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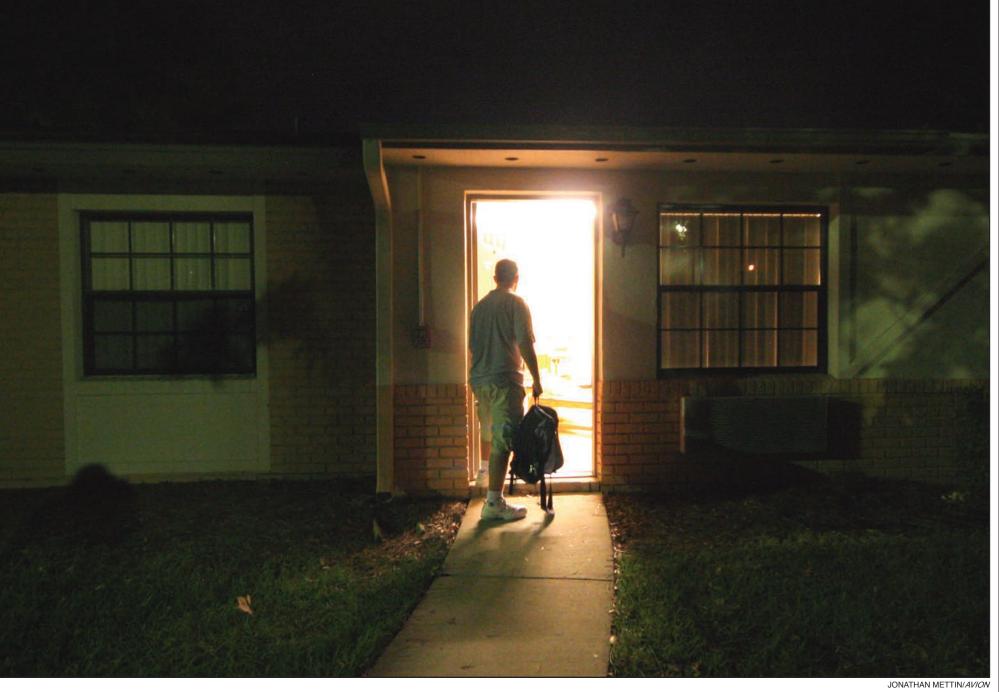
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BUILDINGS 1621 AND 1637 were forcibly entered over winter break, and several students have reported missing belongings. Campus Safety and the Daytona Beach

Police Department responded at the first signs of burglary but were unable to apprehend a suspect.

Six Chanute suites burglarized

Brian Asbury

Aeronautica Editor

On the evening of Dec. 27, one or more people broke into several of the Chanute apartments. At 9:43 p.m., the security officer on duty noticed lights on in a few apartments while patrolling the Chanute complex, according to the Director of Safety, Kevin Mannix. Mannix said that since all the apartments were unoccupied during the holiday, the officer knew something was amiss. Upon further investigation, the officer noticed the door ajar and pry marks on the doors. The officer then returned to his car to radio for backup and the Daytona Beach Police Department.

Daytona Beach Police responded with K-9

units and began an investigation. None of the suspects were caught in the act, though it is thought that they were scared away by the security officer.

Six apartments were broken into in buildings 1621 and 1637. It is unknown how much was taken though several students have reported missing belongings.

Mannix says that throughout every shift the security officers make several sweeps through the Chanute complex. After the break-ins, the Safety Department posted an overnight security officer every night until the residents began moving back in. Other than the temporary overnight security, Mannix said there has been no extra security measures taken to safeguard Chanute, noting that the students residing there are very good about reporting

Mannix would like to "remind people to report suspicious activity" in order to pre-

vent incidents such as this in the future. The Daytona Beach Police Department's investi-

SGA VP resigns Replacement

for Haas to be chosen at special session today

Jonathan Mettin

Editor-in-Chief

Christopher Haas took many in the Student Government Association by surprise last week, announcing his resignation at the first 2007 meeting of the

Student Representative Board last Tuesday. Haas was the Vice President of the SGA,

serving as chairman of the SRB and second-incommand of the SGA under SGA President Nathan Clapper. He was elected last April on Clapper's ticket, which also included SGA Treasurer Natalie Anaya, who chairs the Student Finance Board. Haas cited "personal

reasons" as the reason for his resignation, and assured the representatives at the meeting - as well as Executive Board members and the three division chairs in attendance - that there was no impending scandal that had forced his early departure from the position.

SRB Parliamentarian Shawn Storey is chairing the board in the interim until a replacement is chosen, which should occur at today's meeting. At a spe-

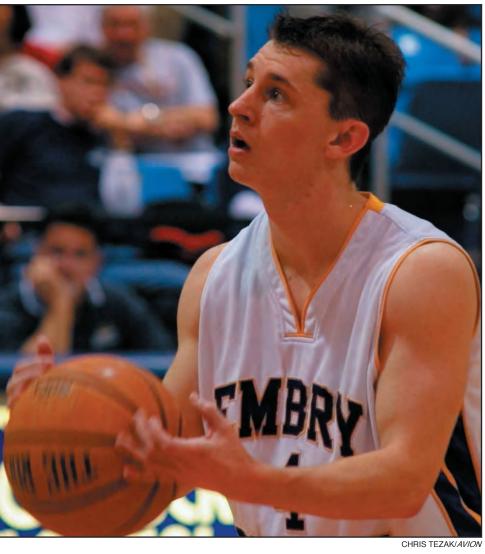


Kristina Honoré

Ryan Hattan

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Frees and threes help lift Eagles basketball over Bees



GUARD RYAN EXTER SCORED 25 points on his birthday to lead Embry-Riddle to a 78-74 win against SCAD last week. He also passed out six assists and grabbed two boards. The Eagles' next home game is Saturday at 7 p.m., again at DBCC.

Despite 4-0 record, Ridder says this FSC is toughest one yet

Jonathan Mettin

Editor-in-Chief

The No. 7 Eagles swept their conference rivals in the first half of January, including a victory Jan. 13 over nationally ranked Northwood and a down-to-the-wire win against the Savannah College of Art and Design (SCAD) Thursday night.

The Eagles now boast a 4-0 record in the Florida Sun Conference and a 19-3 overall

"I'm proud of our guys," head coach Steve Ridder said, who added that the FSC is much stronger this year than in years past.

"You look to see who beat who the next day, because you just don't know," he said "This is the strongest parity and depth of teams I've ever seen. ... There's not much difference between us and them."

The Eagles have been playing without the services of guards Denny Joseph and Houston Wright, who have both been sidelined indefinitely with injuries.

The conference action kicked off Jan. 10 at Warner Southern. The two teams battled to a 40-40 tie at halftime, then knotted the game at 51 with 13:32 left. Center Drew Whitaker then sparked a 17-3 Eagles run, sinking three shots from behind the arc to help ERAU build a 68-54 with 7:35 left.

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Activities to leave Benitah oversaw Safe Ride, Beach Boys, Carrot Top in 12-year tenure Jonathan Mettin

Director of Student

Editor-in-Chief

Director of Student Activities Ossie Benitah will be vacating her position at the end of the month, she announced last week. "After a lot of soul searching, I made the difficult decision to move to Seattle, Wash. to be closer to my significant other," Benitah told *The Avion*.

Benitah has worked in Student Activities for 12 years, serving as Greek Advisor, Student Government Association Advisor and Assistant Director of Clubs and Organizations before holding the position of Director of Student Activities.

"I hate to lose her," Dean of Students Sonja Taylor said. "She has been a wonderful Director of Student Activities.



OSSIE BENITAH IS MOVING to the west coast. Dean of Students Sonja Taylor has begun looking for her successor.

"I came to Embry-Riddle in 1995, right out of grad school," Benitah said.

Benitah spent the next dozen years working for the University, leaving briefly in 1999 to work for the University of Central Florida – her alma mater – before returning to ERAU to assume the role of director.

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'Happyness' worth the pursuit

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Daytona Beach and Embry-Riddle present Colin Powell

Jordan Clancy

Staff Reporter

It was a star-studded night last Tuesday for the Daytona Beach community, with the 87th annual meeting of the Daytona Beach/Halifax Area Chamber of Commerce, held at the Hilton Oceanfront Resort.

In the dimly lit ballroom, a sea of black and blue suits and head turning sparkles glistened from well- dressed Daytona Beach and Volusia County men and women.

Embry-Riddle was recognized as the presenting sponsor, among the other 36 local corporations. Also in attendance was Embry-Riddle's Pershing Rifles, with the privilege of being the night's color guard.

Charles Lydecker, the outgoing chairman of the board, looked after the guests and events of the night while the room enjoyed a finely prepared filet mignon and with a few bottles of wine, all in anticipation of the night's keynote speaker, retired Army General and former Secretary of State Colin Powell. "With out Embry-Riddle's

help, we would not be able to fly General Powell here," Lydecker told The Avion.

It was a night of celebration for the local community with awards such as The Marvin Samuels Leadership Award and The Enterprise given out to indi viduals who have not only bettered themselves, but, more importantly, bettered their community. This year's Enterprise Award was given to Ms. Gale Lemerand, whose name might be familiar to local population for the IC auditorium, with its 300-seat room named after Williams, the incoming

Chamber Chair, delivered a message of hope for the local residents. His focus was on joint collaboration, dealing with the homeless and pooling the resources for businesses to make this community a better place to live. While the crowd seemed to anticipate a very serious talk from

his humor and his ability to capture the audiences attention while addressing both serious and comical issues. "It was an inspirational talk; I

enjoyed his delivery. He was able

the General, they were delighted in

to deal with serious subjects while keeping the mood light," Daytona Beach campus Chancellor Dr. Tom Connolly told *The Avion*.

The general spoke about his transition to the civilian world. "One day everyone wants to hear what you have to say: kings, leaders and on want to hear your opinion. The next day you're normal."

He also reflected back on his time as Secretary, speaking about what he missed the most. Imme diately he stated that he missed his private 757, with United States of America on both sides.

After it was all said and done, the local community was treated to a distinguished dinner and an even more distinguished speaker, who has been called by many "America's Top Political Idol."

Haas steps down from position

"SGA" from Front

cial joint session between the SRB and SFB last Thursday, three SRB members were nominated to succeed Haas: Storey, Kristina Honoré and Ryan Hattan.

Storey serves as the Housing and Residence Life representative on the SRB, representing all students who live on campus. Honoré has served on the SRB since 2005 as a representative for the College of Aviation, and also ran for SGA President last year. Hattan is another two-year representative, in charge of laying out the SGA page in The Avion and representing the College of Aviation.

Today's joint session between the SRB and SFB will determine which of the three candidates will fill the Vice President position. The vote will be cast by secret ballot, with SGA Chief Justice Andrew Leech and SGA Advisor Heather Kenney counting the votes.

SRB meetings are open to the student body and are held at 12:45 p.m. on Tuesdays. With the Chancellor's Office temporarily occupying the Endeavor Conference Room following the destruction of Spruance Hall on Dec. 25, today's meeting will take place in the Doolittle Annex.



CHRIS HAAS (LEFT), THE former SGA Vice President and Chair of the Student Representative Board. has resigned. Three candidates, including Shawn Storey (right) have been nominated to fill the position

All Club Meeting



ALL CLUBS WERE INVITED to attend the meeting put on by Student Activities on Jan. 17 to give information about club processes like printing banners and P&P news.

GRADUATING MAY 7TH?

SENIOR CLASS MEETING FOR ALL **GRADUATING SENIORS**

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 24TH STUDENT CENTER CAFETERIA 6:30 PM

"BENITAH"

"She couldn't stay away," Taylor said with a grin. "It was a good fit."

In her time as SGA Advisor, Benitah oversaw the implementation of the Safe Ride program in 1997. Despite many vendors telling her the idea would never work, Benitah helped mold the idea into a flagship program of the SGA, earning her a President's Innovation Award. She won the award again after restructuring the SGA budget to allow it to fund clubs, which at that point had to do all their own fundraising.

Also in charge of homecoming ceremonies, Benitah helped bring such big acts as Carrot Top, the Mighty Mighty Bosstones, Third Eye Blind, and Colin Mochrie and Brad Sherwood to campus, and also organized Beach Boys and Sugar Ray concerts at the Daytona Beach

The process to find Benitah's successor has already begun, according

"I'd like to look internally first to see if we have any good, qualified candidates in our ranks," Taylor said "[But] it will be open to both internal and external applicants."

Taylor said that candidates for the position need a master's degree, experience in the field and a commitment to working with students. She expects the process to be "relatively quick" and have a new director within a few weeks. If the process takes longer, however, she said she would appoint an interim director until a permanent one can be found.

'[Benitah has] done a wonderful job," Taylor said, saying that the Student Activities Department is "the best in the region and one of the best in the country Our students have been lucky to have her."

"I want nothing more than to see this department continue to thrive and provide phenomenal opportunities for our students," Benitah said.



ERAU makes finals in **NASA** Competition

Press Release

ERAU NASA Means Business

A team from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University's Communication program reached the finals in the NASAMeans Business Competition, a national public relations contest designed to promote NASA to the next generation, sponsored by the Texas Space Grant Consortium, said Burke Forte, Project Director for the Competition.

The team submitted their 50-page proposal in November, featuring a print media concept, website concept, community outreach plan, commercial storyboard, research analysis, and communication/marketing strategy. The team, advised by communication professor, Dr. Joanne Detore-Nakamura, and led by Kelly Billon, a junior communication major, includes Joseph Antonucci, a junior business major; Melanie Pugh, a senior communication major; Victoria DeMore, a sophomore communication major; Ivens Jean, a first year graduate student in the MBA program; and Kevin Mock, a junior aerospace engineering major.

As finalists, the team receives a

\$1,000 cash award, an invitation this is the first time that we have to the "behind-the-scenes" tours at ever entered this communication in February, and another at the Kennedy Space Center in May, as well as a travel award for one of their team members. The competition culminates in May when the team will pitch their finished communication plan to NASA officials at the Kennedy Space Center, May 7-9, 2007. If chosen as the grand prize winner, the team's commercials will be used by NASA in nationally televised spots and will be presented with their award in Washington, D.C. in September

Detore-Nakamura said, "This competition is the type of real world experience that provides our students with a competitive edge in the market place. We have defied all the odds by winning a spot in the finals and have joined some very distinguished competition from much larger programs. I'm so proud of our team! With only one PR class under their belts, these students created a creative, research-based proposal that drew from their interdisciplinary strengths. As the leader in aerospace education, Embry-Riddle is known for excellence. However,

Johnson Space Center in Houston competition, and I intend to take our team all the way!"

Last year, Detore-Nakamura's public relations students worked with area non-profit organizations, providing students with more real-world experience. Detore-Nakamura teaches the public relations courses for the communication program, which has a unique focus on the aviation and aerospace industries. For more information on the program, see the following web site: http://www.erau.edu/db/degrees/bcommunication.html.

The team is now looking for corporate and community sponsors who would like to help them finance the team's expenses, which would provide those businesses with an opportunity to cross-promote their organization with NASA and the Embry-Riddle team.

For more information about the Embry-Riddle team or helping to sponsor the team, contact the team's advisor, Dr Joanne Detore-Nakamura at detor6ee@erau.edu. Information about the NASA Means Business competition can be found

http://www.tsgc.utexas.edu/nmb/.



FINALISTS IN THE NASA Means Business Competition the ERAU team submitted a 50 page proposal to help promote NASA to the new generation. The team received a cash award and behind the scenes tours at Johnson and Kennedy Space Centers. The competiton will conclude in May at Kennedy Space Center.

Mask, Mime and Music of Japan

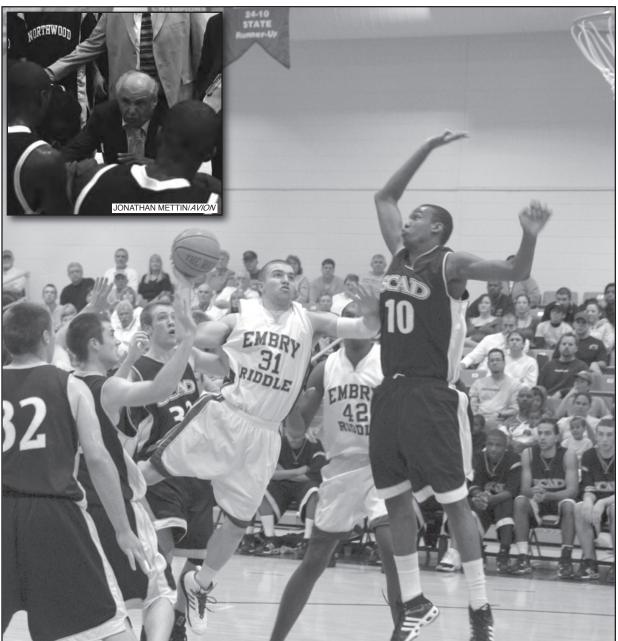


AIRCRAFT OWNERSHIP PROGRAMS

AS PART OF THE Arts and Letters Series presented by the Honors Program, Kuniko Yamamoto delighted an audience on Friday. She told Japanese folktales, made origami, and performed some magic. Her stories portray Japanese culture and traditions.



Cobb, Exter help lead Eagles to 4-0 FSC mark



DENVER COBB WAS NAMED Player of the Week after having two big games against Warner Southern and Northwood, whose new head coach Rossie Massimino has an NCAA Championship under his belt.

Hizak and Konstantin Lazarov were

tabbed the No. 1 doubles team in

the nation. In addition, Hizak was

"BBALL" from Front

Not to be outdone, the Royals mounted their own rally to cut the Eagle lead to 70-69 with three minutes to go. Denver Cobb and Tyler DeBord then combined for nine points off of a Cobb three-pointer, a DeBord layup and four foul shots to open up a lead that the Eagles never looked back from, closing the game

Whitaker finished 4-for-4 from behind the line with three rebounds. Cobb tallied 18 points, seven rebounds and two steals. DeBord added 16 points and two blocks. Starting center Nick Miller posted 17 points, eight boards and two steals. Ridder

dished out seven assists.

Eagles The had their conference home decidopener edly away from home, playing at Daytona Beach Community College's Lemerand Center

after the Dec. 25 tornado damaged the ICI Center. "It's a disappointment, but not

devastating," Coach Ridder said,

saying the important thing was that the only casualties were buildings and not people. Because the team realized that, he said, they have become "road warriors," able to play and win anywhere. Their opponent was No. 19 Northwood, headed up by their new coach, Rollie Massimino. Called

"legendary" by Coach Ridder, Massimino had taken Villanova to the NCAA National Championship It looked like the Seahawks were

Eagles after opening the game up with an 8-2 run in the first two minutes, but after an ERAU timeout the Eagles scored 14 of the next 19 points to take a three-point lead and never look back to fight to an 83-72 win that was closer than the final score makes it seem; much of the Eagle's lead at the end of the game was from nine foul shots made in the final 60 seconds.

Cobb was a force on the court, finishing with a career-high 25 points, going 8-for-9 from the foul line and landing five shots from three-point land to help him win FSC Player of the Week honors. Four other players posted double-digit points, including Murat Hisarkaya (14), Miller (13), Ryan Exter

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seen ...

- STEVE RIDDER

(11) and DeBord (10). Miller and Hisarkaya each had two steals, and DeBord and Ryan Ridder each posted four assists. "We

ready for that game," Ridder Coach

"It gave us another notch of confidence.' The Eagles then hit the road

again, cruising over the Webber International Warriors last Monday, taking a 13-point lead at the 3:41 mark and nursing it to a 66-58 win. DeBord led the way with 16 points, nine boards and three blocks. Exter backed him up with 15 points and a perfect 4-for-4 from behind the arc.

The team then returned to Daytona Beach to play SCAD. Before the game, Coach Ridder was honored for being named the NAIA Athletic Director of the Year. University President Dr. John Johnson, Daytona Beach Campus Chancellor Dr. Tom Connolly and most of the the Athletics Department were on hand to recognize him.

The Eagles jumped out to an early 19-6 lead, but then the Bees scored 14 unanswered points to take a 20-19 lead. Embry Riddle retook the lead and pushed it to 29-23 with a minute left in the half, but the Bees closed it to 29-28 before Miller tipped in a missed Cobb three-pointer at the buzzer to put the Eagles up by three

The second half was point-forpoint until the Eagles broke a 43-43 tie with an 8-1 rally, four points coming from Miller foul shots. Not to be outdone, SCAD snatched the lead again and went ahead 60-56 with just over six minutes remaining.

The Eagles surged again, including a streak of 10 unanswered points, to take a 71-66 lead with under two to go. The Bees forced another tie at 71



FRESHMAN WILLIAM BENJA-MIN SAW some court time in the four conference matches.

with 1:21 left, but could not seize the lead as the final minute turned into a battle of the free throws. The Eagles went for 88.2 percent from the charity stripe, with a staggering 95.8 percent in the second half, to claim thirty points and seal the win 78-74.

Another 24 points came from three-point land for the Eagles. including five long-range baskets from Ryan Exter, who scored a season-high 25 points on his birthday, also adding six assists and two rebounds.

Miller and DeBord each grabbed eight boards, and scored double-digit points (17 for Miller and 12 for DeBord). Both were flawless from the foul line, going 7-for-7 and 6-for-6, respectively. Cobb went 3-for-3 at the line on his way to 11 points, three rebounds and two steals.

"I liked our upperclassmen," Coach Ridder said. "They made some great decisions." He also mentioned 6-foot-10 freshman William Benjamin, who got five minutes of playing time, including a massive dunk on a first half breakaway.

On SCAD's side, Gerard Bowden led all players with 27 points, playing 39 minutes. Eze Andrews posted 13 rebounds.

The Eagles travel to Jacksonville on Wednesday to play Edward Waters before returning to DBCC to take on Florida Memorial Saturday

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. also voted as the top singles player According to the Intercollegiate nationally, marking the first time Tennis Association's fall rankings in program history that the Eagles

AROUND THE FSC

Alison Smalling

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SCAD goalkeeper Lisa Gallant was named to the ESPN The Magazine Academic All-America College Division Women's Soccer Third Team. Gallant holds a 3.97 GPA and recorded 45 saves in 14 matches.

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

SCAD's Frida Sigurdardottir and Cristina Payne were both named to the All-America team. Sigurdardottir, the 2006 FSC Player of the Year, was tapped for the second team after posting 395 kills, 257 digs and 165



Sigurdardottir



blocks (127 solo). Payne Sigurdardottir Payne was placed on the third team after a 424-kill, 339-dig, 74-ace season. The pair are SCAD's first volleyball All-Americans since rejoining the NAIA in 2003.

Leah Merrique from Webber International University was selected for the region's A.O. Duer Award, which is presented to a student athlete from any sport who excels in scholarship, character and citizenship and maintains a minimum 3.75 GPA.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

STANDINGS

Embry-Riddle Eagles (4-0 FSC, 19-3 overall)
 Edward Waters Tigers (3-1 FSC, 9-9 overall)

Edward Waters Tigers (3-17-3C, 3-9 overall)
 Warner Southern Royals (2-1 FSC, 12-7 overall)
 Florida Memorial Lions (2-2 FSC, 5-10 overall)
 SCAD Bees (2-3 FSC, 10-13 overall)
 Northwood Seahawks (1-3 FSC, 14-6 overall)
 Webber International Warriors (0-4 FSC, 4-17 overall)

☐ SCAD snapped a three-game losing skid Saturday with a 71-67 win over Webber. The Bees had lost the three games by a combined nine points.

☐ Edward Waters upset No. 23 Northwood 83-75. Northwood has now lost three straight.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

STANDINGS

1. Northwood Seahawks (3-0 FSC, 10-9 overall) 2. SCAD Bees (3-1 FSC, 9-10 overall)

Warner Southern Royals (1-1 FSC, 7-8 overall)
 (tie) Edward Waters Tigers (1-2 FSC, 5-9 overall)
 Webber Int'l Warriors (1-2 FSC, 5-10 overall)

6. Florida Memorial Lions (0-3 FSC, 2-8 overall)

The Bees won their third straight with a win over the Warriors 68-60. They've now matched last season's win total with seven games to go.

Florida Memorial blew a first half lead to fall to the Lady Tigers. The Lions also were beaten by Northwood 82-53.

TRACK

Webber's Austin Richmond is heading to the Indoor National Championships after clocking 8:42.92 in the 3,000-meter. On the women's side, Sarah Long ran the 55-meter in 7.56 and the 200 in 100 CC. Although the long ran the standard the 200 in 100 CC. Although the long ran the standard the 200 in 100 CC. Although the long ran the standard the 200 in 100 CC. Although the long ran the standard the 200 in 100 CC. Although the long ran the standard the 200 in 100 CC. Although the long range of the 200 in 100 CC. Although the 200 CC. A 26.67. Although she missed qualifying for the B standard by a tenth of a second in each event, she broke the Webber records in both.

released on Friday, juniors Mislav have claimed the top spots in both the singles and doubles categories.

Hizak & Lazarov top new ITA polls

Hizak repeated his fall 2005 performance, ITA Regiona claiming Regional, National and "Super Bowl" titles, and earning a wild card spot in the ITA National Intercollegiate Indoor Championships. In addition to becoming the first men's player to repeat as the men's singles "Super Bowl" champion, Hizak also took home the James O'Hara Sargent Sportsmanship Award.

Hizak and Lazarov won the ITA Regional and ITA/NAIA National titles before falling to Lynn in the

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ORMOND BEACH, Fla. -

Sophomore Tara Allen posted sub-80

rounds in the final two rounds of the

72-hole 81st Annual South Atlantic

Women's Amateur Championship

Saturday afternoon to finish first in

the first flight and 30th overall in

her first attempt at the event held at

"Tara's finish at the SALLY is a

great one," ERAU head coach Maria

Lopez said. "Finishing first, in first

Oceanside Country Club.

"Super Bowl." Also achieving national recogni-

respectively in singles competition. Bes and Yasuda combined for a No. 12 rating in the doubles poll. On the women's side, newcomer

tion were Carlos Bes and Tomaki

Yasuda, ranked 19th and 38th,

Hana Im ranked ninth in singles and 19th in doubles with teammate Natalie Anaya, who was 28th in singles. Lindsey Kurtz rounded out the Eagle lineup with a ranking of 40. The Embry-Riddle men open their

season at the ERAU Invitational on Feb. 9, while the women play their season opener at Tampa on Feb. 4.

cool. It is the best start of any of our

players who played in the SALLY

Allen finished with a 38-over-par 326 total (85-84-78-79--326) at the

extremely prestigious event, which

is the longest running women's amateur event at a single location

in history. Participation in the event

provides highly-coveted points in the world and national amateur

"The difficulty and prestige lies

in the quality of field, conditions of

course and changing climate," Lopez

for the first time.

rankings.

Allen has impressive finish at SALLY said. "From the first day, to the last day, the temperature can change and rience that Tara gained is priceless,"

> existent to 40+mph. It is a grueling test over four

She added, "The golf course is one of the finest around, and always in fantastic shape with lightningfast greens."
Legends of golf have

tamed and have been tamed by this course. Some of the past winners are Babe Didricksen Zaharias, Virginia Van Wie, Patty Berg, and many modern day champions in women's golf.

"It is an honor that the invitation committee extends invitations to our program, the members and staff hos-



Allen Women's Golf

so much, and is placed in a key position for Nationals. Coming off an

> competition with the No. 3 scoring average in the NAIA & ranked No. 192 in the golfstat cup, Tara closed out the fall with her first 4.0."

peting in this event next

year," Lopez added. "She

feels that she has learned

outstanding fall season of

Track signs recruit, breaks some records

Alison Smalling

ERAU Sports Info. Dept.

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. - Head Track and Field coach Mike Rosolino announced the signing of New Smyrna Beach High School graduate Ike Williams. Williams began competing for Embry-Riddle this month.

"Ike is a welcome addition to our program," Rosolino said. "He's got a lot of talent and we think he's going to add a lot to our program, especially in the jumps where we hope that he will someday go on to the national level."

Williams was the 2006 district champion in the high jump and triple jump. In addition, he took home the regional title in the triple jump and was the regional runner-up in high jump. He was also a first team All-Area selection and holds the New Smyrna Beach High School record on 46'.25" in the triple jump.

Williams will major in Aviation Maintenance at ERAU.

GAINESVILLE, Fla. - The Embry-Riddle men's and women's track teams set five school records collectively as they opened the indoor track season at the Florida Intercollegiates hosted by the

University of Florida on Saturday.

Drew Moses shaved .10 seconds off the record he set last season in the 55m dash, clocking in at 6.64. Newcomer Kristen Phelps also set a new 55m indoor record, turning in a 7.82.

Beth McCubbin also improved on her performance from a year ago in the 800m, posting a 2:25.04 in that event, while Lori Costello ran a program indoor best 5:34.95 in the mile.

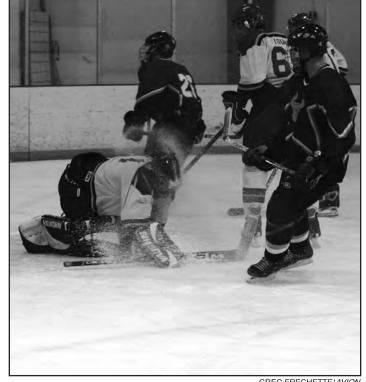
In the men's 3,000m run, two harriers ran faster that the 9:13.39 mark set last season. Freshman Nick Gehlsen finished in 9:30.98, while sophomore Stuart Patterson recorded a 9:11.67.

Howard Walls crossed the line in 8.08 in the 55m hurdles to hit the NAIA's "B" qualifying standard (8.15) for the second year in a row.

"It was good to get to the opening meet of the season and get a good handle on where we're at," head coach Mike Rosolino said. "We had some great performances and some OK performances, and now we now what we have to work as we move forward with the rest of the season.

The Eagles take a two-week break and will return to competition on Jan. 27 when they host the ERAU Indoor/Outdoor Challenge at the Embry-Riddle Track Complex.

Hockey loses shootout



GREG FRECHETTE/AVION

EAGLES ICE HOCKEY LOST 6-5 after a shootout with the University of Southern Florida on Friday.

AFROTC awards scholarships

Michael Langdon **AFROTC**

Last December, five of Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University's best AFROTC cadets were awarded the notable Col. Louis Morse Civil Air Patrol Scholarship. This schol-

arship is awarded to outstanding AFROTC cadets who have past or previous involvement in Civil Air

Patrol (CAP).

The scholarship winners include sophomore Cadet Stephen Stanton, junior Cadet Diana Kane, and senior Cadets Dustin Bertrand, Brandon Goebel, and Timothy Adams. Goebel and Adams will be commissioning as

second lieutenants this May.

"Each award recipient demonstrated leadership above and beyond their peers in the AFROTC program here at Detachment 157," said Captain Bogart, an assistant professor of Aerospace Studies, who presented the cadets with the scholarship. Cadet Diana Kane gratefully stated, "It's nice to finally get recognized for all of the hard work I've put in over the past three years." Kane used the money to help pay down her Embry-Riddle tuition bill.

The scholarship is courtesy of distinguished CAP Col. Louisa Spruance Morse, whose generous contribution to cadets' educations is



THE FOLLOWING AFROTC DETACHMENT 157 members recieved scholarships based on their involvement in CAP and superior performance in AFROTC. From left, Brandon Goebel, Dustin Betrand, Timothy Adams, Diana Kane and Stephen Stanton.

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Alpha Xi Delta's fall 2006 fundraiser report

Alpha Xi Delta

The fall 2006 semester was truly a changing and productive time for Alpha Xi Delta at Embry-Riddle. After fall recruitment, Alpha Xi Delta was proud to welcome 20 new sisters into the fraternity, doubling the total count of active sisters! Throughout

the semester, we had fundraisers to raise money for the Children's Advocacy Center. The Penny Wars fundraiser raised \$1,400 and the annual Holiday Dinner fundraiser raised \$1,000. We want to give a special thanks to all the Greeks on campus and anyone else who helped contribute to our cause – we couldn't have done it without you!

For the spring 2007 semester, we

will be having a racing-themed social with Pi Kappa Alpha, which will be a blast! Also, we have our semi-formal, Crush, coming up in March. Towards the end of the semester, our annual Xi Man competition will be held, and that can't be missed! You Greek boys better be getting ready!

Best of luck to all the Alpha Xis in the spring 2007 semester - knock

Homeland Security **Student Association**

Courtney Hurd

Homeland Security

For those of you that haven't heard, there is a new club on campus, the Homeland Security Student Association. We will be holding our first meeting of the semester on Jan. 25 at 5:30 p.m. in COA room 138. Dues will be \$20 for the semester. The dues will help cover the costs of some of the activities that we are planning for this semester. Some of our ideas include going to the FBI headquarters in Jacksonville, touring the safety and security departments at Disney and the Orlando International Airport, and inviting a few guest speakers to the school.

The club is a good way to learn more about the industry in a handson experience. There are two wonderful faculty advisors that help us learn about what is going on in the Department of Homeland Security. Dr. Jim Ramsay is currently an associate professor and coordinator of the Homeland Security program. Ramsay's background is in safety and health services. He is also an active charter member

in American Society of Safety Engineers (ASSE). The other half of the Homeland Security program is Professor Dan Cutrer. Cutrer is a retired U. S. Coast Guard officer with over 30 years as a fixed-wing aviator and five years' experience in the Department of Homeland Security. Ramsay and Cutrer are both very enthusiastic about the club and can't wait until we get the ball rolling. We are all very excited about the Homeland Security Student Association and hope that you will join us for our first meeting of the semester.

Aeronautical Science Scholarship Award Winners

Last semester, fall 2006, the Department of Aeronautical Science was instrumental in helping its students receive scholarships. Almost \$52,000 was awarded to Aeronautical Science students. The Department of Aeronautical Science has established a great working relationship with the Department of Financial Aid, thereby exchanging information in an effort to aid the students' search for scholarship money. Below is a list of the scholarships received and the winners.

- 4 NBAA Ginocchio scholarships worth \$5,000.00 each Hilary Greenfield, Steven Hale, Sean M. Ronnenberg, Lindsay Sorg
- 10 Assist Scholarships worth \$1,000.00 each
 - Jeffrey Mazer, Donald Barnhardt, Christopher Ventre, Maxwell Daddow, Kathleen Doody, Vincent Vuoto, Mollie Skiba, Ryan Maddy, Geoffrey Stern, Ben Czajkowski
- 1 International Society of Transport Aircraft Trading Foundation Scholarship worth \$10,000.00 Timothy Billon
- 1 Regional Airline Association Scholarship worth \$750.00
- Julian Pascuzzi
- 4 James E. Lewis Scholarships worth \$1,100.00 each Kathleen Doody, Laurel Cook, Hilary Greenfield, Laura Fitterman
- 1 Richard Jeffesen Aviation Scholarship worth \$3,000.00
- 1 Department of Aeronautical Science Chair's Award worth \$1,000.00 Števen Spiller
- 265 Dean's List Awards worth \$100.00 each 265 students
- AOPA generic contribution to ERAU of \$25,000.00

Professor Michele Summers is the Chair of Awards and Scholarships in the Department of Aeronautical Science. To contact her for further information on scholarships and awards, please call 226-7020 to set up an appointment.

By Michele Summers

ERAU Firearms Club to host first meeting

Brian Asbury

Firearms Club

After many attempts over several semesters, it's finally here. Late last semester, the Safety Department officially approved the beginning of the ERAU Firearms Club. The club has brought on Professor Martin Lauth as its new advisor and is scheduled to have its first meeting next week. Founded by Ken Baylor with some help from myself, the Firearms Club will be there to promote gun safety and training.

"What we plan to do with this club is teach people how fun recreational shooting really is while promoting responsibility and safety on and off the range," said Baylor.

Baylor also said that the club is not only for gun owners, but anyone with an interest. While most of the members initially will probably own guns, the non-gun owners can see what we have and figure out what they like. The club has arranged training with local vendors for beginner level courses as well as concealed weapons courses and discounts. Numerous Embry-Riddle students own firearms, both here in Daytona or back at their homes, and have a desire to expand on their firearms activi-

The main idea of the Firearms Club is to have range meets, take trips to other ranges around Central Florida and promote gun safety and knowledge. Most people, before they buy a gun, like to fire it. This will give students an opportunity to see, hold and shoot other peoples weapons to see what they like or dislike before they

make their purchases.

As founder, Baylor will serve as the initial president, and as cofounder, I will serve as the initial vice-president.

"With the Facebook group already started and over 150 members already, we are hoping to have an initial turnout of about 50 to 60 students," Baylor stated, "and hoping to break one hundred members within a year."

Keeping in mind the guns are not allowed on school campuses. we will have weekly meetings like most clubs, to discuss our plans. Be sure to keep an eye on The Avion and flyers to be posted around school for specific details

and times The club will be holding its first meeting on Wednesday, January 24 at 7:00 p.m. in IC Center room

We'll see you at the range.



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But that's just my opinion

read in the newspaper back home, the Washington Post, was the obituary for a truly revolutionary man. He wasn't a military man, he wasn't a politician, he wasn't a businessman or a policeman or anything. He was a movie reviewer for a newspaper, and he introduced a completely new concept into the whole genre of writing. Hear me out.

He wrote for years about movies, the good, the bad, and the mediocre. As all reviewers do, he would rate the movies, and then talk about them for a bit, discussing their ins and outs and thoughts and concepts. The interesting thing he did was almost always in the last line of his reviews; when he wrote a bad review about a movie that he thought wasn't up to par or just didn't deserve our money, he would end his article with "but that's

I don't know his name; the time between has been a little too long, and

up with the results of his work. Try doing a search for "movie reviewer 'but that's just me'," and you'll come up with something along the lines of 270,000 hits. This, to me, is partial evidence that he has had a significant impact on the genre. Yes, I know he didn't invent the phrase, and yes, I know there are lots of movie review blogs out there what are probably showing up, too. But do a search for "movie revewer 'this movie sucks'," and you'll get less than 100,000 hits and a suggested revision to your state-

OK, so this guy wrote about the fact that it was his opinion in his obviously opinionated article, and it became popular. Why should you care? Well, as movie reviews, I think it's pretty cool, but I also think that this is a generally good idea. People in general have the annoying tendency to be convinced that they are right, because they think so. Don't believe

but maybe I should just tell you to watch CSPAN for a while and find out for yourself.

Anyway, I have a proposition: take his lead and extend it into the rest of our lives. I'm not thinking about anyone in specific, and I'm not saying that you have to do this all the time no matter what. If you believe in something firmly, and you can back it up with facts, and if you truly know that this is the best thing for a group of people, be it your friend, constituency, or whatever, you should bring it up and present your case. But, if you're talking about which Pokémon is better, or that the Vikings are so much better than Green Bay, or even if George Bush is the single biggest ... whatever. I think that the extra separation between what is fact and what is not so obviously opinion could do us all good.

But that's just me.

~Bob Scheid

I hope everyone had a good break, and even though The Avion was displaced, we're still

chugging. On to the first column of the new democratic Congress; break out the popcorn.

The Good: The

Democrats actually came through with their campaign promises and chugged six bills that "America called for." Ethics, student loans, subsidies for big oil, stem cells, minimum wage and prescription drug reform were all brought to the floor and passed by the control-

ling majority. The bill I was most happy to see passed was minimum wage, seeing as the United States is falling behind the curve as far as wages go.

Another good point, though

maybe this should go under ugly: the Senate passed a bill that revokes Congressional pensions if the congressperson is convicted of a white-collar crime. I applaud the Senate, but at the same time, this is only a little disturbing.

Stand Up! "The First 100 Hours," good, bad and ugly **The Bad:** Very little that was passed in these "First 100 Hours"

will likely help anyone. The only bill that has real potential is minimum wage, but like all six of the bills passed, they have to get through the much tighter Senate and the newly dusted off veto pen of the President. The student loan bill is the biggest disappointment, though the Democrats claim it is a first step in continuing to help bring down the

cost of going to college.
The bill that was passed will drop the interest rates of federal subsidized loans over the next five years. I don't know about you, but I'm not too worried on the interest I get from the \$5000 my Stafford loan; I am worried about the other \$20,000 I pay in tuition.

The repeal of the oil subsidies that was granted in the last energy bill, justified as I believe they were, will most likely just raise gas prices higher, gas prices that, all of a sudden, have failed to mirror the over 15 percent drop in oil prices in the last year, something I truly do not understand. We will see which of these bills actually reach full potential.

The Ugly: Oh, how the mighty fall. As soon as the majority in the House changed hands, the Republicans started complaining. "We could have done better," or "If this bill was sent to committee...," were common phrases. It seems slightly ironic that they used the same tactic while they were in power. I am not saying it's right, actually it's very wrong, but it's also very funny. Another nasty retort occurred when the Republicans cried foul over the fact that American Samoa was not included in the new minimum wage bill. The reason? Star-Kist tuna has a canning facility locted there; they also have headquarters in House Speaker Nancy Pelosi's home district. Of course this was an act of favoritism. Though, as soon as the Democrats were made aware of this issue, they simply included American Samoa, for the first time ever, under federal minimum wage.



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Student Forum

The Avion asks: "How did the tornado affect you?"

Chris

Tezak

Columnist

-Compiled by Dovin Adewumi



Michael Kamugisha Freshman Aerospace Engineering

"I was sad but then I was the happiest person because school got postponed."



Shamai Kristina Jones Junior Aviation Maintenance Sci.

"I was happy because Spruance Hall got destroyed.



Ohremi Areola Graduate Student Space Science

"Relocation of offices made it difficult to locate some important offices.



Timothy S. Oniger Freshman Aeronautical Science

"It did not really affect me, but I was curious for whether or not my car was

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Lindsey Anne Evans Freshman Aeronautical Science

"I got a chance to go on a three day trip to Hawaii."

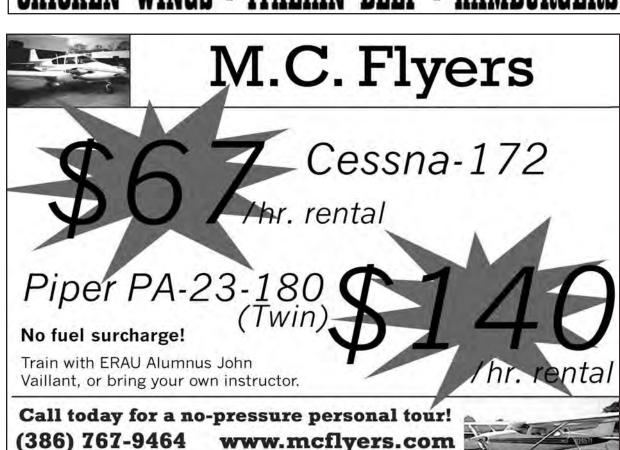


Chloe L. Cowart Freshman Aviation Business Adm.

"When I came back, I found my goldfish dead laying on my bed because of the







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Russian Air Force receives new Sukhoi Su-34

Aeronautica Editor

For the first time in 15 years, the Russian Air Force will be buying new fighters. The first two production Sukhoi Su-34 fighter-bombers were delivered in December. Six more are scheduled to be delivered in 2007 and another 10 in 2008, allowing to become operational with Russia's front-line bomber force in 2010.

General Vladimir Mikhailov, the Russian Air Force commander-inchief, said the Russian air force plans to operate 57 aircraft by 2015 with an eventually have a total Su-34 force of 200 aircraft.

The Su-34 is a fighter bomber derivative of the older Su-27. The Su-34 retains the same airframe

as the Su-27 with a conventional high wing configuration. The new aircraft has upgraded multi-mode phased array radars and terrain avoidance systems. The internal fuel tanks have been increased in size, resulting in an increase take-off weight. The aircraft has canards to increase static instability in order to increase maneuverability and reduce trim drag.

The large flight deck provides side-by-side seating, a galley, latrine and a bunk bed. For better comfort, the cockpit is also pressurized by the air conditioning system rather than oxygen masks and a massage function in the ejector seats.

A more modern "glass" cockpit has been added, an upgrade from the Su-27 featuring a color CRT multifunction displays. The avionics are built around the radar system and a

laser/television system for guiding precession-guided munitions.

With 12 stores pylons the Su-34 can carry 17,635 lbs of both air-to-air and air-to-ground ordinance to accompany the GSh-30-1 30mm cannon. The aircraft has fixed intakes, limiting it to a top speed of Mach 1.8, much slower than the Su-27's top speed of Mach 2.35, but still matching the U.S. Navy and Marine Corp's

Officially the Su-34's NATO reporting name is Fullback, but the aircraft new oddly-shaped nose section has earned it the nickname

The Su-34 is expected to stay in service well beyond 2020, with the gradual phasing out of the Su-24 and the option to increase the fleet



Northrop Grumman anti-missile UAV's ready for system takes flight on FedEx

Brian Asbury

Aeronautica Editor

One of the world's strictest countries in terms of aviation safety has once again upped the measures used to prevent airlinebased terrorist attacks.

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If we can protect

Air Force One,

we can protect

commercial aircraft

- BARBARA BOXER

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Living up to its reputation of having one of the world's most secure airspaces, Israeli forewarning officials are that a deadline will soon be set for airlines to acquire the Code Positive system. An eventual failure to do so will see companies denied passage through or entry in Israeli airspace, with the threat of being fired upon should they



civilian role

Austrailian company builds UAV's for the law enforcement

Luca Cernuschi **Staff Reporter**

Robotics is further rooting itself in our daily lives and rendering itself more and more necessary in the world of aviation, this time through law enforcement.

Queensland University Technology (QUT), one of Australia's most prominent tertiary education institutes, is working with the region's police to devise U n m a n n e d

Aerial Vehicles (UAV) for use in the law enforcement environment.

Simply rumor until a short while ago, QUT Associate Rod Walker recently affirmed this project has indeed been ongoing since the University

underwent talks with the police force last year.

QUT, together with Australia's Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization (CSIRO), is investing in the construction of mini-helicopters and mini-planes tailored for

The University is focusing on the avionics and systems aspect of the program, while CSIRO is testing the vehicles in Pullenvale, a suburb of Brisbane. Professor Walker told The Courier Mail that he predicts the UAVs will be operational in a "couple of years."

At the same time, he stressed that the police force is very interested in this project. As such, QUT will be holding a themed conference in the near future, to which it invited every law enforcement commissioner in the country. The uses for this type of tech-

nology would abound. Police are planning to use them for high-speed pursuits, general surveillance of areas, and possibly employing them to scout for marijuana fields in the northern reaches of the country.

A number of civil uses are also being considered, some of which would be fire detection and prevention, traffic analyses and monitoring surveying for sharks and other poten-

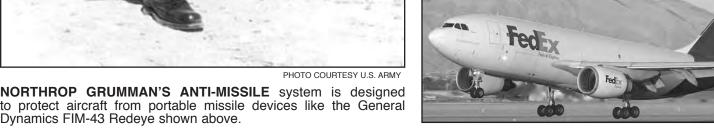
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world's global including Iraq. and for border control by the

Military. In fact,

the civil and the military versions of the UAV have similar systems. namely a camera to relay information back to base, and an infra-red sensor to see in low-light situations.

QUT affirms that these systems will cut operational costs for the Police Aviation community by at least one third.



Northwest Airlines files to emerge from bankruptcy

\$2.4 billion in annual cost cuts bring the airline afloat

Michael McGraw

Staff Reporter

Northwest Airlines filed a bankruptcy reorganization plan on Jan. 12. According to the 66-page document, Northwest plans to emerge from bankruptcy in the second quarter of this year. However, details on how the airline will be organized

The carrier, which has been oper-

ating under Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection since September 2005, has until Feb. 15 to file the additional details.

According to Northwest CEO Doug Steeland, the carrier has cut more than \$2.4 billion in annual costs since plunging into bankruptcy protection, more than half of which came from employee pay cuts and more lenient work rules.

Under the plan, Northwest's current unsecured creditors will be given shares in the new company. These new shares, however, will not cover the full loss of the creditors. Current shares in the company will be canceled, leaving current shareholders with nothing.

Some current shareholders contend, however, that Northwest is worth more than the company is reporting. On the Friday when the plan was filed, Northwest shares

closed the day at \$4.61 per share, but a group of 11 shareholders who collectively own 18.5 percent of the company's stock estimate Northwest's worth at \$17.30 per share after secured and unsecured creditors are paid.

That group's estimation is scheduled to be heard by the bankruptcy court in mid-February, but before the airline files additional details of its plan.

Also lacking from the plan was any indication whether Northwest will merge with another carrier. Recent reports indicate that the airline has held merger talks with Delta Air Lines, which is currently combating an unwelcome takeover attempt by US Airways. Delta, despite the merger talks and hostiletakeover bid, has vowed to emerge from bankruptcy as a stand-alone



Isreal implements in-flight pilot identification system

Israeli system to help against hi-jackings

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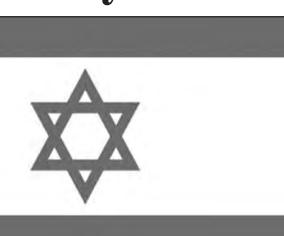
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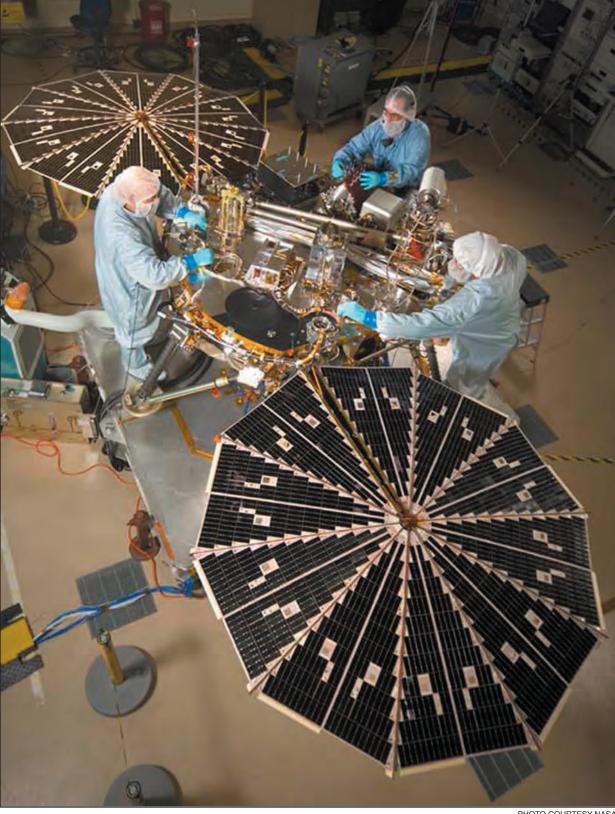
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SPACE TECHNOLOGY

2007 highlighted by Mars and ISS construction



THE PHOENIX MARS LANDER, with its standout circular solar arrays, undergoes tests at Lockheed Martin Space Systems in Denver, Colo. Phoenix will be launched to the Red Planet in the early morning hours of Aug. 3 on the first Mars landing mission in four years.

Special to The Avion

2007 will be the biggest year for the exploration of space in several years, highlighted with the dispatch of the first Mars lander since the twin rovers Spirit and Opportunity four years ago. It will also be the first complete year of International Space Station construction in half a decade.

Phoenix, if successful, will be just the sixth Mars landing ever and the first U.S. stationary Mars lander since Viking 1 and 2 landed in 1976. It will be launched in the early-morning hours of Aug. 3 on a Delta 2 rocket from Cape Canaveral. The mission is the first in NASA's Scout Program, described by NASA as an "initiative for smaller, lower cost, competed spacecraft." The lander will use technology developed by the Pathfinder and Mars Exploration Rovers (MER), including a stereo camera similar to the one on the MERs. The mission is an offshoot of the cancelled Mars Surveyor program from which it inherits its design, and similar in looks to the Mars Polar Lander which crashed shortly before touching down

Phoenix will land in the northern latitudes of Mars to search for submartian water during its planned 150-day mission (excluding the 10month trip). The lander will dig about 3.3 feet and bury itself into the ice that's below the surface.

NASA is planning five space shuttle launches throughout 2007, all of them serving the ISS, though the last is expected to slip into 2008.

The first will be Atlantis on STS-117, with a planned launch just before dawn on Mar. 15. The mission will install the third set of giant solar panels to the station. Following that will be STS-118, Endeavour's first flight since 2002, which should be launched on June 28. The crew will deliver a small truss segment. The mission will feature the first flight of an educator astronaut, Mission Specialist Barbara Morgan, who participated in NASA's Teacher in Space Program and was Christa McAuliffes's backup in

STS-120, commanded by the second-ever female shuttle commander, Pam Melroy, is planned to be launched on Sept. 7. The mission, using Atlantis, will include installing the Node 2 connecting module and moving the huge P6 truss and solar array pair to a different part of the

The long-awaited STS-122 launch is planned to occur later in the fall with Discovery to deliver Columbus, the European Space Agency's (ESA) first space laboratory. If a fifth flight, STS-123, flies this year, it will be the first flight dedicated to delivering the huge Japanese Kibo research laboratory module to the ISS.

2007 may also mark the launch of ESA's long-awaited Automated Transfer Vehicle (ATV). The craft will be not be used to launch people, but rather to transfer cargo between Earth and the ISS.

The spacecraft will be launched by the ESA Ariane 5 rocket from the Korou space center in French Guiana. The craft will be guided by sensors to dock with the space station and will be mostly powered by four solar arrays. The spacecraft will be used to support the ISS while docked to the Russian Zvezda module by using its liquid tanks to accept waste from the station as well as keep the ISS in orbit by firing its engines periodically.

ATV-1, named Jules Verne for the 19th century science fiction writer, may be launched in July. Mission complete, it will then undock and burn up in the atmosphere. The mission was already delayed after an incident in April 2005, when several structural failures occurred.

Late in February, the New Horizons probe, which is headed for an encounter with Pluto in 2015 and the Kuiper Belt beyond, will get a gravity assist from Jupiter.

The probe is already close enough for it to take pictures of Jupiter and its moons. It will scan Jupiter's moon Callisto and then do a fly-by of Jupiter, which will help it gain speed for its trip into the outer solar

The probe was the fastest to ever depart Earth; its launch was only a year ago. The last probe to visit Jupiter was Galileo, which took six years to get to the gas giant.

Space Exploration Technologies (SpaceX) will attempt the second launch of its Falcon rocket in mid-February. The launch was delayed from late January. Including the recent delay, the launch has already been postponed three times due to technical reasons. The first Falcon 1 rocket was launched in March of last year, but the mission ended in disaster

SpaceX claims the Falcon 1 is "the world's lowest cost per flight to orbit of a production rocket." Its Falcon 9 rocket, which can lift up to five times as much as Falcon 1, "will offer the lowest cost per pound to orbit." Falcon 1 is a partially reusable system, with the first stage parachuting back to Earth after use.

On June 21, another long-awaited mission marred by delays is scheduled to get underway. Dawn is a firstof-its-kind mission to send a probe to study asteroids in the asteroid belt. a region between the orbits of Mars and Jupiter which is filled with large space rocks, or asteroids. The mission hopes to unveil the asteroids' origins by studying them up close. The mission may reveal some missing pieces as to how the solar system was formed.

The probe will travel to two of the three largest objects in the belt, Ceres which was recently classified as a dwarf planet, and Vesta, an asteroid The two bodies differ greatly. Vesta is similar to the inner planets like Mars. while Ceres is closer to the icy moons of Jupiter. The two also differ in that Vesta may have had lava flows in the past and there seems to be a large crater at its southern pole. Ceres, on the other hand, appears to have frozen

The probe will utilize revolutionary ion engine, the first time it is being used on a deep-space mission since the technology-testing Deep Space 1 probe. The ion engine will provide the necessary thrust to reach the two objects quicker and more efficiently in October 2011 (Vesta) and February 2015 (Ceres). The spacecraft will be launched on a Delta 2 rocket from Cape Canaveral.

Finally there is GLAST, the Gamma Ray Large Area Space Telescope, also to be launched on a Delta 2 from the Cape on Oct. 7. The mission of the telescope will be to seek out and probe supermassive black holes by detecting gamma rays. which is a form of radiation plentiful in high-energy stellar explosions. The telescope will help understand other dense stellar phenomena, like pulsars and identify unknown sources of gamma radiation in the Milky Way galaxy. It replaces the former Great Observatory program's Compton Gamma-Ray Observatory, launched by the shuttle in the early 1990s and which burned up several years ago.

Black hole devours planet



THE SUPERMASSIVE BLACK HOLE Sagittarius A has begun to emit outbursts that scientists believe were caused by the cosmic body engulfing a planet-sized object.

Astronomers believe black hole engulfed a mass the size of Mercury

Kira Vuille-Kowing

Guest Reporter

About 27,000 light years away at the core of the Milky Way galaxy, the gas clouds that surround the supermassive black hole Sagittarius A have become unusually illuminated, catching the interest of the scientific

community. According to researchers, the bright glow of the clouds is possibly caused by the black hole's inhalation of an object equal in mass to the planet Mercury.

Though they began reaching

Earth nearly 60 years ago, NASA's Chandra X-Ray Observatory has only recently recorded these "light echoes," which are reflections of light from a primary source.

While the black hole has caused

smaller, fairly recent outbursts, the most current one is thought to be both 1,000 times brighter and longer than its predecessors.

The magnitude of the outburst begs the question of what exactly the devoured object was that precipitated this unusual glow of lights.

Researchers have agreed that it would only take a trivial amount of matter to provoke the outburst, but beyond speculation, no one can know for certain what the black hole consumed

Michael Muno, of the California Institute of Technology, has proposed that on occasion, a disturbance in the swirling disk of matter that surrounds Sagittarius A will result in the discarding of its material into the black hole. This in turn will lead to an outburst.

A second hypothesis suggests that the clouds of dust and gas that circulate around the galactic center are occasionally swept into the black

Despite this frequent activity, the supermassive black hole is strangely faint when compared to others of its size. While astronomers suspect that this may be attributed to the galaxy's mature age of several billion years, no one is certain.

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Huygens marks two years since Titan touchdown

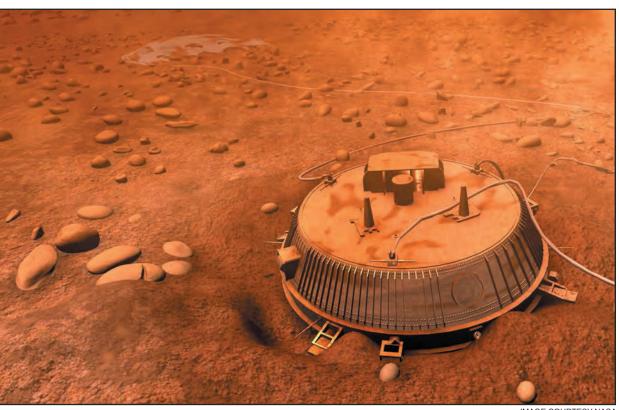


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AN ARTIST'S DEPICTION SHOWS the Huygens lander as it rests on the surface of Titan. The lander became the first to touchdown on an body beyond Mars in January 2005.

Atlas 5 ready for busy year

Bob Scheid

Chief Copy Editor

The United Launch Alliance (ULA) (formerly Lockheed-Martinbuilt) Atlas 5 Evolved Expendable Launch Vehicle (EELV) is gearing up to deliver its first military payload into orbit.

The rocket, a multistage vehicle, is most famous for launching the New Horizons probe to Pluto last January. Several other successful launches have proven its ability to launch probes and satellites, but its program was cut short last year due to payload delays; only one other satellite, a European television broadcasting satellite, was

Now, however, the Air Force is ready to use an Atlas 5 to deploy Space Test Program-1, a pair of experimental satellites, into orbit on Feb. 22 at around 10 p.m. from are designed to simulate fuel transfer between a prototype service satellite called the Autonomous Space Transfer Robotic Orbiter and the NextSat spacecraft.

Four other satellites will be deployed using the secondary payload adapter: the Naval and Air Force Research Laboratory STPSat 1, carrying several experiments; the Los Alamos National Laboratory's CFESat; and one satellite each from the Air Force and Naval academies.

The launch vehicle will be in what is referred to as a 401 configuration. The numbers indicate that the nose cone fairing has a usable diameter of four meters; that there are no strap-on solid rockets; and that the second stage has one Centaur engine. More engines are used for heavier launches; the standard version of the Atlas 5 can lift 10,000 pounds into geosynchronous only one strap-on booster will be orbit, while the heavy version can used in the ascent.

Cape Canaveral. These satellites lift 13,000 pounds into a geosynchronous orbit.

Several more launches are planned for this year, some using the now-ULA (formerly Boeing) Delta 4 rocket, the other rocket in the EELV program, and others using the Atlas 5.

The Atlas 5 series for 2007 is planned to include a classified National Reconnaisance Office (NRO) payload on May 4, a 401 configuration; the first in the military's Wideband Gapfiller communication satellite series on June 28 in a 421 configuration; a commercial communications satellite on Aug. 28 also in 421 configuration.

Also slated for this year is the first and as-yet undated launch for the NRO from Vandenberg Air Force Base in Calif. This last launch will be distinguished by the 411 launch configuration, where Bob Scheid

Chief Copy Editor

Two years since the Huygens Space Probe penetrated the haze around Saturn's moon Titan, scientists are still making discoveries.

On Dec. 25, 2004, the Cassini probe released Huygens into the vicinity of the moon. 21 days later, on Jan. 14, 2005, Huygens entered the atmosphere of Titan. Huygens captured a total of three hours and 39 minutes of data during its decent and landing, including 72 minutes of data while the surface itself.

Since that day, scientists have been working through the mounds of data that the probe generated during its brief but incredible journey to the only moon in the solar system with an atmosphere. Many of the instruments made significant discoveries about the conditions of this place, from wind speeds to argon isotope proportions, from temperatures to surface geogra-

phy.

One of the most widely publicized parts of the encounter was

something completely unexpected and that has given meteorologists something big to consider in the past two years.

Given the thickness of the atmosphere, as well as the methane and ethane that together generate a humidity level on the surface similar to that of Earth's water vapor, the data can be used to study how the Earth may have formed and how it may have formed differently under other circumstances.

Another major discovery was the relative amounts of argon-40 and argon-36 in the atmosphere. The former is produced by so-called "cryo-volcanos," indicating that the world is still geologically active and leading scientists to think that water and methane layers close to the surface may be insulating the interior.

The Gas Chromatograph and Mass Spectrometer and Descent Imager/Spectral Radiometers made one of the most important discoveries of all. The former detected methane around the landing site evaporating out of the soil, and the

the lack of wind starting at about 60 kilometers above the surface, site during descent. Combined their transmissions back to Cassini showed that the surface was much less smooth than had been expected, and that methane played a role

similar to that of water on Earth.

However, most of the discoveries are probably still to come. scientists think.

Huygens was successful in sending back raw data, but the interpretation of the data is more useful in conjunction with additional observations from Cassinia For instance, the surface temperature and atmospheric composition sensors helped explain the liquid methane lakes that Cassini detected during a recent flyby.

The latest flyby of Cassini was

on Jan. 13 of this year. 21 more are planned before the predicted end of the mission in summer 2008, but talks are already underway to extend Cassini's operation partially to study these new lakes on Titan.

Whatever the fate of the mission. however, scientists have already gained enough information to keep them busy for years.

Upcoming Cape Launches

The year's first launch from the Cape is slated for sunset on Feb. 15, and could make for one of the prettiest launches of the year due to the timing. A Delta 2 rocket will carry the five identical THEMIS probes into Earth orbit where they will conduct the first major satellite-study of the aurora and how the solar stream affects their development. Four of the probes will serve as the constellation, which will work in conjunction with ground stations across the U.S. and Canada. A fifth probe serves as a backup in case any one should fail

Liftoff of the Delta 2 is slated for 6:07:37 p.m. EST, with a launch window lasting 19 minutes. Sunset occurs at 6:13 p.m.. If clear, the launch's smoke plume could become lit wth multiple colors as it rises away from the setting sun. The last such launch of any rocket from the Cape to occur at sunset happened in 2002.

Three other launches are slated during this semester, highlighted by the Space Shuttle Atlantis in a pre-dawn launch March 15 and the second flight of the enormous 24-story Delta 4-Heavy rocket in April

Delta 2 NASA's THEMIS Five probs will study aurora Launch window: 6:07:37 p.m. - 6:26:37 p.m. EST

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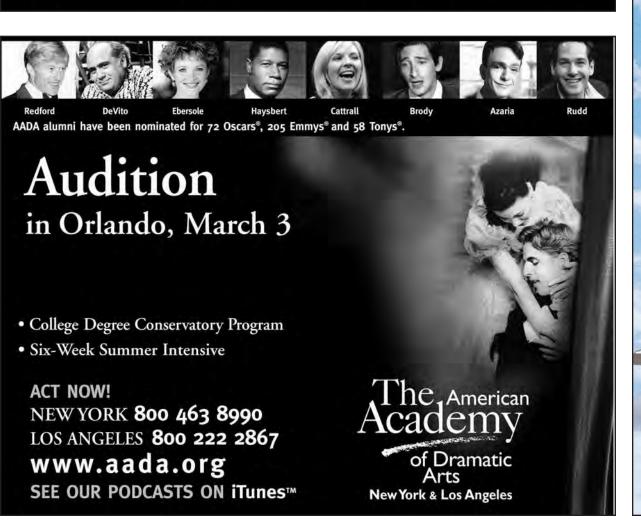
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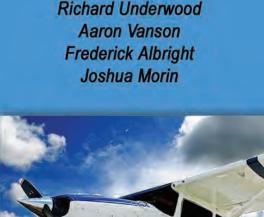
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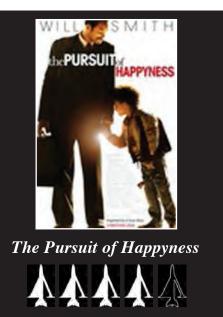
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'The Pursuit of Happyness' is a heartfelt story



Melanie Pugh

Business Manager

In "The Pursuit of Happyness," Will Smith and son Jaden Smith come to life as Chris and Christopher Gardner, the true life inner-city father and son duo doing in the 1980s just what the title suggests. The 117-minute film gives a nod to the dilapidated daycare center Christopher attends and its misspelled moniker.

Gardner shares a San Francisco row house with his son and double-shift-working wife and attempts to make ends meet by selling seldom-needed bone density scanners. After becoming several months behind on rent and taxes, then losing his car, a number of scanners and his wife, Gardner knows something's got to give.

After gathering Christopher and their Move over, baby-daddi meager belongings, Gardner moves into a your kids is in this year.

local hotel and begins pestering stockbroker executives in hopes of garnering a higher-paying job. He woos one such Dean Witter higher-up, Jay Twistle (Brian Howe), with his math wit and ability to solve the impossible and newly released Rubik's Cube, but comes up empty-handed with only a livid cabbie and another lost scanner to show for it. Eventually, Dean Witter offers him a highly-coveted internship. Problem solved, except not so much.

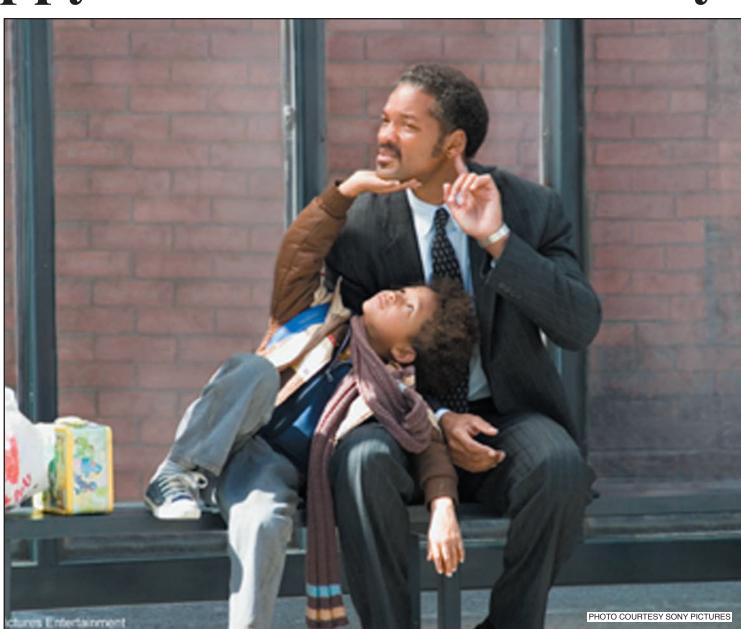
The internship is an unpaid position and offers only a one in 20 shot of further employment with the firm. Only making matters worse are the facts that Gardner is now the sole caregiver for Christopher and that the hotel has kicked them out, rendering the principles are proposed in homeless.

ing the pair once again homeless.

Decidedly at his low point, Gardner shows up at friend Wayne's house in the middle of the night, demanding the few dollars he is owed from a bet made months previously. They find themselves at a train station, where Gardner does his best to put up a front for Christopher and make the situation into a lighthearted game. After motioning toward a "cave," the station's restroom, they enter to Christopher's delight and set up camp after covering the floor in paper towels, where Gardner ultimately cries himself to sleep.

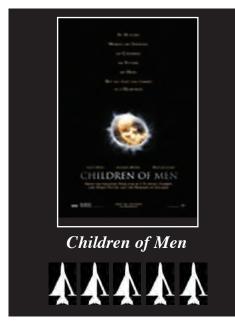
Gardner trudges through his internship, leaving early every day to get in line for shelter, making time for playing basketball with Christopher and studying his books by moonlight and trying to catch up with his co-workers during the day.

Jaden Smith, in his motion picture debut, has some shoes to fill, but should be making his father proud. Will Smith comes out looking much more like an Oscar winner than the Fresh Prince of Bel Air in this heartfelt story of a rarely seen brand of legitimate hard work and determination. Move over, baby-daddies; sacrificing for your kids is in this year.



'Children of Men' is shocking but chillingly realistic





Eddie Drapkin

Opinions Editor

Watching "Children of Men" isn't so much watching a movie as it is an experience. The movie, set in the not-so-distant future tells the story of what the world would be like 18 years after women had stopped being fertile. The first scene opens up in a coffee shop, set so that anyone who has ever watched the news feels right at home and from there it just goes. The scenes flow flawlessly together, even as they span several settings and times, and yet it doesn't seem that much time as passed; the movie is directed in a

very terse, quick paced way, so that nearly every scene is filled with nervous tension. The settings also make this movie as realistic as it is. A few scenes are simply difficult to watch, because they're done so well; throughout the entire movie, there is a very strong feeling of "this could really happen."

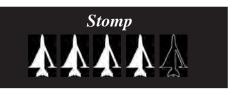
The acting is, in a word, flawless;

Clive Owen deserves every ounce of an Academy Award for his performance. Between the acting, the scenery and the directing, which also merits an Oscar, the movie comes across feeling gritty and, above all, chillingly realistic. Going to see this movie is not something to do on a date or before a party: this movie is a grim, disturbing prophecy of what our future can and maybe will hold. The last 15 minutes of the movie are some of the most intense, vivid scenes ever filmed and the tension is easily felt both onscreen and in the audience.

"Children of Men" sells itself as a science fiction thriller, but it comes across as a vision into the future, and because of the quality of the acting and directing, it is entirely believable and no point in the movie is it overdone. The only thing wrong with this movie is that there are a few plot holes, but those small errors are overpowered by the sheer power of the cinematography and acting.

Every minute of this film is like living in an alternate reality, a feat rarely achieved, and while at the end you might be left with a few questions, you'll feel as if you don't really want to know the answers. Go and see this movie, but be prepared to be shocked and maybe a little disturbed. this is easily the best movie to have come from 2006.

Stomp steals the show



Zach Mahone

Staff Reporter

The "Stomp" performance made a lot of racket this weekend for the sold out crowds at the Peabody Auditorium. The two-day performance was filled with nonstop rhythmic percussion on just about everything imaginable, from brooms, pans and trash cans to paper bags, newspaper, rubber tubes, and yes, even the kitchen sink.

"Stomp" portrays emotions, interactions, and conversations without using words. Its comedy and sexual innuendos kept the audience. By increasing or decreasing the tempo, the cast grabs your emotions for a tribal rollercoaster ride throughout the entire show.

One of my favorite scenes was when the cast creates an extremely appealing visual and audio sequence by igniting and distinguishing Zippo lighters in the pitch black. Another scene which comes to mind is when the cast uses different length tubes to producing symphony of sounds. The different moods the cast set by there rhythms was only amplified by the spectacular lighting. The lighting was almost a show in itself, with a multitude of colors and shadows dancing on the walls.

"Stomp's" intensity is not for the light of heart. The noise might be enough to cause a headache if you let it, especially during the steel drums section which left a slight ringing in my ears. During the bass drum section the rhythm can be felt throughout the body. Don't let this be discouraging; the whole show was amazing and is definitley worth going to see again.

"Stomp" marks the halfway point through the Peabody's schedule for January with three more shows left in the month. The Peabody Auditorium will be hosting a number of wonderful events in February including the Boston Pops, Riverdance, and Chick Corea with Bela Fleck. As USA Today says, "Stomp finds beautiful noises in the strangest places. For more information about upcoming events at the Peabody Auditorium, you can call the box office at (386) 671-3460 or visit them online at www.peabodyaudit orium.org.

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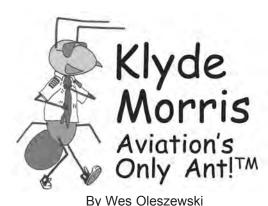
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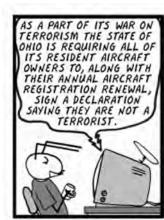










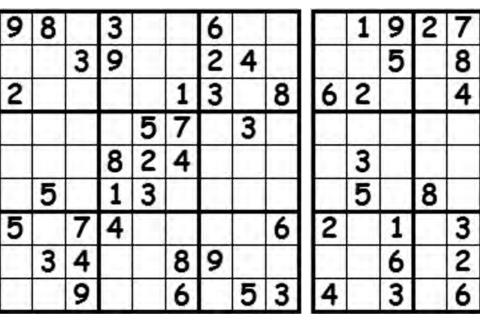


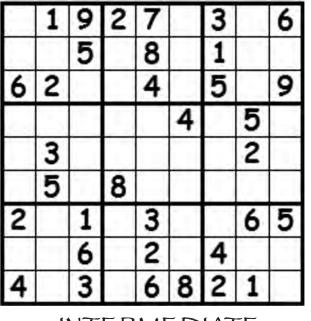


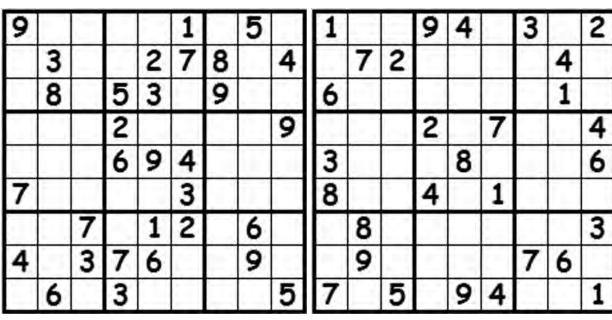




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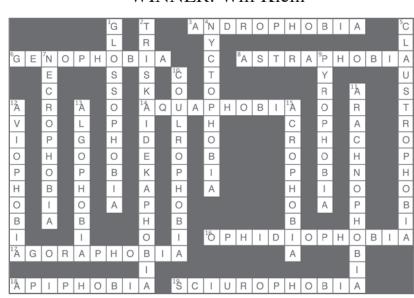
- 4. A multiplayer game first published in Germany, where the players represent settlers establishing colonies on the uninhabited island. The island itself is laid out randomly at the beginning of each game from hexagonal tiles of different land types producing one type of resource.
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ENTERTAINMENT

All that goes wrong in life ... don't worry, it'll pass

Bob Scheid

Chief Copy Editor

The "Doomsday Clock" has been lowered to five minutes. I think this is hilarious.

In the next semester, lots of things will be said about the Tornado convention that the school administration decided to host on our campus. It'll be called a godsend, a critical disaster, an act of nature, global warming, the Democrats, the Republicans, or Al Gore. Butterflies in China have it out for us. This is obviously the work of ancient Egyptian aliens that are unhappy with the lack of pyramids in the southeastern United States. It's the end of the world as we know it.

At the same time, lots of people, probably most of them, will get on with their lives. We've been slapped around by hurricanes the size of some smaller continents, we've dealt with two Bushes in our chain of command for six years, and anyone reading this will have dealt with Embry-Riddle for at least a week.

Besides all the natural disasters, there are other things we've dealt with here. NASCAR is the worst, probably. Bikeweek and Biketoberfest are pretty harsh, too. Spring Break traffic would

make a Marine Corps general cry.
Then there's the other stuff.

Nuclear war, New Orleans, Iraq, Iran, Afghanistan, China, Korea, France, that Ireland-England thing, soccer riots, running riots, the running of the bulls, the Bulls, the Bears, Lions, Tigers, Kenya, Somalia, and Simpsons episodes from season 12 on. There's girlfriends, boyfriends, marriage, divorce, in-laws, bylaws, bad laws, parking tickets, TV commercials, car wrecks, earthquakes, movies with Jessica Simpson, golf, and Microsoft. We deal with iMacs, iPods, religious differences, whole milk, some sort of aerosol cheese in a can, the color

beige, Ebola, qwerty keyboards, spell check software (which, by the way, apparently considers "qwerty" a word,

Revolutions, restless leg syndrome, poison ivy, Scientology episode of South Park. We've survived Victorian England, Fox News, goths, the fall of the Roman empire, avian flu, Styrofoam, the Xbox 360 red lights of doom,

Sputnik, Marilyn Manson, MASH, the Holy Roman Empire, Bill O'Reilly, Bill Clinton, radon, and Michael Jordan retiring three or four times.

Through all this (at least, the stuff I've been alive for), I've been reassured by one irrefutable fact. No matbut not "iPod"), cocaine, "Matrix: ter how much we piss each other off,

Things suck right

now, but as my

dad says, it's never

cloudy at 40,000 ft.

- BOB SCHEID

no matter what bad things happen, I can promise you that the sun will come up again tomorrow. I can prove this, too, since neither we nor the Earth itself has the ability to change the Earth's rotation or orbit. This makes

me happy. It means that you can call me names, break my bones, harass the president, join the NRA, or get your nose pierced for the fourth time, and control everything.

someone will see the sun in no more than 14 hours. We can have a magnitude 28.6 earthquake with the epicenter at ground zero, the place where all our nukes are going to go off at once. We can crash asteroids into us, have 90 years of anarchy, or let the Red Hot Chili Peppers and Eminem keep putting out albums as quickly as Stephen King puts out books And no matter what, our little ball of iron, carbon, aluminum, and landfills will still see the sun, the moon and the stars moving.

I'm not saying that this isn't a tragedy... but there are many worse things that have happened, and will happen again. Things suck right now, but, as my dad says, it's never a cloudy day at 40,000 feet.

The sun will rise again. We can't

THE FLIP SIDE

I am but a number

I am but a number. One number defines me. One number rules me. You don't see me; you see but a number. One number tells my intelligence. It tells my per-

severance. It tells how qualified I am. It is one number that I fight daily to keep afloat while the weight of it is dragging me down, sinking me to the bottom of it all. You don't see this, though. You see but a number.

You can't see that I write. You can't see that I'm funny. You can't see that I try to care more for others than I do myself. You don't see what you need to see about

me, what you need from me, what I can do for you. I do it all. I've done the lowly grunt work. I've been the leader many times. I come up with ideas that change how everything is done. I can stay up until all hours of the night getting what needs to be done, done. I cannot eat so I will please you, please you by keeping this number up. I can focus and make myself stay on a task for hours on end. Problems haunt me in my dreams. You don't have to worry about me slacking. But no, you

see none of this. You see a lowly number. You see a lowly me.

You don't see that I think I'm down and out, then work past the point of exhaustion to make

my comeback. You can't tell that by this number. This number shows no such attributes. Others use unethical methods to inflate their number. They know very little. They try very little. They just can talk their way out. They have friends with the answers, but they can't find the solutions on their own. You better hope you hire their friends, too.

I can teach myself. I do most of the time. I can teach others. I can communicate with those who know the terminology and those who don't. I can dumb it down. I can teach the lost. But you would

Duff

Columnist

never know this, would you?
You don't get it. This number shows nothing but C's, knowing 70 percent of the information, yet another number that lies to you. Sometimes it's those things in which I get C's that I know better than those in which I get A's. The C was a struggle, a battle to stay afloat. It needed constant attention. I needed to focus more energy. Clawing my way back up is more memorable, more worthwhile than gliding along. Letters, like numbers, can lie and deceive

I have so much to offer. I would work so hard. I work so hard. But this number barely shows it. It shows nothing. It doesn't show my evictions, my disregard for myself or for my number in order to help others be happy or increase their number. It doesn't show my pneumonia, it doesn't show my month-long illness that blood tests couldn't even pin down. No, it doesn't show my struggles. It shows very little. It means very little to me. But to you, it means me. Therefore, to me, it has to be everything I am. All I am is put towards it, yet still I fall short.

One number represents hundreds of tears, thousands of hours of studying, God only knows how many hours of missed sleep, hundreds of missed meals, countless times I've disregarded what I actually wanted to do and did what I should do.

To you, I am just shy of useable, just shy of good enough.

To me, I am a sleep deprived

Student Photo of the Week



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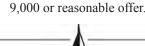
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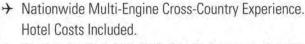
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