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ERAU gets nod for 2007 nat'l tournament



AFTER HOSTING THE NATIONAL championships for men's soccer in 2005 and 2006 (pictured above), the NAIA has selected Embry-Riddle to host the NAIA's women's soccer national championship in 2007. The tournament will take place Nov. 14 through Nov. 20. This is the seventh time Embry-Riddle has hosted a NAIA national championship since 2002.

Alison Smalling

ERAU Sports Info. Dept.

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. - The National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics has announced that Embry-Riddle's Daytona Beach campus will be the site of the 2007 NAIÂ Women's Soccer National

Championship. The national tournament will take place Nov. 14-20 and will bring over 600 studentathletes and coaches representing 20 NAIA Daytona Beach area.

"We are really excited to have the opportunity to host what we hope will be one of the very best women's soccer national tournaments in the history of the NAIA,' Athletic Director Steve Ridder commented. "Having hosted seven national championships since 2002, including the last two men's soccer national tournaments, has shown the officials at the national office that if Embry-Riddle is given a chance to host a national tournament, we are commitstudent-athletes.'

Embry-Riddle also hosted the 2004 women's golf national championship at the LPGA International course

"I think our program deserves the opportunity to host another national tournament," Ridder added. "I have really enjoyed watching the development of our women's soccer program and the work and commitment that our coaching staff has shown, in particular Dan Blank. I think that our former student-athletes in women's soccer can feel

institutions from around the country to the ted to making it a special experience for the very proud that they've had something to do with building a special program and all those things make a difference. When the NAIA selects institutions to host national tournaments, they're not going to give that opportunity to an institution or program that is not run the right way and that has not had success in all areas."

"I think that we have earned the right to host this tournament as a university based on how well we've hosted other national championships, especially the men's national tournament, which has been called

one of the best, if not the best, NAIA soccer national championships ever," ERAU head

women's soccer coach Dan Blank said. The women's soccer team lost in the Region XIV semifinals in 2006 and 2005, and thus did not qualify for nationals. As tournament host, however, the Eagles would have an automatic berth in the 20-team tour-

The Eagles made the tournament in 2004. falling to the Robert Morris College Eagles

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Baseball begins season with sweep of Faulkner



LEFT FIELDER DANNY MARTIN hit .500 in the Faulkner series with a double, a triple, a home run and four RBIs. His slugging percentage is a mind-boggling 1.100, and he is tied for total bases on the team with 11.

Ten-run mercy rule enacted twice in three games

Jonathan Mettin

Editor-in-Chief

The Embry-Riddle Eagles, ranked third in the nation, began their season with a threegame sweep of the Faulkner Eagles last weekend, including two games ended early because the Eagles held a lead by 10 runs or

more, which enacts the NAIA "mercy rule." Embry-Riddle hit .424 as a team in the three games with a .729 slugging percentage. The scoring frenzy by Embry-Riddle led to Faulkner pitchers posting a combined

The action began on Friday with the season opener. After a moment of silence to mourn the death of longtime fan and stadium namesake Shirley Sliwa last month, Embry-Riddle took a 2-0 advantage in the second, including an RBI triple by left fielder Danny Martin, who went 4-for-4 on the day with three RBIs, two runs, a double and a walk.

Faulkner countered by tacking on a run

in the fourth and two in the fifth to take a short-lived 3-2 lead. The Embry-Riddle Eagles pounded the Faulkner bullpen for the rest of the night after starter Adam Moore was taken out in the fourth, starting with a four-run fifth, including a two-RBI single by Martin, gave Embry-Riddle the lead for

Faulkner plated a runner in the seventh and eighth innings, but Embry-Riddle exploded for six runs in the eighth to take a 15-5 lead and end the game with one out and the bases loaded.

The two Eagle teams returned to the dia-

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University rallies support for injured ΣAE, O-team alumnus

Erin Roberts

Campus News Editor

On Dec. 15, Embry-Riddle alumnus and Sigma Alpha Epsilon member Javier Heredia and his companion, Jessica Schmitz, were struck by a garbage truck on a New York City street. While walking, a garbage truck turned the corner, striking Heredia and Schmitz in the blind spot of the truck. The injuries sustained by Schmitz were fatal. While he did survive, Heredia's injuries were so severe the police could not identify him. Using his mangled cell phone, a police officer used the chip inside to uncover the last person he called and Heredia was then taken to Bellevue Hospital in New York

After remaining in the hospital for over a month, Heredia's injuries are still severe. The accident caused severe trauma to both legs and ankles, with the most damage occurring to the femur. Also broken in the accident were both clavicles, multiple ribs, his left arm and back, and he received lacerations to his head and face and right eye. His right arm was the only part of his body unharmed. Heredia will have another surgery on Wednesday to further stabilize the vertebrae in his back. He will remain in the hospital for two to three weeks after the surgery and will then be moved to a reha-

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PURPLE WRISTBANDS WITH THE phrase "¡Viva Javier!" are one example of the fundraising for Javier Heredia, an ERAU alumnus who was seriously injured in New York after being hit by a garbage truck while crossing the street.

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Shawn Storey elected SGA VP

Bob Scheid

Chief Copy Editor

Shawn Storey was elected to fill the position of SGA Vice President during a joint meeting between the Student Representative Board (SRB) and Student Finance Board (SFB) last Tuesday.

Chris Haas resigned earlier this semester, citing personal reasons as the cause of his resignation. The SRB nominated Ryan Hattan, Kristina Honore and Storey as potential replacements for the position. Storey was elected by a plurality vote in the SRB, and then was confirmed by the joint session with the SFB on Tuesday. "I am extremely honored to be

given an opportunity to work with the Representative Board in this

way," Storey said. "This is an excit-

ing new facet of my efforts within the Rep Board to be able to accomplish great things for the students of Storey told The Avion that while he wasn't sure of the reason why Haas stepped down, he was sure

that it had nothing to do with his

work in the SGA. He went on to add that he and the other members of the Student Government Association held "respect for Chris Haas and do so even now that he has resigned."

When asked about his priorities for the coming semester, Storey said he wanted to continue working with the SRB to finish what they had started before. "It will be important to finish strong and to bring resolution to all of the current open projects," he said, citing the Orlando Shuttle program, the addition of an ATM in the Student Village, and continuing work with the Food Committee as examples. He also said that increasing the population in the SGA to provide more manpower and backups for important positions, and increasing communication between the SGA and the students were major objectives for the com-

ing semester.
Storey was elected to the SRB last semester as Representative for Housing and Residence Life. He also works as a general member of the Embry-Riddle Resident Student Association.

Guest Reporter Pulkeshin Tiwary contributed to this article.



SHAWN STOREY (LEFT) WAS elected Vice President of the Student Government Association and Chair of the Student Representative Board on Tuesday, after Chris Haas stepped down from the position.

Random Acts of Insanity



THE RANDOM ACTS OF Insanity Improvisational Comedy Troupe performed at the Willie Miller Auditorium on Wednesday. Jane Moehlenbrock performs for the troupe which was doing a fundraiser for the ERAU Riddle Player's Theater Company.

Alumnus injured in accident

[He] exemplified

co-curricular

involvement.

-HELEN LEDONNE

Greeks to sell braclets

"ALUMNUS" from Front

bilitation center in upstate New York. The doctors and Heredia's family are hopeful that Heredia will return to Dallas in five months.

Heredia was a very involved member of the Embry-Riddle community. He served on the Orientation Team and was a Resident Advisor. He also worked as a Student Assistant for Student Activities under Helen Ledonne for four years. Ledonne has been very involved in trying to get the University's support for Heredia by visiting him in the hos-Heredia. Being close with Ledonne, pital. The Sigma Alpha Epsilon frashe looked back

on Heredia's time with her saying that "He had a happy-go-lucky style about him with a grin from ear to ear all the time," and that he "related very well with students and exemplified co-curricular

involvement.' Also active in the Greek commuset the costs of his parents' living

ning to further support by selling the "¡Viva Javier!" bracelets campus. Family and friends of Heredia are currently selling the purple bracelets for \$5, and the proceeds

ternity is plan-

going to offnity, many members of all fraterni- expenses. To buy a bracelet, send an ties and sororities have supported email to jrsae@aol.com.

As a student, Heredia interned at American Airlines and after graduating began working for American Eagle. He then transferred to Comair, where he is presently employed. Comair has assured Heredia and his family that he will have his job whenever he is able to return. The Chief Pilot in New York from ComAir has visited Heredia as well as representatives from the

Future plans for more support from the Embry-Riddle community are being put into place. For more information or to donate to Heredia and his family, please visit www.caringbridge.org/visit/javier and sign up for an account.

Airline communications expert to speak at Embry-Riddle

Press Release

Embry-Riddle Aeronautical Univ.

Sally Ray, an expert on aviation communications, will speak Feb. 1 on "Crisis Communication in the Airline Industry" at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University.

Ray studies how the airline industry communicates in crises such as the 9-11 terrorist attacks. In her talk at Embry-Riddle, she will offer her insights into the Aug. 27, 2006 crash of a Comair commuter jet in Lexington, Ky., which killed 49 people when the aircraft overran the runway.

The author of "Strategic Communication in Crisis Management:

Lessons from the Airline Industry," Ray is chair of the communication department at Western Kentucky University. She also has taught crisis communications at the prestigious Walter Cronkite School of Journalism at Arizona State

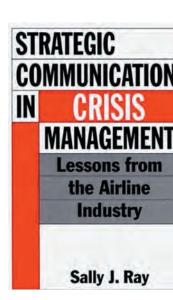
University and at other universities. Ray's visit to Embry-Riddle is sponsored by the university's communication degree program. She also will speak to a Media Relations II class taught by Dr. Joanne Detore-Nakamura, assistant professor of humanities and social sciences. Students in the course are using Ray's book as one of their

"Dr. Ray is one of the few specialists in aviation commu-

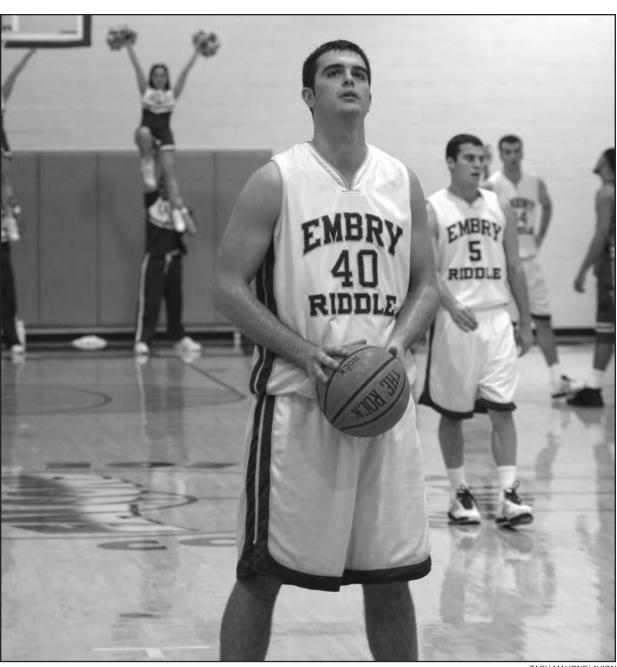
her," Detore-Nakamura said. "I'm encouraging students majoring in aeronautical science, air traffic control, business, communication, engineering, and safety to pay close attention. Communication mistakes in these areas can lead to errors with deadly consequences.

Ray's presentation, at 7 p.m. in the auditorium of the Willie Miller Instructional Center on campus, is free and open to the public. Afterwards, she will sign copies of her book in the atrium just outside the auditorium.

For more information, please contact Dr. Detore-Nakamura at detor6ee@erau.edu or (386) 226-



Basketball loses two to FSC foes, drops to 2nd



NICK MILLER SET THE Embry-Riddle career record for rebounds Saturday night, which was one of the few bright spots in an otherwise dismal week that saw the Eagles lose two conference games.

Jonathan Mettin

Editor-in-Chief

The Eagles dropped two conference games last week to Edward Waters and Florida Memorial.

The two losses dropped the Eagles out of first place in the Florida Sun Conference, putting them in a tie for second with Edward Waters while Warner Southern assumed the top

Embry-Riddle played both games without starting guard Ryan Exter, who broke his right middle finger during a practice. With guard Denny Joseph already on the sidelines with an ankle injury, the team's depth was noticeably hampered without Exter, who averaged 30.2 minutes

per game.
"[We have] a lack of depth right now," head coach Steve Ridder admitted after the Florida Memorial loss, but didn't blame the losses on

"We had our chances," he said. "They played good basketball."

The silver lining on the otherwise bleak week was forward Nick Miller, whose 10 rebounds on Saturday made him Embry-Riddle's all-time leader in that category with 824, passing the old mark of 815 set by Jeff Moore in 1994.

The week began with a road trip to Jacksonville to face the Edward Waters Tigers in their new Adams/ Jenkins Center. The two teams were sloppy in the first eight minutes, shooting a combined 5-for-17 and giving up eight turnovers. The Eagles ended the night with 26 turnovers, far above their average of 15.4

The Tigers mounted an 11-0 rally to take a 17-8 lead, which they nursed to a 28-25 halftime lead. The teams combined to shoot 30.2 percent from the floor (16-for-53) with 26 combined turnovers.

The Eagles took an early second half lead, but the Tigers reclaimed the lead with 8:04 left and never looked

back, ending the game 62-56.

Tyler DeBord finished with a double-double (12 points, 12 rebounds). Denver Cobb led the Eagles' scoring with 18 points, while Miller grabbed 15 boards. Houston Wright returned to the court after sitting out 10 games with an injury, but didn't score.

The Eagles returned to Daytona Beach Saturday night in a three-way tie for first place in the FSC with Edward Waters and Warner Southern. Their opponent was the Florida Memorial Lions and Tramaine Stevens, the leading scorer in the NAIA. The Eagles had won all 11 of their home contests against the Lions dating back to February 1996.

The Eagles jumped out to an early 11-4 lead, but the Lions quickly came back, then took a 36-34 lead into halftime. The second half was all about the rallies, as Florida Memorial built a 47-37 lead. Embry-Riddle went on an 8-0 run to cut it to 47-45, but the Lions scored eight unanswered points of their own to rebuild their 10-point lead. The Eagles had opportunities to

even the game up, but the Lions owned the paint, hitting 27 secondchance points compared to a paltry nine for the Eagles.

"They got some key offensive rebounds down the stretch," Coach

RYAN EXTER WAS SIDELINED last week with a broken finger. He may be able to play this week.

The Eagles also had problems from the charity stripe in the second half, hitting only 28.6 percent of the gift baskets in the second half, which contributed heavily to an eventual 67-62 Lion victory. Miller finished with a 10-10

double-double, while DeBord sank 16 points and grabbed eight boards. Cobb had 14 points and four assists. while Ryan Ridder also hit doubledigits with 10 points.

The Eagles return to the DBCC court tonight at 7 p.m. to face FSC leader Warner Southern for a chance to move into a first-place tie.

ERAU to host soccer champs

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in the second round after beating the Spring Arbor Cougars in the first round.

national tournament and the results

impact for the event, as well as both of the Eagle soccer programs. The beautiful 1,000-seat stadium, which includes bench-back seating and an adjacent spectator amenities building, is the perfect place to catch all of the action.

The facility's best feature is arguably, the playing surface. Spearheaded by Southeastern Turi Grass Supply out of Jacksonville, in close cooperation with the Embry-Riddle Grounds Department, the field was renovated in early 2005 with the addition of new sub-surface growing medium that allowed the Bermuda turf to root more deeply and be highly wear-resistant. The surface hosted full regular season home schedules for Embry-Riddle's men's and women's soccer programs, and was in top shape throughout the 19-game national tournaments in 2005 and 2006. Truly one of the premier natural turf soccer complexes in the nation, the venue provides a very safe, more durable field of play and is

Editor-in-Chief Jonathan Mettin contributed to this report.

very fan-friendly.

Track sends seven to NAIA nationals

"I think we have earned it as a program for being among the nation's top 25 teams for the past six years or so. I'm glad that we're going to get a chance to celebrate our 10th year as a program by hosting the national tournament. It certainly is a tribute to everybody who's ever played in this program; all those who were here at the start of this program in 1998. The players, who in those early years, probably had no business coming to a 2-15 NAIA school; girls like Joelle Zucali, Abby Odom and Lisa Lundgren. It's a tribute to all those ladies who stuck around for four years and women like Meghan Fairbrother who stuck around to be coaches with our program. I think this is a tribute to everyone who's passed through the doors of our locker room.

Embry-Riddle invested in a major upgrade to the soccer complex prior to hosting the 2005 men's soccer

AROUND THE FSC

MEN'S BASKETBALL

STANDINGS

Warner Southern Royals (5-1 FSC, 15-7 overall)
 (tie) Embry-Riddle Eagles (4-2 FSC, 19-5 overall)

Edward Waters Tigers (4-2 FSC, 10-10 overall)
4. (tie) Northwood Seahawks (3-3 FSC, 17-6 overall)

Florida Memorial Lions (3-3 FSC, 6-11 overall)

6. SCAD Bees (2-4 FSC, 10-14 overall)
7. Webber International Warriors (0-6 FSC, 4-19 overall)

☐ The Warriors went ten minutes without scoring a point as Northwood won 79-64 in a game full of rallies Saturday.

 $\hfill \square$ On Friday, Northwood's Baree Ward sunk a basket with 6.5 seconds left to let the Seahawks edge the Bees 68-67.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

STANDINGS

1. Northwood Seahawks (5-0 FSC, 13-9 overall) 2. SCAD Bees (3-2 FSC, 10-11 overall) 3. (tie) Warner Southern Royals (2-3 FSC, 8-11 overall)

Edward Waters Tigers (2-3 FSC, 6-10 overall)
5. (tie) Webber Int'l Warriors (1-3 FSC, 5-11 overall)

Florida Memorial Lions (1-3 FSC, 3-8 overáll)

Edwards Waters used a second-half rally to snap the Bees'

four-game winning streak with a 70-67 win on Saturday.

Northwood, however, extended its winning streak to seven following a 62-58 win over the Warriors.

BASEBALL

STANDINGS

*no conference games have been played to date

 $\hfill \square$ Cross-lake rivals Webber and Warner split a non-conference doubleheader on Saturday. The Royals won game one 5-1, helped out by a Warrior defense that allowed four unearned runs. Webber found its offence in the second game, shutting out the Royals 5-0.

 $\ \square$ SCAD took three games from Tennessee Temple this weekend. Matt Cox broke a 12th-inning 4-4 tie with a two-out RBI single on Friday. Saturday saw the Bees win the first game of a doubleheader 5-1 before Ryan Pope pitched a 3-0 no-hitter. Pope recorded 11 strikeouts (including five straight at one point) and faced only two batters over the minimum. It was the second no-hitter in the 17-year history of SCAD baseball and is the program's first 3-0 start ever.

Kristen Phelps put her stamp on the Eagles' program setting new school marks in the 200m and long jump. Phelps also met the NAIA's "B" qualifying standards in the 60m

(7.99) and the 200m (25.70), and missed qualifying in the long jump by .04 meters with a 5.22m mark. Beth McCubbin raced to a 3:05.06 in the 1,000m, which was also good

enough for a "B" standard. In addition to qualifying in seven events, the Eagles also set school records in five field events. Mike Gorski recorded a 12'6" in the men's pole vault, while his counterpart on the women's side, Laura Fitzsimmons, jumped 8'6".

Antonio Williams (New Smyrna Beach, Fla.) posted school-best marks of 6'4" and 43'11.88" in the high jump and long jump, respectively, while Rafael Patrick improved on the school record he set last season with a 21'9.8" in the

The Eagles take a two-week break and return to competition on Feb. 10-11 when they travel to Clemson, S.C. to participate in the Tiger Invitational indoor meet.



JOHN CROWDER AND DR. Eric Hill compete in the 60-meter hurdles on Saturday morning. Seven Eagles will be making the trip to the national championships in March.

Hockey beats rival Florida Tech 5-1



Brian Asbury

Aeronautica Editor

After losing last week at home to in the shootout to the University of Southern Florida, the Eagles came back with "mental discipline" against the Florida International Technical Panthers according to coach Jim Lennon. The Eagles played with ferocity in front of a thin but enthusiastic crowd Saturday night.

The Eagles' Tim Hollenshade opened up the scoring at 19:01 into the first period followed by another at 7:02 into the second. Just over a minute later Fran Frabizzio added the Eagle's third point. The teams picked up friction between one another in the second period that grew into the

Late in the second, Chris Herbert for the Eagles and Greg Roberts for the Panthers both went to the box for roughing, leading to a four-on-four with just 32 seconds left in the period. Starting left winger Ryan Lennon

16 seconds into the third period, putting the Eagles up 4-0.

The third period came in with the two teams hostile and with FIT's frustration growing. Eagle starting right wing Bryan Dietz goes to the box for an unsportsmanlike conduct while the Panthers starting left defense Bill Prickett is thrown out with two 10-minute misconducts.

The Panthers' Bill Prickett got their lone goal on the power play at 9:15 into the third, about 1:30 before he was ejected.

Eagles starting center and assistant captain Jim Wilson closed out the scoring at 10:51 with a five-on-three power play goal to seal the 5-1 win.

Eagles goaltender John Lopez stopped 24 of 25 shots on goal, including a one-on-one breakaway after a Panther penalty. Good things happen when you shoot the puck, and that was the Eagles strategy putting 60 shots on net. Embry Riddle ended up with 22 minutes in the box while FIT had an astonishing 36.

ERAU offense pounds Faulkner in series

"BASEBALL" from Front

mond on Saturday for a noon doubleheader. Embry-Riddle tacked on at least one run per inning to jump out to a 9-0 lead by the end of the fifth. Faulkner managed to score five runs in the sixth and seventh but could not catch up as ERAU cruised to a 10-5 win.

Eagles set new

records in five

Alison Smalling

ERAU Sports Info. Dept.

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. - Six

individuals and one relay team qual-

ified for the NAIA Indoor National Track & Field Championships,

as the Embry-Riddle men's and

women's track teams hosted the

ERAU Indoor/Outdoor Challenge

Corey Grafe hit the NAIA's "A"

qualifying standard in the 600m,

crossing in a school record 1:20.55.

Grafe also anchored the men's 4x400 team that ran a 3:20.52 to hit

also hit the "B" standard in the 60m

hurdles (8.40) and 400m (49.79),

On the women's side, freshman

the "B" standard in that event. Howard Walls and Drew Moses

events

on Saturday.

respectively.

Center fielder Steven Howard went 2-for-4 with two triples and three RBIs. Third baseman Colin Gray was 2-for-3 with two RBIs, and designated hitter Amadis Padilla was 1-for-1, drawing three walks and scoring twice.

Game two was even more Embry-Riddle domination as starting pitcher Chris Maloney tossed a one-hitter and struck out eight to silence the Faulkner offense as the ERAU offense exploded for 11 runs in five innings.

Howard kicked off the bottom of the first with a solo home run,

then Gray drove in first baseman Brandon Decker with an RBI

In the third, Martin launched an 0-1 pitch over the left field fence. Not to be outdone, Decker shot the verv next pitch out of the park as well and shortstop Michael Brady just missed, his two-RBI double hitting the left-center fence half

The very next inning, Embry-Riddle loaded the bases off a

fielder's choice and two hit batters. Faulkner sent in a new pitcher, who immediately balked to send Martin across the plate. Catcher Chris Trappy's RBI single scored right fielder Kyle Albright before Padilla launched a three-run homer over center to seal the win.

The ERAU Eagles are on the road today to take on Florida College before returning to Sliwa Stadium for four games in three days against Florida College and Shorter (Ga.).

STUDENT LIFE

HPV testing: it pays to know

Marianne Baskin

Health Services

"Hi. My name is Sarah, and I'm here for my PAP test." "Okay, Sarah, great. Do you know what a PAP test is?" "No. They just told me I need to get one so I can get my birth control pills." This scenario is all too familiar at College Health Clinics. What is a PAP, and why is it so strongly recommended?

A PAP test is a quick and usually painless test done by a healthcare professional to examine cells from your cervix (the opening into the uterus) for signs of cancer. When found early, cervical cancer is one of the most successfully treated cancers. Not only can the PAP test detect cervical cancer in its earliest stage, but

it can also detect infections and precancers. These atypical cells detected by a PAP test can be a sign of HPV.

'Now what is that?" you might ask. HPV is the human papillomavirus, a very common virus that is spread through sexual contact. The majority of sexually active people will have an HPV infection sometime during their life. Most often, you don't even know you have the infection because there usually aren't any signs of it. Most HPV infections will go away by themselves. But there are some "high risk" types of HPV that don't go away, and can cause changes in cervical cells that might lead to cervical cancer. When these changes are detected by a PAP test, cancer can often be prevented or

Does that mean only women

can get HPV? Absolutely not! It is common for sexually active men to contract HPV, and likely that if one partner has HPV, he or she will pass it to the other. Although there are sometimes no visible symptoms, HPV can cause genital warts. In many cases, warts are not visible to the naked eye. In other cases they may look like small hard spots or take on a fleshy cauliflower-like appearance, and may be present on the genitals or genital area of both men and women. Men can be checked for HPV by making an appointment with a healthcare professional to get an exam. In most cases, lesions can be cured by proper treatment and follow-up.

Fortunately, girls, we can now test for HPV at the same time you get a PAP test. Together, these two tests can help your health-

care professional more accurately determine your risk of cancer. The combination of these two tests represents the most significant change in cervical cancer screening in over 50 years.

You may have read or heard on the news that an HPV vaccine was recently developed. Although this is not yet being distributed nationwide, it is being prescribed by some physicians. We will keep an eye out for any further information

Incidentally, when getting a PAP test, you can also be tested for chlamydia and gonorrhea. These are two sexually transmitted infections which, unlike HPV, can be successfully treated with antibiotics.

Remember, if you are practicing sex, do it safely. It is the responsible thing to do.



THE ERAU WELLNESS CENTER is open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. three days a week and offers testing for male and female students. Call ahead and make an appointment.

Sigma Alpha Epsilon Spring Rush 2007 Schedule

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Wednesday Jan. 31 st Dodge ball Doolittle Tennis Courts @ 6:30

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Weaver earns Rep of the Month Vice President

It is my hope that

we can strengthen

the program and

the student' trust.

- JOHN WEAVER



JOHN WEAVER STANDS IN front of the SGA office's Representative of the month plaque, of which Weaver will join the ranks for his creation and efforts on the SGA Orlando Shuttle and Saferide projects.

Ryan Hattan

SGA Editor

In the spring of 2005, an idea was hatched from the progress committee of the Student Representative Board to provide the students with a shuttle transportation program during school breaks. The plan involved the coordination of transportation from the Embry-Riddle campus to Orlando International

This idea was that of December's Student Representative of the month, John Weaver. Weaver is a second year representative for the College of Engineering and serves as the board's SafeRide Committee chair. He is an Aerospace Engineering senior, and also a member of the University's

NROTC program from which he will commission as an Ensign in the U.S. Navy upon his graduation in the next year. We would like to take a brief moment to recognize and congratulate the accomplishments of one of the Rep. Board's

To say the least this idea, was

a large undertaking, and no one expected that within months, if not weeks, of the initial idea a trial run would be up and running for the 2005 Spring Break. This trial run involved the SGA utilizing school resources such as vans and resident assistants to provide the service. The program was met with resounding support and the idea has now grown into the successful completion of the shuttle service's first Christmas Break.

Unfortunately the the eyes of many within the University, and the SGA soon realized that the shuttle program would be an endeavor too large for the University alone. summer an idea was pitched by the SGA Executive Board to possibly outsource the service to our SafeRide partners at Yellow Cab. From here the ball was left in Weaver's court.

This fall, Weaver set out with the vision to provide another trial run for the Christmas break in conjunction with Yellow Cab. His initial step was to poll the students of which he received positive feedback from about 100 students. From here, Weaver approached Dale King of Yellow Cab and was

met with equal enthusiasm in the joint venture and an agreement was struck to provide the service on Dec. 12-15, and returning Jan. 7-9.

Initially Weaver said,

"I was optimistically hoping and planning for one-hundred students." But hopes were diminished somewhat as they had only registered 25 students in the beginning of the final week for signups. Things then began to look up, so by that Friday they had then registered another 50 students, but nothing prepared them for what would come on the following Tuesday after Thanksgiving Break. Within the last two days of registration, the list of students using the shuttle service skyrocketed from 75 to 250 students, more than doubling their first expectations. This in itself was a huge accomplishment, but the task of executing this program was still

To ensure that the students made it to their destination without any dilemmas, Weaver personally stood at the departure point from Embry- Riddle for the first in December. Starting at 5:00 a.m. he was the first to arrive and last to leave, with a list in hand of those students who were assigned program to each particular shuttle. If a stu-

late, he personally gave them a call to remind them.

Thanks to his direct oversight, and also the help of many others in the committee and throughout the SGA, the departure shuttles in December were a resounding success. Unfortunately, the January arrivals would need further intervention by Weaver due to the Christmas day tornado, upon which school was pushed back until Jan. 16. This created an obvious dilemma with the shuttle arrival dates.

Weaver said, "I knew right away that we were going to have to figure things out quick and I contacted my committee immediately.' Keeping in mind the large expen-

diture required to change flights, Weaver had the initiative wisdom to decide that the original dates of Jan. 7-9 must be kept so that students would not have to change their return dates based on the shuttle service. He also knew

that he would have to coordinate another shuttle on the Jan. 15 for those who would be returning late. He then sent out an email on Dec. 29 to all students using the shuttle service notifying them of their options. Weaver asked for a response to this email to ensure that all were informed of the changes, and for every email was not responded to, there was a phone call and voice message from Weaver. Eventually, a third option was also devised with the student's best interest in mind, and that was to offer a full refund to those students who contacted the SGA and let them know of their intentions to not use the shuttle.

In the end, and all things considered, Weaver and his committee performed and provided an outstanding service that, along with SafeRide, will prove to become a staple for the SGA and to the future of the shuttle service, Weaver said, "It is my hope that we can strengthen both the program and most importantly the student trust for this program."

SGA Vice President I have been told that the best way to start a large task is to work small bits at a time until it is not so unmanageable anymore. Such has been the work of my first few days in office here in the SGA. The SRB has, over the last semester, been so successful at changing the quality of student life around campus that is hard for me to determine where to start in continuing that legacy. In that effort, however, I feel that some things need to be said. First and foremost, I want to express my humblest gratitude to

SFB. This is a wonderful opportunity, and there is no end to how much I appreciate the confidence you have shown in me to do the job. I hope to keep that confidence as we work together to further the progress we began last semester. I want to thank Kristina Honoré and Ryan Hattan for a non-adversarial race for this position. We had an opportunity to do a lot of damage to the tight-knit atmosphere on the Rep Board and the way you

my fellow members of the SRB and

both conducted yourselves during the selection process is a tribute to the outstanding individuals you both are. And I would like to extend my thanks to the current SGA Executive Board, Nate Clapper, Natalie Anaya and Andrew Leech, for their support and effort to make this such a smooth transition. I am looking forward to serving with all of you over the coming semester.

It is a very exciting time in the SGA Office these days. It is budget time for all of the clubs and organizations, and the SFB is working hard to be sure everyone gets what they need. The SRB is working on placing the new ATM on campus as well as making plans to tend to our newly adopted road. The Student Court is busy hearing cases already this semester and is gearing up for the elections that will be coming up in March. The changes to the Safe Ride program and the success of the Orlando Shuttle is keeping the office staff busy answering questions, as well as the monumental effort they always put forth making copies, sending faxes and pointing people

machine is still pouring hundreds of cups of coffee a day, and with all of the position changes (two open SRB slots, COE and Residence Life) and starting a new position of my own it is very hard not to be excited. But with my excitement comes a great sense of responsibility. have received many congratulations over the past 24 hours and all of it has made me realize how thankful l am for the opportunity to serve the students in this manner. It has also emphasized that purpose of this position is not personal. The SGA Vice President serves at the pleasure of the student body. Overwhelmingly, the most common question that I was asked was, "What are you going to do now that you are VP?"

The answer is simple: 1 am here to ensure that the efforts of the SGA are in the best interest of the students of ERAU. My job is to facilitate and encourage the efforts of the wonderful Representatives who work very hard each day to better student life on campus. Their efforts in this regard have already produced fruits in the form of the



Vice President

Orlando Shuttle, the changes to the Campus menu, the adopted Road and so many more.

So the next time you enjoy some of the changing cuisine on campus or stop by the SGA office to grab a free cup of coffee, or take a Safe Ride or the Orlando Shuttle, please take the time to thank those who made it all possible. You'll know us, we're the ones walking around in the royal blue polo shirts, or working behind the desk in the SGA Office. We are always looking for your opinions and your input on what we are doing, so don't hesitate to stop by the office and share your ideas for this university. Please also feel free to drop your ideas to me in an e-mail at sgavpres@erau.edu

It is my hope that I can enable these wonderful student leaders to continue their work and, with their support, prepare for the future of both the Student Representative Board and ERAU as a whole. It is to this ideal that I begin what I hope to be a very successful Spring Semester. We have a lot to get accomplished and I am very anxious to get started right away. This is going to be an exciting time.

Clyde Morris expansion

Student Representative

A number of students at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University who live in Chanute Hall or other nearby apartments like Misty Springs, Émerald Park, Camellia Court, Sun Pointe, Woodcrest Apartments and many others often bike or walk to school. Clyde Morris Boulevard is not very safe for such students as there is no bicycle path on either side of the road when going from school

towards Bellevue Avenue. Bicyclists are forced to bike on the road where cars pass by at more than 45 mph with just few inches to spare between them. SGA had received various complains from students who almost got hit by a passing vehicle. A student complained that huge trailers would go over the shoulder line and he

complained that some cars would intentionally pass by very close at high speeds and blow horn to scare the bicyclist and make him lose his balance. Gursharan Singh, a junior in Aerospace Engineering, commutes daily from Misty Spring apartments to campus by foot or by bike. He said that, "The roadside gets clogged during rain and I have to either walk on the drive-lane itself directly facing the oncoming traffic or in the dirt." It gets very risky at nights, as there are very few street lights and he prefers to take "Safe Ride" back home instead of a mere 15 minutes walk to his apartment Alexey Mendieta who also commutes daily to school, says "It is very dangerous at night when people are dressed in black and you can't see them and all of sudden they are in sight. You have to take some risky maneuvers to avoid hitting them.'

The traffic on Clyde Morris has



avoid getting hit. Another student also increased tremendously in the last few years, especially in the morning during peak hours. Daily commuter and International Student Representative, Ankit Nanda says that, "It takes five minutes to get from my house to school, but 10-15 minutes to take a left turn on Clyde Morris in the morning.

In reply to these complains, previous international student representative, Azhar Khan, started the Clyde Morris Project in fall 2006. We have collected over 350 signatures in three months from students requesting Volusia County to make Clyde Morris safer as soon as possible. So, how can we make Clyde Morris safer?

Volusia County has already recognized this project in its fiscal year 2006 priority project lists. It is number one priority project under "XU Grand-fathered set-aside project" and fourth priority under "Regionally Significant Non-FIHS Roadway projects". This project involves widening Clyde Morris Boulevard between Beville Road and U.S. 92 from four to six lanes, construct urban interchanges, install sidewalks on both side of the road and improve lighting conditions. But don't get the hopes high. The funding for this project will come only in 2008/2009 fiscal year and it will cost more than \$32 million to finish the project. Currently the project is in the planning phase and The Volusia County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) estimates that the project will be completed by 2012/13.

A representative from SGA will attend all the meetings of Bicycle/ Pedestrian advisory committee (BPAC), a part of MPO, to voice concerns of Embry-Riddle students and convince the board to finish the project as soon as possible.

If you would like any further information on the Clyde Morris project please feel free to contact Harshad Lalan at Harshad.Lalan@erau.edu.

Involvement encouraged

Pablo Alvarez

Student Representative

Every year, the student body has the opportunity to vote for the students whom they believe can best represent their needs. Election time comes, and the new SGA members are brought together to begin their job as a representative, treasurer, or executive leader. Throughout the year each bodies has weekly meetings to discuss any new issues or concerns that we believe may be impacting the students. The student Representative Board specifically has various committees set to fulfill the needs that we see need attention. Yet, we know that many times we fall short of what the students may actually want.

What students seem to not know

is that since they voted for their ing in front of a group of people, you representatives, they have the right to attend our meetings and inform us of their concerns or problems. If you, as a student even have any concerns or issues with any part or area of the university you are invited to email the vice president at sgavpres@erau.edu and inform him that you would like a moment to speak at our next meeting concerning any issue. I guarantee that the Rep. Board will allocate you a time so you can express your feelings. Maybe you don't have any standing issues but would like to see what your SGA is doing for you, you can still come and sit in our meetings and listen to our current projects. Our meeting time for this semester will be every Tuesday at 12:45 p.m. in the Doolittle Annex. If you don't feel comfortable speak-

are more then welcome to speak to one of your student representatives. who are required to fulfill office hours each week. Next time you are falling asleep, walk into the SGA office, grab a cup of coffee and look for someone with a gold nametag sitting in one of the chairs. Those students are your representatives waiting in the office for any student to approach them with their questions or worries about anything on campus. The more we know about you the better decisions we can make regarding any problem that may arise.

SGA stands for more than student government, it stands for those students who aren't afraid to give their all in representing the students of this university and assuring that we make the best of our college years.

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Tezak

Columnist

Problems with Graduation

A Monday ceremony will cause people to miss work

Over the winter, the date of the spring graduation was changed from Saturday, May 5 to Monday, May 7. The reason for the change according to the chancellor is that students want to invite unlimited guests. The only venue available that can accommodate the expected number of people is the Ocean Center. In my opinion, the choice to hold graduation on a Monday is counter-productive. What is the use of enabling students to invite unlimited guests when the date will prohibit many from attending? Family and friends have responsibilities that will preclude them from traveling to Florida for a Monday ceremony. As it stands, not even I will be able to attend my own graduation. The Monday

people to miss at least two days of work, considering Tuesday will be the most likely day for people to return home. A similar situation occurred last spring when the University tried to hold the graduation ceremony in the ICI. Students requested an outdoor ceremony (Reference The Avion, Feb. 28, 2006 issue).

Commencement has been held on the west lawn in the past, and I see no reason not to have it there again. Guests will not be limited, dates will not be determined by the venue, parking will be free, and people will actually be able to attend.

I ask all those who are like me, who feel that a Monday graduation will greatly diminish the quality of the ceremony, to do all they can to help change the ceremony back to the original date of May 5. I would even be happy with the following Saturday. Some of us have work on Mondays, which is the point of college in the first place. Please voice your discontent with our university's backward thinking and lack of forethought.

~Adam Monthie

Stand Up! "Slander by any other name is still slander"

So, I know there are people on Obama attended a conservative course, we would only be contogether to solve our common campus who do not agree madrassa (school of Islam), cerned about the kind that want problems." The entire sequence this campus who do not agree with the things I say. I know because people tell me when I walk around campus. It upsets me, though, how no one writes

in with responses. Some people may think I write this column just to hear myself talk, but this is untrue. I write to try to inform, and to get people to talk about the topics.

I want to hear your opinions, whatever they are. It helps me to write and gives people another point of view to think about, so please write in if you feel strongly about something I talk about or anything else in the paper.

OK, now on to this week's topic, one that strikes close to my political home. Recently Insight Magazine, a conservative publication put out by the Washington Times, released a story claiming Illinois Senator Barack

while he lived in Indonesia.

The report, which was quickly picked up by Fox News, went on to say this particular

madrassa preached a form of Islam called Wahhabism, known for its fundamentalist viewpoint. Whether or not he attended this school is of no difference to me, but how Fox News took this report and attacked Obama is where my issue lies.

The show, "Fox and Friends," was the first to talk about the issue. They took calls, used his middle name of

Hussein as a smear point and generally made it sound that anyone who is Muslim is a threat to the country. The whole segment oozed racism and ignorance.

My favorite line was from one of the hosts, "We want to be clear, too, that this isn't all Muslims, of to blow us up." After the story was picked up, CNN came along and sent a reporter to the school in question to see if the allega-

tions were true. What they found paralleled what Obama describes in both of his books. school was not a madrassa, but a state-run public school where religion

- CHRIS TEZAK taught only sparingly, as it is not [their] focus." Sen. Obama's office then attack, of a different sort, last issued a memo targeting the report and was stern in its language. The memo ended, "These malicious, irresponsible charges are precisely the kind of poli-

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of events can be found on www.thinkprogress.org, along with videos of the offending shows. It is just sad how we are two years away from elections and the smear is

already flying. Even more upsetting is racial the and religious nature of the attack. Veteran

Kennedy

issued another week. The targets of his words were the Senate republicans who are blocking the passage of a minimum wage increase. The video can be found on www.crooksandliars.com and is a great watch, as you rarely see such emotion coming from the

Student Forum

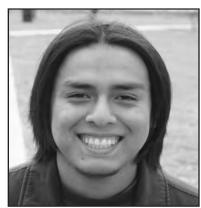
The Avion asks: "What do you think about Flight Instructors?"

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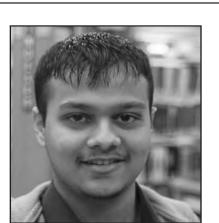
Adam Cockrell Graduated Flight Instructor

"My mind is totally thinking about instrument approaches."



Edgar Prado Junior Aeronautical Science

"Thorough."



Saurabh Shah Freshman Aeronautical Science

"They are like chameleons."



Victoria Pena Freshman Aerospace Engineering

"It takes a lot to teach someone how to do a tough



tics the American people have

grown tired of, and that Senator Obama is trying to change by

focusing on bringing people

Yudai Yamaguchi Sophomore Aeronautical Science

"They know their stuff and make sure you know yours.'



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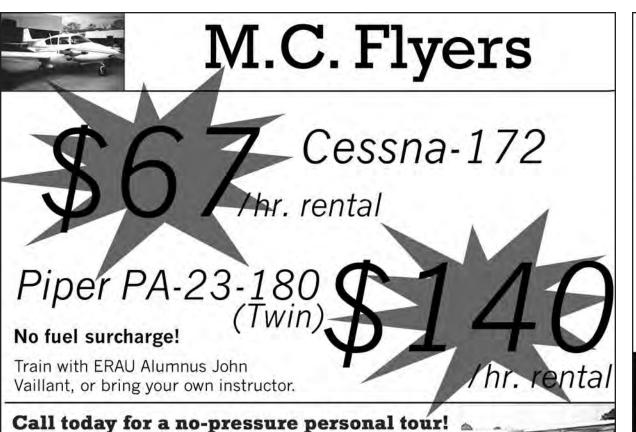
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SPACE TECHNOLOGY

India successfully launches, recovers capsule



THE SPACE CAPSULE RECOVERY Experiment is seen after splashdown in the Bay of Bengal Jan. 22. The country's first probe to be recovered from space represents a major milestone towards a manned program.

New Horizons nears Jupiter

Kira Vuille-Kowing

Guest Reporter

On Feb. 28, the scientific community will observe New Horizons, the fastest spacecraft ever launched, as it prepares to make a close approach to Jupiter before picking up speed and continuing towards its final destinations of Pluto and the Kuiper Belt.

It's been just a little over a year since the spacecraft was launched, and the New Horizons mission team is eager to see the data results that will be sent back. The highlights of the flight plan include the conduction

of the first trip ever to be made down the "tail" of Jupiter's magnetosphere and an inceptive close-up glance of the "Little Red Spot." Additional information will be obtained on the gossamer ring system, the composition and topography of the four of Jupiter's moons, and a closer look at the volcanic activity

on the moon Io. The gravity of the planet will propel the spacecraft away from the Sun and provide an acceleration of 9,000 mph, pushing its total speed to 52,000 mph. Previous spacecraft, such as Pioneers 10 and 11, have utilized the planet's gravity to aid them in reaching their destinations.

"Our highest priority is to get the spacecraft safely through the gravity assist and on its way to Pluto," New Horizons Principle Investigator Dr. Alan Stern, of the Southwest Research Institute stated. "But we also have an incredible opportunity to conduct a real-world-encounter stress test to wring out our procedures and techniques for Pluto, and to collect some valuable science

Even after passing Jupiter, New Horizons is far from reaching the finish line; the spacecraft will not

Blue Origin tests its new craft

Andy Kwok

Staff Reporter

Blue Origin, an aerospace company owned by Amazon.com founder Jeff Bezos, recently conducted the first test of their suborbital commercial spacecraft, named New Shepard after the first American in space Alan Shepard.

Public awareness of its development came about when video and photos of

its first launch were posted on the web last month. The experimental vertical takeoff and landing rocket used in this test was dubbed Goddard. It is a cone-shaped object with four legs that is about 50 feet tall and 22 feet

The maiden voyage lasted for 30 seconds, reaching a height of 285 feet before landing back on the pad. It took place at a private facility in Texas on Nov. 13. Very few details were known aside from the photos and video clip that were released.

According to Bezos' website, Blue Origin's ultimate goal is to make space travel available and affordable to the general public. Although the price of this tour has not been announced, space travelers will eventually experience a 10 minute ride to 62 miles. Blue Origin plans to conduct about 25 tests per year and begin commercial flights in 2010.

Bob Scheid

Chief Copy Editor

Indian scientists successfully recovered a space probe launched into orbit on Jan. 10, expanding their space program to include returnable probes.

The 1,200-pound probe, designated the Space capsule Recovery Experiment (SRE-1), was launched by a Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle from the Satish Dhawan Space Center in Sriharikota, India, about 60 miles north of Chennai. The rocket that launched it also carried three other satellites that were not returned, including communications satellites for Argentina and Indonesia. The satellite was placed into a circular polar orbit approximately 400 miles high, and remained in space for 12 days.

On Jan. 22, a 10-minute deorbit burn was executed and the probe returned to Earth about 90 miles east of the space center, splashing down in the Bay of Bengal.

The spacecraft carried two

tallization for the Indian Institute of Science and another space center, and one studying the creation of nanocrystals in microgravity conditions.

Data taken from the latter experiment is important to the development of biomaterials that have the same characteristics as their natural counterparts. More importantly, however,

the probe was proof-test of the Indian space program's ability to make reusable space-craft and development of guidance, navigation recovery systems.

A. Subramoniam, head of the

team that worked on the satellite, are more pressing than developcalled it a "great success." "This ing a manned space program mission is a stepping stone to design and build our very own Russia and China.

experiments into space, one reusable spacecraft, and eventually involving metal melting and crysmanned missions into space, too," he told Reuters.

India has been working to increase its presence in space, hoping to deploy a lunar mission called Chandrayaan 1 in February 2008. The lunar mission will be launched by an Indian-built rocket, but details about the proposed

manned mission, to be flown by

2014, are somewhat less certain.

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missions into space.

- A. SUBRAMONIAM

Lack of funding and divisions in national opinion about necessity of a space program are the biggest manned space program; many feel that interproblems

in the country like those of the United States.

Upcoming Cape Launches

First, let me apologize for several typos that went overlooked in this box in the last issue. No dates or times

A Boeing/United Launch Alliance Delta 2 rocket remains set to launch NASA's quintet of identical probes known as THEMIS on Feb. 15 to study the aurora borealis in depth. Liftoff of the 13-story 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 rocket's smoke plume could become lit with multiple colors as it rises away from the setting sun. The last such launch of any rocket from the Cape to occur close to sunset happened in 2002.

Watch this box in the next two weeks for detailed information on viewing the launch. In the meantime, more frequent updates on this mission and other launch dates can be found at www.SpaceflightNow.com Also last week, shuttle program managers made March 15 officially the new date for Atlantis' liftoff, a day earlier than originally planned. T-0 that day comes at 6:42:48 a.m. EDT, 50 minutes before sunrise.

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

Atlas 5 STP/Orbital Express Air Force experiment Launch window: 9:54 p.m. - 11:51 p.m. EST

March 15 Space Shuttle Atlantis STS-117 / ISS flight Third set of giant solar arrays Launch time: 6:42:48 a.m. EDT +/- 5 minute window

NET April 1 Delta 4-Heavy Defense Support Program-23 Last DSP satellite Launch window: 12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m EDT

> Atlas 5 Classified NRO satellite Launch time TBA

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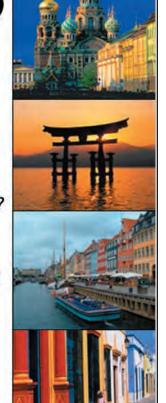
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A380's electrical issues somewhat corrected

Chief Copy Editor

Airbus continues to have problems with the electrical wiring on its A380 superjumbo, and the delays and other problems have let Boeing take the lead in orders in 2006, BBC News reported last

the company's German operations, told a newspaper last week that the wiring problems had been solved in the A380, a problem which has plagued the aircraft's production and cost the company more than \$6 billion in delays. Last Thursday, however, Puttfarcken clarified his statement, saying that only the aircraft scheduled for delivery to

had been fixed.

problems have The wiring stemmed from a design flaw that left Airbus' plants in France and Germany producing incompatible equipment. Puttfarcken said in a briefing that the plans were being reworked to eliminate this error, and Airbus hopes to have the changes made in time for the 26th airframe. Before then, however,

made to the still-incomplete A380 will have to be made to all the other

The delivery of 19 aircraft to Singapore Airlines is slated for October 2007, with additional deliveries coming consistently in 2008. Airbus, though, has said that there may be additional delays and charges "not originally envisaged" in the program's future.

in Airbus have left the company with many fewer orders than in While Airbus delivered more planes in 2006 than Boeing, the number of orders for singleisle planes dropped from 918 in 2005 to 673 in 2006. Airbus Chief Executive Louis Gallois said that the company will now have to make significant changes to its operations in order to continue competing.

"2007 will be the year for Airbus to face reality," Gallois told BBC. He said that the technical ability of the A380 was not under question by the United States or the European Union, but added that the company will have to become more efficient in the near future. This will almost certainly result in significant job losses for the company on all fronts; a report from the Financial Times said that the UK manufac-

Airbus doubts **Boeing 747-8**

Maciek Majewski

Staff Reporter

Airbus is questioning why Boeing should be allowed to certify the new 747-8I/8F widebody by means of amending the current 747-400 type certificate. The 747-400, which was introduced in 1989, is itself approved as an amendment to the certificate of the original 747-100 that was launched in 1966. Hence, the certificate of the 747-8 would basically be resting of that of a 40year old model.

European regulators are also demanding that a full evacuation demonstration to be undertaken, which was avoided when the 747-400 was introduced. "Many of the parts aren't changing from the -400, and where it is changing the -8 will be evaluated in co-operation with the regulatory authorities in compliance with the latest regulations, says Boeing, which received FAA approval for this plan last year.

John Leahy, Chief Executive Officer of Airbus, questions why the 747-8 should not be required to

meet the new safety standards introduced since the time of the original version. "We've made all these changes to safety requirements in the last 40 years and they're going to build to the standards of the 1960s. We should all be certificating aircraft to the same, latest stan-

dards," he says. Leahy identifies the structural design and door layout of the new 747 as non-compliant, as the 747 was designed before requirements for damage tolerance were introduced and passengers in the forward section of the main deck have no forward exit option.

The European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) states the due to significant design changes required for the 747-8, a full-scale evacuation test will be required. The EASA will begin talks with the FAA on this issue in March. The FAA is naturally the lead authority, and says that it is too early in the project to decide whether the evacuation test will be necessary or not. Since Lufthansa is the launch customer for the 747-8, EASA requirements have to be taken into account.



ScanEagle UAV increases endurance

Brian Asbury

Aeronautica Editor

The Marine Corps ScanEagle Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) has made a record endurance flight of 28 hours by switching to the heavier JP-8 kerosene based jet fuel.

The ScanEagle, engineered by Insitu in partnership with Boeing, is a descendent of the Insitu SeaScan UAV built to help fisherman locate schools of tuna.

U.S. officials were at first con-

cerned that switching to the heavier fuel would reduce performance, but with the recent test those fears have been eliminated. The test flight, performed Jan. 17, lasted for 28 hours 44 minutes at the Insitu facility in Bingen, Wash.

The ScanEagle launches from a catapult, Insitu's patented SuperWedge Launcher and is recovered by their Skyhook retrieval system, requiring no airfield like the older Pioneer. The ScanEalge is completely autonomous, not requiring pilots. It is a "launch-and-forget"

system. The system can be operated by simple point-and-click over an area of interest.

With the UAV's 2.5hp single-cylinder, two-stroke engine, the ScanEagle can fly at up to 75 knots. The UAV has a 10 foot wingspan, weighs only 40-pounds and quietly flies at 1,500 feet above the enemy, and has been

deployed in Iraq since 2004. At \$100,000 per aircraft, the ScanEagle is relatively inexpensive compared to other UAV platforms. The ScanEagle is small therefore difficult to see from the ground and



with the mufflers built on top, it is very quiet. The entire system can be carried in four HMMWVs. The older Pioneer took several C-130 cargo aircraft to transport and required 120

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

Aeronautica Editor

Editor's note: Due to editorial oversight, the article about the antimissile system was erroneously replaced by another article in last week's edition. The correct article appears below.

Northrop Corporation has begun testing of commercial version of a system the military uses to protect its aircraft from shoulder-launched surface-toair missiles.

The system, called Guardian, assembles the more complex military system called Nemesis, used on cargo aircraft such as the C-17 and C-130 since Vietnam, into a one piece pod. The pod easily attaches to

any commercial aircraft on the belly automatically detecting and tracking just in front of the tail in less than 10 minutes and uses about as much electricity as a hand-held hair dryer, according to Jack Pledger, Director Infrared Countermeasures

Business Development at Northrop. The Guardian system is designed to protect against shoulder-fired heat seeking missiles, knows as Man-Portable Air Defense Systems (MANPADS). These MANPADS have become increasingly more popular on the black market and among terrorists organizations because they are inexpensive, easy to conceal, maintain and operate, says Northrop. These systems are most often fired from a range of one to four miles and can attack an aircraft up to 15,000 feet of altitude.

The Guarding system works by

a missile when launched with its four sensors. It then shoots a laser at the missile, jamming its' guidance and directing it away from the aircraft. This all takes place within two to three seconds. The system is completely autonomous and requires no interaction from pilots or crew. The laser is safe to the human eye. Northrop has conducted numerous

live fire tests on the Nemesis system. On Jan. 16, Northrop conducted its first test of the Guardian on a commercial route, installing the pod onto a FedEx MD-10 at Los Angeles International Airport. Northrop will test the Guardian on nine different FedEx aircraft through March 2008.

Senator Barbara Boxer, one of Capitol Hill's largest supporter of the system, was on hand for the test. Boxer told Dailybreeze.com that implementation of the system is "an important step toward protecting our

homeland.

Northrop is in competition with BAE Systems for a Department of Homeland Security contract to make the system for commercial use. At an estimated individual cost of \$1 million, it would cost the airline industry about \$7.5 billion to completely implement the anti-missile pods.

Boxer said she would push for legislation that would require all commercial aircraft to carry the system with the airlines paying for instillation on new planes and the government pay the bill for existing

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'Epic Movie' is, amazingly, anything but epic



Jonathan Mettin

Editor-In-Chief

Do not make the same mistake I did. Do not go see "Epic Movie". It is, bar none, the worst movie I have ever seen.

Now that I've got that off my chest, let me explain. "Epic Movie" follows in the footsteps of the "Scary Movie" franchise in that it attempts to take all the popular movies of the day and roll them into one giant spoof. It succeeds on the first count: Borat, Willy Wonka, Superman, Captain Jack Sparrow, the X-Men and Scarface all make appear-

ances, among others. Where the movie fails miserably is that it

is not funny. At all. I sat through all 86 agonizing minutes hoping for some redeeming punch line.

Alas, I sat in the back row, stoic, my only movement a disgusted scoff at a beaver joke that was so bad it hurt to hear it. Even during the abhorrent "Herbie: Fully Loaded" (ah, the sacrifices I make in the name of reviewing movies) I at least cracked a smile because of something original.

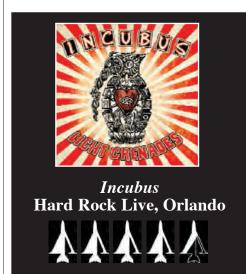
"Originality" is apparently not in the collective vocabulary of writer/directors Jason Friedberg and Aaron Seltzer. You can see the jokes coming from miles away, and they take every opportunity to stereotype characters to the point where it's no longer funny,

The camera makes every effort to highlight a female character's cleavage, and some of the comedy is so overtly sexual (and so god-awful) that you just want to close your eyes so you won't have to endure the crap splayed across the giant screen. Toilet humor can be done well, or it can be done like it is in this movie. It's like the directors were like "Hey, what do we put in this shot? I know! Boobs!

'Epic Movie" attempts to tie in a plot by spoofing "The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe" in that four orphans are on a quest to save the kingdom from the evil White Bitch, her midget henchman and her albino African-American kung-fu monk. You can probably see how inane this is going to get, so I'll stop my plot summary here and get to the point:

In summary, "Epic Movie" is a smelly pile of dog crap that stinks so badly even the flies won't touch it. Unless you are a masochist, don't subject yourself to this sham

Incubus performs in Orlando



John W. Smith III

Guest Reporter

Much like the rain that covered Central Florida last Monday night, the Incubus performance at Orlando's Hard Rock Live into a mind blowing set of old and new was anything but dry. After 16 years as a band and nine full length albums, playing to a packed house of 3000 was nothing new

The night started off well with Albert Hammond Jr., a five piece band that sounded like the Beatles with heavier guitars. Unlike their small set, they had a big sound. After

eight successful songs, an hour of rhythmic riffs, and catchy phrases the opening act left

Expectations were at an all time high as the crew prepared the set for Incubus.

Numerous members of the crowd expressed their reasoning for attending the concert. One guy proclaimed, "I'm here because Incubus thinks they are better than Pink Floyd and I want to judge that myself.' Another said, "my boyfriend dragged me here." Regardless of their reasons, when the

lights faded everyone was left speechless. Incubus had a back drop that looked like the night sky, tubes filled with different colored lights, and a series of strobes that could impress the blind. Each band member emerged slowly with front man Brandon Boyd appearing last. After acknowledging how Orlando was doing, Incubus started

music. Although their hit singles "Stellar," "Pardon Me," "Drive," and "A Certain Shade of Green" were not performed, the set did not lack any dimension of Incubus. The rock-hip-hop-lounge-heavy metal band kept the crowed on their tip-toes as DJ Kilmore

exploited catchy noises on his piano, mel-

lotron, theremin, moog keys, and decks. Incubus mixed the night with heavy rock songs, love ballads, and an acoustic version

of their "Redefine."

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- JOHN W. SMITH III

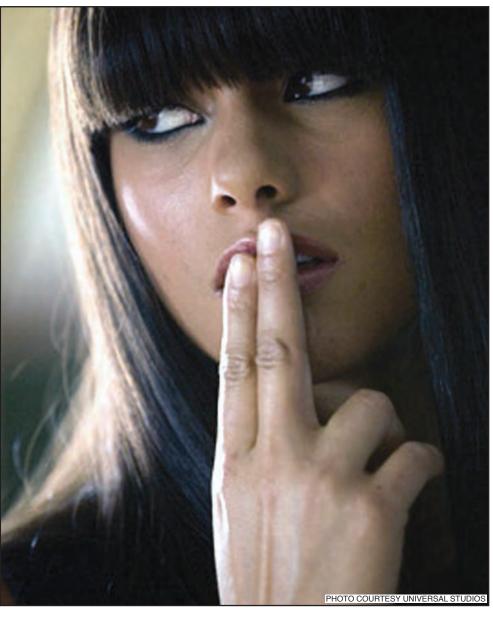
The highlight of the night were the jaw dropping vocalist Brandon drummer Jose Pasillas, bassist Ben Kenney, and guitarist Mike Einziger. In the midst of "Earth to Bella," Boyd and Pasillas exchanged beats on congas and drums concluding

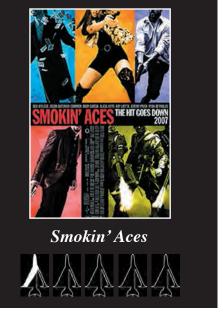
synchronization. As the lights dimmed all eyes were on Kenney as he showed what the bass guitar can do; however, Boyd brought another dimension to the solos by wearing LED gloves and flashing beams of light on the soloist.

As the crowd roared every lyric to all the songs, Incubus concert goers were left speechless after the encore.

Hard Rock Live was the perfect venue for a band like Incubus. With nightly drink specials, a superior sound system, and a history of great music, Incubus was yet another plaque on the wall and a five-star performance. For more information about Hard Rock Live and a schedule, visit www.hardrock.com/live.

'Smokin' Aces' is surprisingly sucky





Jessica Luttman

Student Life Editor

Blood and guts definitely fly in this new shoot-em up action thriller. "Smokin' Aces" is simply a Tarantino want-to-be. It centers on a Las Vegas casino enter-

tainer and magician, Buddy "Aces" Israel, played by Jeremy Piven, who gets a little too friendly with the Mafia and eventually, becomes a mobster himself. The problem is that he hasn't got the brains or the brawns to make it. He ends up finding himself in a rather sticky position when the mob and the FBI are on his trail.

The FBI is looking to pick him up and use him to testify in a trial against aging Don Primo Sparazza (Joseph Ruskin). Seems like a rather easy task, until word gets out that there is \$1 million price for his head. Seven of the world's most notorious assassins Jack Dupree and Georiga Sykes, played by Ben Affleck and Alicia Keys, head to the penthouse of a Lake Tahoe casino, fighting each other to be the first to find Israel, kill him and bring

The film is packed full of gun fights, hookers, and the more memorable scene when a guy sits on a chainsaw!

The last half hour of the movie brings the plot to a halt, which makes it rather impossible to care what happens to Israel or anyone else for that matter.

In my opinion, this is one of the worst

movies I've seen in a long time and I normally like action thrillers. I'd much rather have stayed home and watched a well put together blood and guts film such as "Boondock Saints" or "Pulp Fiction."

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A few movies that our editors are excited about



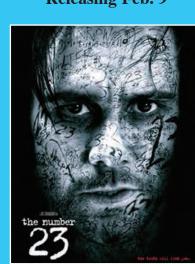
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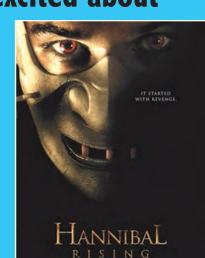
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The Riddle of Life

By Jonathan Mettin

So you think you know where this is going, but when you find out you're wrong, you won't be surprised. But please, do your whining somewhere else.











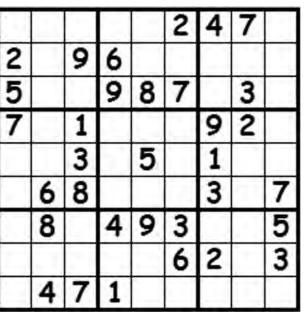


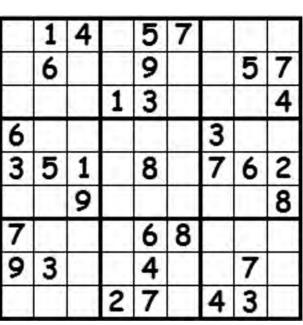


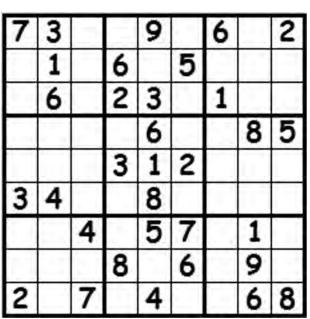




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Sushi, anyone?

Across

_ salmon, apple and avocado 1. New York Rolls -2. Ika - the body of the _____ is served. It is white, shiny and

almost sticky.

6. Saba - _ _, always served after being salted and marinated for few days.

7. Ebi - unlike amaebi, this is _____ shrimp so it's familiar with newcomers

11. Kappa ma - _

eel, is grilled and then brushed with a 13. Unagi -

teriyaki-like sauce. 14. Maguro - ____ is the most popular fish sold to Americans. It has

soft, meaty, clean flavor and tastes best in winter.

15. Hirame - _____, often accented with ponzu sauce

17. Veggie Rolls - various _

19. Tako - _____ is easily recognizable, boiled and sliced thinly to reveal a burgundy skin over white meat. It is slightly chewy and

subtle in flavor. 22. California - crab and

23. Ikura - salmon ____ are bright red-orange in color and salty to the taste.

Down

_ roe is the sexual organs of the fish.

2. Temaki - _ _ tuna 3. Tamago - egg _

4. Mirugai - giant _____, more popular on the West Coast where it is always fresh.

5. Texas Rolls - cooked _____, cucumber and spinach leaves, one

of the new recipes from United States.

8. Tai - red _____ is used instead of sea bream, which is only

available in Japan. 9. Philadelphia Rolls - smoked salmon, cucumber and

10. Pesto Rolls - turkey or chicken, cream cheese and

12. Hotate -

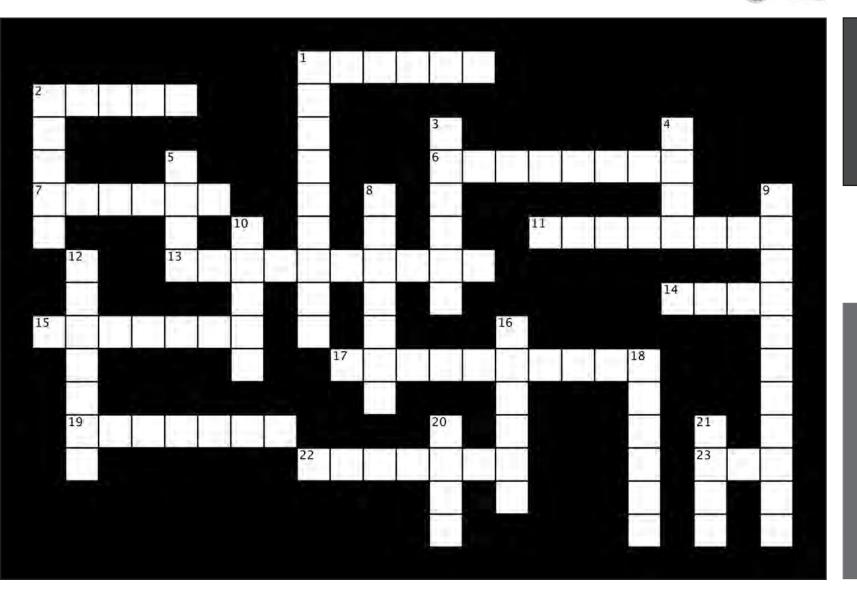
16. Boston Rolls - crab, _ and scallion

18. Amaebi - unlike ebi, this contains sweet raw _____

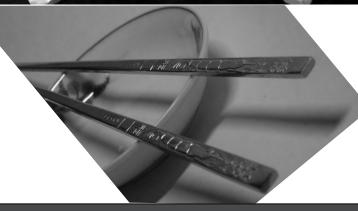
20. Hamachi - yellow ____

21. Kani - real ____ meat, always served cooked like ebi.









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Last Issue's Solution

Let's play a board game!

WINNER: Cecily Power



New Italian place has good atmosphere, fine foods

Melanie Pugh

Business Manager

If you're like me and you're tired of fast-food and chain restaurants, you ought to become acquainted with the likes of Fresh, a well-kept secret in Daytona Beach. Boasting a wide variety of Italian dining, seafood and steaks, Fresh truly has something for everyone.

Complementing the edible successes is the Tuscan-style patio bistro atmosphere. Immediately upon entering, you will notice the fire place and wine racks, and it only gets better from there. Many of the indoor tables are affixed to a beach umbrella and twinkling lights, while the walls are adorned with similarly-themed art. The live jazz saxophonist added to the classic mood.

The menu offered a nice selection of pastas and a wide variety of meat and poultry dishes. The first dish to arrive was the bruschetta la caprese, crustini topped with fresh tomatoes and basil and loaded with mozzarella cheese. The appetizer left something to be desired, as it tried to combine two classic dishes with mediocre results. I suggest you

take a further look at the appetizer for the main course. list before delving into this sub-par creation.

The server kept us stocked with the restaurant's self-proclaimed Tuscan rolls, which more than made up for the appetizer. The warm rolls were served with a blend of olive oil, balsamic vinegar, garlic cloves and a myriad of Mediterranean

Next to arrive were the salads. My guest, Chris, ordered the Caesar salad, which came with the option of anchovies. Gratings of fresh parmigiano reggiano cheese and a well-made dressing gave the salad character.

I ordered the House salad, a clever mixture of Boston lettuce, pine nuts and assorted exotic olives. Both varieties naturally set the stage

on the Quattro-Formaggio (four cheese) Manicotti. It was served in a small earthenware casserole dish and covered in cheese. The manicotti were perfectly cooked and the ricotta filling was enjoyable. The leftover cheese

for dipping with the complemen- reputation and earned our waitress

After much thought, Chris decided between Chicken Marsala and

... Fresh is a

great place to get

away ...

- MELANIE PUGH

Linguini with Meatballs and decided on the latter per the attentive server's recommendation. The heaping dish included a bed of pasta with a flavorful marinara sauce and homemade oversized meatballs. meatballs, The

also offered on and marinara sauce was perfect the appetizer list, lived up to their

tary Tuscan roles. I was debating a hefty tip for her advice. After between Chicken Marsala and we filled up on the main course. the waitress brought an excellentlooking desert tray, though we were unable to sample them.

With a relaxed atmosphere and hefty entrees, Fresh is a great place to get away from the chain restaurants that pepper Daytona Beach. With an appetizer and entrees. dinner for two can range anywhere from \$40-\$60 depending on the selection. Fresh is located at 1130 South Ridgewood Ave., off the Southbound lane between Bellvue Ave. and Beville Rd. For more information call 947-9736.

Photography Editor Chris Tezak contributed to this article.

THE FLIP SIDE We, the passionate

You who roll your eyes when we say we watch the Science Channel, read until our eyes refuse to participate or love the smell of guitar strings. Us, we, the ones with a passion, you

I look at the night sky and the world dissolves. He feels a piece of wood and gets chills. She learns about the mind and can't sleep. He is fascinated with the movement of a bug. She is mesmerized by the elegance of the theory of relativity. The ice rink is his sanctuary. She loves the fresh cut grass under her

cleats on a Saturday morning. His eyes glide along the path the brush takes and is in another world. Her finger-tips have calluses from endless hours on the strings. He closes his eyes and lets the smell of a job well done coming out of the oven overcome him. She is home in the evening clouds. He amazed by the interaction of electrons. She cannot go a

You who laugh are just jealous. day without having the feeling of clay between her fingers. He is captivated by the perfection of teeth. Her day isn't over until the smell of salt water and fish have

We are not crazy. We are passionate. We are not nerds, freaks or bizarre. We are pas-

sionate. You only wish you were lucky enough to live a day like us, to have something that completes you and to have something that you get up in the morning for. Of course you need people who do the same; they are the reason you get up and complete you. However, you need something that does

Columnist the same, something that captures you, amazes you, engulfs you, raptures you.

We did not choose our passions. No, they chose us. We did not wake up one morning and think, "today I think I will love computers." No, we were going about our lives, and it hit us. You stumble upon a passion. You can't learn it. One day, you come across it, and you'll know.

Others will know, too. You can tell by your eyes, the way they glisten when you talk about it. The excitement in your voice when you discuss it. Your passion will consume you. Sometimes, it defines you. You will have no control over your love for it. You cannot pick what you love, but when it is found, you cannot hide it. Do not try to suppress it. It was always in you, waiting to be discovered. As hard as you try, it will forever be with you, waiting, burning in you.

Some may ridicule you. They will not understand your fas-cination, your attraction to it, your captivation with it. Oh, but when you find those who have the same passion, those few that connect with you, you will have the time of your life. I pity those without a passion, and those who can't follow the one they have found. Do not harass those with one. If you don't have a passion, don't hurt those who do. If you do and you are making fun, you should be sympathetic. You should understand their yearning. Do not hate the passionate. We are the dreamers, the creators, the visionaries.

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tially furnished bedroom (bring own bed) and full bath/shower in Ormond Beach pool home located in quiet neighborhood with park nearby and minutes to Embry Riddle. The room has a nice view of the pool and backyard. The house is fully furnished, with all appliances, ie. washer/dryer, etc. Limited storage is available. Prefer female. I am a working professional seeking a roommate with a similar lifestyle. I usually only have guests on the weekend, and the workweek is quiet. Call Cindy at (386) 334-5830, and please leave a message.



House to Rent

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Roomate Needed for Spring

2 bed, 2 bath apartment in Indigo Plantation. Rent is \$380 per month plus 1/2 electric, great area close to campus. For more information call LeeAnn at (928) 710-8944.



Room for Rent

Available now. Room for rent in spacious home five minutes from campus off International Speedway. Animal friendly. Large fenced in yard with shady trees. Access to indoor heated pool. High speed internet, cable. Pet ok. \$395 per month, utilities included.

(386) 295-0268.

AUTOMOTIVE

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(386) 761-8600 or (386) 226-6058.



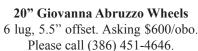
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MISCELLANEOUS

NICE FURNITURE FOR SELL Two inn tables, Two full size dresser

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Desk for Sale Nice glass and metal study desk for

sale. Desk comes attached with a book shelf on the side. Fully assembled and looks brand new. Selling for \$75. Please call (386) 334-3428 for details.



TV for sale 13" Durabrand TV w/ front A/V

Includes new universal inputs. remote (can control up to 2 more devices). Asking \$30. Call Jared at (315) 243-9612 or email at deisi548@erau.edu.



Seriously, someone buy this couch

Its practically brand new and just sat in a corner in my apartment, unused, last semester. Didn't have room for it. It's small enough to fit comfortably in a dorm room. Contact Adam for more info. Asking \$120 obo. (386) 562-2867

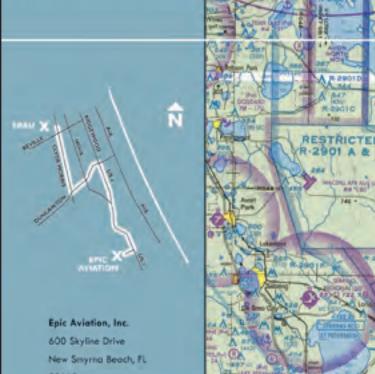


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