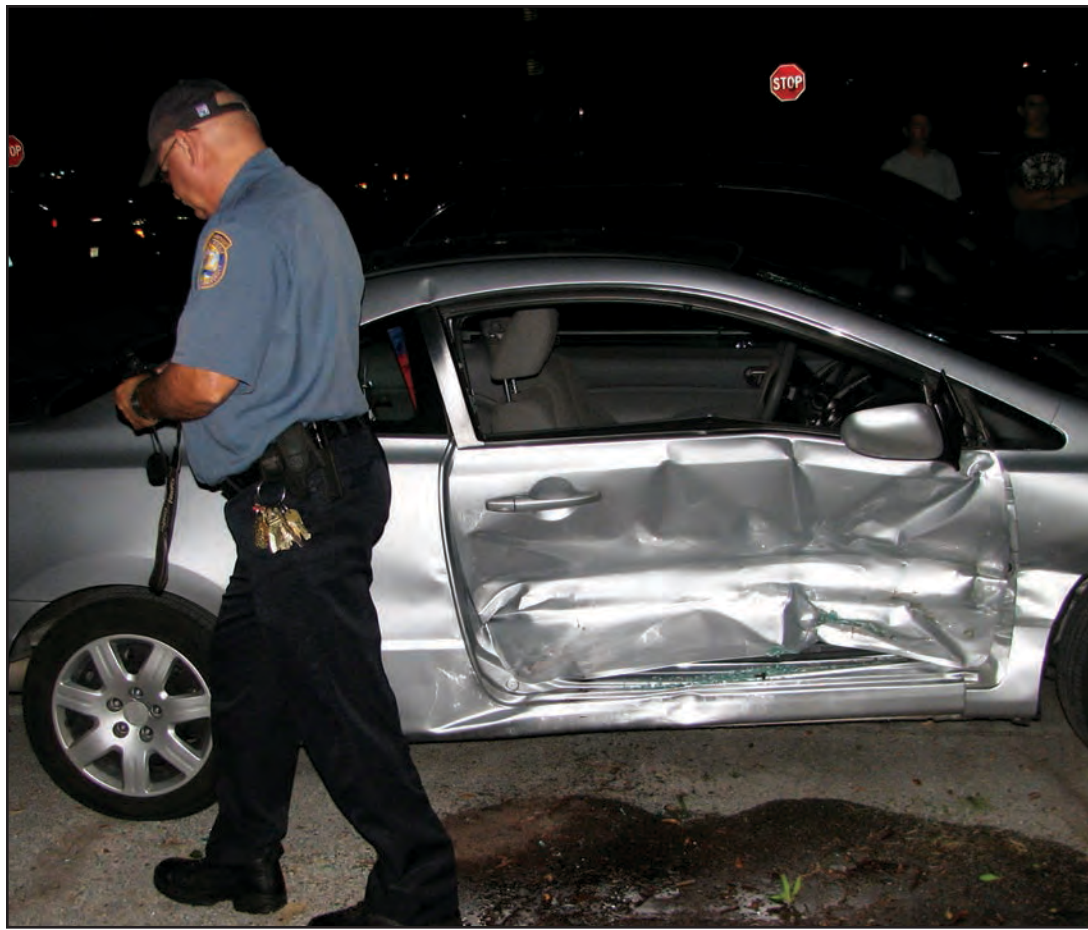
The second car, a BMW X5, also skidded off the road but was able to steer into the dirt lot and avoid damage.

Daytona Beach firefighters arrived quickly and found a nearby cutoff switch for the water, and campus safety and Daytona Beach police were on the scene for several hours to

take statements and document the damage to the area and other cars. No one was arrested at the scene, and it appears that insurance will cover most of the damage.

The accident is under investigation by the Daytona Beach police department, and as of press time official details were lacking. Several students who witnessed it commented about the wreck; Oliver Osborn, a sophomore who lives in O'Connor, voiced a common opinion, saying, "I'm very glad [the car] didn't hit anyone, but I'm disappointed this could happen."

World News Editor Chris Haas contributed to the article.



CHRIS HAAS/AVION

A CAMPUS SAFETY OFFICER inspects the damage after two Riddle students lost control of their cars driving on Richard Petty Boulevard. One of the cars crashed into this Civic, which was pushed out of a Village parking spot into the car and spot next to it.

SGA projects update

□ "SGA"
from FRONT

Bike Lane along Clyde Morris Boulevard, the SGA has forged relationships with several community leaders. As a result, the ERAU SGA will be serving as an advisor to Daytona Beach Mayor Glenn Ritchie in his cabinet. Additionally, the SGA is working with the Downtown Daytona Partnership to create opportunities for students and local business to connect for internships and co-ops. The SGA continues to work with the students of Campbell Middle school in Daytona Beach to provide assistance for the student government at Campbell Middle School in areas such as parliamentary procedure, writing meeting agendas,

and leadership.

Looking ahead to the spring 2008 semester, there are several projects that will be undertaken. The Midnight Café at Propellers will open, providing another late night dining option to students who live both on and off campus.

For the motorcycle parking lots, the Student Court is working with Parking and Traffic Safety to refit the existing motorcycle parking lots with aircraft-type tiedowns to which a motorcycle can be locked. This will allow more motorcycles to be secured to deter theft than the current post system allows.

In looking to improve the students' experience, the SGA will be working to revamp its website to provide a friendlier and efficient web space for students. Current plans include

interfaces to allow many of the SGA services that are currently available in the SGA office to also be available online. Additionally, the SGA is working with IT to help the University in its redesign of the entire ERAU site.

The SGA is working with the Provost's office to help sponsor Lunch with the Provost. Dr. Heist will be eating lunch with students to listen to suggestions and concerns regarding the academics at ERAU. The events will be held in the UC and Student Village several times next semester. A schedule of dates, time, and locations will be forthcoming. If any student has a suggestion for a project or an issue that needs to be addressed please stop by the SGA office or drop a suggestion in one of the many SGA suggestion boxes around campus.

Get to Know: Shahriar Shahnava Student Village Resident Dining Manager Compiled by Omid Eshaghi

Hometown? Tehran, Iran

Family/children? Married, have two daughters, 19 and 27

Favorite music/ band? Country music, Shania Twain

Favorite TV show? "Everybody Loves Raymond"

Hobby? Soccer, Basketball, watching sports

The best thing ever happened to you? I met my wife

Your favorite job in childhood? Soccer super star

Scariest thing ever happened to you? Iranian Revolution

Last movie you saw on theater? "American Gangster"

Favorite airline? Lufthansa

Do you read *The Avion*? Sometimes

Favorite food? Lamb

Last time you went to beach to swim? I don't remember

Who will you vote for in next presidential election? Democrat candidates, Hillary Clinton or Obama



OMID ESHAGHI/AVION

Course evals.

Heidi Mehrzad

Institutional Research

The University has implemented a centralized, web-based student end-of-course evaluation system, administered by the Office of Institutional Research. Students use this system for completing their evaluations. Instructors and administrators use this system for receiving the results of the evaluations. Students and instructors can access the system securely through Blackboard without the need for an additional login or password. As the end-of-course evaluation process is now completely online, hard copies of the evaluation surveys are no longer required.

The end-of-course evaluation is delivered to students via Embry-Riddle e-mail. Each course is evaluated separately, and each survey has the required header information (instructor name, course name, course number, term, section, and center code) in order for the student to cor-

rectly identify the course and allow a smooth completion of the evaluation.

All responses will remain completely confidential and the results cannot be viewed by the instructors until grades have been submitted.

To complete the evaluation:

Login to Blackboard and go to the "Online Services" Tab. Find the "Online Course Evaluation" module at the very top or bottom of your page and click on the "Access to Online Course Evaluation Page" link.

From there you will be able to evaluate each of your courses and instructors by completing the online form.

Each student also receives survey links via e-mail announcements and reminders to their Embry-Riddle e-mail account.

If you have any questions, please contact Heidi M. Mehrzad, Office of Institutional Research, at heidi.mehrzad@erau.edu or (386) 226-6225.

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as senior vice president of product engineering and oversaw Cessna's engineering and product development activities, including new aircraft development, design, experimental and production test flight, certifications, and product improvements for all Cessna models. He was named president and CEO in 2003 and chairman in 2005.

Before joining Cessna, Pelton was senior vice president of engineering and programs at Fairchild Dornier in Germany and was responsible for the 728JET aircraft family. He also held numerous executive positions at Boeing (formerly Douglas Aircraft).

Owing to his position as leader of the world's largest general aviation manufacturing company, Pelton helps formulate national policy on general aviation and is frequently called on to testify before Congress and government agencies on industry issues. He was recently awarded the Kansas Chamber of Commerce Ad Astra Award as the state's most influential business leader in 2006.

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Athlete Profile: Natasa Zoricic



Ren Xun Kwok
Staff Reporter

This brand new feature article takes a look at Natasa Zoricic, as a student, as a person and as a tennis player. Despite balancing a 40-hour week between classes, training sessions both on the tennis courts and in the gym, and additional mandatory study session, Zoricic still manages to find time to participate in this first production of the student athlete photo feature article.

Zoricic started playing tennis at the tender age of 12 and by 15, represented the Croatian national Under-16 tennis team. Initially scouted by the University of Texas in Austin, she joined the Eagles family in Fall 2007. In her debut semester she took home both the singles and doubles title in the Wilson/ITA Florida Regional Championship hosted by Embry-Riddle in late September. Her regional championship win took her to the ITA National Small College Championship in Mobile, Ala. and gave her the chance as a freshman to put herself against

other regional champions. She gained valuable experience from the national championships and hopes that next year, she can bring the National Champion trophy back to Embry-Riddle.

As an athlete, Zoricic adores her teammates because "all the girls provide mutual support for one another. We encourage one another in friendly competitions with the sole intention of improving our playing level." Zoricic was relieved that, despite being a freshman, she was readily accepted and regarded as part of the Eagles family the moment she arrived. "I have found good teammates with excellent team spirit and a college with exceptional academic programs. I could not have asked for a better college experience. I hope that everyone will come cheer us on at the Crotty Stadium next semester because we will be involved in many team tournaments."

As a student, apart from attending her regular classes, Zoricic uses the additional four hours of study sessions to help her catch up with schoolwork whenever she travels for away

games and tournaments. In addition to the study sessions, she receives advice and pointers from the senior girls on the team as they take care of one another both on and off the courts. When asked about her dormitory life, she giggles, "me and my roommates all live in perfect harmony and have both our serious and fun moments together."

Zoricic added she likes the student-to-professor ratio at Embry-Riddle. "The smaller sized class makes it easier for me to relate to my professor and for them to remember me when I go ask them for help when I have questions. The professors are also very helpful and friendly, and no, we do not get preferential treatment from the professors." When asked

about the one thing she wants to change in this school, Zoricic looked around and whispered, "more girls; it does get a little overwhelming at times when there are only five girls in a class of 30 students."

Apart from school and tennis, Zoricic finds her passion and craze for spontaneous activities keeps her college experience fun and eventful. "I decide to take part in this because I've never tried anything like this before, it seemed interesting and fun, and it turned out to be really fun and interesting."

When she is not training or studying, Zoricic is either at the beach soaking up the sun and the sea or at the mall shopping. "I seldom go shopping nowadays, because I will go with the intention of not buying anything, yet I always leave the mall with more paper bags than I can carry." Due to her fun-loving and outgoing nature, Zoricic is usually the center of attention among her friends.

At the end of the day, Zoricic wants to give back to society. As she treasures this chance of playing college level tennis here at Embry-Riddle, she did not forget that some of the younger and potential sports stars might not have a chance to shine because of their family background. Zoricic hopes to work in Spain as a sport manager, helping to discover the potential young stars and give them a chance to shine.



Soccer skipper Davey named All-American

Press Release
ERAU Sports Info.

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Embry-Riddle senior Hugh Davey added more accolades to his already impressive resume when the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics announced the All-America roster on Tuesday. Davey was a first team All-America selection for the third year in a row. He and Jasmin Kadric (1999-02) are the only two soccer players in Embry-Riddle history to earn first team honor three times, and Davey is only the second ERAU defender to be named to the first team, joining Matthias Mueller (2000-03) on that short list.

Davey was also rewarded for his outstanding performance at the 2007 NAIA National Tournament as he

was one of four defenders named to the All-Tournament team.

Tuesday's awards came just one day after Davey was selected as an NAIA Daktronics All-America Scholar Athlete. He was also named the Florida Sun Conference and NAIA Region XIV Player of the Year, the first defender in 10 years to receive Player of the Year honors.

Senior Carl Sheard and junior Joe Yoffe were also named to the All-America roster as both received honorable mention recognition.

Sheard served as a lynchpin in the Eagles' midfield throughout his four-year career and finished with five points on a goal and three assists in 2007.

Yoffe topped the Eagles' scoring charts in 2007 with 26 points on 10 goals and six assists.



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Bball nets fourth shootout

Cobb leads Eagles in low scoring affair

Alison Smalling

ERAU Sports Info.

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. – Junior Denver Cobb recorded a game-high 22 points to lead the Embry-Riddle men's basketball team to its fourth straight Daytona Mitsubishi Shootout title, Saturday at Embry-Riddle's ICI Center. The Eagles defeated NAIA I Carroll (Mont.) 70-62 as the Eagles won their fifth tournament title since the tournament began in 2000. Cobb, who had 20 points in Friday's win against Graceland, was named the tournament's Most Valuable Player as the Eagles improved their record to 8-0

on the year.

Tyler DeBord and Rocky Pierre joined Cobb on the All-Tournament roster. DeBord had 21 points and eight rebounds on Friday and following with a 12-point, nine-rebound outing on Saturday, while Pierre scored 15 points and 16 points, respectively.

Carroll placed two on the All-Tournament roster in Chad Vaculin and Derek Johnson. Vaculin scored 13 points in the Fighting Saints' first round game against Brewton-Parker and scored nine against the Eagles. After posting 10 points and four boards on Friday, Johnson recorded a double-double on Saturday with 19 points and a game-high 11 rebounds.

Graceland's Mike Malat rounded out the All-Tournament honorees after putting up 31 points to lead the Yellow Jackets past Brewton-Parker in Saturday's consolation game.

The first half of play saw nine lead changes and four ties. Both teams had a five-point advantage at some point in the

first frame with Cobb leading the Blue and Gold and with 13 points and Johnson putting up nine points for the Fighting Saints.

Eric Henkel gave Carroll a one-point lead on a layup with 4:48 left, but that was the Fighting Saints' last field goal of the half as they scored their next six points from the charity stripe. The Eagles, on the other hand, tallied 11 points in the last 4:48 thanks to five points from Cobb, four from William Benjamin and a pair from DeBord to take a 34-30 lead into the lockerroom at the half.

The Eagles led by as many as 10 points with 11 minutes to go. Carroll battled hard but only managed to get within three points and the Eagles made of the best of their trips to the free throw line down the stretch, converting on all eight attempts to seal the win.

The Eagles return to action at 7 p.m. on Wednesday when they host former Florida Sun Conference rival Flagler at the ICI Center.

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Chavez's utopian city flourishes

Juan Forero

The Washington Post

Like most ambitious state projects in oil-rich Venezuela, the new city being built in the thickly wooded mountains here began as a whim of President Hugo Chavez's.

Flying in his helicopter north of Caracas over forests filled with monkeys and tropical birds, the president suddenly had a eureka moment — he would carve a self-sustaining, self-contained city from the wilderness. Chavez envisioned this as the first of several utopian cities, a bold plan reflecting both Venezuela's capacity for undertaking ambitious projects and the president's growing propensity for making all major decisions.

"He told me, 'I want to see if it's possible,'" recalled Ramon Carrizales, minister of housing. "So we began to explore it, and we found vast tracts that could be utilized."

Carrizales, a retired army colonel like the president, added, "I think that with the president's intuition — the president is a man of great intuition — he perceived that you could develop something there, so we started in November of 2006."

Venezuelans are bracing for more grandiose plans, especially if Chavez's powers expand under proposed constitutional changes that voters are being asked to approve on Sunday.

The president's allies control Congress, the Central Bank and every other major institution. And with the price of oil approaching \$100 a barrel, Chavez has the economic muscle along with the political might to carry out his biggest dreams.

"Everyone here knows that no one advises Chavez," said Luis Miquilena, a former interior minister and mentor to Chavez who has since broken with him. "Chavez is the one who decides everything."

Now finishing his ninth year in office, Chavez has hatched ideas ranging from moving clocks back half an hour to building artificial islands in the Caribbean. To the

Bush administration's consternation, he is also forging political ties with Iran, an alliance that economists say has few practical economic considerations. But the partnership serves as a rebuke to Chavez's main adversary, the United States, which gave tacit support to a failed 2002 coup against the Venezuelan leader.

Chavez is also accelerating state spending on myriad social programs while proposing measures that critics say are designed to solidify his support among the large masses of poor who form his base. Maintaining such support is essential as Chavez campaigns for a "yes" vote on constitutional changes that would permit indefinite reelection, allow him to appoint allies to head newly created federal territories



JUAN FORERO / THE WASHINGTON POST

and increase the president's influence over the government's vast oil-generated wealth.

"What he wants to do is build a small model of what a future Venezuela could possibly look like," said Demetrio Boersner, a former diplomat and left-leaning historian who is critical of Chavez. "He wants undoubtedly to strengthen his influence on the poor people living in the poor quarters of town. He wants to reinforce the belief that many low-income Venezuelans have that he's on their side, that he's on the side of the underdog, on the side of the poor."

The plans for what officials call the "socialist cities" envisioned

by Chavez are grand, evoking new cities built in such divergent countries as Brazil and the old Soviet Union. Chavez is relying on Cuban engineering companies and technical advice from Belarus, a former Soviet republic that Carrizales, the housing minister, said has "much experience in agro-industrial cities."

Carrizales said that the city here in the mountainous area of Camino de los Indios, to be called Caribia — another suggestion by the president — will be the first of several small cities and urbanization projects across the country. Government planners are considering developments in places as far afield as the oil-producing Orinoco Belt in the north, Ciudad Guayana in the east, itself a planned city

from the 1960s, and the plains state of Barinas, where Chavez was raised.

In Caribia, the idea is to build scores of four-story apartment blocks that will eventually house 100,000 people. During a reporter's recent visit here, excavators and earthmovers roared, and construction workers finished the foundations of the first apartment blocks, which are scheduled for completion in the coming weeks. There will also be parks and sports complexes, Carrizales said, as well as schools, hospitals, state-run factories and small fields for crops.

"We're looking to have a city with a different vision,"

Carrizales said. "A city that's self-sustainable, that respects the environment, that uses clean technologies, that is mostly for use by the people, with lots of walking paths, parks, sports areas, museums and schools within walking distance."

Government officials and engineers say the plan, at its root, is designed to help people. "This is a social housing project, for people with little money, so it's very accessible for those types of families," explained Alfredo Tirado, an engineer overseeing part of the project.

The government plans to move families from a Caracas neighborhood, Federico Quiroz, to Caribia. Federico Quiroz's cinderblock homes and narrow, winding streets are located in a steep, uneven swath of western Caracas that's prone to mudslides.

"It's a good idea because there are many people here who need a place to live," said Clemente Delgado, 40, a father of three in Federico Quiroz. "We know it's dangerous here. For me, if they make the offer, I'll accept."

Not everyone, though, is so enthused. As hilltops are cleared and trees felled to make space for Caribia, people in the nearby community of La Niebla watch with alarm. The government has said the properties there could be expropriated, though a Housing Ministry official said that is unlikely because Caribia probably won't extend so far.

Perhaps more worrisome — particularly to urban planners and government opponents — is that the construction is proceeding without much outside input. That has prompted frantic meetings among architects, engineers and urban planners in Caracas who say the government is rushing headstrong into expensive, ill-considered utopian projects.

"The majority of socialist cities that were built in socialist countries failed," said Maria Josefina Weitz, an urban planner in Caracas. "When you create something by ideological decree, it doesn't respond to the real needs of people. Cities have their own origin, develop on their own and have their own dynamic."

South American relations sour

Chris Kraul

Los Angeles Times

Relations between Venezuela and Colombia took a dramatic turn for the worse Sunday as Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez called his Colombian counterpart, Alvaro Uribe, a shameless liar, and Uribe retorted that Chavez was a "legitimizing of terrorists."

Stung by Uribe's abrupt cancellation Wednesday of his role as mediator between Colombia's government and leftist rebels, Chavez lashed out Sunday, saying he was putting relations with Colombia in the "deep freezer" and warning that economic relations may suffer.

"Why don't you show your face?" Chavez said, referring to Uribe in a televised speech. "President Uribe is lying ... in a shameless, horrible, ugly way. I think Colombia deserves another president, it deserves a better president."

Uribe soon responded in kind, telling an audience in northern Bolivar state that the fiery Venezuelan leader was "fomenting an expansionist plan," referring to his political ambitions of regional influence.

"The truth is, President Chavez, you can't incite the continent as you do, talking one day against Spain, the next against the United States, mistreating one day Mexico, the next day Peru, and Bolivia the morning after," Uribe said.

Uribe also accused Chavez and leftist Colombian Sen. Piedad Cordoba, who was facilitating contact with the FARC, of being more interested in promoting "terrorist influence ... than in helping us overcome the tragedy of the hostages."

The name-calling shocked analysts because relations between the two countries could have been described as amiable a few days ago, despite the political differences between the leftist Chavez and conservative Uribe.

Uribe abruptly withdrew his approval Wednesday of Chavez

acting as a go-between in efforts to foster a humanitarian accord between Colombia and the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, known as FARC. Chavez hoped to bring about the release of 45 political kidnapping victims in FARC hands in exchange for hundreds of suspected rebels in Colombian jails.

But Chavez broke protocol Wednesday afternoon by speaking directly with the Colombian military command, something Uribe had prohibited. That night a Uribe spokesman thanked Chavez for his efforts but said the breach had put an end to his mediation.

Economist Juan Carlos Echeverry, a Bogota-based economist with LatinSource consulting firm, said the impact of damaged cross-border trade with Venezuela would be grave and cost each side jobs. Colombia could be the bigger loser, as it exports annually nearly \$4 billion in goods and services to Venezuela, while Venezuela sells \$1 billion in goods and services here.

Colombia and Venezuela share a 1,300-mile border. Economic integration of the countries has accelerated with a joint natural gas pipeline under construction, and other energy projects are on the drawing board.

"What Chavez said was stupid, and the way Uribe reacted was very hard, maybe too much so," said one Colombian analyst, who said the two countries should act fast to patch up their differences. He requested anonymity because of the situation's sensitivity.

A chill in relations could also impact the estimated 1 million Colombians thought to live and work in Venezuela.

Chavez briefly cut commercial ties with Colombia in 2005 after an undercover group seized FARC commander Rodrigo Granda on Venezuelan soil and delivered him to Colombian authorities without informing the Chavez government. But relations were soon restored.

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Putin's party enjoys electoral romp

Megan K. Stack
Los Angeles Times

Heeding their popular president's ominous warnings that Russia's future dangled in the balance, voters flocked to the polls on Sunday to cast ballots in an unorthodox parliamentary election.

Bombarded with the message that they should treat the election as a referendum on President Vladimir Putin's rule, voters turned out in large numbers, with lines forming at some polling stations as people waited for their chance at the ballot box. As expected, Putin's United Russia swept up more than 60 percent of the vote, according to early estimates.

The surge of electoral participation, with turnout reportedly topping 60 percent, reflected Putin's aggressive campaign to turn out the vote.

"The president is trying to establish some kind of order in this country," said Yulia Mikhailova, 47, a disabled Muscovite who limped to the polls with the help of her cane. "He's a person who has turned Russia into a country to be reckoned with."

Furious opposition leaders called Sunday's election the least democratic vote since the collapse of the Soviet Union, and vowed to challenge the results in court.

"This will beat all records in modern Russian history for irregularities," former chess champion and prominent opposition leader Gary Kasparov said. "Putin has been destroying democracy, poisoning it for the last eight years."

Falling at a moment of swelling national uncertainty over the country's political future, the importance of Sunday's vote mushroomed far beyond seating lawmakers in an assuredly pro-Kremlin legislature. Putin's second term ends next year, and under the constitution, he cannot seek a third consecutive term.

Yet by turning the elec-

tions into a one-man popularity contest, the president is laying the groundwork for a popular mandate that will help him keep a grip on power, analysts say. Putin could use triumph at the polls to go on to serve as prime minister or party chief, or could

" Putin has been destroying democracy, poisoning it for the last eight years. -GARY KASPAROV "

encourage his party to amend the constitution so that he can stay on as president. However, Putin has repeatedly denied any plans to remain president after his term expires.

Votes were still being tallied late Sunday when United Russia party leader Boris Gryzlov told Russian television that his party now has the right to "ensure the succession of state policy for the next four years."

" I don't understand all this fuss about him. What has he done? -ANDREI SHAMANAYEV "

"De facto, they came to the referendum to show support for the course of our president," he said.

Eleven parties were listed on the paper ballot presented to voters on Sunday. Most listed the names of three top officers -- all except United Russia, which listed only a single name: Putin's.

As they pulled their fur

caps over their ears and headed back out into the snow, many voters seemed utterly oblivious that they were voting for parliament. For better or worse, it was Putin who lingered in their thoughts.

"We want Putin to win very, very much," said 75-year-old Maria Ravinskaya, blue eyes sparkling over her fur collar. "We hope Putin will take us to a higher level of life."

Polls estimate the president's approval rating above 80 percent, but a sprinkling of skeptics milled among the Putin enthusiasts on Sunday.

In the town of Krasnogorsk, bespectacled army officer Andrei Shamanayev said he would never vote for Putin or his party. Pro-government propaganda is deadening healthy political debate, he said.

"I don't understand all this fuss about him," said Shamanayev, 28. "What has he done?"

"Not everything is as good as they tell us on TV," complained the army officer.

The parliamentary elections were controversial from the earliest days of the campaign. New restrictions excluded many opposition parties from participating. Even parties that managed to reach the ballot will have to win seven percent of the vote to secure a single seat in parliament. Early returns indicated that only four parties made the cut.

As the vote drew closer, Russian officials feuded bitterly with vote monitors from the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, blocking visas and imposing restrictions until the organization abruptly dropped plans to monitor the election. Russia countered by accusing the group of caving to U.S. pressure.

Putin's role in the campaign also raised eyebrows. When Putin took to the government-controlled airwaves last week, he warned that if the ruling

party did not win, Russia could fall under the sway of his shadowy, Western-backed opponents.

"He spoke in his capacity as president, not as a candidate, and called upon people to vote for United Russia," said Sergei Mitrokhin of the opposition Yabloko party. "This is a gross violation."

Government employees, factory workers and soldiers

were being heavily pressured to vote for United Russia, opposition parties charged.

In many polling stations, Russians were forced to vote in plain view of other voters, monitors and police. There were no curtains or doors to shield people from sight as they marked oversized ballots. Afterward, as the ballots were fed into electronic scanners, it was easy for

bystanders to see which box was checked.

In some areas, election monitors and journalists had trouble entering polling stations. Despite carrying government-issued election credentials, reporters for the Los Angeles Times were kicked out of a voting center on the outskirts of Moscow by policemen who said they had orders to keep journalists away.

American hostages in Colombia seen on video

Juan Forero

The Washington Post

Captured video on Friday gave the outside world the first look since 2003 at three Pentagon contractors held hostage in Colombia, showing them to be haggard but alive. French Colombian writer and former presidential candidate Ingrid Betancourt was also shown, looking thin and dispirited.

The videos, seized by the Colombian army from three suspected guerrillas in Bogota on Thursday night, brought relief to hostage families as far away as Connecticut and Paris.

In the videos, the hostages appear to be in a clandestine jungle camp operated by Marxist rebels. A surveillance plane carrying the three Americans crashed in rebel territory in 2003; Betancourt was seized in 2002, and her release has become a priority for French President Nicholas Sarkozy.

"I'm happy because of the proof of life, but I see a picture of my daughter that shows her very sad, very thin, having suffered much," Yolanda Pulecio, Betancourt's mother, told Colombian radio.

Betancourt, a former senator known by all Colombians as vivacious and attractive, looked gaunt and demoralized after five years in rebel hands. She wore

a grimy-looking T-shirt, and her normally stylish hair was down to her hips. She stared at the ground, without looking up.

The Americans, Keith Stansell, Marc Gonsalves and Thomas Howes, appeared standing in a jungle clearing, briefly staring at the camera. The men are considered the longest held American captives in the world.

Stansell's mother, Lynne, said that seeing the video of her son was at once comforting and upsetting. He has "lost a lot of weight. His cheeks have sunken in."

"To us, it was like, whoa, a very stark difference from when he left," she in a phone interview from Florida. "But still, we're very grateful, very gratified that this proof of life did surface."

George Gonsalves, Marc's father, said the images "brought back memories of Hanoi" and prisoners of war in Vietnam.

Colombia's peace commissioner, Luis Carlos Restrepo, told reporters in Bogota that authorities had seized five videos and that the footage had been taken in October. There was also footage of another dozen Colombians, soldiers and policemen captured by the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, or FARC, in combat.

The army seized letters Howes had written to his wife, as well as his will. Three soldiers had

also written letters to their families, as had Betancourt, who wrote a long letter to her mother dated Oct. 24.

In Colombia and France, where the release of Betancourt is a cause celebre, the videos prompted a strong reaction.

"Looking at this photo of Ingrid, which has saddened my soul, I can say that what I lived in was a five-star hotel compared to what she's living in," said Colombian Vice President Francisco Santos, referring to his own ordeal as a hostage.

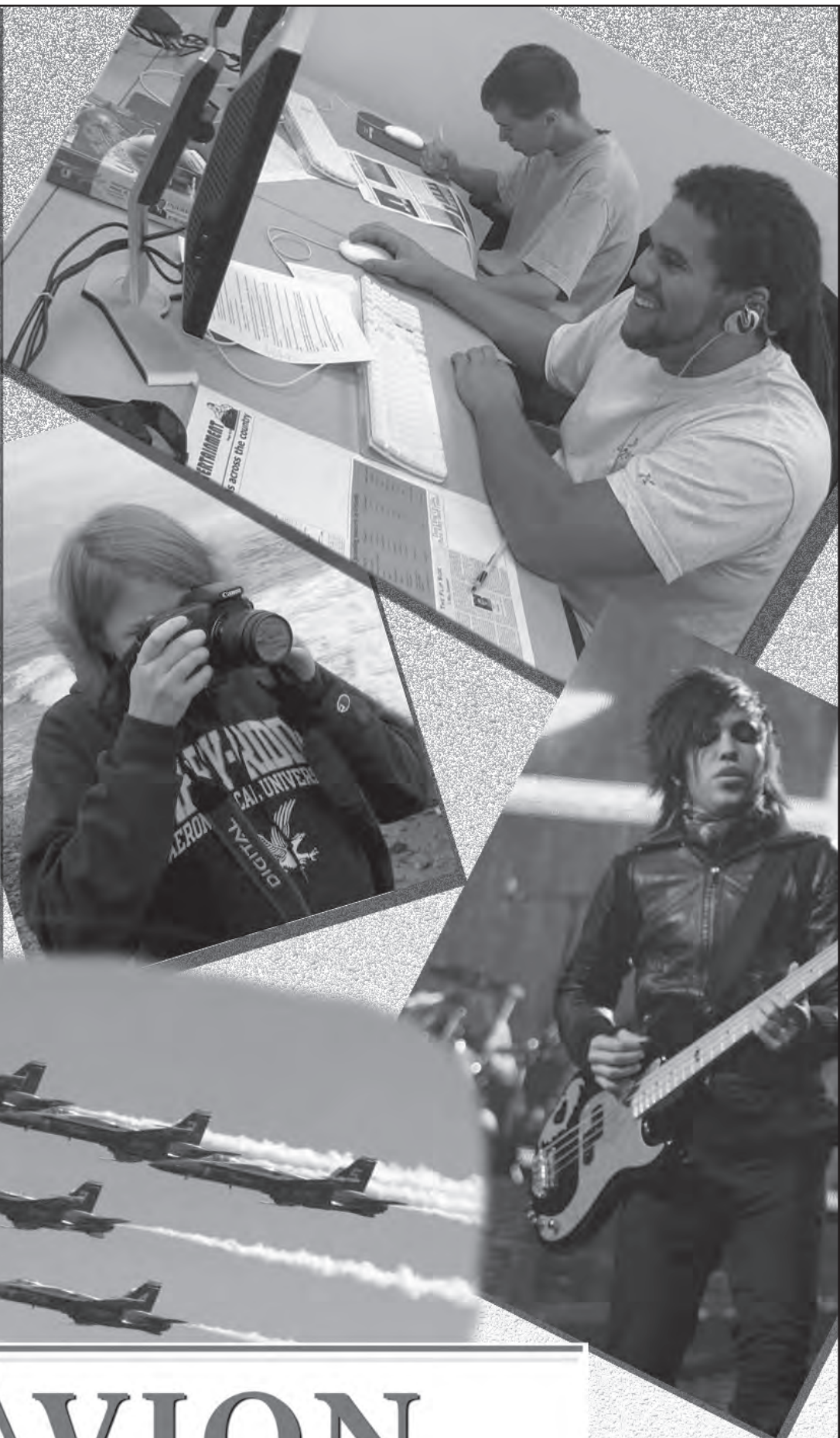
The FARC, which has been fighting the Colombian state since 1964, often kidnaps prominent people for political gain, a strategy that has generated sharp rebuke from around the world.

But the Colombian government on Friday also came under criticism related to the hostages. President Alvaro Uribe's decision last week to end Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez's role as a mediator with the FARC touched off a bitter diplomatic dispute and angered families who said Chavez was the best chance for obtaining the hostages' release. Uribe had accused Chavez of sidestepping diplomatic protocol.

Colombian Sen. Piedad Cordoba, who had been working with Chavez to release the hostages, said the videos had likely been meant for the Venezuelan president to see.

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Park responsibly

The phrase "common sense isn't common" reared its ugly head again this week as part of the fence for the new parking lot came down. Within hours, those lacking any common sense at all had their vehicles strewn about the unpaved portion of the lot. Not only is the lot unpaved, but it is also an active construction site. After examining the lot with a campus safety officer and an SGA representative, it was determined that damage was done to the limestone foundation in the form of tire tracks. According to facilities, this damage will have to be repaired before asphalt can be laid on the surface. While this will require additional work to complete the project, it will not cause any serious delays. The parking lot is still on track to be opened with the new College of Business building on Jan. 7, in time to hold classes there for the spring semester.

This type of irresponsible and arrogant behavior is becoming

typical among students here. As I stared in disbelief at the spectacle before me, I noticed that every single car involved had green on-campus parking stickers on them. This essentially meant that laziness and disregard for the consequences of their actions were the only factors that led to their decision to park there. It is unfathomable to me that someone educated enough to attend this university could even think it was OK to park on an unpaved area of a construction site simply because a fence was moved. Furthermore, the cars remained parked there for more than a day, making it impossible for construction crews to work in the area had they wanted to. This makes me wonder if these students realize how their actions can affect people around them. No one on campus enjoys dealing with the construction that is taking place, however actions such as this will only drag the disruptions on for longer, and

we all know the construction is for the benefit of the whole university.

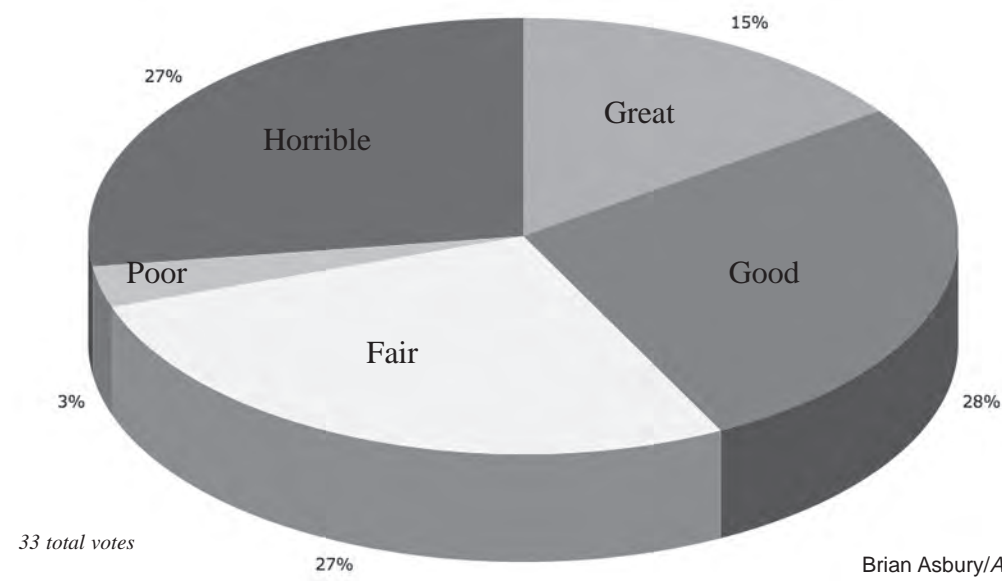
I realize that the dozen or so people that parked their cars in this manner may not represent even a minority of the student population, but if more significant damage had been caused by their actions it could have negatively affected the entire university community by way of a long delay before construction is completed. If everyone on campus acted in a more broad-minded manner, thinking through how their actions affect not only themselves but those around them, this would be a much better place to go to school. This idea of broad-minded thinking not only applies to this situation with parking, but with all situations you may encounter in life. I think that the concept of making this university a better place to go to school for everyone is something that we all can agree on.

~Matt Goldberg

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The Avion asks: "With the growing concern of global warming, where do you think Santa should move to?"

-Compiled by Brandon Boekelman and Marcus Nealley



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Aerospace Engineering
"Dominican Republic."



Andrew Elzein
Freshman
Aerospace Engineering
"Australia ...if he existed."



Will Quinn
Freshman
Aeronautical Science
"He needs to change his image and move to Daytona Beach."



Mike Borghi
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Holiday gift program almost complete

The Society of Aviation Technicians at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University will be completing the annual Wright Brothers Bicycle Shop's Holiday Gift program this weekend. The program was a great success. The SAT club

was able to repair and refurbish approximately 40 bikes for the United Way. These bicycles will go to less fortunate children in the local area. The SAT club would like to thank everyone who participated in repairing the bicycles and also those who donated bicycles. The club would also like to thank all of the Embry-Riddle students and faculty that assisted in repairing the bicycles. The club would also like to thank WESH channel 2 news for the spot received on their news broadcast. This has been the best and most productive year yet for the program thanks to all the help and support we received. We hope next year will be the same if not better.



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SAT tours the Eclipse Aviation facility in Gainesville

On Nov. 3, 2007, the Society of Aviation Technicians toured the Eclipse facility in Gainesville. The facility in Gainesville is primarily used for maintenance of Dayjet Eclipse aircraft. The Eclipse is the first aircraft in the Very Light Jet category and considered to be the best in its class. Dayjet, which is an air taxi company, currently operates the most Eclipse aircraft. At the facility we were able to see and examine four of Dayjet's Eclipse 500s. The group was shown the Pratt

& Whitney Canada PW610F, which are the engines currently on the Eclipse, as well as the Avidyne avionics package. We were also shown the PhostrEx fire suppression system available

exclusively on the Eclipse. The trip was a great success and the SAT club would like to thank everyone who supported us and made it possible. We would also like to thank Eclipse and Dayjet

for allowing us to come to their facility and view their aircraft and the students for participating.



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Resident Advisor applications now available

John W. Smith III
Resident Director

Have you ever thought about being a Resident Advisor? The Office of Housing and Residence Life released applications for this on campus job last week. Along with the release of applications there will be two brief information sessions run by the Resident Directors and an Associate Director of Residence Life. The first info session will be held Tuesday night in Doolittle on the third floor study lounge at 9 p.m. and the second info session will be held Wednesday night in Apollo on the first floor lounge at 9 p.m.. The info sessions will give a brief description of the RA position, the interview process, and a

question and answer session. The RAs are the driving force in the Residence Halls, planning programs, writing reports and encouraging an atmosphere of fun and learning rather than just living in a "dorm." Living by yourself and getting a free room are just some of the tangible perks of the job. There are roughly 60 RAs on campus, and range from sophomores to Graduate level students. The applications that are submitted now will be for RA openings next year in the fall term of 2008.

If you are interested in applying you can pick up an application in the Housing and Residence Life office located in the Tallman Commons. Any questions can be answered by current RAs and RDs.

ΣAE soccer wrap-up

Will Gons
Sigma Alpha Epsilon

In the soccer tournament last week, Sigma Alpha Epsilon put up a good fight. We had two tough losses in the beginning, but our other team is ready to go! One of the games had to be cancelled due to malfunctioning sprinkling system, which could not be turned off. This made

the field for the first game extra slippery. There were a few good plays made by forward Chris Gonzales and Chad Curtis as goalie. Come out and support all the soccer players in the Tournament. We are ready for the intramural soccer season in the spring.

Remember, as we come to the time of the year with all the end of the year tests and finals, don't study too hard and have a great break.



Security risk briefing to be held

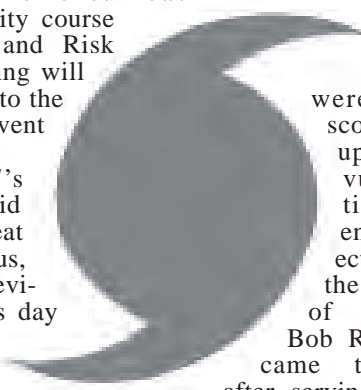
Evan Halbhuber
H.S. Student

Students, administration and faculty are invited to attend a security risk analysis briefing in the IC auditorium today. The briefing will be presented by students enrolled in Homeland Security course HS 402 Security and Risk Analysis. The briefing will cover potential risk to the university in the event of a hurricane.

Although 2007's hurricane season did not produce a threat to the Riddle campus, future threats are inevitable. On Christmas day it only took six seconds for a F2 tornado to cause more than \$50 million dollars in damage. Luckily, no lives were lost and the university was able to get back to business for the spring semester. However, it is imperative for the university to be prepared to handle various situations including that of a

hurricane. At the beginning of the fall semester, students were tasked with assessing the university's critical assets and vulnerabilities in the event of a hurricane. Students began the project by listing critical assets and assigning a value to each of those assets. Critical assets were then scored based upon their vulnerabilities. The entire project was under the direction of Professor Bob Raffel, who came to Riddle after serving as Director of Public Safety at Orlando International Airport.

On behalf of the students of HS 402, we invite those interested in attending the briefing to come to the IC auditorium Tuesday at 3:45 p.m. in the IC auditorium.



While it may be the last issue of *The Avion* for the semester, your club or organization now has plenty of time to save up news for next semester's Student Life Page. This page is dedicated to events, news, announcements and any other tidbits you might want to include for all the campus to see. Submit articles starting in January to avion.newsroom@gmail.com.

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As the semester wraps up, your Student Government Association wants to help you be successful. No matter what degree program you are, you still experience finals. We also know that it sometimes is difficult to know when your finals are; well, we have made that easy for you. Below you will find a schedule of when all your finals are. All of your finals are in the classrooms that you normally meet in, unless your instructor has announced differently.

Also, we would like to make you aware of the university policy regarding final exams. It is the policy that students who have a conflict or who are scheduled for three or more exams on the same day are allowed to make special arrangements with their instructors on an individual basis if they would like to reschedule one of the exams. You are encouraged to speak with your instructors as soon as you know a conflict exists.

We would also like to encourage you to check out stress relief day, sponsored by Touch-N-Go Productions. Thursday, on the flight deck, they will have

free massages, oxygen bar, and other stress relieving activities available for students to take advantage of. They will also have their weekly movie "Rush Hour 3" at 8:30 p.m.

Also on Thursday, Task Force One is sponsoring their Tropical Holiday. This event will feature inflatable boxing, a limbo contest, relay contest and other exciting activities. They will have free food for people to enjoy along with them raffling off prizes. It will be at 6 p.m. on the west lawn.

We would like to wish everyone the best of luck on their final exams and have a safe winter break.

Tips for preparing for finals

Get started early. Do not start studying next week. You should start studying this week because cramming all the information you need to know in a short period of time will just confuse you before your test.

Do not pull all nighters. People need at least four hours of sleep at night to function. The lack of sleep will not help you understand the more complex problems.

Know whether or not your test is comprehensive or not. This will help you study for your test. It will also let you know what you need to study from the information you do not need to.

Use your notes. Professors typically lecture on the information they think is important in the book. So, provided you went to class, you should typically know what information is going to be on the test.

Find your place to study. Try find a place that is out of the way and quiet to study. Being by yourself will help you think and resist the temptation of socializing and getting distracted.

Do not rely on old tests. Most instructors know they are out there and change them from time to time. In the end they tend to have little resemblance to last semesters test

Stop cramming a few minutes before the test. Be sure to give yourself some time before the test to relax. This will help you get yourself prepared for taking the test, and just remember you cannot learn anything new in five minutes.

Read the directions carefully. Make sure you know what they are asking with the question and how the test is laid out. This will help you answer the questions and be successful on the exam

Stay Calm. It could appear to be the hardest test ever but just remember to relax. Take a breath, calm yourself down and remember you have prepared well.

Ask questions. Most instructors allow you to ask questions. Use this to gain clarity on what is being asked.

Use the full amount of time. Reread the questions and your answers. This will help you make you understand the question sure you have answered the question appropriately.

Relax after the exam. Do not worry about how you did on your last exam. Whether you got an A or an F you cannot do anything about it and you did your best. Then focus on the other exams that you need to study for.

Human Factors forum a success

Randa Yaacob

Student Representative

The Human Factors Department held its Forum last Wed, Nov. 28 in A109 from 5:30 p.m. till 6:45 p.m. It was basically made to get students to mingle with the Human Factors faculty, ask questions, and raise their suggestions for the department. A fair amount of students and faculty attended the event; 18 students and four faculty members.

For the first 30 minutes everyone mingled while

enjoying the free pizza, cookies and drinks. Then Eric Vaden (Assistant Professor, Undergraduate Program Chair/Coordinator) gave a 20 minute update about all the events and changes that have taken place lately in the Human Factors department. There was also a small introduction about the three Human Factors clubs and organizations, which are HFES (Human Factors and Ergonomics Society), Psi Chi (The National Honor Society in Psychology), and HPEE (Human Factors Program in Extreme Environments). After

this small presentation students mingled a little bit more, and on their way out they got their prizes, like were Embry-Riddle mugs and laundry bags as well as Human Factors Calendar Books.

The Student Government Association (SGA) sponsored this event because it cares about its students and is looking forward to getting their feedback on all the issues that might concern them. Our SGA is looking forward to moving forward on all its students concerns and suggestions, so that our campus would keep on improving.



Do you not know when your finals are?

We want to help! Check below for times and days of finals. All finals are held in their regularly scheduled classrooms. Check with your instructor for any changes.

Classes

MW, MWF, M, W:

8:00- 9:00am

Monday, Dec. 10
8:00-10:00 a.m.

9:15- 10:15am

Tuesday, Dec. 11
8:00-10:00 a.m.

10:30- 11:30am

Monday, Dec. 10
7:15-9:15 p.m.

11:45am- 12:45pm

Monday, Dec. 10
12:30-2:30 p.m.

1:00- 2:00pm

Saturday, Dec. 8
7:15-9:15 p.m.

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Military airspace open to airlines

Matt Smith
Staff Reporter

President Bush recently announced that military airspace along the East Coast of the country from Rhode Island southward would be opened for commercial air carriers to use just in time for the Thanksgiving travel rush. Normally this airspace is used only when the Department of Defense is not using it, which

requires the Federal Aviation Administration to ask on an almost hourly basis. The experiment began the Wednesday before Thanksgiving and ran until the Sunday after Thanksgiving – traditionally some of the busiest travel days of the year. Secretary of Transportation Mary E. Peters said that if the experiment worked, it would be implemented again at the end of the year for the Christmas rush. The new “superhighways”

are particularly useful for those traveling to the Northeast from points south and vice-versa. However, people in all regions of the country will benefit because without delays in the Northeast, delays will not snowball into other parts of the country.

President Bush’s announcement came as a surprise to many, as it was the first time White House officials had done something to try to alleviate the growing delays at the nation’s

airports in recent times. White House officials have said they are also looking at other ways to reduce congestion and delays at the nation’s busiest airports. They also said that they are going to push forward with a previously announced plan to double the compensation passengers are given when they are involuntarily “bumped” from flights that are oversold.

The Bush administration recently stated that they are in

favor of congestion pricing – charging the traveling public more to fly into airports that are known for consistently having delays and congestion. Airlines oppose this as they want to keep their customers and avoid losing them to other low fare airlines that fly into the smaller and less congested airports.

James C. May, president of the Air Transport Association, said “we share the administration’s frustrations and applaud

the efforts of President Bush, the Department of Transportation and the Department of Defense for the numerous operational steps they are taking to improve air service and reduce delays.” The announcement made by President Bush was also supported by Sen. Chuck Schumer who had called for opening up the military airspace. Schumer said that the changes to the airspace should be made permanent.

Anti-hijack pilot ID system tested in Israel

Matt Goldberg
Guest Reporter

Next month, five different airlines from around the world will be participating in a trial with the Israeli government that will test new technology that requires pilots entering Israel’s airspace to key in a pass-code to confirm their identity. The system is aimed at eliminating the potential for a hijacked flight, such as the ones in the U.S. on Sept. 11, from being used as weapons by terrorists.

The program will not officially begin until next year. However, next month’s trial will give Israeli authorities a good sense of how the system will work and any bugs that need to be worked out. The technology they will be using is called the Security Code System, or SCS. The unit is a credit card-sized device with a keypad for entering the authentication code. On the back of the device is a microphone, which implies the system utilizes voice recognition technology as well. The Israeli government will pay for the 10,000 devices that they plan to give out to the airlines.

The SCS was developed in

Israel by Elbit Systems, and is actually rather simple in nature. Pilots approaching Israeli airspace with the intent of landing will be required to enter a code into the device to confirm their identity. If the pilot enters an incorrect code, their aircraft will be denied entry into the airspace. If the pilot proceeds to fly into the airspace at this point, they will first be warned, and then military jets will be deployed to intercept the plane. The least favorable outcome would be if the plane continued to ignore the warnings they are given; they would most likely be shot down to avoid any further danger.

Dani Shenar, chief of security in Israel’s transportation ministry, told Reuters that “You can’t bluff this system,” because it is able to tell the difference between “a classic hostage-taking hijacking and a 9/11-style hijacking.” As is to be expected, very few details have been released about the technology or the procedures in place for operating it.

The SCS system, which is being referred to as “Code Positive,” works on the idea that there are two main ways that an airplane is hijacked. The first is that the hijack-

ers kill the pilots and fly the plane themselves; similar to what occurred on Sept. 11. If this occurred, the hijackers would not know the authentication code and would be intercepted by the military jets before being able to carry out their attack. The other method would be if the hijackers forced the pilots to enter the correct code for them, in which case the pilots are expected to enter a different code that would alert authorities on the ground to their distress.

Critics of the SCS have said that in the second hijacking case, pilots might be hesitant to enter the distress code because it could mean certain death if the hijackers discovered what they had done. Others have even suggested that hijackers may just wait until the airplane has entered Israeli airspace before storming the cockpit. This is unlikely, however, because the size of Israel would require any international flight to begin a descent far earlier than arriving at the border, leaving passengers buckled in their seats. Another factor to be considered is that Israel requires all incoming flights to have their cockpit doors locked during the flight, similar to U.S. regulations.

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FAA funding/ user fee debate stalled

It is expected that more popular matters might easily absorb the attention of senators through the end of the year and FAA reauthorization -- the government’s decision on how the FAA is funded and whether or not you’ll be paying user fees -- will await the attention of a new year. As it stands, the Senate Finance Committee is at odds with the Commerce Committee about how the FAA’s ADS-B powered “next-gen” airspace management ideal should be funded. The Finance Committee supports the continued use of excise taxes, while the Commerce Aviation Subcommittee has sought departure and additional jet fuel taxes, plus a proposed \$25 per flight surcharge. Reauthorization has been extended twice without the formal approval of a new plan. The current deadline is Dec. 14, but insiders stress the main issue is where the funds will come from, not whether the funding will be there. Still,

there are other complications.

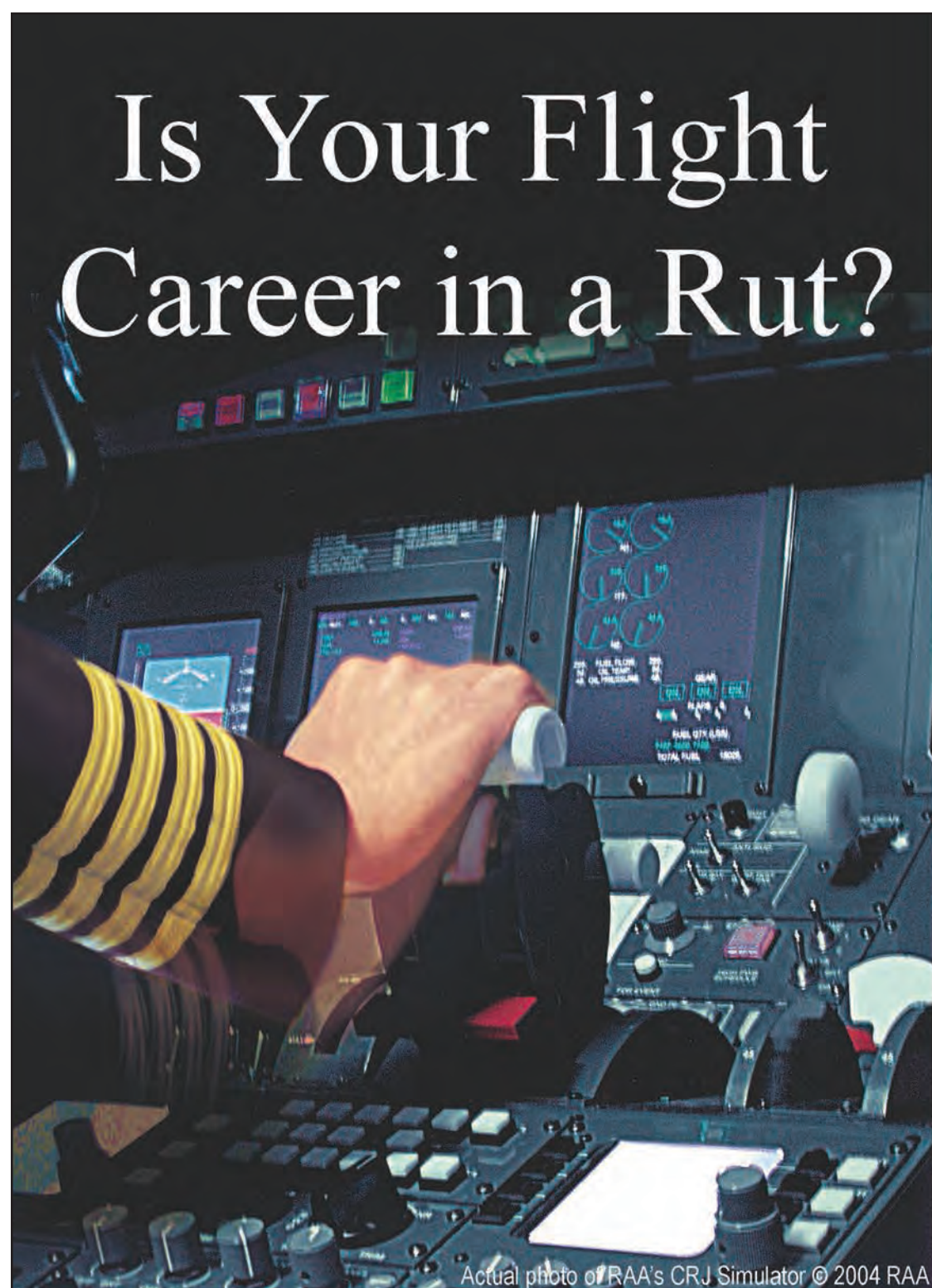
Pilots on anti-depressants “safer”

The first study on the safety records of pilots taking anti-depressants suggests they’re no more likely to crash an aircraft than those who don’t need the drugs. The study was done in Australia, the only place it could be done since it’s the only country that allows pilots to take anti-depressants and keep their medicals. “There was virtually no difference in the number of incidents or accidents,” Professor Kathy Griffiths, a mental health researcher from Australian National University, told a mental-health conference in Australia. “But importantly, there was a tendency for more accidents in the period prior to pilots going on to anti-depressants, but not once they were on them.”

Turbulence detection system works

A system that gives cockpit warnings to pilots about bumpy air has been tested for the past month in some airliners flying east of the Rocky Mountains, and feedback from pilots has been favorable. “The messages I’ve received in the cockpit gave a very accurate picture of turbulence location and intensity,” Captain Rocky Stone, chief technical pilot for United Air Lines, told editors at Weatherwise Magazine. “The detection of turbulence intensity provides an unprecedented and extremely valuable new tool for pilot situational awareness.” The system uses a formula developed by the National Center for Atmospheric Research (NCAR) and is called Nexrad Turbulence Detection Algorithm (NTDA). It works by analyzing wind distribution data gathered by radar sites and crunching the resulting numbers into predictions of where the ride will get rough.

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Atlantis to ferry Columbus module



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SHUTTLE ATLANTIS SITS ON Launch Pad 39A at the Kennedy Space Center as it awaits launch on mission STS-122 Dec. 6. The 121st flight of the space shuttle program will carry to the space station Europe's Columbus science laboratory, 25 years after it was first conceived to mark the 500th anniversary of Columbus' voyage to the Americas. Launch is set for 4:31 p.m. EST.

Bob Scheid
Chief Copy Editor

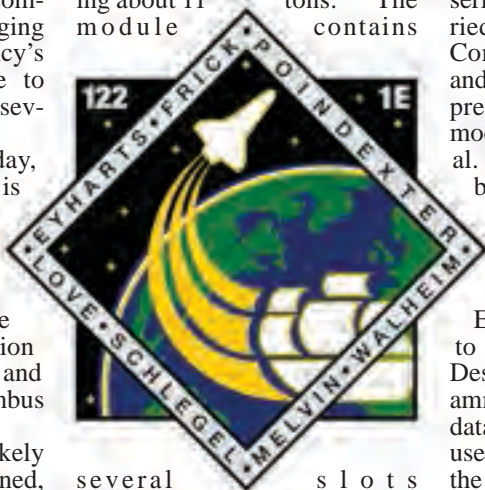
With Discovery's delivery of the Harmony module to the International Space Station (ISS) and the upcoming launch of Atlantis bringing the European Space Agency's Columbus science module to the station, NASA has seen several busy weeks.

As of presstime Sunday, Atlantis' STS-122 mission is still scheduled for liftoff on Dec. 6 at 4:31 p.m. EST. The mission is expected to take a bit less than 11 days, though is likely to be extended to 13, with station docking on the third day and deployment of the Columbus module the day after.

A series of three and likely four spacewalks are planned, starting on the fourth day to assist with installation of the module and continuing on the sixth and eighth days for completing hookups and external

preparation of the module. Please see the launch information box at right for information about where and how to view the launch.

Columbus is a 23-foot-long, 14.7-foot-wide cylinder weighing about 11 tons. The module contains



several slots for experiments as well as provisions for utility connections, like power, coolant and data processing nodes. During its 10-year pre-

dicted lifespan, Columbus will host experiments ranging from human physiology, fluid sciences, and other disciplines to increase the knowledge base of long-term space exploration.

On Nov. 24, the third in a series of spacewalks was carried out by Expedition 16 Commander Peggy Whitson and Flight Engineer Dan Tani prepared the Harmony hub module for Columbus's arrival. Harmony was delivered by Discovery in October, but was connected to a temporary position during that flight; three spacewalks were required by the Expedition 16 crew to move it to its final position against the Destiny science lab and connect ammonia coolant, power and data lines. Harmony will be used to connect Columbus to the station after its arrival, as well as providing future docking space for later modules, like the Japanese Kibo science facility.

The spacewalks went quite

smoothly, despite the amount of work required of the crew. ISS flight director Derek Hassmann told SpaceflightNow.com that he was surprised, but pleased, that everything went as well as it did. "What we've accomplished in the last 15 days is the equivalent of a very ambitious shuttle mission," he said, noting that what normally would use a full shuttle and Expedition crew, with all the benefits of having a shuttle nearby (remote manipulator arms, for example), was done using only the station and its crew of three. The astronauts involved in the spacewalks tallied more than 25 hours of time outside the station.

However, part of the final spacewalk was devoted to a part that was showing signs of failure, the right Solar Alpha Rotary Joint (SARJ). The left and right SARJs are used to maintain the solar arrays in precise alignment with the sun in order to generate electrical power, and while the left joint is working as intended, the right has shown signs of wear.

During the final two space-

walks, Tani was detailed to inspect the joint and found metal shavings. The engineer reported that they have a magnetic-like behavior, and that there is evidence of pitting-like damage to the bearing race rings.

At some point soon, probably before Kibo is brought aloft next year, the joint will have to be repaired. Until then, flight controllers are minimizing the joint's movement to reduce wear.



IMAGE COURTESY ESA

THE EUROPEAN SPACE AGENCY'S Columbus module is seen on orbit in this artist's rendering. The 23 by 15-foot module will be the 17-nation agency's first permanent human residence in space and will add over 2,600 cubic feet of room to the ISS.

Viewing the STS-122 launch

Titusville or KSC Visitors Complex the best choices for liftoff Thursday at 4:31 p.m. EST

The best place to view the launch would be the NASA causeway (angling 6.5-7.5 miles away from pad 39A it is the closest public viewing area), but tickets for it have long been sold out. Viewing is also offered from the KSC Visitors Complex (tickets were still available for there as of Sunday for \$38 each from <http://kennedyspacecenter.stores.yahoo.net/stspshat.html>). The KSC VC itself is 7.4 miles away from Pad 39A but offers no view of the pad; you would be closer than Titusville, and thus experience more sound, but not see the shuttle until it lifted off and cleared the tree line.

Titusville is the next best and also most popular place to view the launch, and is the second closest spot after the causeway with a clear view of the pad. At 12 miles from Atlantis, the sound is usually moderate but clearly heard and felt. Anywhere in Titusville from the Rt. 406/Max Brewer bridge on the north end of town, south along US 1 to where U.S. 50 intersects -- about a five mile stretch -- offers prime viewing clear across the water (Rt. 406 is also called Garden St.). The most popular spot is Space View Park/The Astronaut Walk of Fame, which is a block south of Garden St. on the water (and has a pier). Several other parks line the river in Titusville, and many landowners also charge a cash fee to park on their land to watch. Arrive early to secure the best parking spot and viewing location. If you own one, tune your scanner to 146.9400 to hear the NASA TV broadcast and countdown. Space View Park should provide a live audio broadcast.

Directions

To get to Titusville from campus, take I-95 south to Exit 220 (Rt. 406), and go left off the exit. Rt. 406 will hit the river at the Max Brewer Bridge, and this is the furthest you can go before the road block on the other side of the bridge. One block before and paralleling the river, you can also head south on U.S. 1 to find more viewing areas. U.S. 1 rejoins the river about a mile south of 406; for that one-mile stretch, the street that runs along the water is known as Riverside Drive.

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The moon and Earthrise in High Definition



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IN THIS HIGH-DEFINITION still image captured by Japan's new lunar orbiter Kaguya (Selene) in November, the Earth rises over the Moon's north polar region. The spacecraft's HDTV camera is the first to ever be carried beyond Earth orbit.

Earth's satellite 'odd moon out'

Andrew Zaback
Staff Reporter

Scientists have made an interesting discovery about our moon.

Pictures taken by NASA's Spitzer Space Telescope show stellar dust clouds around normally formed moons. This dust is excess material that was used to create the celestial body.

Earth's moon however, does not have this extra cloud material from before it was created. Scientists believe it was once a part of our planet, proposing a collision between Earth and a rouge planet roughly the size of Mars that led to the formation of our moon.

Nadya Gorlova, an astronomer at the University of Florida at Gainesville, explains that this is a unique creation story. In a Space.com article recently, she said that most moons

are formed "side by side with their planet or captured by its [the planet's] gravity."

Gorlova stated that similar events have been observed around 400 stars all relatively the same age, 30 million years old.

This hypotheses of the moon's formation still has little evidence to become a theory. Gorlova, however, continues to make observations around our galaxy.

"Astronomers have observed young stars with dust swirling around them for more than 20 years now."

It is believed that the substance being watched is the byproduct of a past collision or possibly the primitive planet forming material.

While Earth's moon may be rare, there are likely to still be millions or even billions of the same kind in the universe, Space.com reported, considering just how many solar systems are out there.

Daytona 500 flags also hitching a ride onboard

Ben Cooper
Space Tech. Editor

When shuttle Atlantis lifts off for the International Space Station (ISS) Thursday, it will carry onboard thousands of small mementos - patches, pins, flags - that are taken along for the ride on virtually every shuttle flight. Those items then become presentations and gifts for employees who helped make the mission possible, as well as other VIPs and personnel.

But occasionally, an item makes the manifest that garners the attention of the public and media. Also onboard mission STS-122 will be three green flags of the same kind used to start the Great American Race.

When Atlantis returns, two of the flags will be presented to NASCAR in a ceremony at

the Daytona 500, which will be run for the 50th time in its history this Feb. 17. The third flag will be kept by NASA and may ultimately be on display in the Smithsonian. The agency also celebrates its 50th anniversary in 2008.

Whether the flown flags will be used to start the actual race or merely be displayed commemoratively is not yet clear.

It is not the first time a similar sporting-event item has made laps around the Earth. In May, 2000, Atlantis and the STS-101 mission to the ISS became part of the Olympic torch relay for the summer games in Sydney as it carried the non-flaming icon aloft.

And this past October, Discovery on STS-120 carried to the ISS the original lightsaber used by Luke Skywalker in Star Wars.

According to Robert Pearlman

of the website collectSPACE.com, which spoke with David Talley of the Daytona International Speedway, other events may be in the works between NASA, the STS-122 crew and NASCAR.

The Orlando Sentinel also reported last week that an inflight crew news conference between the shuttle's crew and some drivers may also take place, but the event has not been finalized.

The agreement may be seen as a return from NASCAR. Its racecars utilize technology developed by the space agency, from thermal protection methods developed for the space shuttle program being used in the stockcars to coolant systems used by the drivers.

"We have had a connection to NASCAR for some time," added KSC spokesman Allard Beutel.

Atlas 5, Delta 2 launches coming up

Shuttle Atlantis remains set to lift off on Dec. 6 at 4:31:44 p.m. EST, the middle of an exactly ten-minute-long window. Atlantis will have until Dec. 13 (possibly 14th) to depart its launch pad before being postponed to January.

Meanwhile, two unmanned launches are set to occur over the next month. An Atlas 5 rocket is slated to lift off on the afternoon of Dec. 10 between 4:15 and 6:15 p.m. EST. Should STS-122 be delayed for any reason, Atlas launch managers have agreed they would most likely slip a few days to accommodate them as necessary. Then, a Delta 2 rocket is scheduled to launch the next GPS satellite on Dec. 20 at about 3:00 p.m. EST. Its launch window will last either 14 or 29 minutes, TBA. Information on viewing these two launches (from Port Canaveral, and Jetty Park, respectively) can be found on the link below:

http://www.launchphotography.com/Launch_Viewing_Information.html

Editor's note: The previous issue of *The Avion* accidentally omitted the Dec. 20 GPS launch.

Dec. 6 Space Shuttle Atlantis STS-122 / ISS flight Europe's Columbus module Launch time: 4:31 p.m. EST +/- 5 min. window	Dec. 10 Atlas 5 Classified NRO sat. Launch period: 4:15-6:15 p.m. EST	Dec. 20 Delta 2 Next GPS satellite Launch time 2:59 p.m. EST 14 or 29 min. window
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'Call of Duty 4' is a great first person shooter experience



Call of Duty 4: Modern Warfare



Bob Scheid

Chief Copy Editor

Buy this game. You won't regret it.

"Call of Duty 4: Modern Warfare," released by Infinity Ward last month, is everything you ever wanted from a first-person shooter, and will probably be the best game ever made for DirectX 9.

Your mission in the game is relatively straightforward;

Russia is in a state of civil war, with terrorists and ultranationalist soldiers threatening the use of nuclear weapons to devastate the West. Playing as an SAS soldier and a U.S. Marine, you must find the enemy leaders (with every human being in the Eastern Hemisphere trying to shoot you with AK-47s in the process), disable them, and safety the nuclear weapons before the world you recognize ceases to exist. There are lots of twists, none of them outlandish.

And if you know the first thing about nuclear weapons, this game will scare you. I'll leave it at this: the realism of the graphics is enough to get the M for Mature rating on this game, but the gameplay and plot justify it as well. It'll freak you out if you think about it too hard, and the fact that the graphics look real doesn't help. Be aware.

The website touts CoD4 as being cinematic in its quality, and this isn't off the mark. The level of detail is incredible, from bitmaps of the terrain to weapon graphics and uniforms. You get the impression you're directing a movie from inside



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the game, or rather, that you're actually there, fighting alongside the other combatants for your life. It's the first game that truly immerses you because of the level of detail. If you weren't trying to dodge bullets and keep your head intact, you'd think you were watching "Saving Private Ryan 2."

There are two subjects beyond the graphics quality, however, that truly make this game fantastic. The first is the game physics. Semideformable scenery and the ability to shoot through some walls with high-power weapons make for incredible combat; if the enemy in the house is concealed by the doorway, shoot the wall and watch him fall over. It's a double-edged sword, though, because if you go into a cleared room to reload and catch your breath for a second, don't be surprised to see small arms fire coming through the window. And the wall. And the floor.

Secondly, and probably the most enjoyable element of the game, is the artificial intelligence. The characters interact with the scenery as it changes, change their focus as new enemies arrive (which they

do differently every time, so don't expect to memorize where the enemies appear) and will call out hazards and changes to the situation to help you, rather than confuse you. They're incredibly adaptive and helpful, actually doing their part to defeat the enemy.

If you're a fan of first-person shooters, this game is for you. It has everything you ever wanted from modern combat simulators, with a wide range of missions and weapons, photorealistic graphics and nearly perfect gameplay. It's not as long as you want it to be, but it's long enough. It also has built-in bonuses, an arcade mode, some really high difficulty settings and some wacky cheats that give it a very high replay value, not to mention the online multiplayer mode.

The game has been released for PC, Xbox 360, PS3 and, of all things, Nintendo DS. I know the graphics in the latest consoles are incredible, but my PC and its 8800GTS are cranking to get the graphics where they are, and it's worth every bit. You can pick this game up for \$59.99 on Xbox 360, and \$49.99 for PC.



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Hit-maker legends The Police entertain fans in North Carolina

The Police



Peter Richardson

Staff Reporter

As one of the biggest hit-makers in their era, Sting, Andy Summers and Steve Copeland together as the Police were one of the driving forces of musical progress in the explosion of sound that was the late '70s and early '80s. Few bands in their day had the amazing mix of reggae beats, jazz tempos, rock instruments and awesome skill that the Police had and used in amazing ways. Along with their strings of hits, the Police also

did some quite experimental music for the time and somehow managed to conjure an awesome sound for only three musicians. Now, over 20 years after their last concert the Police are back on tour together and I managed to catch up with them in Charlotte, N.C.

The Police never officially "split up" but they have only preformed a handful of times together since the end of their Synchronicity tour in 1984. Therefore there was little surprise that concert tickets for their 2007-2008 "reunion" tour sold quickly and many extra dates were added at each location. Unfortunately many of the tickets were ridiculously expensive so only the rich or the dedicated could afford to go.

The opening act for the Police

was the UK band Fiction Plane, a three-piece band fronted by Sting's son Joe Summer. Fiction Plane has been around for a few years but has only recently begun to make a dent in the United States with their single "Two Sisters." Their performance was adequate to get the audience excited and their 45-minute set of similar sounding songs ended with the "Two Sisters" single. Overall their performance was fine, but nothing to write home about.

Thirty minutes later the Police took the stage, and didn't stop for two and a half hours. Every single Police song you can possibly remember from the '80s was played including all the hits such as "Message in a Bottle," "Roxanne," "Walking on the

Moon," "Every Breath You Take" and more. The set list also included a good peppering of lesser-known Police favorites

"Everyone was thoroughly exhausted but unquestionably entertained ..."
-PETER RICHARDSON

and although everyone couldn't sing along to these tracks they were still great to hear.

Throughout the performance, Sting, Summers and Copeland

were apparently having a great time just jamming out with the songs and playing to the crowd. There were numerous back-to-back guitar moments along with smiles all around the band for most of the set. All of the songs sounded amazing with slight modifications on almost every track to make them more musically interesting. There is little doubt that all members of the Police have grown musically in the last 20 years, and they made sure to remind you throughout the show.

The audience reaction to the Police was one of initial awe followed quickly by instant approval. Every person in the stadium was on his or her feet for most of the ordeal and a large portion of people in attendance were dancing to the

tunes. Much of the audience, though, seemed to be slightly out of concert practice and looked as if their last show was also in 1984. This slightly older concert demographic definitely had more to do with the ticket prices than the universal appeal of the Police, and I am sure if the tickets were a little cheaper many more college-age students would have attended.

Finally, after over two hours and three encores, the Police left the stage and the lights turned on. Everyone was thoroughly exhausted but unquestionably entertained. The Police have definitely been away for a while but came back in full force, pulling no punches and entertaining the crowd as only a top-notch band can do.

When in Rome: Rhode Island

Greg Frechette

Staff Photographer

Next time you're in the New England area, consider checking out America's smallest state with the biggest name. Physically, Rhode Island is about the same size as Volusia County but has about twice the population. When you arrive in Rhode Island, chances are you'll probably fly in. Despite what the airline might tell you and despite the identifier KPVD, the airport is actually in Warwick, not Providence.

Head south toward Narragansett and you'll arrive in Galilee. This is a fantastic area to experience the fruits of the fishing industry, one of Rhode Island's staples. Head to the area around the docks and you'll find restaurants with some of the freshest seafood you can get. Be sure to check out George's or Champlin's for chowder and clam cakes, signature Rhode Island dishes. If you feel like hitting the beaches, the most popular state beaches are just a short distance down the road.

Not a fan of seafood and the ocean? Check out the downtown area of Providence. Federal Hill has a broad array

of Italian restaurants and shops. If you're lucky enough to be there on a Saturday night during the summer, head toward the State House and have a look at the fourth-largest self-supporting marble dome in the world on your way to the Providence Place Mall and Waterplace Park. Starting sometime around sunset, you can experience WaterFire, an event that's better experienced than described. WaterFire is a unique cultural event in which the downtown area is illuminated by 100 bonfires blazing in baskets floating on the Providence River to the sounds of music from around the world. The public is free to enjoy from the paths of Waterplace Park.

If you're into the college scene, try out Thayer Street. Its close proximity to Brown University, Providence College and RISD (Rhode Island School of Design) make this a quintessential college town area. Lining both sides of the street are many small eateries, shops, music stores, and a single screen cinema that often features independent films.

In Pawtucket (Yes, "Family Guy's" "Pawtucket Patriot Ale" Pawtucket. No, it's not a real beer), you can find

McCoy Stadium, home of the Pawtucket Red Sox or Pawsox. The Pawsox are the AAA league farm team for the Boston Red Sox and offer an excellent opportunity to spend an evening at the ballpark for very little money. General admission tickets can be purchased for \$6 and box seats are only \$4 more.

In the fall, the areas around Johnston and Smithfield have apple orchards that offer pick-your-own apples, fresh made cider, and hay rides. In the summer you can find pick-your-own berries in the Kingston area. And should you be around in the summer, you absolutely must find a Del's stand and sample Rhode Island's unofficial official drink. It's something like - but different from - an Italian ice and it's a treat you'll find only in Rhode Island.

Hopefully this article has shed some light on the little known and sometimes forgotten state that is Rhode Island. Perhaps next time you're in New England, you'll take a trip and take in the food, the culture, and sights. Best of all, it won't take long to get there. After all, you can get from one side of the state to the other in less than an hour!



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- 4 Among
- 8 Guest that takes too much
- 14 Frozen water
- 15 Nothing, in Spain
- 16 Evoke
- 17 Permit
- 18 Pinball machine no-no
- 19 Thin out shrubbery
- 20 Lament by poem
- 22 Flap of a shoe
- 23 Entrance
- 24 Makes mistake
- 27 Throat infection
- 31 Horse's gait
- 33 And so forth
- 35 Leather worker's tool
- 36 Modus operandi
- 38 Distant
- 39 Location
- 40 Wasted time
- 44 Power supplier
- 46 Sacred bird of Egypt

DOWN

- 47 To be
- 49 Bacon-lettuce-tomato sandwich
- 50 South by east (abbr.)
- 51 A ___ and a bone
- 52 Jail room
- 55 Outer part of pizza
- 58 Not evil
- 61 Be in want
- 63 Fox's offspring
- 65 Heart-shaped
- 67 Clever and intelligent
- 70 Sicilian hotspot
- 71 Between chi and omega
- 72 Drops the drink
- 73 Not women's
- 74 Chicken creation
- 75 Speaker of "To be or not to be..."
- 76 2002 Winter Olympic site
- 77 Put on

ACROSS

- 4 Negative (prefix)
- 5 Indian corn
- 6 Lazy person
- 7 Digital audio tape (abbr.)
- 8 Captain (abbr.)
- 9 Concealment for Polonius
- 10 Mistrust
- 11 Bullet shooter
- 12 Ethical Sensory Extrovert (abbr.)
- 13 Crimson
- 21 Sounds like a mad animal
- 25 Game official
- 26 Attack in the back
- 28 Uncommon
- 29 Water pitcher
- 30 What kids do
- 32 Former IOC country code for Taiwan
- 34 Little Mermaid's Sebastian
- 37 365 days
- 39 Look after
- 40 Record
- 41 Abbreviate (abbr.)

DOWN

- 42 In ___ of (instead of)
- 43 Draw out
- 45 Nurturing letters
- 48 Everyone's I
- 53 Jumped in the air
- 54 Sets free (2 wds.)
- 56 Yorick's ___
- 57 Legal right of ownership
- 59 Group of eight
- 60 Prima ___
- 62 Condescend
- 64 Moment of truth
- 66 Headless
- 67 Bat wood
- 68 Bath or Hot Springs
- 69 Dick and Jane teddy bear
- 70 Ostrich cousin

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"History mystery,,"

WINNER: Andrew Stolinski

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