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# Clapper wins SGA elections



MELANIE PUGH/AVION

**NATE CLAPPER AND HIS** ticket resoundingly won a second term in office, garnering about two-thirds of the vote. Both the SRB and SFB, however, will look radically different next year, with about half of each new to the offices.

*SRB, SFB to see many new faces, SGA now a majority of women*

Melanie Pugh

**Business Manager**

After voting took place on the Flight Deck and on Blackboard Thursday and Friday, the students have spoken and the unofficial results of the SGA elections are in, and females are now in the voting majority.

More than twice the number of students than those who voted in the 2006 election turned out to vote in a new executive ticket. Student Representative Board (SRB) members and Student Finance Board (SFB) members. These results reflect the popular vote and are subject to change pending any campaign violations that may be reported.

The executive ticket, consisting of incumbent President Nate Clapper, Vice President Ryan Hattan, who will replace graduating Vice President Shawn Storey, and incumbent Treasurer Natalie Anaya will enter its second term. The trio bested the Kumar ticket, which consisted of Shaliesh Kumar, Zachary Smith and Jocelynn Dunn, by receiving approximately two thirds of 1,182 votes cast.

“We’re very excited to have the opportunity to serve the students for another year and look forward to their continued involvement with the SGA. We hope to build on the successes of this past year and continue to move the SGA forward to promote the interests of the students,” said the Clapper ticket in a joint statement.

The Clapper ticket ran on the platform of “driving the change, setting the standard,” and plan to tackle several projects, including Safe Ride sponsorships, ATMs on campus, decreasing student debt and increasing club sport funding.

“We’d like to thank the Kumar ticket for an excellent campaign and look forward to any ideas or input they can provide to further the student government,” said Clapper.

The SFB, which will be headed by Anaya, will see one of the biggest shake-ups. Three new members, Chelsea Longa, Kavita Patel and Elizabeth Seaman, will join returning members Lindsey Kurtz, Francesca Martino and Paul Zigler.

Hattan will head the SRB, which will also undergo a significant turnover.

The incoming College of Aviation (COA) representatives include returning members Pablo Alvarez, Ryan Baird, Nathan Mulder and current Task Force One (TFO) Vice President Angeline Ranieri. Newly elected members include Corinne Borsman, Lisa Brill, Joshua Cobb and current TFO Treasurer Erica Larson.

The College of Arts and Sciences (COAS)

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# Embry-Riddle student caught in Polk sex sting

Erin Roberts

**Campus News Editor**

James B. Crosby, a 27-year-old senior in Engineering Physics, was arrested on April 1 in a Polk County sex sting that apprehended 28 people who were charged with various crimes related to soliciting sex from a minor.

Operation Cyber Hawk was led by the Polk County Sheriff’s Office and included numerous other organizations, such as the Florida Department of Law Enforcement and the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force.

The operation took place over the course of a week, where Internet crimes detectives posed as 13- and 14-year-old children in chat

rooms. The detectives arranged to meet the suspects in a Polk County home, where the police department arrested the suspects.

The 28 suspects range in age from 17 to 55 and came from all over the state of Florida. One suspect even traveled from New Jersey.

Crosby, who is supposed to graduate in May, was charged with Soliciting a Minor Via Internet and Attempted Lewd Battery. In a telephone interview with *The Avion*, the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) said Crosby holds no previous sexual criminal record.

This information about Crosby is in direct contradiction to an article written in the April 3 issue of the *Daytona Beach News-Journal*. The article in discussing the local suspects, stated that Crosby “was arrested

twice in Jacksonville in the 1990s. He was charged with fondling a child, aggravated stalking and fleeing and eluding police, according to the Florida Department of Law Enforcement.”

There are two other James Crosbys in the state of Florida who are listed in the FDLE’s sexual predator database and the Department of Justice’s National Sex Offender Website, James A. Crosby and James R. Crosby.

James A. Crosby was charged in 2003 in Orange, Florida, with charges of Lewd or Lascivious Molestation and Lewd or Lascivious Battery for a person 12 to 15 years of age.

James R. Crosby, currently incarcerated,

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# Smart-mouthed puppets surprise students



JONATHAN METTINI/AVION

**VIEWERS EXPECTING CHILD’S PLAY** got anything but last Wednesday when ventriloquist Lynn Trefzger and her four puppets came to perform in the Student Center. The puppets flirted with some members of the audience, insulted others, and made crude jokes that turned some audience members red with embarrassment. The act was sponsored by Touch-N-Go.

# ERAU names Daytona mayor, Halifax CEO as new Trustees

*Board also names officers for upcoming year*

Press Release

**Embry-Riddle**

Daytona Beach, Fla. – Daytona Beach Mayor Glenn Ritchey and Halifax Community Health System President/CEO

Jeffrey Feasel have been named to the Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University Board of Trustees. The appointments came at the board’s March 30 meeting.

Ritchey, in addition to his duties as Mayor, is the President/CEO of Jon Hall Automotive Group. Ritchey’s extensive public service record includes membership on the Daytona Beach Visioning Committee and the Daytona Beach Economic Development Board. He has been honored for outstanding service by the United Way and was named Man of the Year by the Center for the Visually Impaired. Ritchey has also been honored by General Motors numerous times

for his business accomplishments.

Jeffrey Feasel is the President/CEO of Halifax Community Health Care System based in Daytona Beach. Feasel’s previous health care positions include President/CEO of Halifax Medical Center Patient Business & Financial Services; Director of Patient Financial Services at the Medical College of Ohio in Toledo; and Director of Patient Accounts at Wood Memorial Hospital in Bowling Green, Ohio. He is a board member of the Daytona Beach Chamber of Commerce and a member of the Civic League of the Halifax Area.

“The addition of Glenn Ritchey and

Jeff Feasel to the Embry-Riddle Board of Trustees adds even more strength and business acumen to the group,” said Jim Henderson, chairman of the Board. “These two highly accomplished men know the university well and are dedicated to its continued success on every level.”

The Board of Trustees also selected its slate of officers for the next year: Jim Henderson, chairman; Mori Hosseini, vice-chairman; Joseph Martin, treasurer; and Lawrence Clarkson, secretary.

Jim Henderson is vice chairman and COO of Brown & Brown Inc. He has served on the board for four years.

Mori Hosseini is chairman and CEO of ICI Homes, Volusia County’s largest residential developer and homebuilder. He has been a board member since 1999 and is an Embry-Riddle graduate.

Joseph Martin is retired from Fairchild Semiconductor International Inc., where he was chairman, and vice-chairman of the board of directors. Martin is also a graduate of Embry-Riddle.

Lawrence Clarkson, prior to his retirement, was president of Boeing Enterprises. Clarkson is a member of the Florida Bar Association and has been an Embry-Riddle board member since 2002.

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## Carribean Night Domino Tournament



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THE CARRIBEAN STUDENTS ASSOCIATION held its annual Carribean night on Saturday, April 7 from 1 p.m. - 8 p.m. in the Student Center. Attendees indulged in exquisite foods and participated in numerous cultural activities.

# Quantum physicist talks and confuses on campus

Bob Scheid

### Chief Copy Editor

The Embry-Riddle Arts and Letters series of speakers, in conjunction with the Fred Elston Fund, the Honors Program, and Thompson Publishing presented Dr. Lee Smolin in the sixth annual Elston Memorial Lecture on Gravitation, entitled "Finishing Einstein's Revolution: Three Roads to a Theory of Everything."

The presentation took place Saturday, April 7. Filling the IC auditorium is no small feat, but the promise of listening to a world-renowned physicist speak on the past, present and future of our place and understanding in the universe drew men, women, students and families of the community.

Dr. Chris Vuille introduced the lecture in general by speaking for a few minutes about Fred Elston. He also noted how the man was a good man, kind and funny; Vuille said that while he might have not been as good a physicist as Einstein, he was a better comedian than Bob Hope. Smolin spoke for about 75

minutes, moving through a history of our perceptions about the world and the universe around us through our current understanding and future possibilities. His style was engaging, funny, and as simple and broad as the topic could allow; the audience understood what he meant, or at least what he was trying to convey, as they laughed at his understated but persuasive sense of humor and his thanks for the baby in the audience who chose his lecture to be its first.

He began by defining "revolution" as a series of significant changes that take place over the course of generations. The current revolution, the Einsteinian one, began in 1905 with the development of quantum physics, relativity and atomic physics. The revolution continued with an expanding universe and particle physics; all of these things were unrecognized by the Newtonian view of the universe that had been around since the 1600s, and which had in turn replaced the Aristotelian view of a concentric universe.

Now, our views of time, space, matter, the universe and life are all again being reevaluated and

changed, as our world changes in a more down-to-earth way, as well. The Aristotelian world view was hierarchal; just as there were kings and peasants in the world, so were there different celestial spheres leaving graduations between Earth and Heaven. In Newton's world of enlightenment, all men were created equal, and therefore all points and particles in the limitless universe were identical. Now, our views of the world resembles the internet, in that everyone is interconnected, and our views of the universe on a scale of minute fractions of a millimeter now resemble that as well.

This led to Smolin's thoughts on where we may go from here. The forces of the universe are beginning to be understood, but gravity continues to elude unification with the others. Work is continuing, and answers are by no means certain at this point. Smolin finished by saying that "One shouldn't claim too much" about what he or she knows, or thinks they've learned from the lecture that night. The revolution is in progress, and no one really knows where we will end up.

After a brief segment of ques-

tions, Vuille took the stage again to continue the tradition of honoring a student who has excelled in the field of quantum mechanics at Embry-Riddle. This year's winner was Yishi Li.

### “CROSBY” from Front

committed his crimes in Putnam, Florida in 1997 and was convicted of Sexual Battery of a Minor and Coercion by Retaliation Threats.

Both offenders were not part of the current sex sting and each committed crimes that do not match those listed in the News-Journal article.

If convicted of their crimes, those arrested must register with the Florida and National Sex Offender Databases. To get more information about sexual predators and offenders, especially those living in local communities, please visit <http://offender.fdl.state.fl.us/offender/homepage.do>.

### “SGA” from Front

welcomes two new representatives, Anna Egbert and Randa Yaacoub, to the Board.

The College of Business (COB) split its vote with one returning representative, Evan Halhuber, and one new representative, Chris Gorman.

Second only to the COA, the College of Engineering (COE) holds five seats, which will be filled by returning representatives Jonathan Castillo-Reminick, Megan Grow, Soo Chern Yap and current International Student representative Ankit Nanda. New member Leslie Milne will join the board in the fall. Following a change to the constitution after the start of elections, a new seat will be added to the COE and filled by application.

The International Student seat will be filled by Luca Cernuschi, while the Residence Life seat will go to current TFO President Bryan Dietz. As no one ran for the Aviation Maintenance Science seat, it will remain vacant and be filled by an application process after the start of the semester.

Notably absent from the lineup are current representatives Craig Benjamin (COAS), who chairs the Constitution Committee and has worked hard to revamp the document this semester; John Weaver (COE), who chairs the Safe Ride Committee and was instrumental in organizing the Orlando Shuttle program; and Harshad Lalan (COE), who ran for the International Student seat and worked with the Daytona Beach mayor to secure federal funding for a bike path along Clyde Morris Boulevard. Each has received Representative of the Month recognition during his current term. COA representative Marcy Storolis was also not re-elected.

## Ingrid Weeks honored by peers



MELANIE PUGH/AVION

THE FACULTY ASSEMBLY GAVE a surprise "special tribute to a special colleague" at its April 4 meeting, honoring Ingrid Weeks (center), a long-time Embry-Riddle employee who works in the President's Office. Weeks received a standing ovation from her peers.



# Double plays key in 2-2 tie with Cubs

Press Release

## ERAU Sports Info. Dept.

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla.--Steven Howard drove in two runs in the fifth as Embry-Riddle played to a 2-2 stalemate in an exhibition with the Daytona Cubs.

The Eagles fell behind in the first inning, as Cubs' right fielder Chris Amador led off with a double and came home on a fielder's choice from Jesus Valdez. The Cubs added a run in the bottom of the fourth with back-to-back doubles from Mark Reed and Matt Matulia.

ERAU foiled another scoring opportunity in the fourth, as Chris Maloney induced Nate Spears to ground into a 4-6-3 double play to kill a rally. The Eagles turned two again the bottom of the fifth - with two on, Valdez hit a broken bat roller and a charging Michael Brady made a beautiful turn to start the twin killing. The third double play may have been the best, as Brady dove to his left to stop the ball, flipped it to Menchaca while still prone on the ground, and Menchaca finished the play with a throw that nailed Jake Muyco.

Embry-Riddle tied the game in the fifth. With one out, Chris Trappy and Danny Martin had consecutive singles, and were bunted into scoring position by Joshua Menchaca. Steven Howard's second hit of the game, a double to left, scored both runners to knot the game. It was the first run scored of the season for Trappy, normally removed from the basepaths for a courtesy runner.

Howard moved to the mound in the seventh, and after issuing an intentional pass to load the bases,

ended the game with a groundout from Alberto Garcia.

The Eagles will be back in action on Friday, facing No. 19 Warner Southern over in Lake Wales. Currently, the Eagles and the Royals are tied for second place in the Florida Sun Conference with identical 9-3 league records. Both teams are one-game back of league leading St. Thomas, who stands at 10-2 heading into their weekend series against Savannah College of Art & Design.

LAKE WALES, Fla.--Back-to-back home runs in the bottom of the eighth inning from Dave Murray and Brad Menadier lifted No. 18 Warner Southern to a 7-6 win over No. 21 Embry-Riddle at Royals Field.

The Royals (24-16, 10-3 FSC) ended the Eagles' 14 game winning streak and lifted WSC into second place with the win. The Eagles sit in third, a game back of Warner Southern and two back of St. Thomas after their 8-1 win over SCAD.

Warner Southern looked to blow the game open early, as Embry-Riddle starter Brian Letko issued four walks in the first inning. A 2-RBI double from Mark Davis and a sacrifice fly from Jason Caldwell boosted the Royals to a 3-0 lead.

Letko escaped further damage when Murray hit a nubber back to the mound, starting a 1-2-3 double play. The Eagles (31-7, 9-4 FSC) were hamstrung by WSC starter Ben Shockey, who allowed only four baserunners through the first four innings. Embry-Riddle finally broke through in the fifth, with a hit from Chris Trappy and a walk to Danny



CHRIS TEZAKI/AVION

**THE EAGLES TURNED DOUBLE** plays in three consecutive innings to stave off Cub rallies and preserve a 2-2 tie in exhibition action last Tuesday. After falling behind early, the Eagles rallied in the fifth, scoring two runs and setting up the eventual tie.

Martin. Joshua Menchaca bunted them both over, and Steven Howard and Michael Brady drove them in with a groundout and a double, respectively.

Embry-Riddle took the lead in the sixth, as Colin Gray singled to extend his hitting streak to 16 games. The first of two doubles on the day from Trappy scored him, and a single from Martin plated courtesy runner Kevin Ferreiro.

ERAU added single runs in the next two innings - Howard scored on a sacrifice fly from Brandon Roper-Hubbert and Menchaca grounded into a double play with runners on first and third.

Meanwhile, Letko worked out of bases loaded jams by getting Murray to fly out in the third and picking Davis off third to end the sixth. Steven Ottermess (6-2) came in to relieve and countered a walk in the seventh by picking off Wes Lowry to end the inning, but could not hold the lead in the eighth. Caldwell singled and Cassidy Turner walked, and after Tim Graeser popped out to center, Murray deposited the first pitch he saw over the fence in left to tie the score. Three pitches later, Menadier had done the same, clearing the wall in center.

Brett Stanton came on for the ninth and set the Eagles down in order. Letko finished with three strikeouts and five walks in six innings of work, while Brady and Trappy had three hits each for the Eagles.

LAKE WALES, Fla.--Amadis Padilla had five hits on the day but No. 21 Embry-Riddle was only able to manage a split against No. 18 Warner Southern, winning the opener 5-3 before dropping the nightcap

6-5 in extra innings.

On a day that featured several bizarre plays, the Eagles fell further behind St. Thomas in the Florida Sun Conference. STU sits in first at 13-2 by virtue of their weekend sweep of SCAD, while Warner Southern is two games back at 11-4 and ERAU is a further game back at 10-5.

In the opener, ERAU (32-8, 10-5 FSC) received a superb effort from starter Chris Maloney. The junior southpaw battled WSC starter Rene Ramirez for seven innings to earn his fifth win of the season.

The Royals (25-17, 11-4 FSC) opened the scoring in the first when Mark Davis singled and scored on an error from Maloney, whose throw on a pickoff attempt sailed over the head of first baseman Brandon Decker.

The Eagles took the lead in the third, loading the bases on consecutive singles from Joshua Menchaca, Steven Howard, and Michael Brady. Another hit from Amadis Padilla got the Eagles on the board, and Chris Trappy was hit by a pitch, forcing in another run. WSC third baseman Cassidy Turner bobbled Colin Gray's grounder to put the Eagles up 3-1.

Warner Southern added another run in the third when they loaded the bases and though Jon Lozada grounded into a double-play, a run scored, and in the next inning, WSC catcher Tim Graeser homered to tie the game at three.

ERAU took the lead for good in the next inning when Padilla followed a Michael Brady hit with one of his own, and Brady scored on a passed ball from Graeser. An insurance run was added in sixth when Padilla doubled in Danny Martin.

The first strange play of the day

ended the game. After yielding a walk to Victor Joaquin and a single to Brad Menadier, Maloney induced a fly from Royals' leadoff hitter Ron Matheny. The ball drifted into short center, but the umpire ruled Matheny out via the infield fly. Pinch runner Casey Torrance failed to realize the call, and Brady alertly threw the ball to Gray at third, who in turn tossed it to Menchaca, who tagged Torrance to end the game.

Padilla finished with four hits in the first game, while Brady had two. Maloney finished with four strikeouts and allowed seven hits in seven innings of work.

Embry-Riddle rallied late in the nightcap to force extra frames. but squandered chances to go ahead in the seventh and eighth innings.

Playing their first extra innings game of the year, the Eagles took a 1-0 lead in the third on Steven Howard's RBI single, but fell behind in the bottom half as Davis singled in Matheny. An RBI single from Graeser gave the Royals a 2-1 lead in the next inning.

Warner Southern added to their lead in the fifth, as Matheny singled and Davis was intentionally walked to bring on Lozada. Lozada promptly hammered the first pitch he saw from ERAU starter Jordan Roberts over the fence in left-center for a 5-1 lead.

The Eagles didn't give up, scoring four times in the sixth inning off WSC starter Dan Fantini to tie the game. Brady started the rally with a walk, and went to third on another hit from Padilla. Pinch runner Joey Lubonty came on for Padilla and both runners moved on a wild pitch from Fantini. Kyle Albright singled in Lubonty to cut the lead to 5-3. After Trappy walked, Colin Gray

singled in Albright. It extended Gray's hitting streak to 18 games, after having singled in the opener. Kevin Ferreiro scored on another passed ball from Graeser to tie the score at five. Gray had also moved up on the play, but was left on third as Danny Martin struck out to end the inning.

Another bizarre happenstance occurred in the seventh. Steven Howard reached on an error and was bunted over by Brady. Padilla was hit by a pitch, and with Kyle Albright at the plate, Padilla attempted to steal second, but Howard was not moving. Seemingly caught in an inning ending rundown, Padilla stopped dead between first and second while Howard took off for third, then headed back to first, avoiding Graeser's tag after he had come all the way out to the basepath. Howard was left on the third when Albright struck out.

Warner Southern had a chance to ahead in the seventh, as Matheny singled and Davis was intentionally walked again to set up Lozada. Roberts got the WSC designated hitter to ground into a 4-6-3 double play to send the game to extra innings.

The Royals won the game in the eighth, loading the bases on a fielder's choice, a hit batsman, and a single. Brad Menadier grounded to a charging Brady, but his throw was just high of Trappy, allowing Turner to score the winning run.

Roberts (7-3) took the loss, striking out four in seven and one-third innings. Brett Stanton pitched two and one-third innings of relief to earn the win.

The Eagles will take host Flagler on Tuesday, followed by a three game set with FSC foe Northwood on Friday and Saturday.



CHRIS TEZAKI/AVION

**CATCHER CHRIS TRAPPY SCORED** his first run of the season against the Daytona Cubs. Trappy singled and was eventually driven in by a Steven Howard double to left field.

## AROUND THE FSC

### BASEBALL

#### STANDINGS

1. St. Thomas Bobcats (13-2 FSC, 33-8 overall)
2. Warner Southern Royals (11-4 FSC, 24-16 overall)
3. Embry-Riddle Eagles (10-5 FSC, 32-8 overall)
4. Webber International Warriors (8-7 FSC, 24-17 overall)
5. SCAD Bees (7-8 FSC, 20-21 overall))
6. Northwood Seahawks (6-9 FSC, 22-22 overall)
7. Florida Memorial Lions (3-10 FSC, 9-25 overall)
8. Edward Waters Tigers (0-13 FSC, 14-25 overall)

The Bobcats swept SCAD 8-1, 4-1 and 3-2. The second victory was a rare loss for SCAD ace Ryan Pope.

Northwood took out Palm Beach Atlantic behind the bat of T.J. Kemp, who went 3-for-5 with a home run and two RBI.

### SOFTBALL

#### STANDINGS

1. SCAD Bees (11-1 FSC, 26-4 overall)
2. St. Thomas Bobcats (11-3 FSC, 18-4 overall)
3. (tie) Webber International Warriors (9-9 FSC, 25-17 overall)
- Warner Southern Royals (7-7 FSC, 19-17 overall)
- Northwood Seahawks (6-6 FSC, 21-19 overall)
6. Edward Waters Tigers (0-18 FSC, 0-26 overall)

No. 19 Thomas upset No. 9 SCAD by

sweeping them in a doubleheader 9-2 and 10-4. The second game broke open when Thomas scored five unearned runs in the second off four Bee errors.

Northwood southpaw Erin Lambros tossed a one-hitter in seven innings to lead the Seahawks to a 3-2, 9-3 doubleheader sweep of Taylor.

The Royals outscored the Taylor Trojans 6-0 and 4-0 in a Monday doubleheader.

### MEN'S TENNIS

#### STANDINGS

1. Embry-Riddle Eagles (5-0 FSC, 15-1 overall)
2. SCAD Bees (4-1 FSC, 8-3 overall)
3. Webber International Warriors (3-2 FSC, 13-6 overall)
4. Northwood Seahawks (2-3 FSC, 5-7 overall)
5. St. Thomas Bobcats (1-4 FSC, 2-10 overall)
6. Warner Southern Royals (0-5 FSC, 0-5 overall)

### WOMEN'S TENNIS

#### STANDINGS

1. SCAD Bees (5-0 FSC, 9-4 overall)
2. Embry-Riddle Eagles (4-1 FSC, 11-6 overall)
3. Webber International Warriors (2-3 FSC, 11-11 overall)
4. Northwood Seahawks (1-2 FSC, 1-2 overall)
5. St. Thomas Bobcats (1-3 FSC, 2-10 overall)
6. Warner Southern Royals (0-4 FSC, 0-4 overall)

# Men's, women's tennis take 1st & 2nd in FSC

Alison Smaling

## ERAU Sports Info. Dept.

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. - The Embry-Riddle men's tennis team claimed the program's sixth straight Florida Sun Conference crown with a 9-0 win over No.19 Northwood on Saturday. The third-ranked Eagles, who went undefeated in league play at 5-0, improved their overall record to 15-1, while the Seahawks fell to 5-8.

Doubles play saw changes to the Eagles' usual lineup. Carlos Bes Comeras teamed up with Mislav Hizak for the first time this season, and dispatched the Northwood duo of Jeremy Doualot and Kevin Butler at the No. 1 position. Hizak's regular doubles partner Konstantin Lazarov and Tomoaki Yasuda downed Benjamin Lecomte and Jamie Leduc-Deschamps 8-4 at the second spot, and Istvan Bolgar and Luke Maricic wrapped up the Eagles' doubles sweep with an 8-3 win over Alex Dunn and Jose Castro at No.3.

The Embry-Riddle men won all six singles matches in straight sets. The fourth, fifth and sixth players for the Eagles dropped a combined three games as Yasuda downed Castro 6-1, 6-0, Bolgar topped Dunn 6-1, 6-1, and Maricic blanked Andy Picon 6-0, 6-0.

Bes Comeras held off Lecomte 7-6 in the first and came back with a 6-1 win in the second, while Lazarov defeated Leduc-Deschamps 6-2, 6-1. Hizak won his first set over Doualot 6-0 and was up 3-0 in the second when Doualot retired.

The Eagles close out the regular season at 3 p.m. on Wednesday when the host Florida Gulf Coast at the Crotty Tennis Complex.

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. - The 10th-ranked Embry-Riddle women's tennis team won all three doubles points en route to a 6-3 victory over No. 22 Northwood in Florida Sun Conference action on Saturday. The win secured second place in the league for the Eagles and improved their record to 10-7 overall (4-1 in the FSC), while the Seahawks fell to 7-7.

Natalie Anaya and Lindsay Kurtz topped Adrianna Herron and Natalie Dono 9-7 at No. 1 doubles. Hana Im and Kerinn Meisenbach defeated

Mikaela Seger and Alejandra Ripoll 8-1, and Marga Rico Jimenez and Anna Haller downed Shayain Gustavso and Michelle Aybar 8-3 at the No. 3 spot.

The Eagles won singles points at the top two spots as Im beat Seger 6-1, 6-2 and Anaya downed Dono 6-1, 6-1.

The Seahawks notched wins at the No. 3-5 positions as Ripoll held off Kurtz 4-6, 7-5, 10-8, Herron topped Meisenbach 6-4, 6-1, and Aybar bested Rico-Jimenez 6-0, 6-4.

Sara Abraul sealed the win for the Blue and Gold at No. 6 as she defeated Therese Svensson 6-2, 6-3.

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### SGA Elections



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**THE SGA HELD THE** annual elections April 5 and 6 on the Flight Deck as well as on Blackboard. 1182 students out of 4,437, just over a quarter of the students, voted in this election compared to only 540 total students voting in last year's election. Special thanks to Kerrin Bullock, pictured above, for her efforts in serving as election committee chair.

## Passed Amendments

1. Add Article IV, Section 1, Letter r
  - a. Add: Have the power to create ad-hoc positions that will be subject to all the rules and regulations set forth by this Constitution. A job description for each ad-hoc position will be kept on file by the Student Court.
2. Change Article IV, Section 6, Letter d
  - a. From: Approve an Elections Committee Chair to conduct the SGA general Elections according to the Elections Committee Bylaws with a 2/3 approval of the total voting members of the SRB.
  - b. To: In conjunction with the SFB, approve an Elections Committee Chair with a 2/3 vote.
  - c. Reason: This is just removing a conflict in the Constitution
3. Add Article IV, Section 7, Letter k
  - a. Add: In conjunction with the SRB, approve an Elections Committee Chair with a 2/3 vote.
  - b. Reason: This is just removing a conflict in the Constitution
4. Change Article VII, Section 8
  - a. From: "I (name) do solemnly swear that I will execute the office of ( ) to the best of my ability. I shall faithfully represent the students of Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University and I shall uphold the Constitution of the Student Government Association."
  - b. To: "I, (state your full name), do solemnly swear that I will faithfully execute the office of (state name of office) of the Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University Student Government Association in accordance with the Constitution, Bylaws, and Code of Conduct. I shall, to the best of my ability, faithfully represent those students who elected me to this office."
  - c. Reason: The new oath is the one found in the

Student Court Bylaws and it is the one we have been using. Also, this requires SGA Officials to swear to follow the Code of Conduct.

5. Change Article VII, Section 9, Letter c
  - a. From: Should there at one time be a simultaneous vacancy of both the President and the Vice-President, the President position shall be filled by an election within the SRB, SFB and Student Court, and approved by a 2/3 vote of the SRB and SFB. The Vice-President position shall be filled according to subpart b of this section.
  - b. To: Should there at one time be a simultaneous vacancy of both the President and the Vice-President, the President position shall be filled by an election within the SRB and SFB, and approved by a 2/3 vote of the SRB and SFB. The Vice-President position shall be filled according to subpart b of this section.
  - c. Reason: It was felt that the Court should not have the right to vote/nominate candidates in order to maintain their impartiality.

The amendment shall be adopted if, within two (2) 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 (25) percent of the turn out in the last general election.

6. Change Article VIII, Section B,
  - a. 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.
  - b. To: All potential changes to the Constitution need to be approved by a 2/3 vote in a joint session of the SRB, SFB and divisions chairs.

## Scholarship Opportunities

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## Model Senate does well

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### Model Senate

Once again, Embry-Riddle's Model Senate team performed extraordinarily well. After weeks of preparation and practice, Embry-Riddle once again did a superb job in their roles as various United States senators in this United States Senate simulation.

Stetson's Model Senate is an annual event where various schools from the area and around the nation, from as far north as Boston, play a current sitting United States senator. Participants are required to act as their assigned senators, regardless of their personal opinions. Doing this well requires researching the assigned senator, the bills being presented at the Model

Senate, parliamentary procedure, and how exactly the Senate operates. This involves not only looking online at a senator's voting record and learning parliamentary procedure on the U.S. Senate website, but also creating strategies for how to pass or destroy pending legislation, researching other senators' positions, and learning about specific Senate committees and current hot topics.

We at Embry-Riddle face a particular challenge compared with other schools as this school does not offer a political science major, and unlike most other participants, Embry-Riddle participants are not political science majors. However, this has not stopped us from doing well in past years nor this year.

In addition to Ben Hager, playing Senator Dodd from

Connecticut, Tim Mercer playing Senator Hagel from Nebraska, Joshua Smith playing Senator Grassley from Iowa, and Willy Tolba playing Senator Conrad from North Dakota outperforming many political science majors, two other members of our team received special accolades. Chris Haas, playing Senator Coleman from Minnesota, received an honorable mention for his aptitude at Model Senate.

I was also honored to have received one of Model Senate's six Outstanding Senator awards for my portrayal of Senator Kyl from Arizona.

We look forward to another outstanding performance next year, and would like to thank our advisor and invaluable resource, Dr. Glenn Dorn, for his tireless hours and assistance with whatever we needed.

## SAE thanks Up 'Til Dawn

Dan Clark

### Sigma Alpha Epsilon

The Up 'Til Dawn final event this Friday was a great success and Sigma Alpha Epsilon would like to

thank all that work for Up 'Til Dawn and volunteer their time.

Also, all those who gave from their money and their Friday night to stay up and support the fight for cancer.

It was a great time a

t all of the events this summer from Letter writing party to Final event.

People can get involved in this wonderful charity group by visiting [clubs.db.erau.edu/dbutd](http://clubs.db.erau.edu/dbutd).

SAE would like to thank the volunteers again for their commitment.



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# Homophobia is not always a proper term

The Diversity speakers on April 5 had excellent intentions. They preached a message of tolerance and goodwill between individuals and as a collective society. I personally support their opinion that people shouldn't hated based on their group. I use a different set of reasoning to come to that conclusion, but that is a different topic altogether. I have an issue with term "homophobia." I think that it is manipulative and false rhetoric that should be stamped out as a general fallacy.

The term homophobia forces the imagery of anyone who does not like homosexuals to be insane deviants. The term, unlike racist or sexist, doesn't leave room to believe that the belief or opinion is incorrect or in bad taste, but rather a form of insanity, a medical condition. It does this by the use of phobia in the word. Dictionary.com defines a phobia as "a persistent, irrational fear of a specific object, activity, or situation that leads to a compelling desire to avoid it." It is a sad fact that oppressive regimes on the far right

and far left have used the method of censoring those that disagreed with the state as defective based on the idea that the state was perfect. On the far left we have Soviet Russia. The Soviet state believed itself to be perfect, therefore anyone disagreeing with the state, for example, protesting the Afghanistan War, was placed in an insane asylum. On the far right we have the Spanish Inquisition. They, believing that Catholicism was perfect, deemed Jews and Muslims to be blasphemous and thus tortured them so they can save their souls. Removing the legitimacy of your opponent by calling him stupid, insane, ignorant, uneducated, blasphemous, or other terms that attack his basic cognitive capacity is an invaluable tool of the unethical propagandist.

In general, "homophobic" individuals are hyper masculine. What better way to attack them than to attack the masculinity that is the basis for their "homophobia"? Accusing a person of being homophobic forces them into a false dilemma; either you are afraid and

thus a coward (not a masculine trait), or you must capitulate (surrender is not masculine either) and say that you like homosexuals. Would you rather be a coward or a submissive? If this term is accepted, then the only way to escape being emasculated for the accused is to accept homosexuals before anyone can accuse you of fearing them. This is bad rhetoric and unethical propaganda.

I have never known or heard of an individual that is actually afraid of homosexuals. People who feel negatively towards homosexuals are disgusted by them or otherwise seem them as something low. The term is simply an incorrect way of describing someone's feelings.

Attacking a person is not a legitimate way of proving one's point. It is a method of intimidating a person into accepting your point of view. If the gay community continues to use this inaccurate and emasculating term it will backfire. People will understand their lack of ethics and lose respect for them.

~Andrew Balloun

## Stand Up!

*Fundraisers, hostages, and SCOTUS supporting the environment. Wait, what?*

OK, so before I get on to what I am going to talk about, I need to rant about Wal-Mart.

Why do they insist on having four normal registers open, with four people working, instead of having one person man the four self-check-out lanes? Why? I waited in line for 20 minutes for a bottle of juice just because they could not just open the self-check-out and let more people through. It boggles the mind.

The first quarter results are in for Presidential fundraising. Without surprise, Hillary tops the list with \$26 million, but, amazingly, Barack Obama is not very far behind. He managed to raise \$25 million and did it by branching out. Obama received money from over 100,000 donors, quite a feat I would say. Possibly the most interesting point in this fundraising extravaganza is the previous record for the first quarter was set by Al Gore in 1999. He raised a

paltry \$8.9 million. I have never really understood where all this money goes, since I do not talk to many people who make their decisions about their vote for president by how many commercials they see.

From presidents to detainees, of the non-Guantanamo variety, Iran decided to let all the British soldiers to go home as an "Easter present to the British people." It was a fun situation, since the British said they were nowhere near Iranian waters (1.7 miles) and it was ridiculous for the sailors to be taken hostage (though I wonder why 15 people in rubber boats were anywhere close to territorial waters). It is also interesting that last week we released an Iranian diplomat who was apprehended in Iraq, and the Iranian government received access to five other detainees being held. So an Easter present may not have been the only driving force behind this gesture of



Chris Tezak

Columnist

good will. Of course, Tony Blair thinks he did well. "I think what has actually happened is that we have managed to secure the release of our personnel more quickly than many people anticipated, and have done so — and I want to make this very, very clear — without any deal, without any negotiations, without any side agreement of any nature whatever," Blair said.

In the most interesting event from last week, the Supreme Court ruled the Environmental Protection Agency had violated the Clean Air Act by not regulating new-vehicle emission standards. Go EPA and all your wonderful non-work. The true debate of the case came on whether the State of Massachusetts (the plaintiff in the case) even had the right to sue the EPA. The decision, 5-4, came pretty much along "party" lines, with Justice Kennedy making the difference. Maybe now we will see some change in emission regulation, since nothing has been getting done so far. Although they still have to go through Detroit, and we all know how well that is going to go.

*What will it take for people to write opinions? Well Uncle Sam is dissapointed, because it appears no one cares. So he wants YOU to speak your mind. Write in your opinions to avion.newsroom@gmail.com or avionnewspaper.com.*

## Code of Conduct: a follow up

*The vote came and few showed up*

In last week's opinions page, I wrote an opinion about the SGA code of conduct and said that I would print the names of anyone who voted against it.

Well, I'm here to make good on my promise; however, I don't think this is what any of us expected. Still, a promise is a promise.

The code of conduct was proposed at last Thursday's SGA general session, where all but two members of the SFB and SRB were present. When the issue came up, it

was hotly debated. People generally fell into one of two camps — that the code was necessary to maintain a professional appearance, or that the code was too overbearing on SGA members.

But when it came down to the actual vote and I began to take names, something interesting happened — even the most vocal opponents of the code were voting that it be implemented. Only veteran representative Sarah Mansell voted against it. The code passed 24-1 with no abstentions.

Ms. Mansell argued that the code was "too Big Brother" and exerted too much authority over SGA officials. It is my personal opinion that it is not too much to ask that my elected officials look and act like upstanding members of society, but

clearly Ms. Mansell believes that the freedom of wardrobe trumps her responsibility to represent the students well.

You're probably expecting me to rant about how Ms. Mansell is a horrible rep for doing such a thing, but I'm actually going to praise her. She was the only person who had the courage to stand up for what she believed in, even under the threat of being embarrassed in the paper. All the other elected officials cowed under the threat of bad publicity.

Ms. Mansell and I may disagree on the principle of the code of conduct, but I respect her opinion and I respect her for having the fortitude to vote her conscience. I'm disappointed that a good number of elected SGA officials didn't.

~Jonathan Mettlin

## Student Forum

*The Avion asks: "Do you care about the Student Government Association?"*

—Compiled by Jonathan Heaton



**Allison Pelosi**  
Freshman  
Aeronautical Science

"Yes because they make some important decisions for us. They're our voice."



**William Shaw**  
Junior  
Aeronautics

"What does the Student Government Association do?"



**Carlo Mixco**  
Freshman  
Software Engineering

"Yes because they help make the school better for students."



**Peter Juanpere**  
Junior  
Aeronautics

"I don't know what is going on with SGA. I know what it is, but not what their goals are."



**Alex Brown**  
Junior  
Aerospace Studies

"No."



**Ryan Miller**  
Junior  
Air Traffic Management

"No. I don't think the administration listens to them."

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# A microscopic fungus attacks Canada

Doug Struck  
The Washington Post

VICTORIA, B.C. - The mystery emerged slowly, its clues maddeningly diverse. Sally Lester, an animal pathologist at a British Columbia laboratory, slipped a slide under her microscope - a tissue from a dog on Vancouver Island. Her lens focused on a tiny cell that looked like a boiled egg. It was late 1999. She had started seeing a lot of those.

On the eastern side of the island, several dead porpoises washed ashore early the next year. Scientist Craig Stephen, who runs a research center on the island, slit one open. He found its lungs seized by pneumonia and its other organs swollen by strange, flowerlike tumors.

At work at the family trucking firm in Victoria, on the southern tip of the island, Esther Young, a lively 45-year-old mother, was feeling lousy in the fall of 2001. She had headaches and night sweats and was tired, her family said. The doctor told her she was pre-menopausal and it would pass.

All would become pieces of a medical mystery centered on a tropical disease apparently brought to North America by a warming climate. An alien fungus took root on Vancouver Island eight years ago and has since killed eight people and infected at least 163 others, as well as many animals.

Similar cases have been found elsewhere in British Columbia and in Washington state and Oregon.

Scientists say the fungus may be thriving because of a string of unusually warm summers here. They say it is a sign of things to come.

“As climate change happens, new ecological niches will become available to organisms, and we will see this kind of thing happen again,” said Karen Bartlett, a scientist at the University of British Columbia who played a central role in the search for the disease’s cause.

Her investigation eventually would focus on a fungus, a member of the yeast family, called *Cryptococcus gattii*. The microscopic fungus is normally found in the bark of eucalyptus trees in Australia and other tropical zones.

Physicians in North America are familiar with a relative, *Cryptococcus neoformans*. In humans, it shows up through pneumonia when immune systems already are weak, most typically in AIDS patients. In dogs and cats, it can form abscesses below the eyes. Lester, working in her pathology lab in 1999, was used to seeing tissue specimens from six to 10 pets a year with it.

But by 2000, vets on the island were sending her 10 positive samples a month. Lester knew *Cryptococcus* causes a disease that, like bird flu and West Nile virus, affects animals and humans. She put in a call to the British Columbia Center for Disease Control.

The call came at a busy time for Murray Fyfe. The head epidemiologist at the provincial CDC was then dealing with a bevy of other public

health problems: Peanuts from China had caused salmonella. Some local spinach was tainted. And there was a surge of men coming to hospitals with diarrhea.

Fyfe consulted Pamela Kibsey, a microbiologist at the Vancouver Island Health Authority. Kibsey said she had noticed an increase in human cases of *Cryptococcus*. And there was something strange about it. It was infecting healthy people, not just the sick.

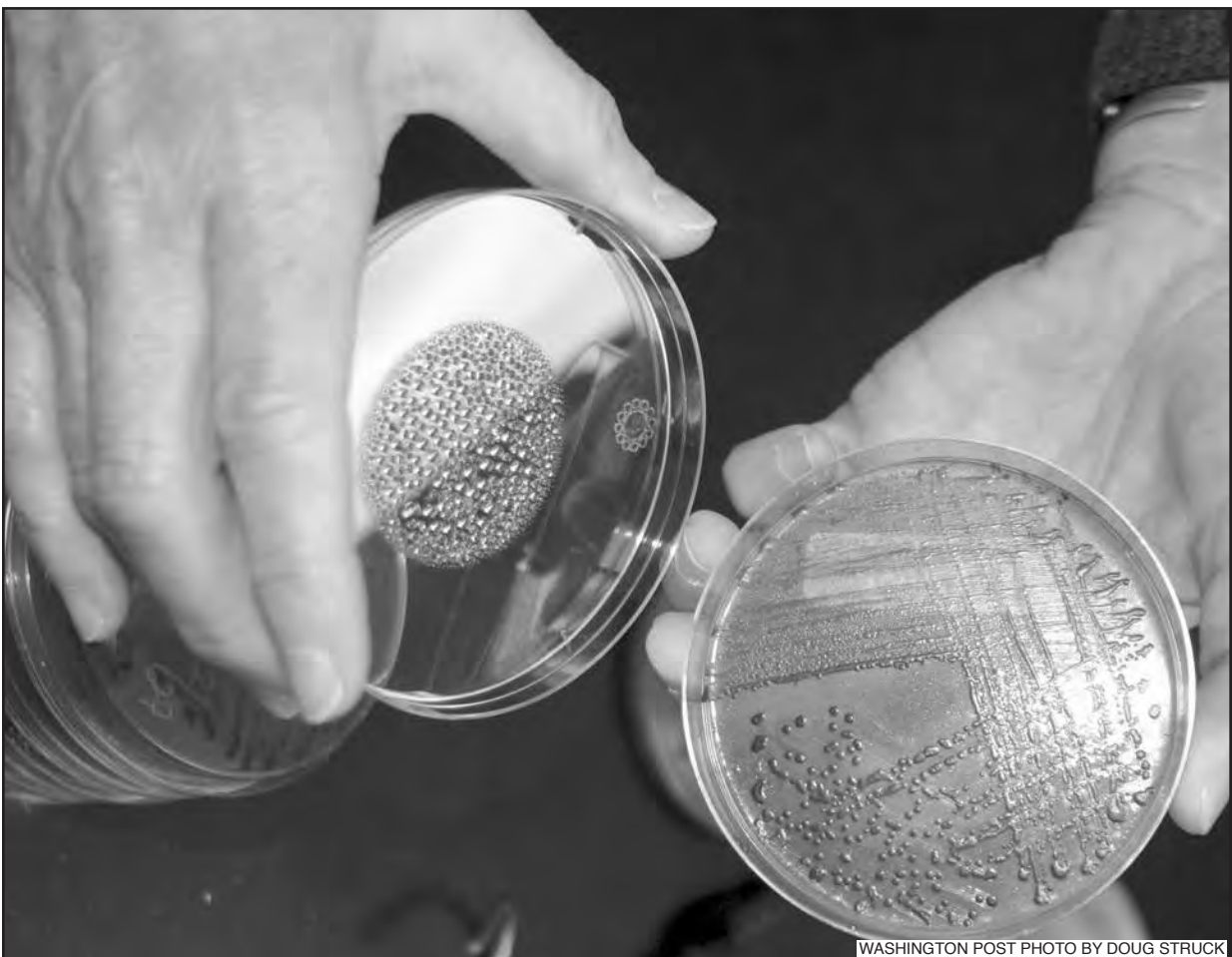
Fyfe formed a group to begin combing records of veterinarians and hospitals, tracing the first cases back to 1999. He asked Bartlett, at UBC, to join the group. They sent samples of the *Cryptococcus* recovered from diseased tissue for further analysis. The results showed it wasn’t the familiar form of “crypto.”

“This was an Australian fungus,” Stephen said. “We said, ‘What’s a nice girl like you doing in a place like this?’”

More disturbing, the fungus appeared to be more virulent than in Australia. There, it infects about four people per million and is rarely fatal. On Vancouver Island, the rate was 27 per million, and it was more often killing people.

The scientists can only guess how, or when, the fungus arrived. It could have been brought on eucalyptus trees imported by nurseries from Australia. Or it may always have been on the island, quietly clinging to life unnoticed until the warm summers spurred it to proliferate.

“With global warming, it may have finally been able to emerge to a level (at which) it is infectious,”



WASHINGTON POST PHOTO BY DOUG STRUCK

Fyfe said. Humans and animals living in the area, having had no exposure, had developed no immunities to it. Some people reacted to exposure by developing the disease.

Bartlett formed a team of students to try to find *gattii* in the wild. Armed with new detection kits ordered from Japan, they tramped through back yards on Vancouver Island, digging up soil, taking air samples, swabbing bark on trees. They went out with hour-long questionnaires to talk to survivors of the disease and to owners of infected pets.

One common site came up: Rathrevor Beach Provincial Park. It is an expanse of moss-covered fir and hemlock trees that reach for the sky, cheered by ravens and gulls, next to the Strait of Georgia. Patient Esther Young had gone to the park to kayak. Several other patients had been there.

Fyfe helped the students swab an old Douglas fir at the park. Two weeks later, Bartlett called him, excited. The swabs had come back positive, the first discovery of *Cryptococcus gattii* in the wild.

By the start of 2003, Bartlett’s students had found the fungus in other spots. They eventually concluded that it had infested a several-hundred-mile range on eastern Vancouver Island. Health authori-

ties agreed with business leaders in the adjacent city of Parksville that it was no longer fair to target the park alone, and warning signs at the Rathrevor Beach park came down in favor of a wider information campaign.

Health authorities still are struggling to strike the right balance with the public. “It’s serious, but it’s still a very rare disease. Much rarer than influenza, for example,” said Eleni Galanis, epidemiologist at the B.C. Center for Disease Control. “People need to be aware of it, in order to treat it. But we don’t want people to stop going outside.”

If doctors catch the disease early, oral doses of antifungal drugs will kill the cells. Undetected, the fungus can get into the spinal fluid, causing potentially fatal meningitis.

New cases on Vancouver Island have leveled off at about 25 a year. Eight people have died. Bartlett’s focus now is to figure out whether - and how - the fungus is moving.

Five human cases have been found on the British Columbia mainland; two people have been sickened in Washington state; and Oregon has had two fatalities from a similar but not identical strain of *gattii*. Health authorities in Washington and Oregon say the disease is still too rare in their areas to warrant alarm,

but they are watching it. Bartlett said it is unclear whether the fungus has been tracked elsewhere on the bottom of shoes or in wheel wells.

“One possibility for what we are seeing on the mainland is the first colonization, like we had on the island in 1999,” Bartlett said. Another is that those traces will disappear.

The infected porpoises - at least 25 of them now - suggest the fungus is carried by air over the water. Stephen Raverty, a pathologist at the provincial veterinary center in British Columbia, worries that the fungus can attack other species.

Killer whales, whose numbers have dropped sharply here, are cetaceans like the stricken Dall’s porpoises. Raverty and others have been tracking the killer whales in Puget Sound, using glassine slides mounted on long poles to catch droplets from the whales’ exhalations, to see whether the animals have been infected.

So far, they haven’t found the fungus. But animals can act as a sentinel for humans, the scientists say.

“These are the types of things we will see with climate change,” Fyfe said. “As the weather in North America gets warmer, we are more likely to be affected by these public health threats.”

# Wounded veteran gets a second chance at life

Jonathan Abrams  
Los Angeles Times

CONTINGENCY OPERATING BASE SPEICHER, Iraq - The soldier woke up at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in October 2004 with no memory of the ambush or his trip home from Afghanistan. Every bone in his face but one was shattered. He was drugged and delusional, eating and breathing through tubes. In four days, Army Lt. Drew Sloan had lost 17 pounds.

As the doctors reduced his medications, Sloan regained his lucidity and learned what had happened. He had been riding in the back of a Humvee in south-central Afghanistan on Oct. 10, carrying ballots from the presidential election the day before. Staff Sgt. Brian Hobbs sat in front, with Spec. Joey Banegas manning the .50-caliber machine gun in the turret. As they reached a creek bed surrounded by mountains, gunfire erupted. A rocket-propelled grenade slammed into the front of the vehicle.

The concussive force of the explosion burst through a weak point in the Humvee’s armor. The rush of air smashed Sloan in the face, cracking the bones in hundreds of places like a shatterproof window struck with a baseball bat. His cheek was torn open. His jaw dangled unnaturally. Blood spurted everywhere. His palate was pulverized, teeth destroyed, the results of nine years of childhood orthodontics wiped out.

“Blow through! Blow through!” Hobbs yelled, but the Humvee’s engine was dead. It rolled to a stop, on fire. Twenty or so Afghans emerged from the wood line, firing AK-47 rifles. Banegas shot back before he noticed Sloan in the back seat, half-conscious. Banegas pulled his platoon leader from the vehicle as the bullets flew.

“Don’t drop me, Banegas,” Sloan said at one point, according to a letter he wrote congratulating Banegas for being awarded a Bronze Star for valor in the incident. This account of Sloan’s experiences is based on interviews with him and others over nearly two years.

The second Humvee in their convoy arrived, but the Americans were isolated, their radios blocked by the high mountains around them. The firefight raged for 30 minutes before the attackers pulled back. Nearly a dozen U.S. soldiers crammed into the remaining Humvee, with Sloan slumped in the front and others hanging on the roof. They made it to a small police station a few miles away. Sloan was flown by helicopter to the U.S. military base at Kandahar, then evacuated to Germany and finally to Walter Reed.

At this point in his life, Sloan had become the person he had long hoped to be - a top graduate of the West Point class of 2002, an airborne Ranger, a platoon leader in combat. “I wanted to do something that was not only bigger than myself, but also different from anything my peers were doing or anyone in my family had ever done,” he wrote later.

In a fleeting moment he couldn’t even recall, he had been reinvented as a hospital patient. Over two months

at Walter Reed, and in the year and a half of operations and physical recovery he endured afterward, he realized that rebuilding his body was only half of what he needed to do. Becoming whole again would require returning to combat.

In early 2005, Sloan went to Hawaii, where the 25th Infantry Division is based, and was selected to be the aide to Brig. Gen. John M. “Mick” Bednarek, one of the division’s two deputy commanding generals. Sloan ran Bednarek’s calendar and handled the small details of military life.

A year passed, time Sloan used to plan and put his life together. He would have one surgery to reconstruct his face, recover and work, and have another surgery. He was self-conscious about his scars and appearance. He was still missing teeth, and his eyes were cross-eyed for months as a result of the aneurysm. At one point he walked with a cane after surgery to transplant bone from his hip to his palate. He got along well with Bednarek, who worked Sloan hard enough that he had little time for a personal life.

By summer 2005, he wondered whether a long-term military career was his true calling. Few of his West Point friends planned to stay in past June 2007, when their commitments were up.

“The truth is I don’t know,” Sloan said during an interview in July 2005. “It’s hard for me to get out because of West Point. The nation’s at war but at the (same) time, do I think this is quite the best place for me? There’s other things I want out of life, like grad school, a family. And if I’m going to Iraq every other year, that’s a lot to ask.”

He still wanted to go back to combat, but not out of vengeance. He didn’t think much about the fighter who had fired the grenade at him. “If the situation was reversed, I would have fired at him,” he said later. “That was life in Afghanistan; that was life in war.”

Sloan believed in America’s wars. He thought of his duty in Afghanistan as the honor of his life and that the global threat of Islamic fundamentalism was real.

Sloan’s unit got its orders: Iraq for a year, starting in summer 2006. Sloan, promoted to captain, told Bednarek he was making plans to leave the Army in 2007 and would apply to business school. But he had a request. He wanted to deploy to Iraq first.

“Okay,” Bednarek said. “I understand what you’re asking.”

They would go to war together.

January, Sloan logged onto a computer at Camp Speicher to see whether he’d been accepted to graduate school.

“We’ve got a Harvard man!” Bednarek bellowed in the division headquarters. Sloan had been admitted to the business school, and would be out of the Army by summer.

The next month, Bednarek’s small staff fanned out around the world for two-week, mid-tour leave. Sloan went to Africa, where he climbed Mount Kilimanjaro with a cousin and a friend, looking as civilian as anyone else on the trip, with a solar charger for his iPod and speakers mounted on his North Face backpack. His facial

scars had largely healed, and his hair was long for the Army. It was only when his fellow climbers asked where he’d flown in from that the war came up.

Later he went scuba diving in Kenya, and there was no blending in. He stood in his bathing suit, his scars revealed. A vertical line on his stomach exposed where a feeding tube had been inserted. A dimple over his windpipe betrayed a tracheotomy.

“You look like you’ve been in the wars,” the dive instructor said casually. “What was it, a car wreck?”

“No,” Sloan replied. “You were right the first time. It was war.”

# New Hip-Hop Christianity



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The Washington Post

MORENO VALLEY, Calif. -- He goes by the name of Pastor Flo.

As he stood in the pulpit of the Hip-Hip Sanctuary New Generation Church, all eyes were on him.

“They say we can’t have hip-hop and church,” said Flo, a lay preacher whose real name is Roosevelt Sargent. “I say this is real church. It’s just presented by and for the hip-hop community, but don’t get it wrong, this is a place of praise and worship.”

In the dimly lighted church, a chorus of agreement rang out.

Murals of the Last Supper dangled from the wall. A deejay scratching bass-booming, wall-thumping music worked from the pulpit. Churchgoers wore do-rags and New Era fitted hats. Their hands clutched worn Bibles.

With traditional churches seeking ways to revitalize interest in worship -- particularly among the young -- the distance between hip-hop and religion is closing.

And although some churches in mainly urban areas devote portions of services roughly every month to hip-hop congregations, this Baptist church in Moreno Valley is one of the first to present its worship services in hip-hop terms.

“What this indicates is the fact that the black church recognizes that hip-hop has more of an appeal than

religion to black youth,” said Todd Boyd, a professor of critical studies at the University of Southern California and author of “The New H.N.I.C.: The Death of Civil Rights and the Reign of Hip Hop.” “It’s a case of them recognizing that their message is old and tired, and hip-hop gives them an opportunity to reach a new audience.”

Felix Roger Jones III, pastor of All People Unity Baptist Church in nearby Redlands, says he has concerns about hip-hop-oriented churches based in large part on the mainstream segment that glorifies violence, street gangs, lavish lifestyles and misogynic views.

“My ears are up as to what individuals who call it hip-hop church are about,” he said. “It is a gimmick to an extent. Are you preaching from the word of God, are you disciplining people like Jesus did, or are you just trying to experiment with hip-hop?”

Flo, 33, says he has received plenty of e-mails and phone calls discounting his methodology.

“You already have rock ‘n’ roll Christianity, old-school Christianity, country Christianity,” he says. “How can there be all these different types of Christianity and no room for hip-hop Christianity? And these kids who go to church and sit in the back will only be there for so long. The next step is out the door.”

Flo used to be one of those kids out the door. He fathered his first child at 15, messed with gangs and saw

three brothers and his father incarcerated for long periods. He moved from Portland, Ore., to the Inland Empire to escape the culture that had seduced him.

He has dabbled in the hip-hop church movement for more than a decade, after his former girlfriend’s grandmother asked him to read the scripture with her. He dreamed of starting the church last year, opened it in January and plans to open a branch in Compton soon.

More than 300 people packed the church’s grand opening. The event featured hip-hop pioneer Kurtis Blow, who tours the country establishing hip-hop churches.

“We were messing with some fire codes that night,” Flo says.

After finishing the opening greeting on a recent Thursday night, Flo introduced Young Pro, born Santiago Abarca.

The 21-year-old Riverside artist travels from church to church performing and testifying about his faith. Midway through the performance, seven teenagers sheepishly sauntered into the church. They hesitated before taking a seat in the back pew.

Flo led the congregation in prayer and three of the young people removed their baseball caps, two turned off cell phones and all bowed their heads.

Flo discusses a passage from the Gospel of Matthew, in which the disciples are stuck on a boat during a storm and Jesus gives Peter the faith to

walk on water.

“This is church, so we do read the Bible a little bit,” Flo said. “Now, the disciples were probably tripping when they saw him walking on water. The word doesn’t say that, but y’all know what I mean. What he was doing was training his disciples by faith, because that is what he does.”

Prayer was over. Heads rose. Hats snapped back onto heads.

Flo invited the congregation to come to the pulpit to rhyme expressions of their faith and dance to the booming bass. While other members of the congregation handled the microphone, the teenagers took turns krumping -- doing a highly energetic, jerky and expressive dance -- and a circle of onlookers quickly formed around them.

“We weren’t going to be doing anything but watching cartoons on TV,” said Alexander Pruitt, 19, who said his friends belonged to a krumping crew and learned about the church through MySpace. “We thought this was going to be a big event, like a party. We ended up being the party.”

The church emptied and the congregation spilled outside after another high-energy service.

“This isn’t an alternative to the traditional church,” said Diane Mooney, whose daughter, Cheris, and friend Amber Harrell-Tobey performed during the service. “But it does show that this type of generational transition is in the forefront.”



# Virtual Air Traffic Simulation Network “as real as it gets”

Brian Asbury  
Aeronautica Editor

The Virtual Air Traffic Simulation Network (VATSIM) is the world's largest online flight simulation network. With seven regions, including a European region, Asian region, North, South and Central American regions, African region and Oceanic region, VATSIM encompasses the entire globe. Each region is comprised of division. There are 18 total divisions, including VATUSA in the North America division, which includes all 21 ATRCC's in the continental United States. VATSIM users can fill either the virtual pilot or virtual controller role using a flight simulator, such as Microsoft's Flight Simulator, or a radar-screen simulator such as Virtual Radar Client. Communications between pilots and controllers are

executed using a voice-over-IP client or text messages. The network strives for reality, and procedures for air traffic control are followed as closely as possible to the FAA real world procedures and letters of agreement, including picking up clearances prior to departure and having approach, delivery and center controllers. Phraseology is followed to the T by controllers as required by the FAA for real world controllers. Training is required to become a controller to ensure proper procedures. Pilots range from general aviation pilots to virtual airlines including Delta, United Airlines. Embry Riddle even has their own VA, Embry-Riddle Virtual Airlines, flying most of the common aircraft found on the Riddle Ramp or in the FTDs including the C-172, Piper Arrow, Bombardier CRJ, Boeing MD-90 and the sport aviations Aviat Pitts and Piper Pawnee. Many add-on clients are available simulat-

ing passengers and Traffic Collision Avoidance Systems (TCAS). Each facility holds events such as Friday Night Ops or fly-ins for major events like Mardi gras, which will max traffic to realistic levels and force aircraft to be sent into holding or ground holds placed. VATSIM was created by George “Pook” Barney in 2001 with only two clients as its interface. Shortly afterward, Roger Wilco, a voice-over-IP client, was born, enabling voice communications and bringing a new reality to the simulation. It has since grown to a virtual mirror image of the real world aviation community. Many pilots and controllers learn on VATSIM before flying/controlling in real life. VATSIM offers both controller and pilot training as well as a number of resources for both. Pilots can look up real world routes flown from [www.simroutes.com](http://www.simroutes.com), and navigation information from [www.airnav.com](http://www.airnav.com).



Controllers can download maps for airspace's and standard operating procedures. The servers download real world weather conditions requiring ATISs to be issued. Currently the ATIS is issued via text, but VATSIM is in beta testing for voice ATIS. VATSIM has over 115,000 registered users with more than eight million flight hours flown, many of whom fly online to practice for real world flight such as instrument procedures. The beauty is that real world pilot certificates are not required to fly on VATSIM, rather many have never flown in the real world at all. “It teaches pilot proper phraseology, especially IFR, to deal with ATC on a routing bases and it teaches them to multitask while flying which they will use in real world flying,” said Embry-Riddle student Tom Flanary and Air Traffic Manager at ZOA Oakland.



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AN EMBRY RIDDLE VIRTUAL Airline CRJ-200 on final for 7L at Daytona Beach International Airport.

# All-glide landings

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New Zealand's Auckland International Airport has been chosen as the trial airport for what will be the world's first all-glide landing. Auckland was chosen as the trial airport because it had more traffic than others. The trial which is aimed at cutting fuel emissions and fuel consumption, will initially be targeted to Boeing 747s of Air New Zealand and Qantas. While jetliners currently do glide in on their approach, only adjusting thrust to maintain speed, air traffic control would routinely ask pilots to level out for a short time, go into a holding pattern or make way for other aircraft. In collaboration with Airways Corporation, the operator of air traffic control, pilots would be allowed to land uninterrupted, on a pre-agreed flight descent path and speed. The trial has been scheduled to start in mid-April and the landings will take place during the light periods of the airport's operational hours. This would not interrupt the operations of other aircraft. This practice has been backed by Air New Zealand's trunk manager Lew Jenkins, as safe and a viable means to both cut fuel costs and protect the environment from unnecessary carbon emissions. “This is a perfectly safe procedure, and other flights will be controlled by

Airways New Zealand's air traffic controllers to remain clear of the trial flight paths,” Mr. Jenkins said.” All commercial airlines want to be safe but they also need to be profitable, fuel efficient, and environmentally friendly, and a key component in this equation is fuel.” Jenkins also mentioned that flying and aircraft in a way that minimizes fuel consumption was often at odds with time requirements and the availability of runways. The trial has also been approved by the pilots' union, Air Line Pilots Association, whose president, Captain Mark Rammel, stated there would be no issues with safety. “It lets the plane do what it's designed to do,” he said. “It's not engines off. The engines aren't shut down. Every time we do a descent, the engines come right back to low power.” Hugh Faris, the technical director at Air Line Pilots Association, also stated that passengers would not realize anything other than a smoother approach, as most pilots already flew with thrust set to idle, applying power only when the drag created by extending flaps and landing gear required more power to maintain landing speed. Mark Vaile, the Deputy Prime Minister and Federal Transport Minister, spoke about Australia's support in cutting carbon emissions. Australia will be introducing greater flight path flexibility and even more continuous flight approaches in descent.

# Boeing's new hydrogen plane

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Chief Copy Editor

Boeing will develop an experimental, lightweight single-seat aircraft powered entirely by hydrogen fuel cells, H2Daily.com reported. The Fuel Cell Demonstrator Airplane research project has been conducted by Boeing Research and Technology – Europe (BR&TE), part of the Boeing Phantomworks, since 2003. The aircraft will have a maximum speed of about 62 miles per hour and will span about 50 feet. Test flights will take place in

Spain sometime this year. Specifically, the demonstrator will use a Proton Exchange Membrane fuel cell and a lithium-ion battery to operate an electric motor. The fuel cell will be the only source of power during steady, level flight; during times of higher power requirement, namely takeoff and climb, the batteries will contribute the difference between power required and that provided by the fuel cell. While hydrogen fuel cell technology is not critical to the airline industry proper, Boeing is developing the technology for use in

unmanned aerial vehicles and other small aircraft. Boeing is also carrying out other experiments with hydrogen technology, BR&TE Managing Director Francisco Escarti said, and the experience gained from this project will benefit those programs as well. “Given the efficiency and environmental benefits of emerging fuel cell technology,” Escarti said in a press release, “Boeing wants to be on the forefront of developing and applying it to aerospace products. The Fuel Cell Demonstrator Airplane project is an important step in that direction.”

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# Soyuz rockets to orbit

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A new resident crew and an American billionaire rocketed into orbit Saturday to begin their stay aboard the international space station. The Soyuz rocket carrying the two Expedition 15 crewmembers lifted off from the Baikonur Cosmodrome in Kazakhstan on time at 11:31 p.m. local time, lighting up the barren steppes surrounding the launch site.

Onboard were cosmonauts Fyodor Yurchikhin and Oleg Kotov, who will relieve two Expedition 14 crewmembers and begin their six-month stay aboard the ISS. Also onboard was the world's fifth space tourist, Microsoft pioneer Charles Simonyi, who paid the Russians an estimated \$25 million for the 13-day vacation.

After a two-day chase of the space station, the Soyuz TMA-10 mission capsule was to have docked to the outpost Monday. Yurchikhin and Kotov will relieve outgoing residents Michael Lopez-Alegria and Mikhail Tyurin, who have lived aboard since September. Simonyi will depart the station with them April 20 after his 13-day stay.

In Lopez-Alegria, a new champion emerged last Tuesday as NASA broke its previous single duration record for an American in space.

Lopez-Alegria was cheered for having stayed in orbit aboard the ISS for 197 consecutive days, breaking the previous 196-day record held by astronauts Carl Walz and Dan Bursch of the Expedition 4 crew.

Commander of Expedition 14, Lopez-Alegria launched September 18 and is scheduled to return to Earth April 20, raising



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**THE SOYUZ ROCKET RUMBLES** off Launch Site 1 at the Baikonur Cosmodrome Saturday, the very same launch pad that played host to the world's first ICBM, the R-7, 50 years ago May 15 and Sputnik this Oct. 4. The Soyuz booster today is almost unchanged over the R-7.

his record to an impressive 214-day stay in space.

Lopez-Alegria has been warned, though – and is fully aware – that his glory will only be temporary. “I have a feeling my record isn’t going to last for long, and I know exactly who is going to break it,” he told *Space.com*.

Astronaut Sunita Williams, currently the Flight Engineer in Lopez-Alegria’s crew and subject of the commander’s remark, will not be leaving the ISS with the rest of Expedition 14, but rather will remain on board as part of Expedition 15. She is scheduled to leave orbit aboard Endeavour later this summer, and by then she will have set a new American record. The will also own the world record for a woman, surpassing

famed astronaut Shannon Lucid’s duration aboard Mir.

Moreover, certain delays in the launch of the STS-118 mission that was supposed to carry her home will increase her stay even further.

Neither of the players will be thrown completely into the shade, though. As it stands, Lopez-Alegria tops the charts for having the most spacewalk hours – 10 instances totaling 67 hours – while Williams holds the record for most spacewalks performed by a female astronaut – 4 totaling 27 hours.

Historically, however, the longest single space mission award remains in Russian cosmonaut Valery Polyakov’s name, with an astounding 438 days in orbit aboard the Space Station Mir in 1994 and 1995.

# Beam him up: Scotty’s ashes heading to space this month

Peter Richardson  
Staff Reporter

A few grams of ashes from actor James Doohan will finally be launched into space on April 28 2007. James Doohan died in June 2005 after suffering from pneumonia and Alzheimer’s disease. Mr. Doohan is most recognized for playing Mr. Montgomery “Scotty” Scott in the original Star Trek series and movies. The flight was originally to take place two years ago, but was held off after complications in the pre-flight rehearsals.

The responsibility for the launch

of the remains are being handled by a Texas company, Celestis Incorporated, which charters payload space on orbital and suborbital rockets to launch remains.

Doohan’s ashes will be launched with portions of around 200 other people from over 10 nations. Family members can pay \$495 dollars to get part of their relatives remains launched into orbit for at least 10 years. This flight, however, will be suborbital. The launch vehicle will be a SpaceLoft XL rocket created by UP Aerospace and will be fired from Spaceport America near Upham N.M.

This will be the second launch for

the UP Aerospace rocket that had its first firing last September. The first launch failed, but the second launch has good chance for success according to UP Aerospace engineers.

The Canadian actor will always be remembered for his heartfelt portrayal of Mr. Scott and his undying dedication to the Star Trek fans. He appeared on the first three original Star Trek seasons from 1966 till 1969 and then returned for seven Star Trek movies from 1979 till 1994. He also appeared in one episode of the spin-off series Star Trek: The Next Generation, countless Star Trek video games and around 70 other TV programs and movies.

Upcoming Cape Launches

NET mid-May Space Shuttle Atlantis STS-117 / ISS flight Third set of giant solar arrays Launch time: early morning if mid-May only	May 18 Atlas 5 Classified NRO satellite Launch window: 5:35-6:02 p.m. EDT	June 30 Delta 2 NASA's Dawn asteroid orbiter Launch window (corrected): 5:13:15-5:33:15pm EDT
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# Mars missions simulated on Earth

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Staff Reporter

Imagine being locked up in a tube for 500 days in a row, with limited communications with the outside world. That is exactly what six people – chosen from a pool of volunteers – will be asked to do as part of a joint Russian / European research project.

The idea is to simulate a mission to Mars as realistically as possible to study the potential issues – and solutions – which might arise in an actual mission. The program, Mars500, was organized by the Russian Institute for Biomedical Problems (IBMP) and contributed to by the Russian Academy of Sciences, with the European Space Agency (ESA) recently

announcing its partnership with the Russian institutions.

ESA interest in the program, as explained by scientist Marc Heppener to *Space.com*, will revolve around the psychological and physiological effects of such a trip, namely motivation changes; effects of stress on health; effect of confinement on sleep and mood; and possible changes in the immune system.

The program will simulate a launch, journey to Mars, research trip to the surface, and return trip. All factors will be kept as close to reality as possible, which means that the crew will have to handle a limited food supply, 20-minute delays in communications, and simulate emergencies.

One of the crew members will have real medical experience, and

will be confronted with the possibility that real medical emergencies arise.

The possibility that this person falls ill is something which the rest of the crew – who will have qualifications ranging from engineering to sciences – might have to deal with.

The volunteers will be required to live in a spaceship mock-up measuring 200 square meters (roughly 1800 sq. ft.), and will include research, medicine and living areas along with a kitchen. In a typical space-like manner, the areas will be connected by narrow passageways possibly analogous to those currently used on the International Space Station.

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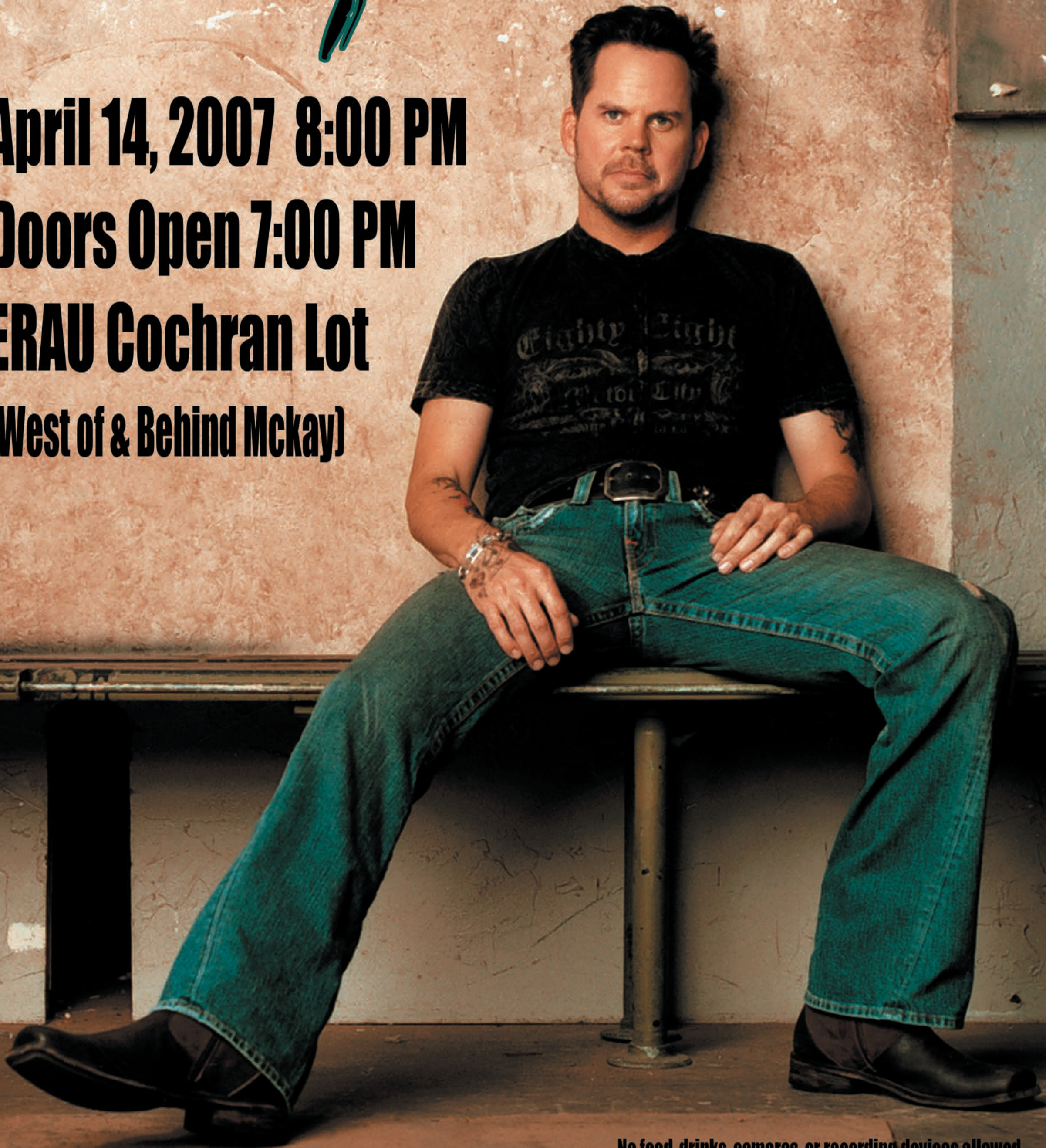
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**Doors Open 7:00 PM**

**ERAU Cochran Lot**

**(West of & Behind McKay)**



No food, drinks, cameras, or recording devices allowed.

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April 10, 2007

# ERAU ENTERTAINMENT

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## ERAU to host Gary Allan, country music star

Nicole Titus

Entertainment Editor

When I first heard that this year's big show was going to be performed by a country singer, I have to admit, I was disappointed. "Who the heck is Gary Allan?" A lot of people were surprised that Touch-N-Go would choose a country band, but if you ask around, there are quite a few people on this campus who like country music. In fact, if you do an advanced search on Facebook for Embry-Riddle students who like country music, the number is considerably larger than any other form of music interest.

So, for the sake of this article, I jumped on iTunes and listened to a couple of Gary Allan's songs. To my surprise, this singer is a pretty big deal. He has produced seven albums and has sold over 5 million records.

If you have ever listened to a country station, you've definitely heard one of Gary Allan's songs. "Best I Ever Had" and "Nothing On But The Radio" are largely popular within the country music circuit.

Some of his lesser-known music is also pretty catchy. "Lovin' You Against My Will," from the album *Smoke Rings In The Dark*, is unexpectedly haunting but soulful.

Gary Allan's latest release, *Greatest Hits*, made the number one spot on the Billboard Top Country Albums chart this past March. And 14 of 15 cuts from the album went top 20 on the country charts as well.

According to Rolling Stone, Gary Allan, was "A Southern California kid who grew up surfing ... he has navigated the roles of tough guy and softie with better songs than most mainstream Nashvillians."

The concert is this Saturday, April 14, starting at 8 p.m. The concert is sponsored by Touch-N-Go Productions, the student run entertainment division of Embry-Riddle's Student Government Association.

The show will be in the ERAU Cochran Parking Lot, since the ICI gym is still undergoing repairs. Food, drinks, cameras,

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*So throw on your cowboy hat, grab your belt buckle and boots ...*  
- NICOLE TITUS  
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and recording devices are prohibited.

The show is free with Eagle Card for Embry-Riddle students, faculty, and staff, and they may bring one free guest per card. Embry-Riddle accepted students may also attend for free. The general admission tickets are \$20; military with ID, \$10; Students of Bethune-Cookman University, Daytona Beach Community College, and Stetson University, \$10 with ID.

Tickets can be purchased from Touch-N-Go at (386) 226-6047, [www.touch-n-go.org](http://www.touch-n-go.org), or at the information desk in the John Paul Riddle Student Center.

So throw on your cowboy hat, grab your belt buckle and boots and get in line by 7 p.m. on Saturday to see this country music legend. If you are absolutely disgusted by country music, give it a chance. If anything, it's free and I'm sure you'll enjoy watching all the country fans getting excited about this country music star.



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## THE FLIP SIDE *Tears from the sheltered*

How can you hold that gun, willingly instruct the muscles in your hand to pull that trigger of this weapon aimed at the heart of a soon-to-be-dead human, that same hand that you use to hold your child? The hands of your target will never hold their child again, yes, target. Let's lessen people to words that aren't so real, target. A building could be a target. But no, your's is a heart.

How can you use your eyes to aim your destruction? These are the same eyes with which you will have to look at your mother, your father, your husband or wife.

To die for a cause, to die for a belief, to die for another human, is that the best way to die? Is the final escaping of breath better done through the intake of a bullet or sword or through age and illness? If you had to go from this world, wouldn't it be best for a purpose? If I'm going to expire, why not do it in a betterment of the world?

One could die fighting for freedom, releasing oppression, to save or better lives, all valiant reasons, or for money, pride, revenge, power, land, all reasons that have no bearing.

I can't understand. How could you destroy so much, so many for your own personal gain? How do you live each day knowing so many don't because of your self want? How do you sleep at night? Don't the cries and screams of the widowed, the parentless, the oppressed ring in your ears?

We came. We saved you. You are free. Why do you hate us? Why is our own country involved in these gains?

When did all this hatred start? When you are little, what causes you to dream of own-

ing the world and destroying everyone who gets in your way? Why do people like others fearing them? I am so confused. I am so naïve, so saddened.

But, what do I know? I'm just a silly, sheltered girl living miles away, typing this nonetheless, in a heated and furnished room. How could I possibly understand anything that you go through? I can't understand your pain, your agony, your life. I just write this out of confusion. I don't know how people can kill and live happily and not be haunted. How can you be proud? Will someone explain this to me?

Maybe I don't want to know. Maybe I should stay in my bubble, my box, in my little world where I would die for people because I love them. I wouldn't hurt anyone

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for money or power. You can have it. I don't understand you, and I guess I don't want to. I don't want to believe that people can be that dead inside. I don't want to think that good is slowly losing this world, and that one can brainwash others to kill millions.



Jacklyn Duff

Columnist

## Hit the Lights lights up the stage



John W. Smith III

Staff Reporter

Not easily forgettable, formulaic and simple, and a touch of originality. Think you have heard this before? You have not, because this is how Hit the Lights does rock 'n' roll. Coming from the land of rock itself, these Ohio natives repped the 309 as they brought their first headlining tour to Fuel in Jacksonville, Florida. This power pop/alternative band can give bands like Good Charlotte and New Found Glory a run for their money. I am glad I laced up my Chuck Taylor high tops and put on my studs because this show was a punk rawk extravaganza. Adding an extra punch to the tour were the bands The Secret Handshake, Valencia, and All Time Low.

Although a majority of the crowd that showed was under the age of sixteen, they showed the bands that Fuel knew how to rock 'n' roll. Fuel itself is an interesting mix of a coffee shop atmosphere, a bar for the mature, and a room in back that reminded me of an after school hang out spot with a stage. Tables were scattered among the floor and people packed in as sounds from The Secret Handshake began.

This act includes only two people, but produces a big sound. Straight from the heart of Texas herself, this Dallas duo gave their best as they rocked out on drums and keyboard. A majority of the Handshake's music was electronica, which means it had a pre-made beat and the band members just played along to the beat. Although this was the first time I have seen this band I felt as if I was listening

to Hellogoodbye. With songs like "Summer of '98" and "Too Young," The Secret Handshake seemed to have a good handle on an electronic sound that pleases crowds.

Bringing some great energy to the stage was Valencia. This quintet from Philadelphia, Pa. is anything short of a great band. Parading from side to side, the bassist and guitarist often exchanged positions on stage as the lead singer ensured everyone was having a good time and pumping their fists in the air during their incessant chorus's. Melodies were in place and guitar riffs buzzed as Valencia played their hits "The Space Between," "Tenth Street," and "3000 Miles" all of which burn important messages to listeners. Formed in 2003, and with a full length album entitled, *This Could*

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*These bands left me energized, breathless, and entertained ...*  
- JOHN W. SMITH III  
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*Be A Possibility*, Valencia has figured out what makes a great melodic-pop band.

At one of the high points of the show, All Time Low made a punctual appearance. These four guys pack a powerful punch with very in-your-face guitars, clever one liner's in between songs, and a sound that is hard to pin to one genre. Some say they sound like the incessant band Cartel and others say they sound like the legendary Blink -182. All Time Low has quickly and successfully found their unique sound that is the perfect median for any fan of power pop/alternative. Barely out of Baltimore's

public school system, the guys of All Time Low put out their first EP *Put Up or Shut Up*, which includes hits like, "This Girls a Straight up Hustler" and "Running from Lions." All Time Low presented their music as not only energetic, but catchy and inspirational. Closing the night with "Jasey Rae," All Time Low promised to be back soon with new music.

Banners fell, epic music blew from speakers, and conversations quickly hushed as the lights were killed and Hit the Lights approached the stage. The crowd roared as the band began to play songs off their debut album *This Is a Stick Up...Don't Make It a Murder*. A majority of the crowd was Hit the Lights veterans and expected nothing less than perfection on every song and expected guitarist Omar to playfully reach up for the microphone and energize the crowd. Opening the night with "These Backs Are Made for Stabbing" and then straight through "Three Oh Nine," the band failed to miss a beat and successfully sang their melodies through the tricky rhymes of the pop music. Perhaps a generation too late, Hit the Lights have heavily impacted today's college generation as well as sparked an interest in the teenage population across America. With popular choruses in songs like "Bodybag" and "Speakers Blown," this brand of pop punk will energize you, make you dance, and leave you breathless from the rhyming lyrics that will forever be stuck in your head. Coming out for their encore, lead singer Colin and guitarist Omar played the hidden track on their album which is an acoustic love ballad that shows Hit the Lights an amazing group. From rhyming in punk music to serenading in a love ballad, Hit the Lights has the complete package.

Bringing out the punk in all of us, these bands left me energized, breathless, and entertained, truly a great concert for all pop/punk lovers. Although my punk days are over, it was great to let loose and feel like a kid back in middle school as I rocked out with these bands.

## RECOMMENDED MOVIE DISTRACTIONS

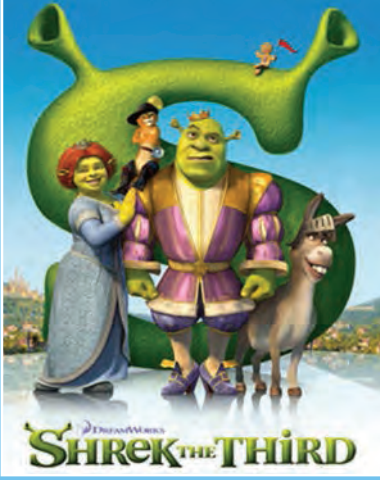
A few movies that our editors are excited about



*Aqua Teen Hunger Force*  
Releasing April 13



*Spider-Man 3*  
Releasing May 4



*Shrek The Third*  
Releasing May 18



*Oceans 13*  
Releasing June 8



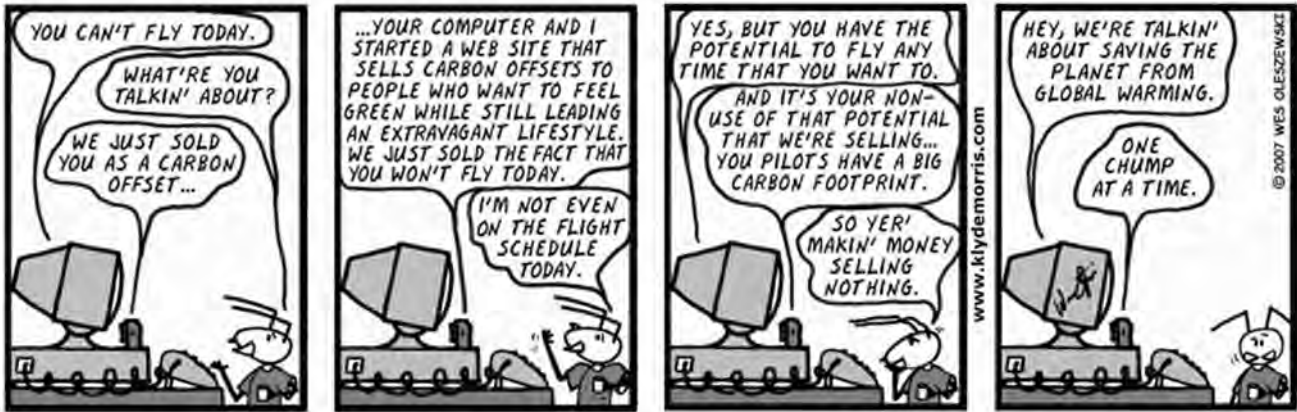
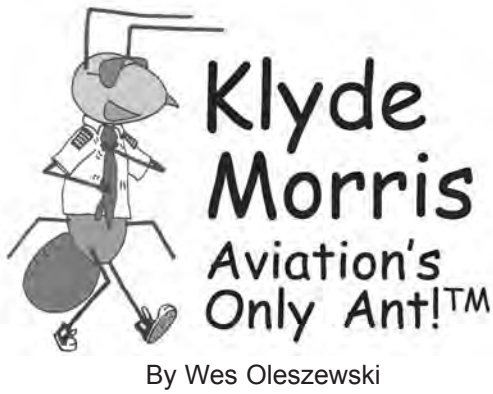
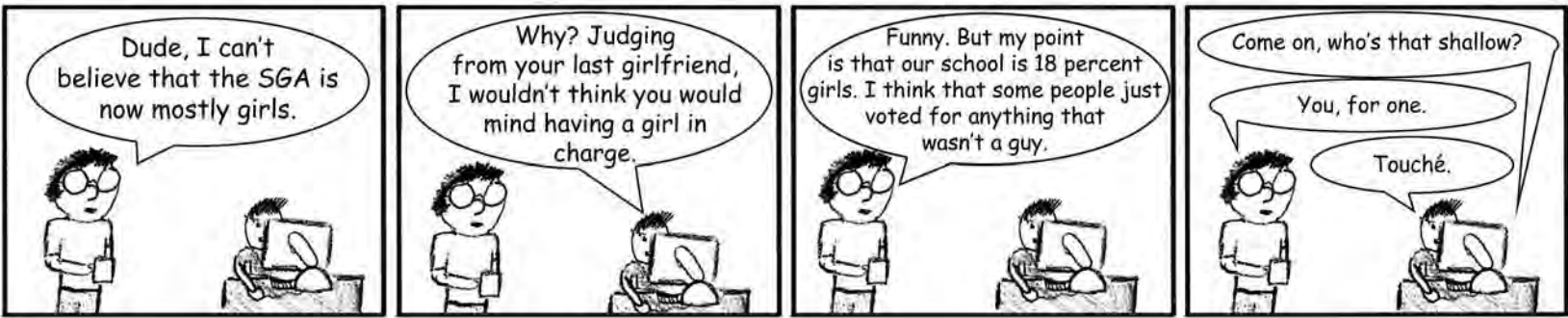
*Transformers*  
Releasing May 4



The Riddle of Life

By Jonathan Mettin

Come on guys, you have to give me something to pick on besides desperate, lonely Riddle guys.



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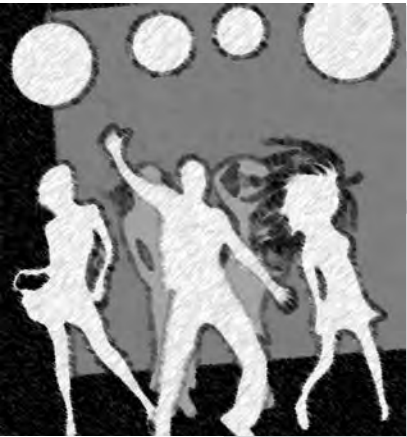
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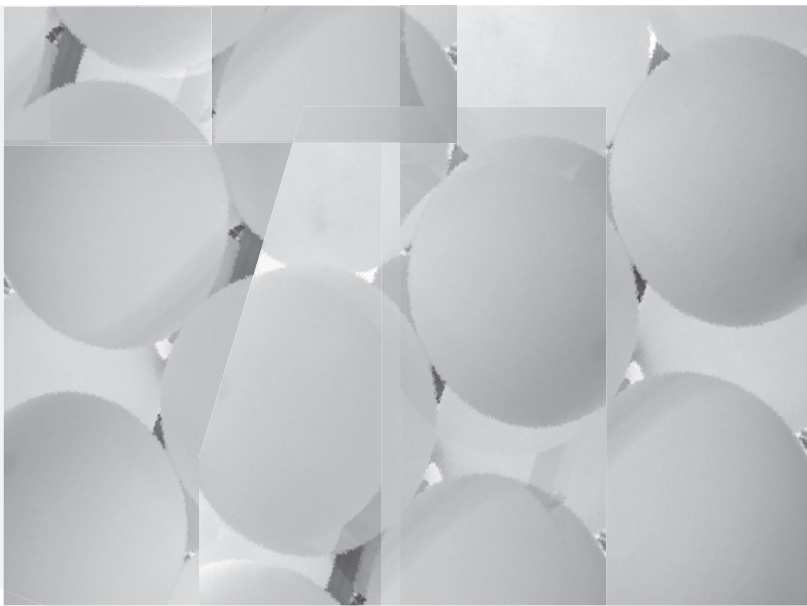
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- 20 A vacation (2 wds.)
- 22 Not quite
- 24 Make lace by knotting or looping
- 25 Petroleum retailer
- 27 Song by the Village People
- 31 Little Women character
- 32 After bee
- 34 Vase for cremated body
- 35 In \_\_\_ of
- 38 Omega preceder
- 40 Set to zero
- 42 Force to leave
- 44 Pair
- 46 Get out of bed
- 47 Russian liquor
- 48 Choose
- 50 Parts of plays
- 51 Before, poetically
- 52 Butter dab
- 55 Points
- 57 Greek stringed instrument
- 59 Every Breath You Take artist (1983 song)
- 61 American Cancer Society (abbr.)
- 64 Sound from two channels
- 66 Elixir
- 68 Non \_\_\_ (not welcome)
- 71 Levelheaded
- 73 Look \_\_\_
- 74 Hick
- 75 Presidents office
- 76 Legal claim to property (hint: it is not "deed")
- 77 Apple of one's eye
- 78 Your person
- 79 Dry and withered

DOWN

- 1 Impressive

Let's have a party

- 2 Main artery going from heart
- 3 Gallivant
- 4 Center of attention
- 5 Director (abbr.)
- 6 Visionary
- 7 A game domain
- 8 Road pavement
- 9 Greek god of war
- 10 Birthday \_\_\_
- 11 Alter agreement (2 wds.)
- 12 Bro.'s sibling
- 13 Garden tool
- 21 "Raven" author
- 23 Single
- 26 Rascal
- 28 What a band makes
- 29 Colgate rival
- 30 Adds to the pot in poker
- 31 Donald
- 33 Jurassic or Paleozoic
- 35 Even horizontally
- 36 Elephant tusk
- 37 Bedspread feather
- 39 In way of (abbr.)
- 41 Historical time periods
- 43 Draw beer from keg
- 45 Not mandatory
- 49 Facial twitch
- 53 Fictional planet dweller
- 54 Body between hip and neck, pl.
- 56 Dog or cat
- 58 Easter without a
- 60 \_\_\_ of absence
- 61 Diane Keaton nickname
- 62 Quoter
- 63 Scotch biscuit, sometimes baked on a griddle
- 65 Opp. of short
- 67 Painter's medium
- 68 Swindle
- 69 Deer, Eurasian
- 70 Also known as (abbr.)
- 72 Santa's helper



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

Last Issue

Say again, please

WINNER: Stef Gill

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Weekly News Feed

Jonathan Mettlin added a new "Riddle of Life" comic!

Chris Tezak added new photos.

Men's Soccer - 16 photos

by Chris Tezak

Location: Daytona Beach, FL

Brian Case wrote an article in the Campus News section.

Brandon Boekelman has added new stories.

Melanie Pugh wrote a review in the Entertainment section.

Nathan Vanagas joined the group I "heart" classifieds.

Tommy Chen is loafing.

Tom Kiley copy edited a page for old time's sake.

Greg Frechette added new photos.

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.

Ryan Hattan is editing the SGA page.

My Status

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

Updated on Friday

Big Stories

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

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.

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

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Man of the Year

A P R I L

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Thursday 4/12

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Tuesday 4/17  
Tuesday 4/17

Tuesday 4/24

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Delta Air Lines , Info Session, A-105, 6 pm

ABA/MBA and Engineering positions, bring resume

Delta Air Lines, Preselected interviews, Business and Engineering

Arinc, Inc., Information Session, IC-102, 5:30 pm

Flight Controller position, bring resume

Arinc, Inc., Preselected interviews

Lockheed Martin presents, "Hired, Now What?", IC-102, 6pm

Piedmont Airlines, Preselected interviews, pilot testing

American Eurocopter, Information Session, IC-102, 6 pm

Engineering, Maintenance, Business students/alums bring resume

American Eurocopter, Interviews

Baker Hughes, Information Session, IC-104, 5:30 pm

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