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ERAU by day ... and by night



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LEGACY WALK IS SEEN above, shot in the early afternoon on the left and at about 10 p.m. on the right. The Christmas Day tornado destroyed many light fixtures on campus, plunging it into darkness each night.

Erin Roberts

Campus News Editor

The Christmas Day tornado, which caused extensive damage to the Embry-Riddle campus, also took out a crucial item for campus safety: the lighting. Throughout the campus, there were numerous stretches of walkways that were left dark and therefore not as safe.

SGA Chief Justice Andrew Leech worked closely with campus officials to fix the lighting problems. With Campus Safety Officer Bob Upperman, all of the lights on campus were inspected to determine which were functioning correctly and which were not. The list of malfunctioning lights was given to Dan Young, the Facilities Director.

As a result of the meetings that followed with the Facilities Department and Kevin Mannix, the head of Campus Safety, lighting on campus will be restored and improvements are going to be made. The parts needed to replace the existing equipment have been ordered, but may take up to four weeks to arrive, with another two weeks for them to be installed.

Spruance Hall, currently a very dimly lit area, will have lighting returned by the end of the week. This area, along with the Falcon Parking Lot, was on "lock out tag

out," an expression for an area that has been locally controlled by the construction company that is working on it. The company has the only access to the power controlling the lights. The delay in turning back on the power to Spruance is due to the potential for a fire hazard.

A similar concern lies within the Legacy Walkway. The small light poles that illuminate the walkway are currently on an open circuit, and turning the power back on to them could result in a danger for students. The Facilities Department is working on this problem and the lights will be restored.

Dark areas surrounding McKay Hall will be improved by installing wall packs, lights which can be attached to the walls and will greatly improve the luminosity of the area. The wall packs will be mounted along the walkway between the chapel and the racquetball courts as well. Lighting on the racquetball court building will also be restored.

While it will take time to fully restore the lighting on campus, the departments

responsible are working to make the situation better. "Campus Safety and the Facilities Department are working diligently to acquire the lighting needed for our campus, but it is an ongoing process that will take time. In the meantime, please take the appropriate cautions," said Leech.

The Safety Department is aware of the current lighting problems and is very willing to help students, especially if they feel uncomfortable walking alone at night. Safety Officers and Student Crime Prevention Practitioners provide an escort at night to any student at any time.

Safety also encourages students to use the buddy system when walking at night and to be extra cautious. Students who live in the Student Village should use the footbridge instead of walking across the intersection at Richard Petty Blvd.

If at anytime a student feels unsafe on campus or has an emergency, the number for Campus Safety is 7223 or S.A.F.E. on a campus phone.

"In the meantime, please take the appropriate cautions."

- ANDREW LEECH

Eagles get home court for 1st round



JONATHAN METTIN/AVION

RYAN EXTER GOES FOR a layup in the Eagles' 75-53 win over Edward Waters. Exter tied a school record for most three pointers in a game, landing nine. The win gives the Eagles home court advantage in tonight's playoff game.

Jonathan Mettin
Editor-in-Chief

Ryan Exter exploded for 33 points on Saturday to help the Eagles beat Edward Waters 75-53 and secure home-court advantage for the first round of the NAIA Region XIV playoffs.

The senior scored 27 of his points from three-point land, tying him for the school record most three-pointers in a game with Kyle Mas, who set his record in 1998.

"He had a career night," head coach Steve Ridder, who before the game praised Exter for his immense talent despite his 5-foot-10-

inch stature as part of Senior Night.

The Eagles jumped out to an early lead, but the Tigers rallied to take a double-digit lead. Embry-Riddle chipped away at the lead, and the first half closed with them only two points behind, 36-34.

The Eagles came out hot in the second half, riding the red-hot Exter and coming up with some key rebounds and steals. The Tigers could not string points together, managing only 17 points in the entire half.

The Embry-Riddle offense was hot, sinking half their shots from the floor, 53.8 percent from behind the arc and 80 percent

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The cleanup continues ...



JONATHAN METTIN/AVION

THE DESKS FROM SPRUANCE Hall's classrooms were piled outside the ruined administration building last week. There was some activity within the structure last week, as workers entered both floors and began gutting the building in preparation for demolition. A replacement structure is not expected to be ready for several years.

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Boxes, duct tape, and more

Mijeong Yoon
Comics Editor

Charity House Project is a fundraiser event held on the West Lawn every spring semester, hosted by Omicron Delta Kappa (ODK). This year's Charity House is going to start at 11:30 a.m., Feb. 23 and end 12:00 p.m., Feb. 24.

It started in Spring 2005 by ERAU alum Darcy Hume, according to Scott Haeffelin, the current president of ODK. He added, "I think it is one of the premier projects on campus, because it not only raises funds for a great charity but also raises the community spirit on campus."

The Charity House Project is a community service event that brings together various clubs, organizations, residence halls and faculty departments to raise funds for the Daytona Beach Homeless Shelter and awareness for the homeless population of Daytona Beach.

Each participating team will build a house made out of cardboard and duct tape to represent their organization. The team members spend a night in their houses and are encouraged to participate in activities and competitions, in games, throughout the evening for prizes. One person must stay in the house at all times. Each team is encouraged to find local sponsor(s) to cover the registration cost, which is set at \$100. The fee includes dinner, breakfast, and snacks, and each team receives starter-building kit of cardboards and duct tape. However they have to acquire more materials on their own if they plan on being creative, since there is a house judging for creative/appeal. However, there is materials restriction for fairness. At the end of the event, each team is responsible for demolishing and clean up of their house property.

ODK seeks sponsorship from local stores and companies to provide the prizes and food. This year's sponsors include Best Buy, Papa

Johns, Wal-Mart, Publix, Sam's Club, Roadhouse, Krispy Kreme, Powerhouse Gym, Steve's Famous Diner and Coldstone, so far.

"Not only are we raising money, but we are having fun at the same time," said Haeffelin.

This semester, ODK partners with Touch-N-Go Productions to provide the movie "Borat" at midnight and Guitar Hero as a relay event. Also, Eagles FM, the campus radio station, will be there to provide music during the building time.

Every year, the funds are donated to different organizations in the community. This year, the money raised will go to STAR Homeless Assistance Shelter in Daytona (STAR), said Megan Gunther, who is organizing the event this semester. This shelter focuses on families and people under medical care by giving each family a dorm sized room for up to four people regardless of sex, which allows a family to stay together. In other shelters, men and women are split

up, so family members cannot stay together. STAR also cares for single people who are under doctor supervision and need medical care. Though people can stay there for only up to six months, STAR also helps them find jobs, homes, etc.

"The biggest drive for me this year is that we have an amazing charity that we are donating the money to," said Gunther.

ODK is a National Leadership Honor Society, founded in 1914 by 15 students and faculty leaders. The founders thought the leadership of exceptional quality and versatility in college should be recognized. ODK was the first college honor society of a national scope to give recognition and honor for meritorious leadership and service in extracurricular activities, and to encourage development of general campus citizenship.

The late registration deadline for this year is Feb. 20 with \$125 registration fee. For more information, visit www.erauodk.org to contact an ODK member.

Casino Night



STUDENTS GATHERED IN THE Student Center on Friday to participate in Casino Night sponsored by Touch-N-Go Productions. Prizes ranging from a 20" color TV to a lava lamp were given away for those lucky enough to win both casino games and a raffle.

Tell us about your war experience

Bob Scheid
Chief Copy Editor

This past October 7 marked the fifth anniversary of the U.S. invasion into Afghanistan, and March 18 of this year will be the fourth anniversary of Coalition activity in Iraq. These military actions have become part of our daily lives, as the news has been saturated with status reports and constant updates as to the condition of those countries, it is sometimes easy to overlook the people, the individuals who have been involved, and how many more things happen every day than we can hear on the evening news.

Embry-Riddle has an incredibly diverse population, and many people here have a military history or know someone in the military. The Avion would therefore like to extend

an invitation to the Embry-Riddle community to share some personal stories about these conflicts in their own words. We are not seeking a political debate, simply stories about you, your friends, or your loved ones in a more personal tone than we normally find in our daily lives.

If you or someone you know has a story you'd like to share with the community, put it into a word document and email it to avion.newsroom@gmail.com to see it in an upcoming issue of the newspaper. Pictures, in .jpg or .tiff format, may also be attached to the email. Please try to keep the submissions around a few hundred words in length.

Give us a perspective that we can't always get from NPR and Fox. Tell the campus about how these conflicts have touched you.



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JONATHAN METTIN/AVION

STUDENTS GATHER TO WATCH the F-15s fly over and land on Sunday for the pre-race festivities of the Daytona 500.

Baseball beats up on Southeastern, SCAD



CHRIS TEZAK/AVION

BRIAN LETKO TOSSED A complete game, striking out seven Bees and only giving up one run in the Eagles' 11-1 rout of SCAD Friday. The teams split a doubleheader on Saturday.

Eagles now 12-3 overall, 2-1 FSC

Alison Smalling

ERAU Sports Info. Dept.

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — Freshman catcher Chris Trappy had three hits and four RBIs to lead an 18 hit attack as Embry-Riddle romped past Southeastern University 16-4 on Wednesday night.

Embry-Riddle was up 8-1 after just two innings, and Paul Cinder pitched four innings of relief for his first victory of the season. Trappy's first hit of the game brought in Danny Martin in the first inning, and Kyle Albright's first home run of the season gave the Eagles a 3-0 lead. Kevin Ferreiro's RBI single capped a four run first.

ERAU tacked on four more runs in the second, thanks to an RBI double from Trappy, and after Brandon Decker was hit by a pitch, Colin Gray deposited the first pitch he saw from SEU starter Dan Quackenbush over the centerfield fence for an 8-1 lead.

The Eagles scored multiple runs in the fifth, sixth, and seventh innings, highlighted by homers from Decker and Joey Lubonty (the first hit of the season for Lubonty), and another RBI single from Trappy. Gray, Decker, Albright, and Amadis Padilla all had two RBIs each.

Jordan Roberts started the game, allowing one run and four hits, and Paul Cinder struck out four in four innings to earn the win. Chris Maloney and Albright combined for the final inning of relief.

Quackenbush took the loss, allowing eight runs in just one and two-thirds innings.

SAVANNAH, Ga. — Senior lefty Brian Letko pitched a complete game, striking out seven to lead Embry-Riddle to an 11-1 victory

over Savannah College of Art and Design in their conference opener at Grayson Stadium.

Poor defense by the Bees and timely hitting from Embry-Riddle allowed the Eagles to break open a close game in the fourth inning. Danny Martin's two-run triple snapped a 1-1 tie, and had an RBI groundout to increase the lead to 4-1 in the sixth inning.

ERAU pushed two more across in the seventh inning, as Avery Johnson scored on an error and Michael Brady came around while Joey Lubonty was caught stealing. Embry-Riddle extended the lead to mercy rule terms with a four run eighth. Second baseman Kevin Ferreiro had a two-run double, and Johnson hit his first home run of the season, all off reliever SCAD Jeff Mullikin.

Kyle Albright and Amadis Padilla had multiple hit outings for Embry-Riddle, and Letko scattered four hits to record his third win of the season.

SAVANNAH, Ga. — Senior Steven Otterness outdueled SCAD ace Ryan Pope to lead Embry-Riddle to a 4-1 victory in the nightcap as the Eagles salvaged a split of a Florida Sun Conference doubleheader at Grayson Stadium.

Otterness was outstanding, striking out the side in the first inning and facing just three batters over the minimum over the first five innings.

Embry-Riddle (12-3, 2-1 FSC) got all the runs they would need in the fourth inning as senior Danny Martin and freshman Chris Trappy put runners on first and third, and Amadis Padilla and Colin Gray drove in the

runs.

The Bees (10-6, 1-2 FSC) halved the deficit in the sixth inning. Second baseman Travis Van Zandt walked and came around to score on a slow rolling single to short from Richard Sullivan, which loaded the bases, but reliever Kyle Albright came in and struck out SCAD designated hitter Drew Bridewell, ending the threat.

ERAU pushed two more runs across in the seventh as Steven Howard and pinch runner Joshua Menchaca scored on a pair of SCAD errors.

Otterness (4-0) finished with six strikeouts in five and two-thirds, and Albright needed just 18 pitches over one and one-third innings to get his second save of the season.

Pope took the loss, pitching a complete game and striking out six.

Poor defense from the Eagles in the opener allowed SCAD to jump out to a 7-1 lead after two innings, and sturdy relief from the Bees' Adam Honeycutt cemented a 9-3 win.

Down 4-0 in the bottom of the second, the Eagles loaded the bases and chased SCAD starter Matt Courtright after one-plus innings, but managed to plate just one run as Michael Brady grounded into a double play to end the threat.

ERAU starter Steven Howard (2-1) lasted just one and one-third, allowing seven runs (three earned), while Honeycutt moved from behind the plate to the mound to pitch six innings of five hit relief.

Embry-Riddle will next be in action on Feb. 20, when they hit the road to take on Southeastern University in Lakeland.

UPCOMING HOME GAMES

TUESDAY

Basketball vs. Edward Waters
7 p.m. @ DBCC (Regional Playoff)

THURSDAY

Tennis vs. St. Thomas
3:30 p.m. @ Crotty Tennis Complex

FRIDAY

Baseball vs. Webber International
5 p.m. @ Sliwa Stadium

SATURDAY

Track Tournament
All Day @ Track & Field Complex

Baseball vs. Webber International (Doubleheader)
First Game begins 1 p.m. @ Sliwa Stadium

Tennis blanks FSC opponents

Alison Smalling

ERAU Sports Info. Dept.

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — The Embry-Riddle men's team posted its second straight Florida Sun Conference shutout with a 9-0 decision over Warner Southern on Friday. The fourth-ranked ERAU men dropped just one game as they improved their record to 2-1 overall and 2-0 in league play.

ERAU jumped out to a 3-0 lead after capturing all three doubles points. First off the court was Tomoaki Yasuda and Luke Maricic blanked Tyler Hammond and Jose Martinez at the top spot, while Sean Winbauer and Blake Hollis posted the same score against Jamie Garzon and Luis Rincon at No. 2. The Eagles won by default at the No. 3 position.

The Eagles' top three singles players of Carlos Bes, Istvan Bolgar each recorded 8-0 victories as did Blake Hollis at the No. 5 spot. Sean Winbauer sealed the win at No. 4

with an 8-1 decision.

The Eagles return to conference play on Thursday when they host St. Thomas at 3:30 p.m. at the Crotty Tennis Complex.

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — The 11th-ranked Embry-Riddle women's tennis team evened its record at 2-2 with a 9-0 shutout of Florida Sun Conference foe Warner Southern on Friday. The win moves the Eagles to 2-0 in the FSC, while the Royals fall to 0-2 overall and 0-2 in the league.

The Eagles took a 3-0 advantage after winning all three doubles matches. First off the court was the duo of Hana Im and Kerrin Meisenbach who topped Julia Valentine and Lindsey Murphy 8-0 at the No. 1 spot. Marga Rico-Jimenez and Sara Abraul downed Maria Hartsock and Alison Sopko 8-3 and the Eagles won the third doubles point by default.

Im, Rico-Jimenez and Lindsey Kurtz each won their singles matches

8-0, while Meisenbach and Abraul recorded 8-2 and 8-1 victories, respectively, to seal the win.

The Eagle women return to the

court on Thursday when they host St. Thomas in another FSC matchup at 3:30 p.m. at the Crotty Tennis Complex.



CHRIS TEZAK/AVION

AROUND THE FSC

MEN'S BASKETBALL

FINAL STANDINGS

1. Northwood Seahawks (9-3 FSC, 23-7 overall)
2. (tie) Warner Southern Royals (8-4 FSC, 18-10 overall)
- Florida Memorial Lions (8-4 FSC, 11-12 overall)
4. Embry-Riddle Eagles (7-5 FSC, 22-8 overall)
5. Edward Waters Tigers (6-6 FSC, 13-15 overall)
6. SCAD Bees (3-9 FSC, 11-19 overall)
7. Webber International Warriors (1-11 FSC, 6-24 overall)

Warner Southern lost three of their last four conference games, including a loss to last-place Webber.

Florida Memorial extended their winning streak to five and Northwood stretched theirs to four with wins over Edward Waters and SCAD, respectively.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

FINAL STANDINGS

1. (tie) Northwood Seahawks (8-2 FSC, 18-12 overall)
- SCAD Bees (8-2 FSC, 15-11 overall)
3. Webber Int'l Warriors (5-5 FSC, 11-13 overall)
4. (tie) Warner Southern Royals (3-7 FSC, 10-15 overall)
- Edward Waters Tigers (3-7 FSC, 6-14 overall)
- Florida Memorial Lions (3-7 FSC, 5-14 overall)

SCAD's two conference wins last week gave them a share of the top spot. One of the wins was a 63-57 win over Warner Southern in which they scored 21 unanswered points.

BASEBALL

STANDINGS

1. Northwood Seahawks (3-0 FSC, 8-4 overall)
2. (tie) Embry-Riddle Eagles (2-1 FSC, 12-3 overall)
- St. Thomas Bobcats (2-1 FSC, 5-4 overall)
4. (tie) SCAD Bees (1-2 FSC, 10-6 overall)
- Warner Southern Royals (1-2 FSC, 4-7 overall)
6. (tie) Webber International Warriors (0-0 FSC, 6-3 overall)

Florida Memorial Lions (0-0 FSC, 0-1 overall)
Edward Waters Tigers (0-3 FSC, 3-6 overall)

Northwood swept its three-game series against Edward Waters 5-2, 3-2 and 9-4. The second game went to extra innings.

St. Thomas split a doubleheader with Warner Southern, winning game one 4-3 but losing game two 5-4.

SOFTBALL

STANDINGS

1. Webber International Warriors (2-0 FSC, 4-2 overall)
2. (tie) SCAD Bees (0-0 FSC, 2-0 overall)
- Warner Southern Royals (0-0 FSC, 2-4 overall)
- Northwood Seahawks (0-0 FSC, 0-0 overall)
- St. Thomas Bobcats (0-0 FSC, 0-0 overall)
- Edward Waters Tigers (0-2 FSC, 0-4 overall)

No. 11 SCAD opened up their season with a sweep of Brewton-Parker 9-0 and 10-2. The Bees' All-American pitcher Kristen Curette pitched a two-hitter and struck out seven, in addition to going 2-for-2 with an RBI double.

The Warriors and NCAA DII Eckerd College split a doubleheader 1-4 and 3-1. The Warriors went on to demolish the Tigers 13-0 and 20-3.

TENNIS

STANDINGS

1. (tie) SCAD Bees (3-0 FSC, 3-0 overall)
- Embry-Riddle Eagles (2-0 FSC, 2-1 overall)
3. (tie) Northwood Seahawks (0-1 FSC, 0-1 overall)
- St. Thomas Bobcats (0-1 FSC, 0-3 overall)
- Webber International Warriors (0-1 FSC, 0-3 overall)
- Warner Southern Royals (0-2 FSC, 0-2 overall)

The No. 18 SCAD men's team swept Warner Southern 9-0. The Royals only managed to win one game in one set in the entire match.

ERAU, EWC set for playoff rematch



ZACH MAHONEY/AVION

TYLER DEBORD LED THE Eagles' offense against the Florida Memorial Lions with 29 points and nine rebounds. Embry-Riddle held a nine-point lead early, but eventually lost 67-62.

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from the free-throw line for 41 points in the half.

Denver Cobb and Nick Miller each came down with 11 rebounds. Cobb landed a double-double, adding 16 points, a dozen of them from behind the arc. Tyler DeBord and Drew Whitaker each added eight points.

Earlier in the week, the Eagles squandered a nine-point first half lead to lose 67-62 at Florida Memorial. After a 36-36 halftime,

nine lead changes and 12 ties let the Lions walk off with the win. The Eagles shot only 34.6 percent in the second half, compared to 53.8 percent in the first.

DeBord led the Eagles with 29 points and nine rebounds.

With the regular season behind them, the Eagles are now focusing on tonight's rematch against the Tigers. The winner of that game will advance to play top-seeded Northwood at their home court Saturday at 8 p.m.

WELLNESS COLUMN!

THIS WEEK'S TOPIC:
"Peace & Shalom for Wellness"

By: Pastor Jack Ottoson, ERAU Campus Ministry

Peace & Shalom for Wellness

The root of wellness, in a spiritual sense, is best described by the Semite word "shalom." The word was often used by Bedouin travelers to greet strangers.

Even today, one might hear the phrase, "Salaam, Salaam, alleikum" which means "Peace, peace to every one of you." The word shalom is more than just the absence of conflict. In a deeper sense, it means fullness and having everything you need to be wholly and happily yourself. The essence of wellness, from a spiritual perspective, is amazingly materialistic. We wish others, and ourselves, everything we need to be fully and wholly the creatures God intended us to be. Imagine what the world would be like if all people had everything they needed to be fully and wholly what their creator intended them to be? It might add a whole new meaning to the idea of peace on earth.

The "Wellness Column" is sponsored by the Counseling Center, Campus Ministry, Women's Center, Health Services, Disability Services and the Recreational Sports Office.



Alex Groothaert

ERAU Flight Department

Water covers more than 75 percent of the earth's surface. Despite man's mastery of this element, these vast expanses of water are among the most inhospitable environments on earth. As pilots, we are sometimes confronted with the possibility of having to ditch an aircraft into one of these bodies of water. All too often, ditching is thought of as a scenario that can only occur to those who fly long over-water flights. In reality, we are all confronted with the possibility of ditching any time we fly anywhere near bodies of water. In Florida, for example, we consider flights over the Everglades as land flights when in fact a forced landing could very well turn out to be a water ditching, particularly in the wet season. There are also situations when you have to make a judgment call and decide whether a water ditching may be a better option. Think of flying off the Florida coast during those crowded beach days, or that flat alpine lake surrounded by jagged mountains. I'm not endorsing nor condemning ditching into the water, I'm just inviting you all to consider that such an outcome is a very real possibility. So why, then, are water ditching procedures a second thought in most of our flight training? Unless you learned to fly in an environment where you were forced to fly over water for long distances, chances are you haven't received much training in this area.

There are countless different scenarios to consider in preparation for a water ditching. There are those flights where you plan to spend a considerable amount of time over water, or there may be situations where the water ditching was an unplanned event. It would be impossible to discuss all the potential scenarios in this article, but there are a few tips that, if put into practice, could change the out-

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come of your ditching for better. Preparation, as with everything else in flying, is essential. Say you want to rent a plane with some buddies and fly from an airport in Florida to the Bahamas. Simple, right? Read the FARs and check out what you need for an extended flight over water. Life-vests for each occupant, a raft that can accommodate everyone, portable ELT, etc... (FAR 91.509).

Sure, you've complied with the regulations, but are you really safe now that you have that equipment? During my flight training in Hawaii, my flight instructor once threw me a life-vest while simulating an engine failure somewhere between Oahu and Molokai. The combination of going through the checklist while trying to don the vest was too much and resulted in a twisted up piece of yellow plastic that was somewhat dangling from my neck and obstructing my view as I recovered from the maneuver. The lesson from that little anecdote was, "if you're not wearing it already, you're not going to get it on." Similar advice goes for the raft. A raft in the luggage compartment will probably do you no good in an actual ditching. I can't tell you the number of times that I have sat in an FBO in Miami and seen a group of friends set off for the Bahamas in a single engine airplane with all their survival gear stashed under bags in the back of the plane. Don't be those guys. Wear your vest and keep the raft accessible (give it to a passenger to hold on to, or if solo, place it in the front passenger seat).

Knowing what to expect during the actual ditching can also improve your chances of a positive outcome. This applies to those flights that were expected to be over water, as well as those that were not. As with any forced landing, you'll want to secure the aircraft. Prop open doors and emergency exits as the impact could cause the airframe to buckle. Become familiar with the ditching procedures in the Aeronautical

Information Manual (AIM 6-3-3), and, if flying over the ocean, become familiar with winds, surface conditions, and wave heights. Once you're actually ditching, fly the plane until you no longer can. The airplane may skip over the water but it does not mean that you no longer have control. Keeping the nose up and wings level could mean the difference between a successful ditching and a catastrophe. Finally, after the airplane has come to a stop, evacuate all occupants. Briefing the order that passengers should exit as part of your pre-flight could save you critical time during the actual event. Remember not to inflate your life vest or raft until you are out of the airplane.

All this being said, a positive attitude is crucial to a successful outcome. If you're ever forced to ditch an aircraft, do so with the expectation of surviving. Keep in mind that NTSB figures show that 83 percent of all general aviation ditching are survivable. Preparing for the unthinkable can only

improve those odds. You can find a wealth of information on water ditching in magazine articles and aviation publications, but all the reading in the world cannot make up for the experience gained from a hands-on course. I really encourage all of you to attend a course in post-crash survival. I strongly recommend the FAA's survival program, held in Oklahoma City. It's a one-day class that includes aircraft egress procedures (ditching tank, underwater egress trainer), training on life rafts, and search and rescue procedures. You can opt to add a day of physiology training, which includes an altitude chamber flight where you can experience the effects of hypoxia first-hand. The best part is that it's free, just pay for your transportation and accommodation. Visit http://www.faa.gov/pilots/training/airman_education/survival_training/ for more information.

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PIKE to take Johnson out to formal dinner

Ron Parncutt
Pi Kappa Alpha

PIKE hopes your semester is going well and you all scored well on your first round of tests. PIKE has started this Spring with a running start. Our new Epsilon class has started off excellent and we have all the confidence in the world that they will be one of the best pledge classes we have seen yet. Our rolling rush policy allows us to bid a worthy candidate at any point in the semester, so to all the interested men out there ... come out and talk to one of the brothers to see what our S.L.A.G. policy is all about.

We have continued our great relationship with the United Way and completed over 600 community service hours during this past race week. We also look forward to participating in Relay for Life for the first time this March. Our Gold intramural teams are still undefeated, and even our Garnet teams are holding a .500 record. We also are looking to improve the Greek relations with the Embry-Riddle front office by taking the University President, Dr. John Johnson, out for a formal dinner this week. PIKE hopes all you guys have a great semester, and we will see all of you for the Xi Man and Greek Week Competitions.

Issue Date: Tuesday, February 20, 2007

EMBRY-RIDDLE ALUMNI Alumni-Student Connection

Upcoming Events

- * International Day **Feb 24, 2007**
Venue: University Student Center
- * Helicopter Expo **March 1-3, 2007**
Venue: Orlando, FL

Reminder

* **Graduating Seniors:** Don't forget to register at www.erau.alumni.org in order to attend the "Alumni Welcome Reception at Daytona USA", and to receive your Alumni Leather Portfolio. Please come and celebrate with family, friends, faculty and other alumni.

Current Office Location

* IT Building, Room 202

Alum of the Week:

Norah O'Neill

Norah O'Neill, born in Seattle, was a commercial pilot for thirty years, first in the Alaskan bush and then with Flying Tigers and Federal Express airlines. The first woman pilot for Flying Tigers, she was the seventh woman airline pilot hired in the United States and the first woman in the world to pilot the DC-8 and to fly passengers on the B-747. Norah was also the first woman airline pilot to land in Korea, Japan, the Philippines, Malaysia, Saudi Arabia and Hong Kong. As one of the founders of the International Society of Woman Airline Pilots in 1978, she served as vice president of that society for two years and as historian for twenty years. Ms. O'Neill holds a BS in Professional Aeronautics from Embry Riddle Aeronautical University. Norah has written a novel titled: The Flying Tigress. Captain O'Neill is also featured on the Alumni Wall of Fame.

For Further Information and Event Volunteer please contact Odatey Williams @ 226-6155 or OdateyWilliams@erau.edu

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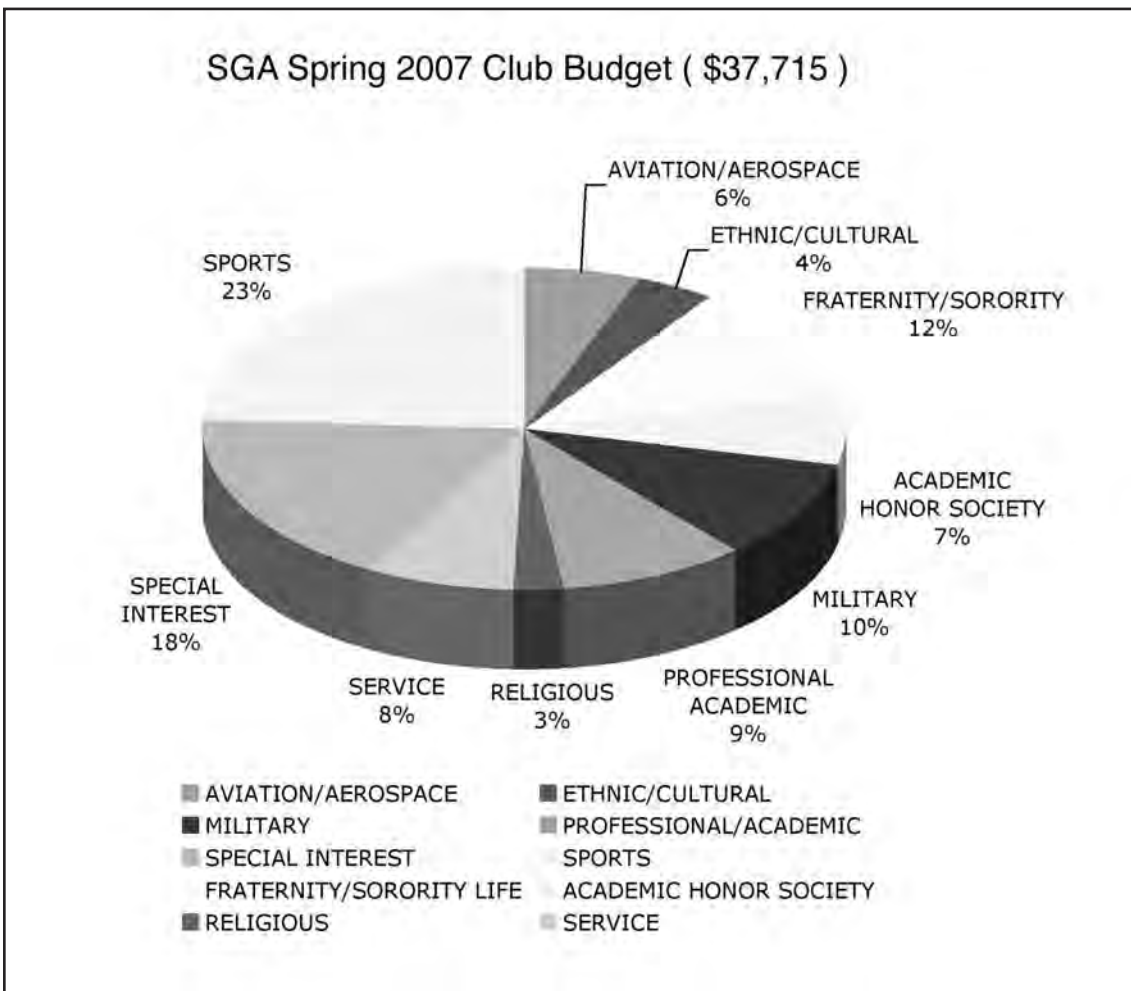
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Student Government Association

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SGA Spring 2007 Club Budget



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THE STUDENT FINANCE BOARD and Treasurer Natalie Anaya recently finalized the Spring 2007 Club budget.

Student involvement

Pablo Alvarez

Student Representative

Have you ever wanted to be a part of the Student Representative Board? Or, maybe you have really wanted to do something for your school and leave your mark behind as you graduate from college. Have you ever had a good idea that you believe could not only benefit the students but the school as a whole? If so, your Student Government Association would like to invite you to be an At-Large member.

What is an At-Large member, you ask? An At-Large member is a new idea that the Student Rep Board has created to make good use of the students who are not a part of the Student Rep Board but have a passion to help change the university they're attending. In essence, you a Student Representative with the exception of voting privileges, since this only applies to Student Representatives,

voted in by the student body. Yet, this should be a minute detail, since there is much more to being a Student Representative than simply voting.

There are many things you can do as an At-Large member. We have many committees such as the Progress Committee which works on making changes around your campus. Current projects include improving the variety of food available on campus and making a bike lane on Clyde Morris, among others. Another committee you may be interested in participating in is the Environmental Awareness Committee, which is working on ideas such as recycling on campus and adopting a highway which they maintain on a continuous basis. Or maybe you have some helpful tips to improve help the financial aid office in their service to the students. If this is the case, then the Financial Aid Committee may be your thing.

Your representatives are also

involved in other committees such as the Constitution Committee, Safe Ride Committee and the Flight Line Satisfaction Committee. No matter what committee a Rep Board member is participating in, all the committees have one main goal, and that is to improve a certain area on campus or the city for the good of the students. This here is all the requirements needed to be an At-Large member.

As your representatives, we do our very best to improve these areas on our campus. However, we strongly believe that the more students we have helping in improving our campus, the more ideas we can get and the better decisions we can make to ensure the best for all of us. Just because you are not an elected member of the Student Rep Board doesn't mean that you can't be the individual that makes a change within your college. Come, bring your new ideas and be that someone who makes a difference. Come and be an At-Large member.

New Res. Life Representative

Chris Casperite

Student Representative

Hi, I am Chris Casperite and I will be serving as the Student Representative for Residence Life for the spring 2007 semester. I am originally from Dallas, Texas, and currently a sophomore studying aerospace engineering. I am a pretty big outdoor enthusiast and some of my interests include hiking, cycling and hunting. Serving in Task Force One as a freshman developed my interest in SGA. I was fortunate enough to also earn an RA position for this year and have enjoyed both of these experiences greatly. I am certainly looking forward to the remainder of the semester. I know that the SRB is currently working on many projects, and I am hoping to jump right in and continue with the progress. There are many opportunities to get involved within the SGA, and I am hoping to use my abilities to benefit the student body in the best way that I can. Some of the areas that I intend to focus on

are environmental concerns, residence life issues and Task Force One. I am very grateful for this opportunity and plan to work hard to finish the year strong so that next year we can pick up right where we left off. Please feel free to contact me with any concerns. I am a pretty approachable guy and I would love to get the chance to talk with you.

" I am hoping to use my abilities to benefit the student body ... "
- CHRIS CASPERITE

Newest COE Representative

Soo Chern Yap

Student Representative

First and foremost, I would like to thank the Student Representative Board for giving me this incredible opportunity. It has always been my ambition to serve in the student government and contribute to our school and the student body. I look forward to working with the members of SRB to improve as well

as to implement new facilities or services - all in favor of you, the students.

In relation to the College of Engineering, some goals I hope to achieve include a mentor-mentee program between faculty members and students, assigned according to the student's interest and the faculty member's expertise. ERAU is equipped with an excellent faculty board consisting of experienced and knowledgeable instructors

whom students can learn a lot from outside the four walls of a classroom (Well, five to nine walls, in the case of the alphabet soup classrooms). This would definitely be helpful toward your goal in the aviation industry.

Other than that, please feel free to express your thoughts and suggestions on how the SGA can help improve our school. Help us help you. I am always willing to hear what you have in mind.

Proposed Amendments to the SGA Constitution

"The amendment shall be adopted if, within two weeks of the vote, no petition for veto has been filed with the Chief Justice. The petition for veto must contain the signatures of Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University students equal to twenty-five percent of the turn out in the last general election."

- Change Title Page
 - From: This SGA Constitution has been last amended and ratified effective 4 October 2006.
 - To: This SGA Constitution has been last amended and ratified effective XX Month 2007.
- Change Article III, Section 4, Letter b
 - From: The member must submit a detailed written request to the SRB.
 - To: The member must submit a detailed written request to the SRB and the SFB.
 - Reason: If both the SRB and SFB are responsible of making the decision of removing a division then both boards should be notified at the beginning of the process.
- Change Article III, Section 4, Letter c
 - From: The division will cease to exist after a 2/3 vote of the SRB and SFB to remove it.
 - To: The division will cease to exist after a both a 2/3 vote of the SRB and a separate 2/3 vote of the SFB during a joint session. Should either body fail to approve the changes with a 2/3 vote then the motion will have failed.
 - Reason: The SFB is a legislative body with the same standing as the SRB and therefore should receive an equal say in this vote.
- Add Article IV, Section 1, Letter p
 - Act as the advisor to Task Force One
 - Reason: To ensure that Task Force One receives the proper attention from the SGA and the SGA President.
- Add Article IV, Section 1, Letter q
 - Be responsible for following the Task Force One Constitution
 - Reason: To ensure the SGA President follows all duties as assigned by the TFO Constitution and in order to help ensure TFO is an effective organization and representative of the freshmen body.
- Delete Article IV, Section 4, Letter g
 - From: Be appointed by the SGA President and approved by a 2/3 vote of the SFB and SRB when the position becomes vacant. All appointees must currently serve on the Student Court, unless no current Associate Justice meets eligibility requirements or accepts the nomination.
 - Reason: Basically this section is being cut and paste into another section of the Constitution that concerns the Chief Justice. See Change 9. Also note that Change 6 and Change 9 either both pass or both fail.
- Change Article VI, Section 1
 - From: It shall be the duty of the SGA President to appoint an Election's Committee chairman no later than the second week of the Spring semester. The appointment shall be approved by a 2/3 vote of the SRB and SFB
 - To: It shall be the duty of the SGA President to appoint an Election's Committee chairman no later than the 2nd week of the Spring semester. The appointment shall be approved by both a 2/3 vote of the SRB

and a separate 2/3 vote of the SFB. Should either body fail to approve the appointment with a 2/3 vote, then the appointment fails.

- Reason: The SFB is a legislative body with the same standing as the SRB and therefore should receive an equal say in this vote.
- Change Article VI, Section 4, Letter b
 - From: Must have at least a 2.5 cumulative grade point average (CGPA).
 - To: Must have and maintain at least a 2.5 cumulative grade point average (CGPA).
 - Reason: To ensure that the Executive Board maintains the GPA required of other officials of the SGA.
- Change Article VI, Section 6
 - From: The Chief Justice position shall be appointed by the President and approved by a 2/3 vote of the SRB and SFB. The Chief Justice shall serve a term to last no more than two academic years.
 - To: The Chief Justice position shall be appointed by the President and approved by both a 2/3 vote of the SRB and a separate 2/3 vote of the SFB. Should either body fail to approve the appointment with a 2/3 vote, then the appointment fails. All appointees must currently serve on the Student Court, unless no current Associate Justice meets eligibility requirements or accepts the nomination. The Chief Justice shall serve a term to last no more than two academic years
 - Reason: This is part of a cut and paste from Change 6. Also, the SFB is a legislative body with the same standing as the SRB and therefore should receive an equal say in this vote.
- Change Article VI, Section 9, Letter b
 - From: A vacancy of the Vice-President or the Treasurer shall be filled by an election within the SRB and the SFB respectively. Both positions shall be approved by a 2/3 vote of the SRB and SFB.
 - To: A vacancy of the Vice-President or the Treasurer shall be filled by an appointment by the Executive Board. Both positions shall be approved by both a 2/3 vote of the SRB and a separate 2/3 vote of the SFB. Should either body fail to approve the appointment with a 2/3 vote, then the appointment fails.
 - Reason: The SFB is a legislative body with the same standing as the SRB and therefore should receive an equal say in this vote.
- Change Article VIII, Section 2, Letter b
 - From: All potential changes to the Constitution need to be approved by a 2/3 vote in a joint session of the SRB and SFB.
 - To: All potential changes to the Constitution shall be approved by both a 2/3 vote of the SRB and a separate 2/3 vote of the SFB during a joint session. Should either body fail to approve the amendment with a 2/3 vote, then the amendment fails.
 - Reason: The SFB is a legislative body with the same standing as the SRB and therefore should receive an equal say in this vote.
- Change Article IX, Section 2
 - From: This Constitution has been last amended and ratified effective 4 October 2006.
 - To: This Constitution has been last amended and ratified effective XX Month 2007.

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Smoking hurts nonsmokers Smokers need to calm down

In response to "Smoker speaks out against segregation, discrimination" written by "Name Withheld," I would like to address many of the points made from a nonsmoker's point of view.

You [the author] expressed extreme discontent for being told "not to smoke," "that's disgusting," and "those things will kill you." You obviously fail to see the message behind many of their and my words. Since these things are typically said in the presence of you lighting up, did it ever occur to you that perhaps we are not saying this to inform you of all the obvious deadly dangers of smoking? Perhaps it is because your habit, your choice, and your drug are negatively affecting the environment around myself and others that did not

choose to make that lifestyle choice. Did it ever occur to you that lighting a cigarette in the presence of a nonsmoker causes extreme discomfort both physically and mentally? You say that smokers are not "rude," but wouldn't it be more polite to step away and not intrude on nonsmoker's health? Wouldn't it be more polite and respectful to step away from an entrance of a building when smoking? Every single entrance to any academic building on campus constantly lies in a filthy, revolting, stale haze from the byproduct of your disgusting habit. That is not only disrespectful to myself and others, but it blatantly breaks the 25-foot rule created to protect those that do not wish to inhale the cancerous smoke. Several states have already imposed

laws prohibiting smoking in all public establishments, including bars, to protect us. Your choice negatively affects us, and that is why you are dealt so much discrimination as seen by the California Environmental Protection Agency: "Secondhand smoke causes approximately 3,400 lung cancer deaths and 22,700-69,600 heart disease deaths in adult nonsmokers in the United States each year."

You further discuss some of the other sinful practices of leading killers in the United States. The argument is not about the individual who chooses to engage in smoking; it is about how it negatively affects others. Obesity only affects the individual. Motor vehicle accidents (excluding alcohol-related) are accidents, not purposeful

habits. You continue to bring up the point that we are pointing the finger only at smokers when there are so many more out there. You are incorrect. Driving under the influence of alcohol has had serious preventative educational systems and programs put in place as well as severe punishments when convicted, because of the impact that this choice has on others. An illicit drug means that it is illegal. Because they kill...looks like the finger was already pointed in that direction.

We are all guilty of our little habits that can kill us, but smokers are one of the largest populations that kill others by their lifestyle choice, which is why you are and will always be targeted. Wake up and smell the smoke. ~William Bell

Pity for the smoker with their panties in a twist? I would like to reply to the "Name Withheld" who wrote such a moving plea for people to take pity on them, and smokers in general, those poor segregated part of our populace we direct our anger at. I would like to first respond by saying I was more upset by your article than any other I have read in *the Avion* in four years here, period. Its not that I have anything against you smoking, by all means, continue. What enraged me is your attitude. Your article trying to not only to justify your habit to others but

also attempt to persuade people to ignore the danger it represents, in favor of other throwing the spotlight on other "habits," is in my opinion, criminal.

First, I would like to address a couple quick facts you toss out, with some countering facts that don't support your claims that smokers are not the evil they are made out to be. You are welcome to go to <http://www.lungusa.org> - smoking 101 fact sheet, to see where I got these facts and for some tips on why you might want to quit smoking. 1. Smoking causes Over 400,000 deaths per year from smoking... That's far more than any other those other "things that can kill you", combined. 2. Smoking costs the United States over \$167 billion each year in health-care costs... I have a hard time imagining the taxes on cigarettes equal that. 3. Smoking is also a major factor in coronary heart disease and strokes... So smoking has nothing at all to do with the No.1 killer in America, only fast food and no exercise? Think again. 4. Secondhand smoke involuntarily inhaled causes 3,000 lung cancer deaths annually... Not everyone is so considerate of others when they smoke, apparently.

Second, I would like to mention to the smoker that I enjoy a nice cigar or an occasional hookah, just like I enjoy a couple beers on the weekend, everything in moderation buddy. I'm sorry to say I see few people who smoke cigarettes smoking in moderation (a few a week), they must be addictive or something.

I'm not preaching prohibition against cigarettes here, but I am happy that smoking is banned in all Florida buildings. People smoking around me has been proven to have negative health affects; the guy eating a bacon cheeseburger next to me in the cafeteria doesn't make me any fatter, if it did, I'd ask him to go outside too. I would also like to add, I don't eat McDonalds, do exercise daily so I hope you don't mind a little finger pointing from me. But don't worry that I "target" only smokers, I give my friends eating fast food a hard time too, and try to drag them along to the gym as often as I can. Sorry, I happen to care about others, I guess. If you don't like people's reaction, quit; it will add years to your life!

~Seth Shaw

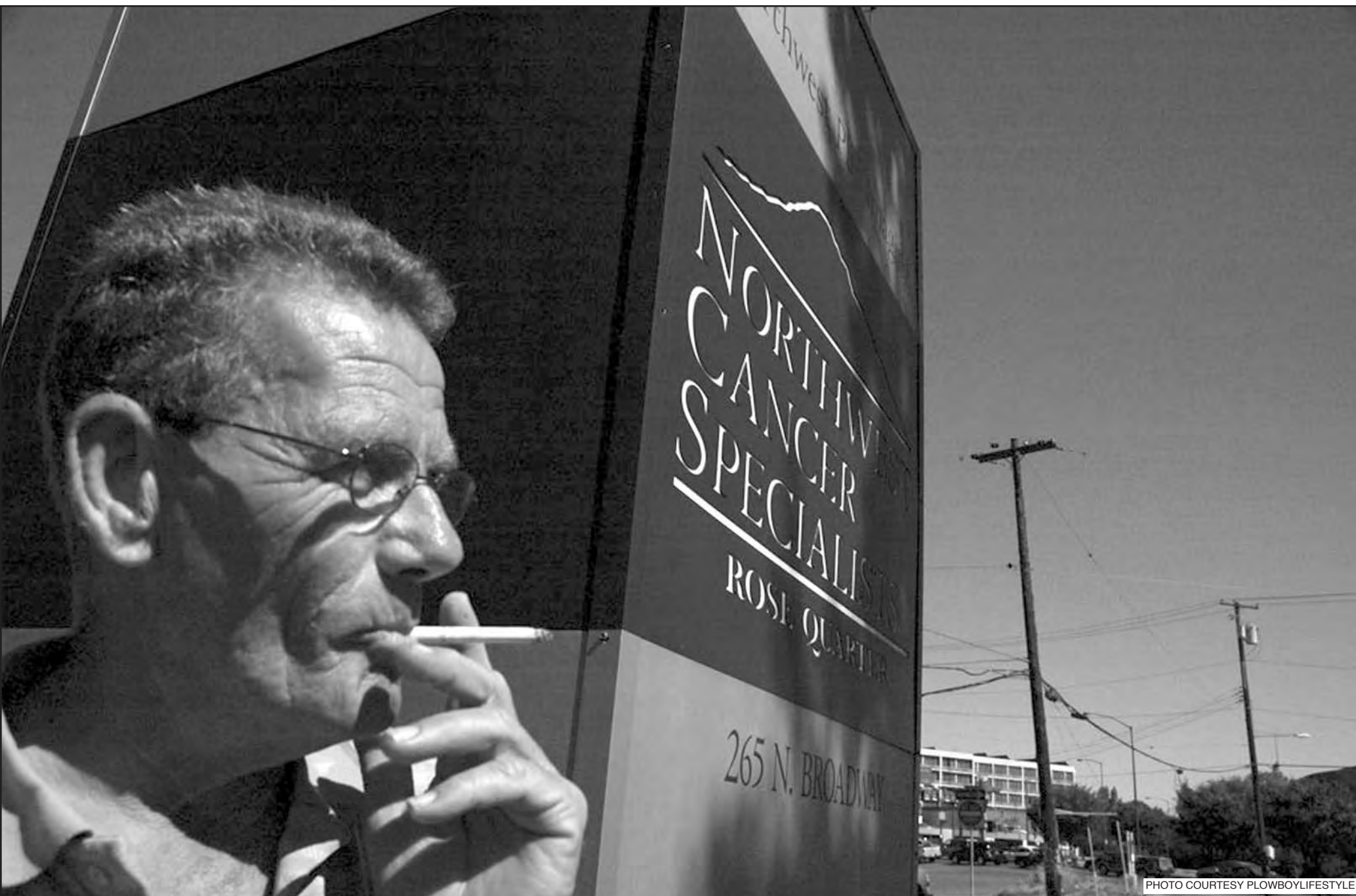


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Vacuuming naked is just as hazardous as smoking

I am responding to "Name Withheld's" article, "Smoker Speaks out Against Segregation, Discrimination," in the last edition of the Avion. Sidetrack: Why do people honestly withhold their name when proudly standing behind an opinion? Are they afraid of something? Well, I won't withhold my name, despite the fact that I am going to lose sleep for the next week trembling in fear that the smoking mafia may hunt me down after class one day, tie me in a burlap bag, hit me with a baseball bat and toss me into the Halifax. Back on point. I don't hate smokers; nor do I hate anyone that chooses to partake in other self destructive acts, so long as they DON'T AFFECT THE LIVES OF OTHERS. Hell,

I partake in a few life threatening acts of my own; like vacuuming naked, and trying to eat spoonfuls of cinnamon, for example. "Name Withheld", (I'll just call you NW for short, if that's cool with you) I have a problem when these acts affect the lives of individuals around them. That's when you'll receive this "discrimination" you speak of from me. It is the smokers that light up in public whilst surrounded by a dozen people, and act like their smoke isn't bothering anyone that get my attention.

Nothing annoys me more to be walking down a sidewalk on a brisk summer day (Note: I like walking sidewalks on brisk summer days), than to suddenly walk in to a plume of cigarette smoke while in the midst of a breath. It

catches me off guard, and makes me gag. I don't like gagging, nor do I enjoy being caught off guard. So you, my friend, just ruined my brisk, summer walk. Not cool NW. Here's another statistic you might enjoy. Second hand smoke, according to the American Academy of Otolaryngology, is the No.1 controllable cause for damage to developmental organs in children; such as the eyes, ears, lungs, and brain in children that live with at least one smoker. We all know what it does

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Many smokers are respectful individuals that understand ...
- SCOTT BRAZELTON”

to a fetus. Do you really think that it has no affect on others around you? Furthermore, it greatly inhibits a child or baby's ability to heal from an ear infection; which can easily result in long term hearing loss. In children under two years of age, second hand smoke is extremely damaging; and is often times a catalyst for pneumonia and bronchitis. It doesn't take a neurologist to come to the conclusion that second hand smoke isn't healthy for adults either. We

haven't even mentioned cancer. Many smokers are respectful individuals that understand the concept of affecting others with their actions; you might be one of them. But the next time you light up and get the "disgusting" look that makes you feel "discriminated against," it's obviously because you just submitted the person in front of you to breathing your second hand smoke. Nasty side effects aside, cigarette smoke doesn't exactly have the most pleasant smell to us non-smokers either. I'm not some anti-smoking Nazi that parades around smokers with "TRUTH" banners, nor do I tell them it is bad for them. I have no problem putting up with smoke in bars or public areas so long as the person smoking is respectful about

it. I understand that most smokers don't have the IQ of a staple gun and have already figured that out. But do you, NW, seriously have to wonder why people that are smoking are "segregated" from people that aren't? I'll give you a hint, it's the same reason we segregate people that are defecating from those that aren't defecating with these spacious defecation areas we call restrooms; it smells bad and none of us want to be around it. If you want to go proudly chain smoking yourself into oblivion driving down the highway with your windows shut, go for it. You won't hear a peep from me. But don't whine about discrimination if you get treated differently when you smoke in a public area.

~Scott Brazelton

Student Forum

The Avion asks: "If you could be anywhere right now, where would you be?"

—Compiled by Thomas Larmena



Charles Goetz
Sophomore
Aeronautical Science

"Sicily"



Tom Head
Freshman
Aeronautical Science

"Flying a Gulfstream G550"



Phil Gregory
Senior
Aerospace Engineer

"Korea"



Thiago Dasilua
Freshman
Aerospace Engineering

"Brazil"



Luis Delgado
Freshman
Aerospace Engineering

"Australia"



Vicki Peña
Freshman
Aerospace Engineering

"Amsterdam!"

Issues with article's words

I think there should be a few things clarified about the Bosworth incident. Assault, battery, sexual battery and molest are not interchangeable. Yes, it is true. Assault and Battery mean two different things, and they are two very different acts. Assault in many states means to inflict injury, however in Florida, it's very different. F.S. §784.011 states: "An assault is an intentional, unlawful threat by word or act to do violence to the person of another, coupled with the apparent ability to do so, and doing some act with creates a well-founded fear in such other person that such violence is imminent." Clearly, Bosworth isn't an "assault suspect" as the sub-headline clearly stated. He won't face "assault and battery" charges either, but only battery.

Sexual Battery, §794.011 in Florida State Statute states: "Sexual battery means oral, anal or vaginal penetration by or union with the sexual organ of another or the oral, anal or ... by any other object." If the readers of *The Avion* knew this, they would know that there was no possible way that Bosworth committed this act, if the story is accurate. It is clear why he wasn't charged with it. I think that this could have been

explained in the article, to better inform the readers.

"Simple" battery, §784.03, "The offense of battery occurs when a person: Actually and intentionally touches or strikes another person against the will of the other; or intentionally causes bodily harm to another person." Simple battery is a misdemeanor of the first degree. According to the story that you printed, Bosworth did commit Battery to the victim, by touching her against her will. It wasn't sexual battery, and it wasn't assault. Also, the first story that was printed indicated that this was a felony crime, which is not true either.

However, technically, Bosworth could have been charged with "Exposure of Sexual Organs" F.S. §800.03. This would be another first degree misdemeanor. But, the officer chose not to do so. One burglary charge is likely to get dropped. I'm no lawyer, but your story said that he was lost, and trying to find his room, came into the first girl's room thinking it was his own. The crime of Burglary §810.02(b)(1) states: "Entering a dwelling, a structure, or a conveyance with the intent to commit an offense therein, unless the

premises are at the time open to the public or the defendant is licensed or invited to enter." The first room, he had no intent to commit a crime, and it was unlocked, meaning it was "open to the public."

The second charge may or may not stick, as §810.02(2) states, "Burglary is a felony of the first degree punishable by imprisonment for a term of years not exceeding life [Less than 30] imprisonment or as provided... if in the course of committing the offense, the offender: §810(2)(a) "Makes an assault or battery upon any person." However, this crime will be reduced or changed, as he had no intent to commit a crime, except for the battery, and these doors too were unlocked as well, meaning they may just make it a trespassing charge instead, which is a Misdemeanor of the first degree, §810.08(1)(b).

The reality of it all is that Bosworth will go to court, and because of his lack of having a record, and past history of being a good citizen, the charges will either get dropped or reduced to "attempted battery" or something lesser, and he probably won't have to set foot in jail. It just depends how good the attorney is.

~Name Withheld

Stand Up! A surge, a surge, my kingdom for a surge

Surge. It is a funny word really. They had to pass by escalation, reinforcement and intensification to get to surge. I mean it sounds like we should be putting 21,500 volts into Iraq with this surge. I wonder how long it took the press people to come up with surge. I wish I could be in those meetings where they come up with things like "axis of evil," "surge," and "stay the course" so I could bring a shovel and beat them over the head.

Well, the surge was all the rage on Capitol Hill, as both chambers discussed the extremely powerful non-binding resolution. WTF is that anyway. A non-binding resolution is like telling a playground bully you have to stop teasing me, but the bully can still punch you in the face. It really was a waste of time. The House passed the resolution, with little surprise but in the Senate the bill, as is happening quite often recently, got bogged down in procedure until a cloture vote was defeated by four votes.

Bush has already made everyone in the country aware he is not going to listen to Congress and is already deploying his troop

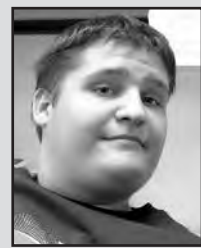
surge. Does anyone else get the image of people in the White House chilling around a Risk board thinking this stuff up? I know I do. The Democratic leaders have decided to take their disagreement to the next level by cutting funding for the war so it will be impossible to deploy more soldiers in the theater. This is a fun idea: the people are already over there, since Bush said he does not care, so let's cut their funding. It is like a black hole, no matter what goes in nothing comes out. Money, troops, ideas, bi-partisanship, all vanish once they hit the event horizon that is Iraq.

Even more funding requests are coming from troops who have been over there for some time now. Army and Marine officers both agree their armored Humvees just are not cutting it any more. More complex and powerful IEDs have rendered them deathtraps when struck by roadside bombs. The branches are requesting more shipments of

V-bottomed transports, dubbed MRAPV's, engineers and bomb disposal units currently use. These would greatly increase the protection of soldiers but with a total deployment cost of nearly \$3 billion, it seems like a losing fight. A guerilla war is not won by throwing money at the problem. It is time to get out and let the people of Iraq decide whether they want to live in war or peace.

Oh yeah, and just some food for thought on other issues the media seems to have forgotten about. The Libby trial wrapped up last week to little fanfare with journalists testifying and refuting other journalists. The whole trial feels like it has scapegoat written all over it, but we will probably never know unless Libby gets out of prison in 20 years, writes a book and people remember who he actually was.

Another set of cases seeing results are a few of the many investigations on mismanagement of government contracts in Iraq. A few servicemen and civilians have been indicted or convicted in the ongoing saga of "Where did our money go?" It is times like these when I am forever grateful of the internet and its limitless information.



Chris Tezak
Columnist

“**Bush ... is not going to listen to Congress and is already deploying ...**”

- CHRIS TEZAK

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Saunders is right; now, everyone get on the bandwagon

Two weeks ago *The Avion* printed an article in the SGA page titled "Radio Back on Track" that contained an overwhelming and outraging amount of facts. I feel that Peter Richardson, the author of the article and Station Director of Eagles FM, should tender his resignation due to his exceptionally detailed and honest reporting of the radio's situation.

As Station Director, Mr. Richardson is the sole party responsible for any complaints, and problems the station receives. Failing his duty in this, he has not kowtowed to complaints about what music we play, preferring to stand on Eagles

FM's bylaws and tradition to keep the station a free and open musical venue. I understand that values and traditions have been increasingly cropping up in our SGA divisions and it is time they gave in to popular opinion. It is important that the station conform to the mass media market, removing individuality or a focus on the school. Richardson's failure to acknowledge this obvious fact, which it is better to cover at confrontation than stand by your beliefs, makes it important we replace him immediately.

Truly men like Richardson are the root of all the worlds evil. It would not surprise me if he was responsi-

ble for the Christmas day storms, as a way to show how his "hard work" and "good leadership" could turn a potentially disastrous situation into a manageable one.

I would like to thank Joshua Saunders and his exceptionally well written opinion in last weeks issue for inspiring me to take this action. I hope you will all join me in stomping out hard workers and those who have a sense of duty. We need more people willing to participate in sophistry and band-wagon decision making and we need them now.

~Billy Sohl
Business Director
Eagles FM

Student: article had bad tone

This letter is in response to the Tuesday, Feb. 13 front page article titled "Bosworth to have his day in court." I am particularly upset with the tone of this week's article, which accuses the Department of Housing and Residence Life of mishandling the incident.

All of the residents of this campus put a plethora of trust in the hands of Housing to ensure safety and confidentiality. Resident Advisors, in particular, play a heavy role in ensuring that when incidents like this occur, the identities of victims, as well as those accused are protected.

Housing did their job; their instructions to Resident Advisors were to remind residents about safety concerns, which they have stressed since the beginning of

the year. They were told not to reveal any details of the alleged incident, as it would violate their duties to uphold confidentiality.

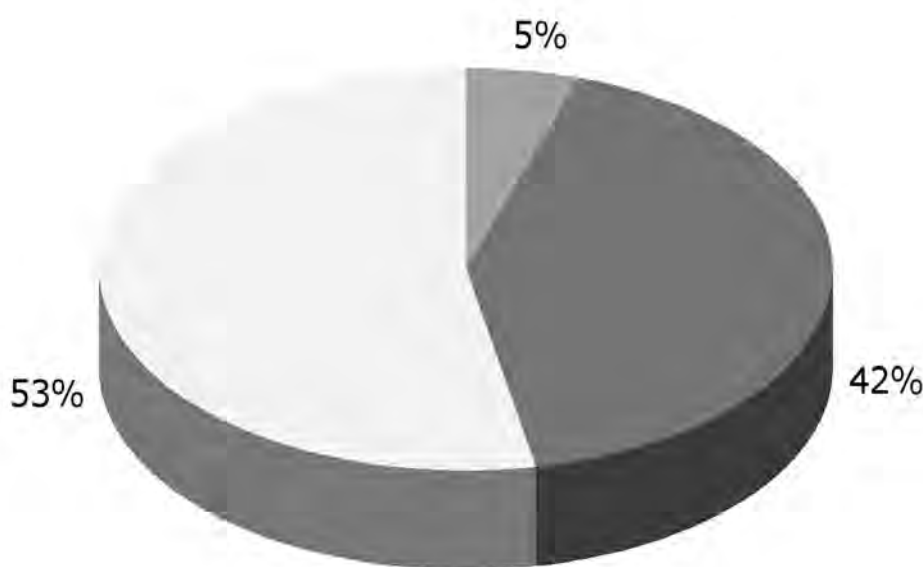
The Avion obviously has no respect for this agent of trust. Over the past two weeks they have continued to libel the accused. In our democracy, Mr. Bosworth is innocent until proven guilty. While I am not making any presumptions about Mr. Bosworth's guilt or innocence, it is clear that because of *The Avion*, many on our campus are.

While the reporters of *The Avion* believe it is their job is to investigate, they neglect their journalistic duties and responsibilities: to report the news.

~Brent A. Bowen

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Everest rescue helicopter Pilots and guns

Dalila Giraldo
Guest Reporter

TGR Helicorp Ltd., the only helicopter manufacturer in the Southern Hemisphere, just took on a new challenge that will directly impact an area located 7,288 miles away from their home town in New Zealand and 29,028 feet tall: Mount Everest.

TGR partnered with Everest Rescue Trust and embarked on an international humanitarian project that will shatter the boundaries of helicopter rescue flight in and around the harshest alpine environment imaginable.

The mission is to design, build and operate a self-funding rescue helicopter service for the high altitude regions of Nepal.

It aims to save lives on Everest and on Himalayan Mountains and assist the safety and emergency services in Nepal by raising the standard of the services, the training and lives of the people involved.

Other interesting aspects of the challenge include providing better healthcare and schooling for the people of Nepal, setting up a frostbite center to treat the people of Nepal who regularly lose fingers and toes because they are not properly equipped, and ensuring that every working Nepalese person in

the high altitude villages of Nepal is properly equipped with trekking footwear at the very least.

The website is aimed at having regular updates, collecting donations for the challenge, and providing information about the project and history about the area.

According to scoop independent news, most helicopters are not designed to operate above a ceiling of about 14,000 feet because it is just too dangerous, so having a rescue helicopter that could get to Mount Everest safely will make a huge difference.

The name of the helicopter will be the Alpine Wasp, and it will be completed and donated to the trust

after some rigorous testing this year. It will be capable of airlifting two sick or injured climbers at a time from extreme altitude, using ultra-modern composite technologies, a revolutionary diesel helicopter engine and rotor blades designed especially for maximum performance in thin air. It will also be unmanned.

"I'm excited to be a part of a project that will benefit the Nepalese people in so many ways," said Mark Inglis, Goodwill Ambassador for the Everest Rescue Trust, who on May 15, 2006, became the first ever double amputee to stand on the top the summit of Everest.

David Scotland
Staff Reporter

Four years after the program's inception, the Homeland Security Department, in cooperation with the State Department, is seeking to expand the authority of pilots to carry guns in the cockpit of international flights.

Under the current rules, pilots who successfully complete a weeklong training program are sworn in by the Federal Air Marshals service as Federal Flight Deck Officers. Once sworn in, pilots are permitted to carry guns while only in the cockpit, with the guns remaining in a lock box.

Some nations have already expressed their concerns over the carriage and potential uses of a firearm while onboard an aircraft. Several nations, including Sweden, have prohibited the use of armed air marshals on flights to and from their countries.

Low pilot participation in the U.S. has been partially attributed to the inability of armed pilots to exercise their authority overseas. The program does have some improvements in the works to help encourage more involvement, including the opening of new regional training facilities and the introduction of badges to replace the previously used ID cards which identified armed pilots.

Bombardier to move to India?

Bob Scheid
Chief Copy Editor

Bombardier is considering setting up a service center in India to help service its increasing number of jet aircraft in that country, Business-Standard.com reported last week.

Derek Gilmour, Bombardier's vice president for specialized aircraft solutions, said that "Now our focus will be much more on India. The servicing center, being planned by the company, will be set up either in Juhu or at Santa

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- DEREK GILMOUR

Cruz airport. Apart from providing maintenance, repairs and overhaul to our existing customers, it will also kindle interest in others."

By the beginning of this year, India had 122 corporate aircraft in the nation, with roughly a tenth of those being purchased in 2006. Most of them are still owned by major corporations, but the past several

years have shown smaller companies beginning to buy corporate jets. At the Aero India '07 showcase, held Feb. 7 through 11 at an air force base in Bangalore, Bombardier showed a CRJ900 aircraft to potential buyers; nine such jets, as well as 166 smaller turboprop aircraft, are currently in service in the Asia/Pacific region.

Bombardier has also been expanding in other sectors of the country's transportation network. Bombardier is also the world's largest trainmaker, and expects to sell more than \$3 billion in the next five years to that country, in both heavy rail and metropolitan mass transit systems. Yet more rail systems are expected to be sold in China and Russia, as well.

Raytheon Aircraft produced 73 business jets that are currently in use in India, providing fully 60 percent of that fleet. Cessna holds a distant second at 15 percent and Gulfstream is in third with nine percent.

Honda produces from N.C.

Bob Scheid
Chief Copy Editor

Honda Aircraft Co. announced two weeks ago that they would construct a new aircraft production facility in Greensboro, N.C.

The location was chosen both because of its proximity to Atlanta and its separation from the "big aviation community," according to Michimasa Fujino, president and CEO of Honda Aircraft. "Atlanta and the aviation community was close enough, but Greensboro was also far enough away. Greensboro was a good size, good combination. This is kind of an ideal location for us."

The new facility is expected to create more than 280 jobs over five years, with the average salary being \$70,000. This is more than double the average in the area.

The facility will produce the HondaJet corporate aircraft, an eight-passenger plane with a cruising speed of 450 mph. It costs about \$3.65 million per unit and is expected to help fill air-taxi and corporate roles, provided it receives FAA certification. More than 100 have already been ordered, and it could enter the market as soon as 2010.

Honda Aircraft's corporate headquarters for the production and sale of the Honda corporate aircraft is based at Piedmont Triad airport, where the



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HONDA'S NEW HONDAJET WILL now go into production from the new facility and Greensboro, N.C.

new production facility will be built. The airport is growing rapidly, not only from the Honda venture but also from the FedEx hub being constructed there as well. So far, local govern-

ments have provided \$1.4 million in funding to help Honda lease 70 acres of the airport for the facility. Honda expects to have built the first buildings by the end of this year.

Further incentives may top \$6.5 million in the next 12 years if the company can maintain the current 50 jobs it has so far formed at the headquarters.

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Delta 2 dazzles at sunset with THEMIS



THE DELTA 2 ROCKET carrying the five identical THEMIS probes blasts off just minutes before sunset Saturday evening at 6:01 p.m. EST. The rocket's smoke was colored orange and yellow and dazzled spectators.

Robert Keith
Staff Reporter

Five probes designed to study the aurora like never before were blasted into Earth orbit shortly before sunset Saturday, putting on a spectacular color-filled show for spectators gathered around the space coast.

After two separate scrubs, the first being on Thursday due to impediments in the fueling of the hypergolic propellants, and again on Friday due to out-of-limit upper level winds, the THEMIS launch was finally successful.

At 6:01 p.m. on Saturday, the Boeing-designed Delta 2 lifted off from Cape Canaveral Air Force Station's Launch Complex 17B. This was the second successful launch for the newly-formed United Launch Alliance, and the first from the East Coast.

The mission referred to as THEMIS, which stands for the Time History of Events and Macroscale Interactions during Substorms, carries five separate but identical satellites into orbit which will monitor energy releases from the Earth's magnetosphere and the physics of the aurora.

THEMIS consisted of the largest number of scientific satellites

NASA has ever launched into orbit aboard a single rocket. The probes will arrange themselves as a constellation and fly in a highly elliptical orbit around the Earth to help locate the origins and triggers of explosive energy discharges from the Earth's magnetosphere known as substorms.

In conjunction with 20 ground stations scattered throughout North America, the THEMIS satellites will magnetically map the North American continent every four days for approximately 15 hours each time. "For over 30 years, the source location of these explosive energy releases has been sought after with great fervor. It is a question almost as old as space physics itself," said THEMIS principal investigator Vassilis Angelopoulos.

"A substorm starts from a single point in space and progresses past the moon's orbit within minutes, so a single satellite cannot identify the substorm origin. The five-satellite constellation of THEMIS will finally identify the trigger location and the physics involved in substorms."

"Substorms are what make the aurorae interesting," said John Bonnell, a plasma physicist and aurora specialist with THEMIS. "Without them, the greenish white sheets are static, like a cloud. Substorms make

the sheets ripple and create different colors, such as red borders and colorful edge effects."

"THEMIS is so important because the same fundamental physical process is seen around all planets, it happens on the sun in solar flares, and in astrophysical systems such as black holes," Angelopoulos said. "It's amazing that being so close to us, here at Earth, it is not understood yet."

Approximately 73 minutes after liftoff, mission operators at the University of California, Berkeley, commanded and received signals from all five probes, confirming separation and operational status.

"Many of NASA's future science missions will be constellations of satellites that will provide simultaneous, three-dimensional views of nature," said Frank Snow, THEMIS project manager at NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center, Greenbelt, Md.

"THEMIS will give us a deeper understanding of the impact of the solar wind on the Earth and provide vital data for our manned explorations as they travel to the moon and beyond."

The mission marked the 72nd straight success for Delta 2. The world record for one unmanned rocket is 74.

Upcoming Cape Launches

With a spectacular sunset launch of THEMIS now past, focus turns towards an Atlas 5, delayed past its Feb. 22 launch date to March 8 in the wake of the Sea Launch failure investigation. The Atlas 5's Russian RD-180 engine is derived from the RD-171 that Sea Launch's Zenit 3 uses and while the engine is not believed responsible for the Jan. 30 explosion, United Launch Alliance has decided to wait it out two additional weeks before giving the all-clear.

Meanwhile, Atlantis remains set to launch the third of the enormous solar arrays to the ISS in the pre-dawn hours of March 15. Launch viewing information for both will be available here starting early next month.

<p>March 8 Atlas 5 STP/Orbital Express Air Force experiment Launch window: 9:37 p.m. - 11:42 p.m. EST</p>	<p>NET April 1 Delta 4-Heavy Defense Support Program-23 Last DSP satellite Launch window: 12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. EDT</p>	<p>June 20 Delta 2 NASA's Dawn asteroid orbiter Will explore Ceres and Vesta Launch time: ~5:30 p.m. EDT</p>
<p>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</p>	<p>May 3 or 4 Atlas 5 Classified NRO satellite Launch time TBA</p>	<p>June 28 Space Shuttle Endeavour STS-118 / ISS flight S5 truss, SPACEHAB module Launch time: ~11:40 a.m. EDT +/- 5 minute window</p>

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Kepler to look for Earths

Bob Scheid
Chief Copy Editor

Details of the new Kepler mission, a space probe designed to detect extrasolar terrestrial planets, were released late last month, Space.com reported.

Kepler, named after the 16th century astronomer, will use an array of 42 Charge Coupled Devices, the same kind of light sensors used in modern digital cameras. The spacecraft will orbit the sun, observing about 100,000 stars in the constellation Cygnus and watching for variations in the brightness of these stars. Variations may be indicative of

Earth-like planets passing between the star and the detector, and since measurements will be taken once every 15 minutes, the chances of capturing a planet in transit are relatively good.

It is expected that the program, costing \$500 million, will launch sometime in 2008 for a four year mission. Provisions will be carried for two additional years, however, in case NASA decides to extend funding for the mission. This would allow much better detection, since planets with orbits like that of Mars may take significantly longer than one Earth year to complete and would require longer to detect.

The probe would require three

cycles of similar duration, intensity, and period to "confirm" the alien planet's existence.

Even if the probe finds no planets, scientists will still have learned a significant fact: that planets like Earth within the habitable zone of their stars are more rare than expected. However, most of the scientists involved are hoping to find many in the coming years.

Kepler is the first in a longer series of missions designed to ferret out extrasolar planets. Future missions could potentially include the Space Interferometry Mission and the Terrestrial Planet Finder, though funding is still very much in question for those and other missions.

France urges more European participation in space

Andy Kwok
Staff Reporter

The French Parliamentary Office for the Evaluation of Scientific and Technological Choices released an analytic report on Feb. 7 urging European nations to increase their participation in developing space technologies and to revise their current space policies as a response to the recent space-related activities by various nations.

This parliamentary group claimed a second space race was triggered by a new wave of interest in space such as the United States revision of the National Space Policy to the freedom of space usage last September and China's anti-satellite missile test, which destroyed a retired weather satellite last month.

"The recent test of an anti-satellite weapon should serve as a wake-up call," German Ambassador Bernhard Brassack told the TimesSargus.com.

Other concerns addressed by the report were NASA's new goal for revisiting the moon to establish a permanent lunar space, India's establishment of an aerospace command with its goals aiming for future lunar exploration and human spaceflight, and the reviv-

ing Russian space program.

The French Parliamentary Office's report provided a list of 50 different resolutions which European nations should take action against before falling behind other nations such as China, India, and Russia. One of the more significant proposals was to urge additional cooperation between European nations to prevent duplication in research, waste of financial resources, and inter-competition for both civil and military sectors.

Other proposed plans included providing priority to European space vehicles by any European governments, the conversion of Ariane 5 rockets capable to handle astronauts within five years, security improvements for Galileo navigation satellites and others

Shuttle sits on 39A for first time in four years



THE SPACE SHUTTLE ATLANTIS crawls towards Pad 39A at the Kennedy Space Center Thursday, where it arrived after a six-hour, 3.4 mile trip from the Vehicle Assembly Building. It is the first time since Columbia lifted-off for the final time on Jan. 16, 2003 that a shuttle sits atop 39A. All 16 remaining planned shuttle launches will be conducted from A, as 39B is turned over to the Constellation program.

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Station experiences power problems

Bob Scheid
Chief Copy Editor

NASA engineers are still unsure what caused a power system malfunction on the International Space Station (ISS) several days ago, Space.com reported last week.

A power channel in the Port 4 (P4) solar panel system experienced a malfunction in its direct current switching unit at about 1 a.m. on Sunday, Feb. 11. NASA reported last week that the three astronauts aboard the station were not in danger, but the station did experience a temporary loss of communications and experienced shutdowns in heating units, some scientific equipment, and one of three operational gyroscopes.

Power had been restored to most of the affected systems within 31 hours. NASA officials told Space.com that engineers "are still investigating what caused the glitch, but believe it was an isolated event." As of press time Sunday, Feb. 18, there still had been no updates from NASA as to the cause.

The fault was in the newest set of

solar arrays, delivered to the station in September of last year and activated only in December by STS-116. The array consists of two wings, each of which produces almost 33 kilowatts of power.

Expedition 14 commander Michael Lopez-Alegria congratulated the flight controllers the morning after for working so hard and getting the station back up and running, adding "Hats off to you guys and thanks."

The space station currently houses four 620-pound Control Moment Gyroscopes (CMGs) to help maintain attitude in orbit. One of these, CMG-3, had been removed from service last October due to vibration concerns.

When another was temporarily lost during the power outage, the station was able to use the remaining two to hold attitude in orbit. Had a third failed, the station would have begun to use Russian-built thrusters to help keep itself stable, requiring propellant to be used.

An upcoming shuttle mission, STS-117, will deliver another solar array to the station. It is expected to launch March 15.

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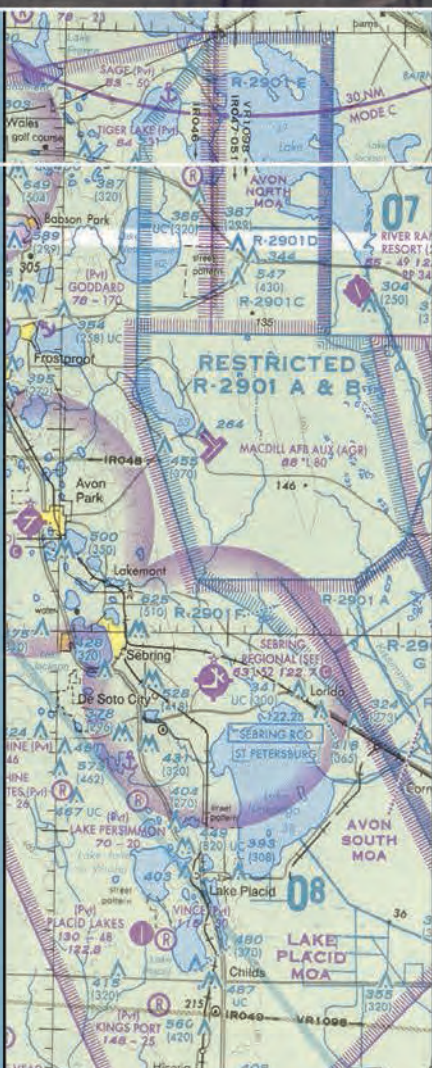
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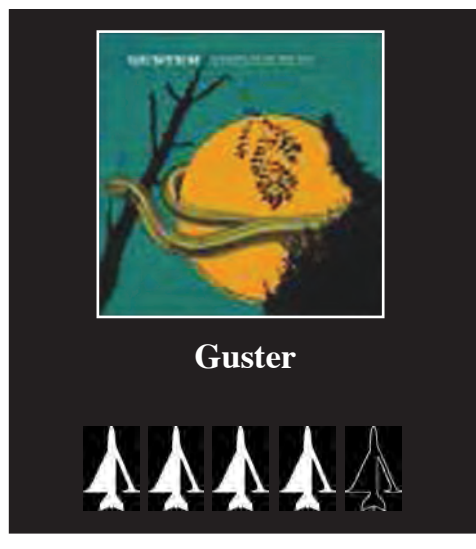




Guster sold out at the House of Blues



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Guster

John W. Smith III
Staff Reporter

For the first time in their band's history of close to 15 years, Guster had finally sold out a show in Florida. On Friday, Feb. 16, the House of Blues in Orlando received a crowd that was blown in by gusts of cold air only to be warmed by soulful music. This Boston four-piece brought something special to their two hour set by energizing the crowd with humorous one liners and playing infectious riffs that consumed the crowd in amazement.

Although expectations ran high for an older hippeysque crowd, a much younger and mature crowd showed up and really knew the definition of great music. The crowd enjoyed their drinks and despite guitarist Mason Jennings being on stage, concert-goers overlooked his set and continued with their social conversations. Mason Jennings came on stage with a bassist, drummer, and a sound similar to

The Decembrists and Jack Johnson. After a few songs from Jennings, it felt like a day with friends at the beach house in Waikiki. The crowd overlooked the talent produced by the trio as they spoke of his too familiar sound and lack of energy. Jennings and company nonetheless put on a great set and readied the atmosphere for Guster.

Guster gave a mind blowing set that seemed to be another coffee shop performance to them. The musical talent and artistic capabilities of these guys was proven as the three front men changed instruments on every song rotating between lead guitar, rhythm guitar, and bass. Not to mention all of their vocal inflections they exchanged on every song. This truly one of the most riveting performances by three front men I have seen. Another musical mastermind was the percussionist/drummer, who truly has a heartbeat of rhythm. Slapping congas and splashing cymbals proved enough to be the glue for the band but also produce enough sound that pleased the crowd. The music intellectual capability of Guster is one of the best today and has the potential to be a serious part of music history.

With albums like "Goldfly" and "Parachute," and recognitions like Boston's Best Local Debut Album and Boston's Best Live show, Guster is one of the best bands in this scene of modern alternative rock. Besides their musical genius, they performed songs like "Satellite," "One Man Wrecking Machine," and "Backyard," all of which were real crowd pleasers. Joe, Ryan, Adam, and Brian are innovative with an

"Guster is one of the best bands in this scene of modern alternative rock."
- JOHN W. SMITH III

unforgettable name of Guster. Inspired by all types of genres, music lovers and concert goers were all pleased as Guster completed their encore and the drummer performed a humorous anthem that left the House of Blues with a deeper love for the soulful alternative sound of Guster.

'Ghost Rider' is fun to watch



Ghost Rider



Jonathan Mettin
Editor-in-Chief

of all that is man. After waking out of the coma "Epic Movie" left me in, I decided I was in need of a few hours of mindless machoism, and boy did this flick deliver.

Gratuitous hot chick? Check. Cool fight scenes? Check. One badass good guy? Check. "Ghost Rider" is the ultimate popcorn flick: very little thinking required and lots of eye candy that makes you remember why you still go see movies on the big screen.

The plot (what little there is) follows Johnny Blaze (Nicolas Cage), a stunt motorcyclist who sold his soul to the devil (referred to as Mephistopheles in the film and played by Peter Fonda) to save his father from cancer. Years later, the devil comes back to collect his due, turning Blaze into his personal bounty hunter, the Ghost Rider.

He tasks Ghost Rider to hunt down his son Blackheart (Wes Bentley). Blackheart and his three henchmen are trying to hunt down an old blood contract with a thousand dark souls attached to it in order to create a new Hell on Earth, quite literally.

I'd summarize more plot, but that's about it. The superficial love interest Roxanne Simpson (Eva Mendes) appears

throughout the movie but is little more than the convenient hostage at the end of the movie.

Speaking of the end of the movie, it takes too long. The movie has a climax that crops up really quickly, and ends even faster, but there's still five minutes before the credits. For the wild ride the movie is, it stalls at the very end. A relatively minor complaint, but a weakness nonetheless.

The movie's strength is that it knows its audience (college guys like yours truly), and knows it well. The special effects are pretty good, although a few of the up-close

shots of the flaming skull could have used some touching up. The soundtrack is also pretty good, fusing a western theme with some modern audio effects that augment the action nicely. There's a few comic moments, but not enough to detract from the overall evil theme of the movie.

"Ghost Rider" is the guy equivalent of a chick flick: no real redeeming theme but fun as hell to watch. Men of Embry-Riddle: your girlfriends have dragged you through seemingly endless hours of "Dirty Dancing," "Bridget Jones' Diary" and other romantic rubbish: level the playing field and take them to see "Ghost Rider."

"[It's] the ultimate popcorn flick; very little thinking and lots of eye candy ..."
- JONATHAN METTIN

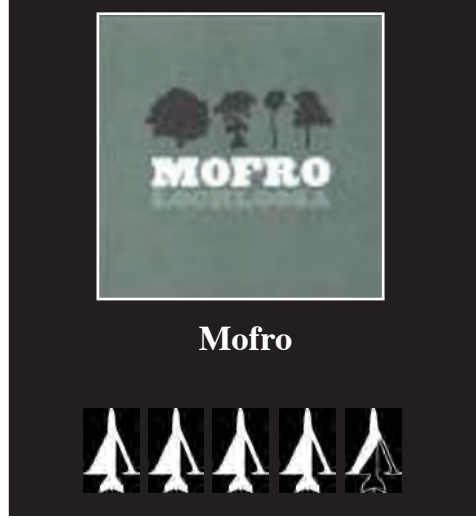


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MOFRO performed live in Orlando



ZACH MAHONE/AVI/OV



Mofro

Veronica Black
Guest Reporter

The sounds of the Florida swamp filled the House of Blues Saturday night when JJ Grey and MOFRO performed their funky, bluesy, foot-stomping show. The band had a lot to sing about with their new album "Country Ghetto" coming out on Tuesday—

and listeners who liked "Blackwater" and "Lochloosa" should definitely check it out. Though the songs don't have the stop-killing-Florida's-beauty lyrics, they still have that down home, country boy with a rock background feel. JJ Grey started off the night singing "War," a perfect example of the attitude and discomfort he has with today's culture and society. But as the glasses of whiskey flowed, so did his smile, the band and the boogie of the crowd. On stage, Grey is more than just one of the best live vocalists of our time, he is also a teacher. He shared messages about being real—"don't ever try to hide who you are or where you're from"—to the originations of cracker (it doesn't mean cracking whips, it's a term used by high society southerners to refer to the folks who cracked corn for grits, hush puppies and other favorites). Having just performed at a sit down show in Jacksonville, Grey seemed excited to share the energy of the Central Florida jammers. He played old songs like crowd-favorites "Lochloosa" and "Six Days from Sunday," as well as new bluesy-songs like hold-onto-your-girlfriend "A Woman." And from the beginning of the long set to the end, they gave that energy back with their fists pumping in the air and their legs bouncing on the ground.

The Riddle of Life

By Jonathan Mettin

- 1) Yes, I'm addicted to CSI: Miami
- 2) You probably won't get this comic if you've never seen the show.
- 3) Natalia is smoking hot.



Klyde Morris
Aviation's Only Ant!TM
By Wes Oleszewski



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DIFFICULT

President's Day

- By Will Klein



ACROSS

- 1 A place to remember
- 6 Missouri's NFL team
- 10 Presidential car company?
- 14 Large bird of paradise

- 15 Woodwind instrument
- 16 Middle eastern country that borders Afghanistan
- 17 16 of 43
- 19 Katina of "t.A.T.u."
- 20 Lion's zodiac sign
- 21 Proton, neutron and electron conglomeration
- 23 Red Hot Chili Peppers bassist
- 26 A light blue hue
- 29 They usually come in first and last
- 33 Attacks from above (2 words)
- 35 Came into being
- 36 A dorky candy
- 37 Swedish home furnishings store
- 39 What you do on a keyboard
- 40 Voluntarily going without food
- 42 Affinity for fire
- 44 Wise men who paid homage to infant Jesus
- 47 Capital of Norway
- 49 Speaker's job
- 53 Red Delicious, Gala, Figi, Granny Smith
- 55 How a witch travels (3 words)
- 57 Passed out cards
- 58 A group of people, sometimes used in multiplayer online gaming
- 59 "Tickle me" Sesame Street character
- 60 Hospital in an area of combat operations
- 62 "Sister, Sister" actress and twin of Tamera
- 64 Dog food brand
- 67 Cherry tree chopper
- 73 King of the jungle utterance
- 74 A continent
- 75 Counterpart of flora
- 76 Environmental activist and former VP
- 77 Shampoo and conditioner brand
- 78 Taking along with you: "Off to class with backpack ___"

- 2 Where scientists work
- 3 Card that can be high or low
- 4 Comic strip named for a president
- 5 Child's cry of pain
- 6 Mythical bird of prey
- 7 Most commonly used blood type system
- 8 Solution containing one mole of solute per kilogram of solvent
- 9 Mailed to a destination
- 10 Before he was the 40th president
- 11 Raw metal
- 12 76 across ___ for president in 2000 and lost
- 13 Contains your genetic information
- 18 "The Little Red Hen" refusal (2 words)
- 22 Lonley number
- 23 Sports devotee
- 24 67 across could not tell a ___
- 25 "To ___ is human"
- 27 Changes made by a proof-reader
- 28 Jeeves was formerly their spokesman: ___.com
- 30 April showers bring ___ flowers

- 31 A bomb-like device used for disabling electronics (acronym)
- 32 ___-saw
- 34 "Thick ___ Brick"
- 35 Small indent of water, as in Tampa and San Francisco
- 38 Celtic goddess of horses, or Link's horse in "Legend of Zelda: Ocarina of Time"
- 41 Distress signal
- 43 Thief's action
- 44 SNL ratings competitor ___ TV
- 45 Dr. Zaius, for example
- 46 A 4 is perfect on this scale (acronym)
- 48 Instant message joke response
- 50 Common dial-up service provider (acronym)
- 51 "Top Gun" and "Jerry Maguire" actor
- 52 Slang for a gothic and punk rooted subculture

- 54 Flight landing time approximation (acronym)
- 56 Dissonant prefix for war or drug
- 58 Cut to the ___
- 61 Exchange, trade or switch
- 63 Slang term for an extreme amount
- 64 Expression of pirate's disgust, maybe
- 65 British toilet
- 66 Tiger is usually under this
- 68 Elton John's title
- 69 Could be cowboy, top or baseball
- 70 Famous pharaoh who began his reign at age 9
- 71 Lennon's widow
- 72 "Oh, no" Southern regionalism "Aw ___"

Submit your completed crossword to our office in SC 110. All correct entries will be entered to win a \$10 gift certificate to Barnes & Nobles Bookstore. Entries are due Friday by 5 p.m. Good luck!

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Last Issue


Be My Valentine

WINNER: Ron Hopson

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- DOWN**
- 1 Largest group of medical doctors in the U.S. (acronym)

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Welcome Embry-Riddle!


Weekly News Feed


 Jonathan Mettin added a new "Riddle of Life" comic! 3:56pm


 Chris Tezak added new photos. 3:36pm




Men's Soccer - 16 photos
by Chris Tezak
Location: Daytona Beach, FL


 Brian Case wrote an article in the Campus News section. 12:18pm

 Brandon Boekelman has added new stories. 12:18pm

 Melanie Pugh wrote a review in the Entertainment section. 11:58am

 Nathan Vanagas joined the group I *heart* classifieds. 11:53am

 Tommy Chen is loafing. 11:33am


 Tom Kiley copy edited a page for old time's sake. 11:13am

 Greg Frechette added new photos. 10:53am



Eagle Card Exchange - 30 photos
by Greg Frechette
Location: Flight Deck

 Nicole Titus updated the Editor's Picks in the Entertainment section to include Jars of Clay. 10:23am

 Ryan Hattan is editing the SGA page. 10:23am

My Status

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Embry-Riddle is in the know because they read *The Avion*.

Updated on Friday

Big Stories

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Today's Big Stories

Not enough parking in the Village Lot

Atlantis successfully lifts off

Aerospace Engineering brings Ph.D. to Daytona Campus

Fraternities, sororities come out for Greek Week

The Next Step

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Join the Avion staff by attending one of their meetings. They happen every Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the Endeavor Conference Room on the second floor of the Student Center.

Except that the Christmas Day tornado moved everything around, so now we're meeting in IC 104.

Getting the Riddle Runaround?

Get straight to the point with *The Avion!*

The Avion Newspaper. Updated every Tuesday. Join the group on Tuesdays at 7 p.m. in IC 104.

Broadway in Orlando



John W. Smith III
Staff Reporter

Five hundred, twenty five thousand, six hundred, was the number of emotions that filled the Carr Performing Arts Centre in Orlando two weeks ago on Feb. 9. Laughter, tears, and euphoria captured spectators as they watched the critically acclaimed musical, "Rent." The story of eight friends living the bohemian lifestyle was portrayed perfectly as eight up and coming actors/singers lived the lives of Benny, Mark, Maureen, Joanne, Mimi, Roger, Collins, and Angel.

The industrial lot on Avenue A was resurrected perfectly as the stage was covered with scaffolding and an elegant backdrop of bricks that complimented the stage. The Carr Performing Arts Centre had a great acoustic shell that made the show not too loud and not too soft and also provided a classic stadium seating arrangement that made any seat a great seat.

One of the most interesting things that I noticed upon arriving was the interesting arrangement of high risers' at stage right. It was an interesting concoction of car rims, broken bikes, street signs, rusted car parts, and various dumpster friendly items all centered on what seemed to be a steel windmill. In the middle of the stage was a steep staircase that led to an elegant balcony that gave the show two dimensions. At stage left was the elegantly placed quartet composed of drums, bass, guitar, and piano.

After the stage had been formulated to perfection, the show started without warning as all eight main characters acrobatically rushed the stage, crashing through doors, jumping off scaffolding, and wrapping their bodies around poles. The story of a year in the life of friends had begun.

Mark, who was played by Declan Bennett, appeared first on stage with camera in hand still trying to complete his first film. Mark's best friend and roommate Roger, played by Harley Jay soon came on stage and

performed the opening song "Rent," a powerful anthem attacking their ex-roommate Benjamin Coffin III, played by Michael Ifill, who married a member of the upper class society and is trying to evict Mark and Roger to create a studio. In the midst of the song, Collins, played by Warren Nolan Jr., was introduced as he was jumped by a gang and beaten to the ground. It was an interesting way to start a musical but nonetheless creative and gripping.

Mark, Roger, Benny, and Collins all used to be roommates and share similar dreams; however, they soon went separate ways. Mark became a cameraman in hopes to create his own independent film, Collins became a professor at New York University, Benny got involved with high level investments, and Roger continues to keep his guitar in hand trying to finish a meaningful song. Roger sings about his dreams in one of my favorite songs, "One Song Glory," a powerful ballad that cries for one good song. After making a desperate cry for inspiration, Mimi, played by Krystal Brown, falls right into Roger's lap. Mimi is Roger's next door neighbor and just happens to be a dancer at a gentleman's club. Mimi and Roger sing the very flirtatious song, "Light My Candle," they both share the interest they have in each other and realize they both have a serious drug addiction. This was a brilliant way to introduce one of the couples that fall in love throughout the story.

Moving along in time, Collins is re-introduced after his opening act beat down and comes with company. Collins considered getting jumped the best thing that ever happened to him because he met and fell in love with Angel, played by Melvin Bell. Angel is the most exciting and riveting character in the musical because he is a trans-gender that has AIDS. Angel has the most positive outlook on life because she performed "Today 4 U," an energetic song that not only explains who she is but also proves that what she sows, she shall reap. Soon after this event, we are introduced to another character as Mark happily offers to help his ex-girlfriend Maureen played by Tracy McDowell.

Maureen is another provocative character because she used to date Mark, and is now dating Joanne played by Chante Carmel Frierson.

Maureen is preparing for her protest against Benny and has hired her girlfriend Joanne to be her production manager, although Joanne has no idea what she is doing; that is where Maureen's ex-boyfriend Mark comes into play. Mark and Joanne unexpectedly meet and share the love/hate relationship they both have with Maureen as they perform "Tango: Maureen," a playful song and dance that describes how you can hate Maureen and love her at the same time.

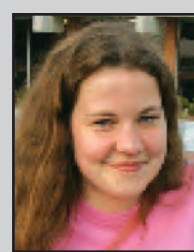
This group of eight friends is all connected in some way and realize that some of them actually love each other. Roger begins to fall in love with Mimi and both struggle with their drug addictions, Collins and Angel share an intimate relationship that is centered on their AIDS disease, and Maureen finds herself in love with Joanne. Mark is left all alone with creating his film and Benny continues trying to create his studio. All eight characters share the common goal of pursuing their dreams and making the best of life, even though life can bite you in the ass.

Act two was opened with the powerful anthem of the musical, "Seasons of Love." This song was the favorite among the crowd and the only high point of act two. Another year has passed and the group of eight friends slowly dissolves as Angel dies from her disease, Roger sells his guitar and moves to Santa Fe, Maureen and Joanne end their relationship at their engagement party, and Mark sells himself out to a film company to make money. After a long realization of the people they have become, they are re-united by Mimi as she lies in Roger's arms on the brink of death. Roger sings to Mimi the one song that he has finished and it truly brings life back into Mimi. Mark shows his very first film and proves to be the highlight of the show; scattered images of friends and the things they go through are meaningful enough to bring the eight back together.

Songs like, "Out Tonight," "No Day But Today," "La Vie Boheme," and "Take Me or Leave Me" were all performed to perfection. Rent has been described as the musical that everyone can find themselves in and the musical that can make you realize the importance of friends. Not only is "Rent" one of the best shows to ever come off of Broadway, but one of the best shows ever.

THE FLIP SIDE Swallowed into the blue

Her tears beat her to the ocean of dark blue pillows and blankets that she sinks into. Alone she lies, sinking further into the blue sea, sinking further into sadness. Crying from frustration of lack of control. Muffling sobs of loneliness. She doesn't have to silence them. She could cry as loud as her lungs will allow, and no one would hear, no one would come to see



Jacklyn Duff
Columnist

what was wrong. She muffles out of habit.

She grasps a pillow and holds onto it tight. She wraps her arms around it, squeezing it as much as her arms will allow. Holding it close and hard as if this is her floatation device, the only thing keeping her from going under, from being swallowed whole. As if it is the only solid thing around that can hold her up.

She becomes tired. Her eyes and throat feel swollen and raw. Blinking the final tears away, she realized what she had been holding onto so strongly during this. She's been holding onto blue, yellow, and green stripes interrupted by pictures. Pictures of people all around her, hugging her, holding her. Pictures full of smiles, blue skies, familiar places, and distant journeys. For that moment, however brief, she couldn't feel her throat, dried tears, or tiredness. All she felt, was home.

Student Photo of the Week



ANTHONY RUDITSER

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ROOM MATE WANTED

Share a 2300 sq. ft. home in Port Orange. Minutes away from Embry Riddle, Beach, Interstate 95, and Interstate 4. \$650 includes all costs. You will get two rooms which have closets and private bath. Call for more information! (386) 453-8500

Beachside Apartment for Rent

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Live in a House

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HOUSING / ROOMMATES

House for Rent

4 bedroom 2 bath, living room, dining room, TV room, kitchen laundry room, pantry room, covered patio, 2000sqft living area, 2 car garage, neighborhood community pool, subdivision of Holiday Builder of LPGA. 10 minutes from Embry Riddle. \$1400/month Call Sean. (386) 295-5686

Looking for Roommates

Looking for roommates to slit a 5 bed 2 bath house beachside. Less than 5 miles from ERAU. 380 plus share of utilities: water, electricity, cable, internet, phone. For info contact Russ (214) 957-6139 or Jeremy (386) 214-5673

Rooms for Rent

3 Bed 2 Bath house located in South Daytona 10 minutes from campus. Located in quiet neighborhood with no through traffic. Wireless internet, full kitchen, and all appliances are provided. \$400/mo. plus 1/3 of utilities. Call for more info or to see house. (570) 856-5977

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Desirable Port Orange: Large room, shared bath in 3 bedroom duplex at Nova Road at Dunlawton. Rent includes all utilities, cable TV, high speed internet, washer/dryer, screened porch, fenced yard, garage. \$550 per month. First & security. Available March 1st. (386) 763-1747.

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HOUSING / ROOMMATES

Tired of Roommates?

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2 bedroom house for rent. 4 miles from campus. 10 minute commute to campus. Laundry, Living Room, Cozy Kitchen, and 2 bathroom makes for a great crashpad for any college student. Rent is \$1200 /month plus utilities. Call for more information: Jacob. (572) 774-6374

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House to Rent

Port Orange, near Taylor & Clyde Morris, 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 2 car garage, split plan, large rooms - 1600 sq. ft. living area, \$1,150 mo, 1st & last, Available Dec. 1, Call Bill Greene, Adams Cameron REALTORS. (386) 478-9581.

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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.

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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.

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90 AMG Mercedes Benz

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Show room condition. Must see to appreciate. 80k miles, 4 speed standard. A/C, New brakes and tires. Gets 40 miles per gallon. Asking \$3,500 Call (386) 760-0819

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Vocalist Needed

Vocalists and musicians needed for worship team and band at FUMC Ormond's Williamson campus. Lead guitar, keyboards, bass, or drums are needed. Our worship services are on Sunday mornings at 10:30 am at Hinson Middle School. Questions or more information contact Melissa Cargile at 677-3581, ext. 318 or via email mcargile@firstunited.org.

MISCELLANEOUS

Furniture for Sale

Two end tables, Two full size dresser drawers, lamp, and oak wood dining trays! All are assembled. Asking \$180 or best offer for the entire lot. Please email: aaron83b@erau.edu if interested!

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3 sets of Orbitz 300/Daytona 500 tickets. February 17 & 18 Roberts Tower. EXCELLENT SEATS. Asking \$310 each set. Call (540) 270-1226.

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