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## Ebbs made almost \$1M in FY05-06

*Former president made double his annual salary in four months*

Jonathan Mettin  
Editor-in-Chief

An *Avion* investigation into the school's financial records has shown that former Embry-Riddle President Dr. George Ebbs received close to \$1 million from the University in his final four months in office, more than double what he had received the year before.

Ebbs resigned suddenly in November 2005 after serving in the position for seven years. His resignation came on the heels of the fall meeting of the Board of Trustees, but Ebbs insisted that the meeting had nothing to do with his decision. Several Board members were contacted at the time but declined to go on the record about his resignation.

According to the school's IRS Form 990 for the 2005-2006 fiscal year, which is a document available to the public, Ebbs received \$802,448 in compensation and \$177,556 in benefits. A Form 990 is a tax return for organizations exempted from income tax. The document in question covers the time period from July 1, 2005 to June 30, 2006.

The figures are a sharp increase from the previous year, when Ebbs received \$348,970 in compensation and \$87,888 in benefits in a 12-month period.

Ebbs' salary became a hot topic in 2004 when *The Avion* published a series of articles that showed the faculty were earning less than the national average for their positions and that Ebbs' compensation had gone up by more than 150 percent in five years, from his original combined total compensation of just over \$160,000 to over \$430,000.

At the time, 39 percent of faculty said they did not trust the University's higher administration.

According to a climate survey of the faculty released earlier this semester, 72 percent believe that current President Dr. John Johnson and current Daytona Beach Chancellor Dr. Tom Connolly are doing a good job, while only 5 percent think they are doing a bad job.

The four-month total of \$980,004 is greater than the combined annual compensation and benefits of the next four highest-paid employees of the University during the fiscal year.

Combined, Vice President of Marketing and Enrollment Management Gary Hamme, Athletic Director Steve Ridder, President Johnson and Daytona Beach Chancellor Dr. Irwin Price made \$835,228, a difference of \$144,776.

Several ERAU tax documents dating back to 2003 are available for public inspection at <http://www.erau.edu/er/newsmedia/disclosures.html>.

Staff Reporter Kira Vuille-Kowing contributed to this report.



FORMER EMBRY-RIDDLE PRESIDENT Dr. George Ebbs made over \$980,000 in his last four months at the university, more than double what he had made the entire year before that. Ebbs resigned in November 2005.

### Hundreds flock to SGA Day



TOMMY CHEN/AVION

RATHER THAN HOSTING SEVERAL small forums, the SGA opted to combine all their forums into one single event on the West Lawn last week. From left, SGA Advisor Heather Kenney, President Nate Clapper, Vice President Shawn Storey and Editor-in-Chief Jonathan Mettin cook some of the several hundred free hamburgers that were served that day.

## Fallen Blue Angel was Riddle alum



PHOTO COURTESY U.S. NAVY

THE BLUE ANGELS PILOT that died in an airshow crash over the weekend was an Embry-Riddle alumnus. Lt. Cmdr. Kevin J. Davis graduated from ERAU with an Aeronautical Science degree in 1996.

Bob Scheid

Chief Copy Editor

Lt. Cmdr. Kevin J. Davis, a member of the U.S. Navy's Blue Angels flight team, was killed during an air show at the Marine Corps Air Station in Beaufort, S.C. on Saturday. Davis was an Embry-Riddle alumnus.

The crash occurred at about 4 p.m. during the final minutes of the air show. According to the U.S. Navy website, Davis was joining a Delta formation after a maneuver called a Starburst. During a tight left turn, witnesses say, the aircraft, an F/A-18 Hornet, continued to dive below the treeline. The crash occurred in a residential neighborhood about three miles from the base, injuring at least eight people and damaging or setting fire to several houses.

The five other aircraft landed immediately (one circled for a few moments to survey the crash site, according to witnesses), and no one else on the team was harmed or involved in the crash. More than 100,000 were at the air show, which is expected to continue Sunday as scheduled, but without the Blue Angels demonstration.

As of press time Sunday, there was no information as to what may have caused the crash. Navy spokespeople say that it will be at least three weeks before a report may be released that would explain the crash. The weather was clear and not windy.

Davis was a native of Pittsfield, Mass. He earned an Aeronautical Science degree from Embry-Riddle, graduating with honors in 1996. After going to Officer Candidate School in Pensacola and then primary,

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## SGA inducts new exec board



GREG FRECHETTE/AVION

Jonathan Mettin  
Editor-in-Chief

The Student Government Association inducted its new Executive Board last Wednesday at its annual banquet.

SGA President Nate Clapper, Vice President Ryan Hattan and Treasurer Natalie Anaya became the first SGA officials to be sworn in with the new oath of office, which includes a clause about the newly-adopted code of conduct.

Clapper becomes only the second SGA president to serve two terms on the Daytona Beach campus. Matt Collier served two terms from 2003 to 2005.

The trio was sworn in by Chief Justice Andrew Leech, who is at the end of his

two-year term. Traditionally, the new Chief Justice is sworn in at the banquet alongside the new executives. The new Chief Justice, as of press time on Sunday, has not been selected and will be sworn in separately.

The Student Court has also been in the process of appointing four new associate justices to replace the four who are graduating. No official announcement has been made to date.

The final results from this month's SGA elections have also been finalized. Incumbent College of Engineering representative Jonathan Castillo-Reminick won a seat in the voting, but it was revoked for campaign violations. John Weaver, who was next in line, was given the seat. All the other preliminary results that were reported last week have been finalized.

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# WAI Day has rave reviews

Mijeong Yoon  
Comics Editor

Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University's Women in Aviation Day, which took place on April 17, is a community outreach and awareness program used to show students in local community to encourage middle school girls to pursue careers in fields related to math and science. This year's event was held at Daytona Beach Community College due to the ICI Center's renovation. The eventful day ended with an outdoor viewing of "Speed and Angels" on the West Lawn.

Throughout the day, there were many activities designed to educate and motivate the 500 girls from the Volusia County schools. There were many exercises in airplane, flight and robotic simulation with various static displays and many ERAU students and volunteers lead hands-on and make-and-take activities.

One of the booths was manned by the NASA Means Business Team with their advisor, Dr. Joanne Detore-Nakamura. They were there as an outreach plan in a nationwide communication/marketing competition which targets middle school through high school students to promote NASA and to foster love of science and math.

"This is my second year participating in the Women in Aviation Day that was organized by [ERAU's] admissions office. Amy Fugere and James Wasilewski did an outstanding job of coordinating over 500 middle school girls and their chaperones to [the] event to promote, not only aviation, but other disciplines within the aviation and aerospace industry," said Detore-Nakamura.

As a promotion for Girls Exploring Math and Sciences (GEMS) and to appeal to the girls, the booth used lip gloss as a chemistry formula; the students received a recipe of the chemical compound and its ingredients. Judging from the long lines and the guest speaker using the booth activity as a metaphor, the engaging activity was a success.

Women in Aviation International (WAI) First Coast Chapter and ERAU's student WAI chapter hosted another booth, which talked of aviation as a study to pursue.

A Physical Science (PS) Department's booth featured a three-part cohesive Space Plasma Physics theme divided into space weather, rocket science and astronomy. The booth was coordinated by Dr. Pamela Loughmiller, who is also WAI First Coast Chapter's Education Outreach

Chair with Dr. Katariina Nykyri, Dr. Jason Aufdenberg and Dr. Irfan Azeem.

The space weather was discussed using National Science Foundation's Dark Days Ahead for the Sun and a slide show in a story-telling format with many pictures and messages of "cool math" behind it all.

The rocket science portion was covered by Embry-Riddle's Future Space Explorers and Developers Society, who recently celebrated the successful launch of the undergrad student rocket ICARUS at NASA Wallops Flight Facility in Virginia.

Astronomy was covered by ERAU's Society of Physics Students (SPS). They had Pluto Rocks (marshmallows mixed liquid nitrogen), Space Flowers and Space Bananas. They also held a mock third-party election to vote for various forms of Pluto with mock campaigning with science facts. The girls also saw the "Power of 10" video, which is about relative size of things in the universe.

To add to the activities listed above, there was also a panel of current ERAU students along with alumnae of the university to discuss their experiences in school or in the industry and to answer any questions.

The guest speaker was Marja Brandon, head of the Seattle Girls'

School. Her speech re-enforced the idea of the day by stating that girls can be anything and that taking math and science courses helps to keep those options open. With 20 years of experience as a teacher, administrator and a consultant for various schools, she is referred to being a pioneer in girls' educations, according to Dr. Detore-Nakamura. Ms. Brandon's school is a specialized private middle school with emphasis in science, math and technology. They just finished a Mars landing simulation and other projects which drives toward betterment of the world.

There was also an essay contest, Women in Aviation/Aerospace Essay Competition where about 100 entries were submitted. It was to encourage participation of students write about what they want to pursue as a career and what are some of the everyday applications of math and science in this chosen field. First prize was a full scholarship award to one of ERAU's summer academy camp, second prize was a full scholarship to Girl Scouts' GEMS and third was a package to Daytona Beach Lagoon water park.

The evening ended with an outdoor viewing of a new "Top Gun"-esque film, "Speed and Angels" which showcased a couple of new Top Gun pilots, one of them being the only

female pilot who flies the Tomcat. This event, which is ERAU's First Annual Aviation Movie Night was organized by Dr. Loughmiller and was attended by about 200 people. The free movie also gave out free food, drinks and popcorn.

"Our WAI First Coast is new and the evening movie event was our first big community outreach event ... think together it made a nice theme for the day, and both events appeared to be very well attended and very well received," said Loughmiller.

Three of the attendees included the three board members from the DeLand Naval Air Station Museum, which owns an actual F-14 Tomcat cockpit, the only one in the country for display. Also, at the end of the movie, they realized the Tomcat on display is from the same Tomcat squadron featured in the movie.

Loughmiller was able to show the movie with a special permission from the movie's producers. The movie is a 95-minute action-documentary which follows two aspiring naval officers as they train to become fighter pilots. She described the movie as an "epic high definition aerial footage and stunning cockpit photography provide a dramatic backdrop for the larger story of fighting for your dreams."



PHOTO COURTESY PAMELA LOUGHMILLER

MIDDLE SCHOOL GIRLS LINE up to view a booth at Women in Aviation Day. The event took place in DBCC's gym and brought students in from local elementary and middle schools. That night "Speed and Angels" was brought to the ERAU campus by Touch-N-Go productions, with a raffle and free food.

# Piano Club makes waves

First ERAU piano recital in history

Dalila Giraldo  
Guest Reporter

A little more than the mathematical model of music was displayed on Saturday, April 14 at the Village atrium, when a group of students and guests from the Pianist Club held a Piano Recital. Aspiring and professional pianists displayed their talents and filled a very busy area of the residence with notes.

Don Kim, founder and president

of the club, gave me some background information about the club and the recital. The Pianist Club was approved right before the Christmas break in 2006, and the main reason for its formation was the lack of Embry-Riddle's musical programs to learn instruments.

The purpose of the club is to educate and create a musical environment on campus for those who are interested in learning piano. They were able to obtain two pianos on campus that now belong to the club; one is in the IC Auditorium and the other is in the Doolittle Annex. To practice the recital pieces, they were fortunate to have the cooperation of the DBCC Music Department chair Douglas Peterson, who gave them the right to utilize the pianos at their facilities.

A key person that helped the club

rise was Dr. Edson who, as Kim explains, "has been helpful when it came to advising about creating the club and the making the recital concert become real."

Around 50 people were present at the concert, which is a great success. Some stayed for a couple of songs and came to listen to friends play. Kim wanted to present his great gratitude to all the family members that attended, and AE Faculty Uyi Idahosa in particular.

While doors were opening and closing and steps could be heard of people going up and down the stairs, it was easy to become submerged into the concert and really feel the music every performer broadcasted. They sure gave their all and the audience could see it; a long standing ovation from everyone that attended the concert gave the clue.

## “ANGEL” from FRONT

intermediate and advanced flight schools around the country, he received his gold wings in 1999. After two tours of duty in F-14 Tomcat squadrons, launching off carriers (including flights in Operation Enduring Freedom), he transitioned to the Hornet in an attack squadron. By December 2004, Davis had graduated the "Top Gun" Fighter Weapons School as an adversary pilot, and he joined the Blue Angels in September 2005, with more than 2,500 flight hours and several hundred carrier landings.

He has received the Air Medal, two achievement medals for the Navy and Marine Corps, and multiple awards for individual and unit performance. This was Davis' first demonstration as No. 6 Pilot on the team, though he has been in the group for two years, performing other duties.

## Final Examination Schedule

Spring 2007

April 28, 30, May 1, 2, 2007

### COMMON EXAMINATIONS:

COM 122, COM 219, COM 020, COM 1221	Monday, April 30	1015--1215
HU 140, HU 141, HU 142, HU 143, HU 145, HU 146, COM 221	Saturday, April 28	0800--1000
PS 101, PS 140, CS 225,	Monday, April 30	1230--1430
PS 103, PS 104, PS 150, PS 250, PS 160	Tuesday, May 1	0800--1000
MA 105, MA 112, MA 241, MA 222	Saturday, April 28	1700--1900
MA 111, MA 242, MA 412, EGR 115	Saturday, April 28	1230--1430

### CLASSES MEETING MW, MWF, M, W, DAILY:

0800 - 0900	Monday, April 30	0800---1000
0915 - 1015	Monday, April 30	1445---1645
1030 - 1130	Saturday, April 28	1445---1645
1145 - 1245	Monday, April 30	1915---2115
1300 - 1400	Tuesday, May 1	1230---1430
1415 - 1515	Wednesday, May 2	0800---1000
1530 - 1630	Tuesday, May 1	1700---1900
1645 - 1745	Wednesday, May 2	1230---1430

### CLASSES MEETING T, TH, TTH:

0815 - 0930	Saturday, April 28	1015---1215
0945 - 1100	Saturday, April 28	1915---2115
1115 - 1230	Tuesday, May 1	1445---1645
1245 - 1400	Monday, April 30	1700---1900
1415 - 1530	Tuesday, May 1	1015---1215
1545 - 1700	Wednesday, May 2	1015---1215
1715 - 1830	Tuesday, May 1	1915---2115



# Men's tennis sweeps conference honors

## Women's team falls to SCAD in finals

Press Release

ERAU Sports Info. Dept.

SAVANNAH, Ga. — Embry-Riddle head coach Dave Paschal and junior Mislav Hizak captured the Florida Sun Conference's top honors at the NAIA Region XIV banquet, hosted by Savannah College of Art and Design on Thursday.

Paschal garnered his third straight FSC Coach of the Year honors after guiding the Embry-Riddle men to their sixth consecutive Florida Sun Conference regular season title. The Eagles, who went undefeated in league play at 5-0, are 15-1 and are ranked third nationally.

Hizak collected his second FSC Player of the Year honors in as many seasons. Ranked No. 1 in the nation in singles and in doubles with partner Konstantin Lazarov, Hizak is 27-1 on the year and is 13-0 in dual matches. Thursday's award is one in a long list of honors earned by Hizak this season, which includes IITA Regional and National Champion and James Sargeant O'Hara Sportsmanship Award recipient.

Joining Hizak on the All-Conference roster were juniors Tomoaki Yasuda and Lazarov, and

sophomore Carlos Bes.

The Embry-Riddle women also received recognition as freshman Hana Im and junior Natalie Anaya were All-Conference selections.

SAVANNAH, Ga. — The ninth-ranked Savannah College of Art and Design women's tennis team won all three doubles points en route to a 5-1 win over No.10 Embry-Riddle in the NAIA Region XIV final at the Bacon Park Tennis Courts. The Bees' (11-4) regional title guarantees them a berth in the NAIA National Championship in Mobile, Ala., May 14-18.

Irina Pljuszynin and Romina Mrochen won the first doubles points with an 8-4 win over Natalie Anaya and Lindsey Kurtz at No. 1. Chloe Lipp and Trudi Smith topped Hana Im and Kerinn Meisenbach by the same margin at the second position, and Erica Cardenas and Melyssa Vazquez held off Marga Rico Jimenez and Anna Haller 9-7 at the third spot to put the Bees up 3-0.

The Blue and Gold got a point back at No. 1 singles as No. 22 Im toppled NAIA Region XIV Player of the Year, No. 14 Pljuszynin 6-1, 6-4.

The Bees' Trudi Smith downed Sara Abraul 6-3, 6-1 at the No. 5 spot and Chloe Lipp sealed the win with a 6-4, 6-0 win over Natalie Anaya at No. 2.

The Eagles (12-7) are expected to earn an at-large berth to nationals when the tournament field is

announced by the NAIA on May 9.

SAVANNAH, Ga. — The third-ranked Embry-Riddle men's team defeated No. 7 Savannah College of Art and Design (9-4) 5-0 to win the 2007 NAIA Region XIV title. The championship match, hosted by SCAD at the Bacon Park Tennis Courts, saw the Eagles sweep all three doubles points to improve their record to 17-1 and remain undefeated against NAIA competition on the year.

Carlos Bes Comeras and Tomoaki Yasuda won their doubles contest easily, blanking Willy Frei and Christian Werge 8-0. Next off the court was the No. 3 doubles team of Istvan Bolgar and Luke Maricic, who downed Fernando Horcasitas and Juan Pablo Velez 8-4.

The top-ranked duo of Mislav Hizak and Konstantin Lazarov, whose only loss this year was to the Bees' Dima Chiriakov and Jan Menzen, came from three games down to top SCAD's No. 1 doubles team 8-6, avenging the early-season loss.

The first match off the court in singles play was at the No. 5 spot as Bolgar defeated Velez 6-1, 6-1. The clincher for the Blue and Gold came at the No. 4 spot when Yasuda bested Horcasitas 6-2, 6-1.

By virtue of winning their fourth regional title in five seasons, the Eagles receive an automatic bid to the NAIA National Championship in Mobile, Ala., May 14-18.



CHRIS TEZAKI/AVION

MISLAV HIZAK DEFENDED HIS crown as Florida Sun Conference Player of the Year. Hizak helped the Eagles defeat the Bees in the regional championship.

# Track takes home title

## Gorski sets pole vault mark

Alison Smalling

ERAU Sports Info. Dept.

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — The Embry-Riddle men's track and field team totaled 162 points to capture the program's first ever Florida Sun Conference Track and Field title, Friday at Embry-Riddle's Track & Field Complex. The Eagles, who were fourth after the first day of competition, picked up the majority of their points on the track as they beat Warner Southern (149), Edward Waters (146) and Webber International (123) for the crown.

Senior Corey Grafe led the way for the Eagles on Friday with 16 points after collecting a pair of second-place finishes in the 400m dash and

the 400m hurdles. The Dayton, Texas native clocked in at 48.87 in the 400m dash and 54.81 in the hurdles, hitting the NAIA's "B" qualifying standard in both events.

Grafe, who anchored the 4x800 relay team to second on Thursday night, also anchored the 4x100 and 4x400 groups, helping them to third and fourth-place finishes, respectively.

Stuart Patterson tallied a two-day total of 16 points after taking second in the 5K in 15:52.96. Rafael Patrick contributed 13 points after placing fourth in the high jump (1.84m), fourth in the long jump (6.55m) and third in the triple jump (12.82), and freshman Erick Ngeny totaled 11 points with a win in the 1,500m (4:09.17) and sixth place in the 800m (2:01.13).

Mike Gorski turned in the only record-setting performance of the day as he jumped to a new ERAU record of 4.25m in the pole vault.



MELANIE PUGH/AVION

# Baseball pounds FMU

Press Release

ERAU Sports Info. Dept.

MIAMI, Fla. — Freshman catcher Chris Trappy had four RBIs without a hit to lead No. 17 Embry-Riddle to a 14-1 victory over Florida Memorial on Friday afternoon.

Embry-Riddle (37-8, 14-5 FSC) jumped on FMU starter Pedro Jimenez early, taking a 6-1 lead after two innings. Trappy drove in his first run with an RBI groundout and Kyle Albright had a sacrifice fly.

The Lions (10-30, 4-13 FSC) got their only run of the game in the bottom half on an RBI groundout from Reynel Gonzalez. ERAU took the lead for good in the second as Trappy drove in two more runs and Albright another.

Danny Martin reached base five times, walking three times and notching a pair of hits, while Albright had three hits and four RBI. Amadis Padilla and Colin Gray had two hits each.

Embry-Riddle, who sent nine men to the plate in the second and fifth innings, put the game away with five runs in the fifth and three in the seventh.

Brian Letko pitched a complete game, striking out six and allowing only five hits to improve to 9-1.

Kyle LaMotta and Michael Prats had two hits apiece for the Lions.

and Danny Martin's RBI double increased the lead to 6-0. Chris Trappy drove in two more runs with a double in the sixth as ERAU put five more on the board for the final margin of victory.

Colin Gray finished 3-for-4 with four RBIs, while Trappy was 3-for-4 with two RBIs.

In the nightcap, a loss of control from FMC starter Marlon Anderson allowed the Eagles to escape with a 2-0 win. Anderson allowed only three hits, but walked six and hit four. Michael Brady had two doubles in the contest, the first of which set the table for the Eagles' first run. After a wild pitch moved him to third, a perfectly timed jump from Brady allowed him to steal home.

Embry-Riddle added another run in the fourth, as Amadis Padilla reached on an error and consecutive walks to Branden Roper-Hubbert,

John Prano, and Danny Martin forced in another run.

The Lions (10-32, 4-14) tried to tie it in the sixth inning when Kyle LaMotta and Vasilios Mila had consecutive hits, but Osayand Gore fled out to left to end the threat. FMU also challenged in the bottom of the seventh; Amed Mena represented the winning run with two out and runners on first and second, but a deft pickoff move from Chris Maloney cut down Napoleon Sardinias to end the game.

Maloney (8-1) struck out five in a complete game effort, retiring 16 consecutive batters before giving up LaMotta's hit in the sixth.

Embry-Riddle (39-8, 16-5 FSC) clinched sole possession of second place with the sweep, and will play Warner Southern in the opener of the Region XIV tournament to be held in Miami starting May 8.



GREG FRECHETTE/AVION

COLIN GRAY WENT THREE-FOR-FOUR with four RBIs in Embry-Riddle's 11-0 rout of the Lions. The Eagles swept the road series 14-1, 11-0 and 2-0.

# Salinas tops FSC track

Alison Smalling

ERAU Sports Info. Dept.

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — Embry-Riddle freshman Alex Salinas became the second Embry-Riddle athlete to be named the Florida Sun Conference Runner of the Year as the FSC Track and Field Championships concluded on Friday. Salinas totaled 26 points to lead the Embry-Riddle (112) women to fourth place behind meet champions Warner Southern (152), Webber International (150) and Florida Memorial (141).

Salinas, following in the footsteps of teammate Mary Gathua who also

had 26 points to earn Runner of the Year honors a year ago, won the 5K in 19:28.49, placed second in the 800m in 2:28.72 and the 1,500m in 5:05.27, and helped the ERAU women to victory in the 4x800m.

Freshman Kristen Phelps scored in each of her four events on Friday. She was third in the 100m in 12.60, fourth in the 200m in 25.90 and fourth in the triple jump with a leap of 10.95m. Phelps also set a new ERAU record in the long jump of 5.29m which put her in second place in that event.

Sophomore Beth McCubbin collected 20 points after winning the 800m in 2:25.92 and the 1,500m in

5:01.89. She was also a member of the 4x800m team.

Jen Haydt and Bridget Kirckoff also had program-best days as Haydt set a new school record of 13:41.13 in the 3,000m steeple chase and Kirckoff matched the pole vault record she set a few weeks ago with a vault of 2.74m.

The Warner Southern women were led by FSC Women's Coach of the Year Jose Larios, and Talisa Bishop and Arilicia Adkins who collected 24 points each. Florida Memorial's Zindzi Swan was named the Field Athlete of the Year for the second year in a row after tallying 60 points with wins in five events.

# Golf makes it a three-peat

Alison Smalling

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LAKE WALES, Fla. — The second-ranked Embry-Riddle women's golf team posted a second round score of 339, taking home the program's third-straight Florida Sun Conference and NAIA Region XIV titles at the Lake Wales Country Club on Monday. The Eagle women carded a two-day total of 675 on the 5,900-yard, Par 72 course. They finished seven strokes ahead of Savannah College of Art and Design (682), avenging a one-stroke loss to the Bees earlier this season.

Embry-Riddle's Anna Haller placed fourth overall with a 166 (83-83). Freshman Albane Flamant, the Eagles' day one leader, finished tied for sixth with a 170 (80-90), while Autumn Gee finished just one stroke back in a two-way tie for eighth place with a 171 (85-86). Tara Allen (88-85) and Jocelyn Dunn (88-85) each shot a 173 to finish tied for 11th place.

SCAD's Jenny Vigilante fired a 158 (79-79) to take home individual medalist honors, while Northwood's Gaby Chacon (161) and Jenny Lu (164) finished second and third, respectively.

Haller and Flamant were both named to the All-Conference and All-Region teams, while head coach Maria Lopez was named the FSC and Region XIV Women's Golf Coach of the Year.

By virtue of winning the regional title, their fourth in five seasons, the Eagles automatically qualify for the 13th Annual NAIA National Championships, May 15-18, at the Lake San Marcos Country Club in San Marcos, Calif.



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ANNA HALLER FINISHED FOURTH overall with a 166 (83-83) to lead the Eagles to their third-straight conference title. Four other Eagles placed in the top 11.

# Men's golf ends season in second

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LAKE WALES, Fla. — The Embry-Riddle men's golf team placed third overall in the region and second in the Florida Sun Conference as the Blue and Gold closed out play at the FSC/NAIA Region XIV tournament hosted by Webber International at the Lake Wales Country Club on Monday. The finish was the best for the 24th-ranked Eagle men since 1997 when they won the league title.

The Eagles started out the day by completing the second round after rain delayed play on Sunday

and they posted a team score of 311 in the second round and 305 in the third for a 36-hole total of 923. No. 4 Johnson & Wales (Fla.) topped the eight-team field with a 903 (292-306-305), while No. 14 Savannah College of Art and Design placed second with a 906 (305-304-297).

Stephen Hellwege (78-80-70), who fired a two-under 70 for the second-lowest score of the final round, tied with brother Nathan (75-74-79) as the Eagles' top finishers with 228 which put them in a three-way tie for ninth place overall. Andy Castro (75-78-78) was 16th with a 231, while Thomas Miller tied for 19th with 236 (79-

79-78) and Richie Schroyer closed out the Eagles' scoring with a 243 (81-81-81) to finish in a two-way tie for 29th.

Individual medalist honors went to Johnson & Wales' David Tobon who shot 73 in each of his three rounds to finish at 219, while SCAD's Colin Kelly, who shot a tournament-low 69 in the third round, placed second at 220.

The Eagles, who beat No. 17 Webber International by 17 strokes, hope their finish at the regional tournament will move them up high enough in the rankings to earn an at-large berth to the NAIA National Championships in Plymouth, Indiana, May 22-25.



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### Hokies for a Day



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ON FRIDAY, APRIL 20 student of Embry-Riddle came together in the U.C. to sign a banner in memory of the tragedy last week at Virginia Tech University. The banner will be sent on behalf of the Student Government Association and Embry-Riddle students.

### First annual SGA day



Josh Saunders

Student Representative

The Student Government Association held our first annual SGA Day on Monday April 16<sup>th</sup> on the West Lawn. We would like to say a special thank you to all the faculty and staff who came out in

support of our students. Hundreds of students enjoyed hamburgers, hot-dogs and veggie burgers. All aspects of the Student Government were represented in the huge white tent on the lawn. Our Safe Ride committee chair and Student Representative Board Member of the Year, John Weaver, was present to answer questions about both Safe Ride and the

new Orlando Shuttle. Additionally their where representatives from all three SGA divisions, Touch-N-Go Productions, The Avion, and Eagles FM. Each Division is seeking new members and always in need of fresh ideas and insights. The Student Representative Board had representatives from each college on hand to answer questions and take comments. The Student Finance Board had a presentation explaining their criteria used in selecting club budgets. Additionally the Student Court was present to answer questions. This event brought all the resources of the SGA together in a informal setting that allowed any and all students to reach out to their SGA and find out a little more about how your student government is run. While many students know where the SGA Office is many students are unaware as to the full range of services offered. I would take this opportunity to encourage any student reading this article to take a moment and find out a little more about the students leading your campus. Visit our website by simply typing SGA on any ERAU computer. Again, thank you to all those who came out and made SGA Day a success.

### Representative looks back

Josh Saunders

Student Representative

As I sit down to write this article I can't help but marvel at how fast time has flown. It seems like only a few weeks ago that I arrived on campus. I was thrilled to be moving into McKay Hall and to finally be on my own. Now I stand mere days from graduation, its been a good ride and I want to take a moment

my life was affected by people far more than things. See for me Embry Riddle is about the people, not the buildings. There are undoubtedly seniors preparing to graduate who have seen much less the me, not because I am any better but simply because I choose to get involved. By becoming involved with Student Government my life has been enriched and I have become a more mature and valuable member of society.

was privileged to be part of a some very positive changes. One major change was the implementation of a Safe Ride Shuttle to and from the Orlando International Airport. I still recognize the students I met at the airport and direct to the shuttle during its successful first run, during this past winter break. One of my favorite moments as an Student Representative was when a student saw me in the hall and stopped to thank me for helping with the shuttle many months ago.



Josh Saunders  
Student Rep.

I began my involvement with Touch-N-Go Productions as soon as I arrived, first as a general member and later as a Executive Board member. As a member of an SGA Division I learned about the broader picture, I learned that our SGA is one of the best in Florida, that our SGA is something to be proud of. Following my experience with Touch-N-Go I ran as a candidate for the Student Representative Board. Sadly I ran unopposed, this only spurred my me to work harder to reintegrate the SGA into the student body.

You SGA is working for you, but in order to receive the most value for you tuition dollar you need to be involved. Got complaints? Good, bring them forward to your student government, but don't stop there, work with us, help us find solutions. Even if its not SGA find a fraternity, sorority, club, athletic team, church group, the key it to find you niche here at Embry Riddle and stay involved. Take it from a senior who has tried it, being involved makes college life special.

to share some things I learned along the way. What has occurred to me is that time really does fly when your having fun. The key to having fun is not in what you do it is in who you do it with. From the moment I set foot on campus

### Leadership by example

Anonymous  
Elections Candidate

As SGA elections close and we have seen the candidates' faces all around campus, how the future leaders of our campus conduct themselves is an important consideration.

"Actions speak louder than words." "Lead by example." "Talk is cheap." These phrases are not just clichés, they are true. A strong leader can lead from any position. Taking initiative and being responsible are simple ways in which this is done. Although they may not hold a 'leadership position' per se, being a proactive, creative, and responsible contributor on a team or committee reflects the makings of a leader. Every candidate elected to office is given the opportunity to shine as a leader, and it is their ability that others around them will look up to and aspire to.

especially in an office like those in Student Government Association, your actions and performance are seen by all. Being able to list off what should be done takes a fraction of the

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- Anonymous

energy and character of actually carrying those tasks and making sure they are done well. The candidates of these elections should be keenly aware of their position as leaders, and strive to be an example to others of what it means to be a responsible leader. The

sight of a faltering leader is disheartening to all around, and the future representatives must keep this in mind when using their judgment.

The candidates are already showing their leadership quality by stepping up to elections. Please continue to do so by being responsible in your campaigning and abiding by the Election Committee's bylaws. Once elected, remember to lead by example, and be an example of responsibility by conducting yourself as a person who others look up to. You will not only represent yourself, your college, or your clubs, but also the Student Government and Embry-Riddle as a whole. Be the change and possibility you want to see in the world, inspire those around you, and always remember that nothing is impossible.

*This article was written at the request of the Student Court due to an infraction incurred by an SGA elections candidate during the recent elections.*

### SGA Adopt-a-Road Cleanup



PHOTO COURTESY CARLOS WILLIAMS/SGA

ON SUNDAY APRIL 22 SGA members met for the second time this to volunteer their efforts to clean the SGA's Adopt-a-Road project. Earlier this semester the Environmental Awareness Committee of the Student Representative Board, under the leadership of Evan Halhuber, adopted a stretch of road south of the airport along the Bellevue Extension. Over thirty man-hours were volunteered thanks to the efforts of the above individuals.



# Wood waste to be refined into biofuel

Doug Struck

The Washington Post

GUELPH, Ontario - A mountain of wood - broken rafters, studs and floorboards recovered from demolished houses - rises on a lot here. In a few million years, geologic forces could make it oil. Entrepreneurs are hoping to do it this month.

The pile of debris is growing as welders join the last pieces of machinery to convert wood scraps into "bio-oil" that can replace conventional heating oil. The new fuel is one of a widening variety of long-delayed petroleum alternatives moving closer to commercial production as concern over global warming makes them more attractive.

"There's going to be a mix of fuels in the future," said Andrew Kingston, chief executive of Dynamotive Energy Systems, the company building the plant. "You can think of each one of these plants as an oil well."

President Bush has set an ambitious goal of 35 billion gallons of alternative fuels produced annually by 2017. The most recognized bio-fuel now is ethanol, a gasoline substitute brewed from corn and other grains, which promoters say will significantly reduce the greenhouse gases pumped into the air from petroleum-based fuel.

But when the energy required to grow corn is counted, the advantage of ethanol is marginal, and using a food source to power cars remains troubling to some. Researchers are



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looking at other methods to convert cellulose such as grass or weeds or discarded lumber into fuels. Some have focused on using enzymes for that conversion, others on chemical or mechanical treatments.

"I don't think there's going to be a silver bullet," said Gregory Kats, managing director of Capital

E, an energy consulting firm in Washington. "I think it's clear there is a lot of opportunity. There is going to be a lot of innovation, and this is a case where letting a thousand flowers bloom is a good idea."

The plant rising in Guelph, 40 miles west of Toronto, is being built by one of at least three Canadian

companies using variations of pyrolysis, an update of a technique used for years to produce charcoal.

The wood debris is cleaned and ground into sawdust, then injected into a heated, airless chamber with nitrogen. In a flash, the sawdust vaporizes into three forms: oil that is drawn off and sold, gases that are re-burned, and char that can be mixed with the oil or used as a fertilizer.

The process is considered "carbon neutral" because it uses carbon that is in the wood and that through natural decay would one day contribute to carbon dioxide emissions anyway. With petroleum fuel, in contrast, crude oil is brought to the surface to emit atmospheric carbon that would otherwise have remained trapped underground. In addition, the new fuels are low in sulfur, which adds to smog.

"We are not using anything that can be used as a food source. We take residual waste - forestry debris, scrap wood, construction demolition wood," Kingston said in an interview at the company headquarters in Vancouver, B.C. "Residual biomass has little or no value, so the cost structure means you can compete."

While the process works in a laboratory, there are pitfalls to making it successful on a scale large enough to be commercially profitable, researchers acknowledge. A pilot plant by Dynamotive at West Lorne, Ontario, was heavily subsidized by government agencies, recorded large losses and never did achieve large-scale bio-oil production, a worrisome precursor to the plant being

built in Guelph.

There were "mechanical and design difficulties," Kingston said, "but we are confident we have resolved them."

"Bio-oil has its place" in the effort to use plant sources for fuel, said Michio Ikura, senior research scientist at the Canmet Energy Technology Center, a Canadian government institution that helps develop technologies. "But the economics differ from site to site. The companies don't want to talk about the economics much."

Proponents of the pyrolysis process are optimistic that profits can be found. Ensyn Technologies, a company with Canadian and U.S. divisions, has been using the process since 1989 at a plant in Wisconsin to produce Liquid Smoke, a meat-flavoring chemical contained in the oil. The rest of the bio-oil produced is reused in the plant for heating.

Ensyn is building another plant near Ottawa to skim off other chemicals from the bio-oil. David Boulard, executive vice president of Ensyn, contends that using it for both heating and to produce other salable chemicals is a winning combination.

"The pyrolysis produces a soup of chemicals," Boulard said from Ottawa. But the "fuel will always be a key, either primary or secondary," to profitability.

Dynamotive's plan is to make relatively small, modular pyrolysis plants located near the source of fuel supplies - its West Lorne plant is next to a flooring manufacturer

that generates scrap wood, and the Guelph plant will be operated by a recycling company that handles demolition waste.

This will cut the costs of hauling wood supplies to the plant, a key factor in whether the process will be profitable.

Peter Fransham, a researcher who has been working on pyrolysis for 19 years, heads an Ottawa-based company trying to make a mobile pyrolysis plant. Machines developed by his Advanced BioRefinery Inc. will be transportable on trucks from one supply of wood waste, such as the discarded "slash" from a lumbering operation, to another.

Fransham said previous attempts to produce oil from plant waste - Germany did it during World War II and South Africa did it under economic sanctions - have always stumbled over profitability.

"In the past, when we had short rises in oil prices - the 1970s and '80s - we all jumped into the renewable energy business, and then it cratered" when oil prices dropped, he said. "What is new, now, is the concern for climate change. That has given us a second driver that we never had before."

"As an industry, we haven't really delivered very well what we touted that we can do," Fransham acknowledged. "We are about the same state the oil industry was in the 1900s. Once we get into the point where we can start production and demonstrate large-scale production of bio-oil, then you will see it move to the next tier."

## Term limits causes loss of legislators

Peter Slevin

The Washington Post

CHICAGO - Jo Ann Davidson remembers feeling optimistic that term limits would land more women in Ohio's legislature, where 32 of the 132 seats were held by women in the mid-1990s. Yet in the seven years since the law took effect, the figure has fallen to 23.

And now women elected after voters imposed eight-year term limits are surrendering seats because of the rules. Often, the posts are going to men.

"It's been hard to keep the numbers up," said Davidson, who was Ohio's first female House speaker and now is co-chair of the Republican National Committee. "We pick them up by ones and twos and threes. When all of a sudden you have 40-some seats open, you don't have as many women step up as men to replace them."

Of women, she said: "They're harder to recruit. They're harder to convince to run."

The phenomenon Davidson described holds true across the country, where term-limited legislatures with rising numbers of women are the exception. In fact, gains during the past 12 years have been slightly greater in states without term limits, according to political scientist Gary Moncrief.

"The evidence has shown that it has had absolutely no positive effect at all," said Moncrief, a Boise State University professor who predicted 15 years ago that term limits would increase representation for women. "The logic was impeccable, the empirical evidence not at all. The problem is there aren't as many women running as we expected."

In a political year that features Rep. Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., as the

first female House speaker and Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton, D-N.Y., as the most prominent female presidential candidate in history, politicians and interest groups are puzzling over ways to advance the prospects of women in state capitals.

"It's like bailing. We're doing everything we can to keep up with the leaks," said Ramona Oliver, a spokeswoman for Emily's List, which backs Democratic women for office. "Ultimately, the negative impact is going to be felt all the way up. If we don't have numbers of women growing in the legislature, we're not going to be growing women in the Congress."

Dianne Byrum lost her Michigan House seat through term limits last year, just as she was poised to become the first female speaker. She had already been term-limited out of the state Senate.

"I was the first woman in Michigan's history to ever lead a caucus, and not only lead that caucus, but take it to its best performance in 70 years," Byrum said. "And I had to walk out the door."

Byrum led the recruiting drive for House Democrats. In November, Democratic women scored a net gain of four seats - Byrum's 28-year-old daughter won a race to replace her - but Republicans lost two women in the House and three in the Senate, dropping women's share of seats below 19 percent for the first time since 1992.

"We have a long ways to go," Byrum said.

Term limits are in effect in 15 states, in every region of the country. Created in the belief that they would make statehouses less hide-bound and more representative, the rules remain a topic of considerable controversy, much of it about what effect the turnover has on legislative effectiveness.

In six states, term limits have been repealed by the legislature or killed by the courts.

Since 1995, the year before the first limits were imposed for state legislatures, the percentage of women in the legislatures has grown from 20.6 percent to 23.5 percent, an increase of 200 seats nationwide - on average, four per state.

The overall increase in states with term limits, however, has been smaller than in states without. The number of women in the Michigan legislature, from the year before term limits were enacted to now, dropped from 34 to 29. Missouri went from 45 to 38, Ohio from 28 to 23 and Arizona from 32 to 31. In Florida, women held 38 seats in 2000 and 38 today.

A few states registered gains, notably California, where the number of female legislators climbed from 25 in 1995 to 34 today. Yet even in Sacramento, women occupy just 28 percent of statehouse seats.

"It's a nice idea, 'ell, the opportunities are there,' but women haven't stepped forward to take advantage of them," said Susan Carroll, a leading researcher at the Center for American Women and Politics at Rutgers University. In most of the cases studied, no female candidates sought to replace women who were losing their seats to term limits.

"Recruitment is absolutely critical," Carroll said. "It can be done by the party, it can be done by the women being term-limited out, it can be done by independent organizations, but it doesn't seem to be being done in a lot of places."

Studies show that women are less likely than men to run for office on their own initiative and less likely to try a second time if defeated. They often have greater family responsibilities than men and tend to feel far less certain that they are quali-

fied, according to a 2004 Brown University study titled "Why Don't Women Run for Office?"

"When we train women to run, the first thing they stand up and ask is, 'Can you have a family and do this job?'" said Marie Wilson, president of the nonpartisan White House Project. "It's harder to get women to run if you don't go out there and ask them specifically to run."

Groups have worked for many years to increase the number of women in political office and to push them through the "marble ceiling" from lower offices. A record number of women hold seats on Capitol Hill - 16 in the Senate and 71 in the House, 16 percent in each chamber.

In Minnesota, a state without term limits, women have increased their numbers in the legislature from 50 to 70 since 1995, including a jump of 10 last year. House Speaker Margaret Anderson Kelliher (D) credits two factors: the growing number of electable female candidates and the prominence of issues such as education and health care.

"There are more and more women who are serving on local school boards, running for city councils and winning, and creating a pipeline," Kelliher said. "The scholarly literature says it takes on average three times that a woman is asked to run for office for her to do it. My sense is we're maybe down to two times."

For those who want more women in office, term limits continue to offer opportunities along with challenges. In Michigan, 110 seats - 57 held by Republicans, 43 by Democrats - will come open in the 2008 and 2010 elections. Although the state has a female governor and a female U.S. senator, analysts agree that it will take work if women are to claim more seats in Lansing.

## Contract worker kills hostage at JSC

Sylvia Moreno

The Washington Post

AUSTIN, Texas - A NASA contract worker barricaded himself inside a Johnson Space Center building for nearly four hours Friday afternoon, shooting to death a hostage and later himself, police said.

The gunman apparently shot himself in the head as the Houston Police Department's SWAT team made contact with him. The officers then burst into the building, which they had surrounded.

Houston Police Capt. Dwayne Ready said police found the gunman's body on the same floor as another man who had been shot in the chest. A second hostage, a woman, was found bound with tape but appeared otherwise unharmed, Ready said.

He said the male hostage was probably shot and killed in the first few minutes of the standoff.

"It is not clear how the hostages were related (to the gunman) or whether they were contractors or visitors," Ready said outside the gates of the Space Center, which is southwest of Houston.

Authorities did not identify the gunman.

The gunman was employed by Jacobs Engineering Group Inc., a Pasadena, Calif.-based firm, a company spokesman confirmed. Jacobs Engineering employs more than 1,000 people at the Johnson Space Center on an engineering and technical support contract.

John W. Prosser Jr., Jacobs Engineering's executive vice

president of finance and administration, said the company was cooperating with NASA officials and law enforcement authorities, but he would not comment on the employee or his identity, or about what may have led to the shooting. He said neither hostage was employed by Jacobs.

The shootings took place on the second floor of Building 44, known as the Communications and Tracking Development Laboratory. One of the smaller buildings on the 1,600-acre campus, Building 44 contains two small labs. About 50 employees work there handling spacecraft communication and tracking.

Access to the 1,600-acre campus is controlled, with workers required to show identification to guards at the facility gates.

Space Center spokesman James Hartsfield said employees were alerted by e-mail about a report of gunfire at 1:40 p.m. and were told to stay inside their buildings. About 90 minutes later, the restriction was lifted, and employees were advised they could leave or continue to work through the end of their shifts.

The Johnson Space Center typically has 10,000 employees on site, with only a quarter of them civil servants. The remainder work for various contractors, with another 5,000 contract employees working in nearby offices in support jobs.

Some roads within the NASA campus were blocked off during the confrontation, and the doors to Mission Control were locked, a response that officials described as standard procedure.

## Medical missionaries try to keep charity alive

Christy Goodman

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON - A barn on an abandoned dairy farm behind the St. Benedict Monastery in Bristow, Va., holds 250 mattresses, piled high on the second floor. They are surrounded by boxes of intravenous tubing, syringes, gauze and a small mountain of walkers.

Next door, another contains outdated delivery tables, heart monitors, hospital beds, wheelchairs and more large medical equipment, all cleaned and protected under plastic. Lining the gravel road to the barns are 11 worn trailers holding still more medical supplies, soap, clothing and nonperishable foods.

Medical Missionaries, a Manassas, Va.-based nonprofit organization, has been collecting the supplies, which were donated or thrown out by various medical outfits up and down the Eastern Seaboard, for 10 years. The all-volunteer group also collects various medicines and vaccines from larger nonprofit organizations and redistributes everything to groups serving 33 third-world countries.

But there is a problem: how to keep the organization alive. Of its almost 150 volunteers, only about

a dozen are active, and most of them are retired. "I'm not getting any younger. That is one of my big concerns - what happens beyond the core people," said Gilbert Irwin, 64, of Haymarket, Va., the driving force behind Medical Missionaries. "If we can get more money ... we can grow more and sustain the operation beyond our lifetime."

Starting in 1997 as a handful of people trying to vaccinate children and provide primitive health care to remote areas on the border of the Dominican Republic and Haiti, the group has grown to offer better care in a larger network.

In January, Medical Missionaries opened a clinic in Haiti. In 2006, it sent 13 shipping containers loaded with medical supplies to various points around the world. It supports a network of about 100 medical teams from across the country who do similar work - all on an annual budget of about \$120,000.

Each dollar spent translates into \$500 of value in the field, Irwin said. "Give me 1 percent of what the State Department spends overseas and I'll change the world," said Irwin, an internist in Manassas for 34 years.

The volunteer physicians, dentists, pharmacists, surgeons and nurses of Medical Missionaries have given out more than 500,000 vaccinations,

removed teeth from some 10,000 patients, handed out millions of bars of soap and treated countless ailments, he said.

Now the clinic in Haiti has regular patients who come to pick out new wheelchairs with each shipment or to show off how much their child has grown, said Carolyn Jeans, 58, Medical Missionaries' head nurse. The group is trying to raise money to provide a permanent Haitian clinic staff.

"We want to get involved and provide continuity. You can only change things if you keep going to the same place over and over again and expand. ... What we have done has been a tremendous resource and helped a lot of people, but the system has to expand," Irwin said.

But to grow, you need volunteers, especially younger ones.

Betty Lear, 74, sorts, labels and stacks medical supplies at the Bristow barns almost every day. She said her son and the relatives of other volunteers help when they can. When the group needs to pack a 40-foot shipping container, it really appreciates when neighboring teens show up to do the heavy lifting, Jeans said.

However, when school is out or it is testing season, younger volunteers are hard to come by, said Susie

Cornell, who, at 53, is the group's youngest regular volunteer.

"I think that is a problem across the board in volunteer work. The people you tend to get are older because they are the ones who have the time to do it," said Cornell, a Navy retiree.

The work and need will never go away, Irwin said, and he has no plan to quit anytime soon. He acknowledged that without more volunteers and more funding to hire staff, his group could "go belly up," but he said he avoids thinking about that.

"I am, to some degree, an eternal

optimist. ... I still hold out that there is basic decency in the world and in people, in particular in the United States," he said. "And somehow, some way, this will come together, and people who are in stronger financial and political positions than I will see the light."



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## EIC says farewell to the spring

There's a running joke among Avion veterans that being Editor-in-Chief is like playing hot potato: you have to hold it at some point, but you're supposed to pass it on as soon as you can.

It's not hard to see why – instantly everyone blames everything they never liked in *The Avion* on you, you spend half your time in the office, and as for weekends – excuse me, but I forgot what those were.

Perhaps I was a fool to accept a second term. Deep down, however, I really wanted another crack at leading the organization that has become a second family to me.

My second term was fulfilling, but also made me realize that it is time for some new blood to take over. I have been on the paper's executive board longer than some of my current exec board members have been at Embry-Riddle.

Before I lay down the pen, there are several people that I must specifically recognize. My staff and my colleagues have been amazing, but there are a few that stick out.

None of what I have done this semester would have been possible without the hard work of my predecessor, Brian Case.

Bob Scheid was our resident spellchecker and also wrote half the article in the paper this semester.

This year's SGA exec board – Nate Clapper, Chris Haas, Shawn Storey, Natalie Anaya and Andrew Leech – also deserve my thanks.

Speaking of Shawn, I'd like to take an opportunity to bounce off of what he said on the SGA page last week, although I'm going to take a slightly different approach.

Shawn pointed out that communication is a two-way street, and for an SGA to be effective the students need to be able to put forth effort as well. That is very true. What I have noticed in my two stints as Editor-in-Chief is that most of this campus really couldn't care less. If you are reading this, you are probably in the minority of people who actually care what happens, but the vast majority of this campus is apathetic. Most people only read the paper when there's some contro-

versy going on and only care about the SGA when they get a parking ticket.

I guess what I am trying to say is, despite what we all would like, most people don't care about what goes on at Embry-Riddle. They will complain when it's convenient, but as soon as you ask them to actually put forth effort to help fix the problem or when their new drama-of-the-week arrives, they move on. It is a rare individual on this campus that follows up on their complaints or tirelessly completes their projects. Even then, they usually go unrecognized.

Take, for example, John Weaver. For those of you who don't know who he is – and, if the statistics tell the truth, most of you don't – he was a rep that almost single-handedly overhauled Safe Ride and organized shuttles to and from Orlando International. He was named Rep of the Year. He wasn't re-elected. It's a travesty that students know so little about the organizations that serve them that they don't recognize one of their most loyal civil servants.

I'll get off my soapbox now, but I urge you all to become more involved in the SGA and its divisions, even if it's just picking up a paper every week or going to one of the SGA meetings. You might be surprised to find out that *The Avion* is filled with more than sex scandals and that the SGA does more than get you out of a parking fine.

Although I'm not graduating, the time has come for me to stand aside and let the next generation of leaders have their shot. I intend to remain in the organization, but I'm going to let others write the headlines and make the decisions.

For all of those who have read our newspaper or have supported us through various means, I thank you.

For my staff, words cannot express my gratitude for the opportunity to lead such an esteemed group of individuals again.

And to my successors, I present you the greatest challenge and most rewarding experience I can offer.

~Jonathan Mettlin  
Avion Editor-in-Chief

## Stand Up! Thoughts on the VT shooting

The day it happened I knew I would be writing this article, because I know this country has gone haywire. So far I have seen gun control, stupid campus cops, video games, and a host of other things blamed for what happened earlier this week. After the first day of constant media coverage from every channel, even when I ate dinner at a restaurant that night, I was already sick of it. The event was a tragedy, but our media should be slapped.

This country needs to calm down. This shooting is not a matter of gun control, video games, or the school. The blame squarely rests on all of us as a society. The media's obsession with breaking a story even when they have almost no facts, our disregard of the importance of counseling in our schools, and disregarding the importance of getting people that counseling are all things that need to be addressed.

I have heard people say that we need stronger gun laws to prevent things like this, or if the students at VT were allowed to have concealed carry this could have been stopped. Both of these ideas make big assumptions. First, he actually purchased the guns legally, and even if he had not, our gun control laws do nothing to stop people from getting weapons. Second, concealed carry is still a reactionary measure, and you would be assuming one of the 26,000 students in that classroom was packing that day. I have also heard a few talking heads blame video games. Funny enough, the guy did not even play games and this idea is still as ridiculous as it has ever been.

The biggest uproar has been brought against the school either for not locking down the campus or removing the killer before last week. "His English plays were surely a sign of his problems" people say. We all see hindsight in 20/20, but we really have no

idea what was in the minds of the administrators when this problem was brought to them. The English teacher who even tried to help Cho I am sure did not think something like this would happen.

What really needs to change is the way this country looks at counseling and our obsession with these events after they happen. Showing the videos and the letters and Cho's pictures do nothing but further the problem. This kid was obviously trying to make himself into someone nobody would forget, and the media is furthering that notion by plastering his image everywhere or continuously playing

the tapes, with no regard to the victims or how they may impact other people. The media, and our society as a whole, always want someone to blame so everything makes sense instead of taking a step back and looking at what really happened. This is mainly a result of the media trying to find instant conclusions so they can say they broke the story with constant converge and little substance.

Lastly, and most importantly, I think these events really shed light on a deeper problem, and what I think is really the root cause. All these school shootings show the need for more counseling in schools in this country. And by counseling, I mean truly available, advertised counseling in high school. College may be too late for most people, but in high school people have a better chance of getting real treatment and real help. However, with the salary and case load of most high school counselors, it is no wonder so many events like these happen. Everything that happens in this world, no matter how incredibly tragic, brings with it the opportunity to change. I just hope we use opportunity to really do some good, instead of fumbling it on a knee jerk reaction, like this country does so frequently.



Chris Tezak  
Columnist

## The tragedy of Imus

"All animals are equal, but some are more equal than others" –Animal Farm

Any individual who is part of an "oppressed" group that says offensive things will only be punished in nominal, inconsequential ways. Individuals who are not "oppressed", in other words, white heterosexual protestant males born in America who are right of the left, will be raked over the coals. This is the current way things are in America today. It is ironic that today the primary source of censorship and oppression of thought is the left, and that their censorship policies only apply to certain individuals.

A sad example of the censorship double-standard is a comparison between Rosie O'Donnell's and Don Imus's comments and the outcomes. Both of these people are primarily comedians, have entertainment oriented shows, said their statements as jokes, and made comments that were racially offensive. The difference between them is that Imus is from Arizona, a former Marine, a straight man, wears cowboy attire, and plays country music, and Rosie is from New York, a lesbian woman, an outspoken critic of Bush, and an activist for gay rights. Rosie falls under the protection brackets of gay, woman, and liberal, and so got some extra publicity when she made fun of East Asian people. Imus is not in any protection bracket and was fired. It's OK for some people to have opinions or make jokes, but not others. The tragedy of Imus was that it wasn't what he said, but who he was that got him fired.

~Andrew Balloun

## Readers speak out against SCOTUS abortion decision

Applauding the Supreme Court's decision to uphold a ban on so-called partial birth abortions, President Bush called it a victory for "building a culture of life in America."

The idea of a "culture of life" has been a rallying cry for religious conservatives in their opposition to all abortion and embryonic stem cell research, and in their opposition to euthanasia and assisted suicide. By doing everything possible to preserve embryos, fetuses, and the incurably ill or vegetative, they say, we will bring about a "culture of life." "The problem we face . . ." declares conservative icon Rush Limbaugh, "is . . . a culture of death. From abortion on demand . . . to embryonic stem cell research [to] assisted suicide . . ."

But what would life actually be like in their "culture of life"?

Consider a world in which abortion were illegal—which is the exact meaning of the President's pledge, following the Supreme Court's verdict, to "continue to work for the day when every child is welcomed in life and protected in law." Pregnant women who rationally desired to abort—whether because of accidental pregnancy, rape, birth defects, or danger to their lives—would be forced to undergo 20 years of enslavement to the needs of children they did not want to give birth to, or attempt dangerous, back-alley abortions, the kind that crippled or killed untold numbers of women before *Roe v. Wade*. To prohibit abortion would be to sentence countless women to spiritual—and sometimes literal—death.

Or consider another staple of the "culture of life"—a world in which euthanasia and assisted suicide are illegal. Individuals with incurable

and unbearable diseases would not be able to die with dignity at a time of their own choosing, but would be subjected to a protracted existence of often unspeakable agony. Their loved ones would have to endure torturous months or years seeing what was once a vibrant human being persist as a mass of pain or as a vegetable—just as, in the now-famous case of Terry Schiavo, her husband Michael had to see his wife for 15 years in a state incapable of emotion, memory, or thought.

Finally, consider a world without embryonic stem cell research. The stem cells that can be extracted from microscopic, 150-cell embryos have the potential to become any other type of human cell—and thus, say scientists, be used in therapies that could save or enhance millions of lives. To stop stem cell research would be to deprive every one of these millions—including those with heart disease, diabetes, and Alzheimer's—of the possibility of a longer, better life.

To uphold these positions in the name of the sanctity of life is a colossal fraud. A "culture of life" would not benefit human life, but cause massive suffering and death.

What could possibly justify the religious conservatives' crusade for such a world? "God's will," they answer. Our lives belong to a supernatural being, they say, and He commands us not to end them "unnaturally," no matter how unbearable they become. He sanctifies bits of protoplasm, they say, and thus commands young women to abandon their ambitions in order to raise unwanted children, and commands everyone to abandon the breathtaking promise of a new field of research.

This is the rise of the same medieval mentality that demanded rejection of the life-enhancing developments of anesthesia, the dissection of corpses, and birth control.

The religious conservatives do not value actual human life; they are consistent followers

of the Christian ideal that human life is properly lived in sacrifice to a supernatural being, and that suffering is proof of virtue. The worship of suffering is fundamental to Christianity, a religion whose central figure is glorified for dying a horrific death for the sins of mankind. Several years ago, a prominent religious conservative said of the Schiavo case, "Terry Schiavo . . . is suffering in obedience to God's will." He added: "Isn't suffering in pursuit of God's will the exact center of religious life?"

This is the culture of death—of living death.

Human life is sacred—not because of supernatural declaration, but because of the unique nature and glorious potential of the individual, rational human life: to think, to create, to love, to experience pleasure, to achieve happiness here on earth. A genuine culture of life would leave individuals free to pursue their own happiness—free from coercive injunctions to sacrifice themselves to religious dogma. Such a culture is what we must seek to create, as we do everything possible to fight religious conservatives' culture of living death.

~Alex Epstein

The Supreme Court's decision to uphold a ban on so-called partial birth abortions is a disgraceful and deadly infringement of a woman's right to her life and liberty.

Neither Congress nor the Supreme Court has any business determining what procedures are medically appropriate in performing abortions. Doctors, not politicians or judges, should make this determination, and women should be free to consider and accept their doctors' advice.

An individual's right to life and liberty includes a woman's right to end her pregnancy—and to do it by whatever medical procedure she believes will lessen the risks to her health and her life.

The precedent set by this Supreme Court's decision has established that the right of a woman to an abortion is not absolute, even if her health is at risk. And that violation of individual rights is a very, very dangerous precedent.

~David Holcberg

Stand Up! will keep on trucking through the summer. So if you enjoy the commentary or just agree to disagree just keep reading *The Avion*.

*Looks like everyone saved their thoughts until the final issue of the semester. If you want to reply there is always summer. Submit your opinions to avion.newsroom@gmail.com*

## Student Forum

The Avion asks: "What will you be doing on Study Day?"

—Compiled by Jonathan Heaton



**Dan Smith**  
Senior  
Air Traffic Management

"Drinking at Robbie O'Connells."



**Steven W. Pruitt**  
Junior  
Aeronautical Science

"I'll be with the Marines."



**Rob Wittbauer**  
Freshman  
Aeronautical Science

"Jose Cuervo and I are going to be studying physics."



**Lyman Adams**  
Junior  
Aeronautical Engineering

"Having an ulcer."



**Colin Reed**  
Senior  
Aeronautical Science

"Sailing and drinking."



**Drew Jeffrey**  
Senior  
Aeronautical Engineering

"Getting over a hangover."



# Concealed carry could have ended VT shooting

The heart-breaking massacre at Virginia Tech was a tragedy made all the more terrible because it could have been prevented had students and staff been allowed to carry firearms. Instead, they were helplessly slaughtered. The massacre proved that gun control does not work. The shooter, Cho Seung-hui, intended to break the law and commit mass-murder. Virginia Tech's "Gun-Free Zone" did nothing to stop him because only law-abiding people respect the law. Telling a mass-murderer that it's illegal to bring his gun to school is like telling a terrorist that he can't park his truck bomb in a handicap parking space. To think that laws alone will prevent massacres is absurd.

Where was the protection for the students and staff of Virginia Tech? If you dial 911 as the shooter enters the classroom, it is too late. Your cell phone will not stop the bullets. Unless America intends to put an armed Police Officer in every classroom, restaurant, and store in

this country, it is immoral and irresponsible to deny people their right to defend themselves.

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**Virginia Tech's  
 'Gun-Free Zone'  
 did nothing ...**  
 - NAME WITHHELD”

The anti-gun lobby's arguments about waiting periods, background checks, and bans on high-capacity magazines completely fell apart. Cho Seung-hui purchased his Glock 19 legally a full 36 days prior to his rampage (long after the 3-day waiting period). He reloaded multiple times so magazine capacity was irrelevant. If handguns were not available to him, he would have

found another means to commit mass-murder (I will certainly not provide ideas, but use your imagination).

The only thing that gun control did in this case was prevent law-abiding citizens with government-issued Concealed Weapon Licenses from carrying handguns for self-defense. Virginia, like Florida and many other states, issues Concealed Weapon Licenses to people who pass a stringent criminal and mental background check and who demonstrate competence and safety with a firearm. Millions of Americans (including many Embry-Riddle students and staff) with Concealed Weapon Licenses carry firearms daily—but most universities forbid them from carrying on-campus. Yet every week, there is a story about a man or woman who defended him or herself from murder or rape with their Concealed Carry firearm.

The evidence is irrefutable. For example, in 1998, 16-year-old Luke Woodham's killing spree with a

hunting rifle at a Mississippi High School was only stopped when Assistant Principal Joel Myrick went to his pickup truck and retrieved his handgun. Woodham killed two students and wounded seven others and he would have likely killed many more had it not been for Myrick and his handgun. The irony is that Myrick's handgun was possessed in violation of the Federal Gun-Free School Act, which prohibits firearms within 1,000 feet of a school. But the "Gun-Free Zone" certainly didn't do anything to stop Woodham from going on his rampage.

"Gun-Free Zones" have become "Shoot Here" targets for mass-murderers because they know everyone is unarmed. This is why mass-murderers go to schools and office buildings where guns are prohibited instead of police stations and shooting ranges. After the U.K. outlawed handguns in 1997, the number of crimes in the U.K. in which a handgun was used sharply increased by 40% and the black-market for guns is now thriving there. It should come as no surprise that criminals prefer unarmed victims. Gun bans and "Gun-Free Zones" make society less safe because the good guys who respect the law are unarmed.

Still, like many schools (including Embry-Riddle), Virginia Tech has a policy prohibiting guns on campus. Virginia Tech's administration forced students to be unarmed on campus on pain of expulsion.

Concealed Carry could have saved 32 lives but Virginia Tech's rules guaranteed unarmed victims for the murderer. If you have a Concealed Weapons License, you are trusted by the State of Virginia to carry a handgun. If you are a soldier, you are even trusted by the U.S. military to carry an M-16. Despite this, Virginia Tech insisted on disarming all students and staff—with tragic results.

Here's the shocker: In January 2006, Virginia Delegate Todd Gilbert introduced House Bill 1572,

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**It is unfortunate  
 that none of us are  
 allowed to carry  
 firearms on campus**  
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which was meant to guarantee, with a few exceptions, that students with Concealed Weapons Licenses would be allowed to carry guns on college campuses. The bill died in subcommittee later that month. Virginia Tech spokesman Larry Hincker expressed pleasure at the bill's defeat. "I'm sure the university community is appreciative of the General Assembly's actions," said Hincker, "because this will

help parents, students, faculty and visitors feel safe on our campus."

This was obviously a false sense of security. But what are we doing now to prevent another massacre from occurring in the future? What is preventing a person from going on a shooting-spreed at another college tomorrow? Nothing.

As a student who holds a Florida Concealed Weapons License, I was happy to see that the Embry-Riddle Firearms Club held the State-required Concealed Weapons class for license applicants last month on-campus. There were more than 30 people taking the class: students and professors; men and women; blacks and whites; people of every background. I feel good knowing that there are other people at Embry-Riddle who legally own and carry firearms. It is unfortunate that none of us (not even Campus Safety, some of whom are former Police Officers) are allowed to carry our firearms on-campus despite being licensed by the State. I wonder what Florida's Legislature and Embry-Riddle's administration are doing to prevent a similar massacre from occurring here. If they cannot offer us absolute, uncompromising protection on-campus, then they should let us protect ourselves. I hope and pray we are not faced with a similar tragedy due to a false sense of security. Let us never forget the victims of Virginia Tech.

~Name Withheld

## The dark side of Safe Ride

Safe Ride has been the target of much celebration in the past year, but problems continue to surface. I don't mean the abuse of the system that cost several thousand dollars of the students' money last year. I'm talking about my Safe Ride card, or rather, lack of it.

I signed up for the program in the first week of September 2006, the week after I turned 21. When I hadn't received the card by midway through October, I decided to visit the SGA office to inquire about it. They told me that things were taking a while to cycle through, but that if I had signed up, the card would appear in my mailbox soon. I was busy in November, and wasn't getting out much, so I didn't worry about it, but I inquired again in December in the SGA office as to the status of my card. My name did not appear in the database, so I asked if I should sign up again. They said I shouldn't.

This past semester, the Safe Ride cards were reformatted, so all those who had one before would need another one. I went to the SGA office again; they told me to check out on the flight deck for the card. I did, and was informed that the card was not there and that

I was not on the list. I said, OK, I'll sign up again, and I did. I was told that the card would be in my mailbox soon.

The semester's business is officially over in about eight days from the publication date of this issue of *The Avion*, and I have not yet received my Safe Ride card. It has been nearly eight months. I have signed up at least three times for two different editions of the program. Now, it is essentially too late; the Safe Ride card is effectively useless for me now for this year. If, at the beginning of next year, the SGA sees fit to provide the card for me, they may place it in my mailbox in the mail center. They have my box number. I've given it to them three times.

As a side note to SGA Vice President Storey: I would submit this problem anyway to your attention as a situation in which the student has not failed to act or be vocal, but the SGA has failed to respond. Perhaps it is not entirely the student body's fault that the SGA has not come through in a number of situations. I have spoken to many representatives and members in the SGA office itself about this problem, and yet my complaints appear to have been

left unheard. And while I cannot and will not assume that the SGA as a whole this past year has been like this to students, it is obvious that the fault cannot lie entirely in the students' hands. My experience should be at least a small bit of evidence of that.

As a member of the SGA, and as one who volunteers my time, energy and expertise to the organization beyond my SGA fee, I have an inside knowledge about the people who work there and the incredible amount of effort that goes into making the university experience something worthwhile. The Clapper administration and the representatives and elected officials from this past year in particular stand out in my mind as being extraordinarily hardworking and goal-minded; the results show around campus in many large and small ways. However, I, the individual student, have a complaint that has not been addressed. Please do not make the decision to abandon the individuals and details for the greater good, when the greater good has already been achieved. Safe Ride works for many, many students. Before moving on to other things, finish working out the details.

~Name Withheld

## Clash of Islam and western ideas

Interest has recently been renewed in the puzzling phenomenon of Western-raised Islamic militants—in "Australian Taliban" David Hicks, who received a surprisingly light sentence for his armed involvement with al Qaeda; in "American Taliban" John Walker Lindh, whose parents and lawyers are renewing their attempts to have his 20-year sentence for serving as a Taliban fighter commuted by President Bush; and in "Jihad Jack" Thomas, who also received al Qaeda training and was charged with being a terrorist "sleeping agent."

These three men raise the paradoxical question of how free-wheeling Westerners can possibly morph into fanatical Islamists.

All three men started out at what appears to be the opposite end of the spectrum from a hard-line religionist. Lindh grew up in the liberal, "anything-goes" culture of Marin County where he developed an early affinity for nasty rap music, Thomas was a beer-loving punk rocker, and Hicks was a high-school drop-out who, according to his former school mates, already in school was a heavy drinker and cannabis smoker.

Yet, all men ended up seeking out the dogmatism of radical Islam, traveling to far-away al Qaeda camps and receiving terrorist training.

How is this transformation possible? The free-wheeling, anything goes type and the religious dogmatist, are of course, both familiar in today's culture—and they are generally considered to be diametrically opposed. But are they really?

Consider the typical "progressive" leftist, with his non-judgmental relativism. He is the embodiment of subjectivism: he holds that there are no absolute principles, that truth is "in the eye of the beholder," and that "what's

right for you might not be right for me." He is the exponent of the belief that nobody can have objective knowledge or objective grounds for evaluating another person's beliefs or actions. On the premise that moral values are merely subjective preferences, he feels that there is no factual basis for moral judgment.

Thomas betrayed a residue of this sentiment when he stated that "one man's terrorist is another man's freedom fighter." And Lindh's Marin County parents certainly typified this philosophy with their non-judgmental attitude towards his affinity for repugnant rap music and his later conversion to radical Islam. Hicks's early life, as a drinker, dropout and deadbeat dad, seems to be the very embodiment of this approach.

The religious dogmatist, on the other hand, dismisses the "truth is relative" chorus of the subjectivists and has no qualms about making moral judgments. His philosophy, he says, espouses the unquestionable truth and advocates absolute standards of right and wrong.

It is only on the surface, however, that the dogmatist is opposed to the subjectivist; at root, the two share a fundamental similarity. In denying that there are any objective standards by which to choose how to think or act, the subjectivist makes clear that his choices are ruled by blind feelings. This is precisely also the basic policy of the religious dogmatist.

There is an infinite number of opposing religious sects. How does the religionist decide which faith to embrace, which revelations to follow and which authority to obey? Does he scientifically gather the evidence, carefully weigh it, and then adopt the conclusion to which reason and logic point? Obviously not. He feels it. He feels that Christianity, Islam,

Hinduism, Buddhism, astrology or whatever, is the right faith for him.

As Thomas himself describes his conversion to Islam, after agreeing to fast for the month of Ramadan: "I just felt a link from all the prophets of Adam and Noah and Moses and Abraham and all the prophets coming from one God and Confucius and Buddha and all the people being messengers and all my whole world came together." He continued to follow his feelings to radical Islam, to terrorist training, and to the adoption of "Jihad" as his first name.

So while the religionist may claim to uphold absolute truths, his beliefs are as arbitrary and baseless as those of the subjectivist. Thus, the paradoxical conversions of Lindh, Thomas and Hicks—from subjectivist to religious dogmatist—are not so paradoxical after all; in both cases, the switch was merely from one form of emotionalism to another.

What neither the subjectivist nor the dogmatist can fathom is the need for an objective approach—a method of seeking truth, acquiring knowledge, and defining moral standards, not by indulgence in emotions, but by a process of reasoning based on factual evidence alone. In every issue and area of its life, a mind on this premise is moved not by arbitrary whims, but by logical arguments that are grounded in directly perceivable facts.

What is needed, then, to avoid raising the "Jihad Jacks" and American or Australian "Talibans" of the future, is for our culture to reject emotionalism in all of its varieties—whether in the form of anything-goes subjectivism or of emotion-driven faith in mystical dogmas—in favor of the rational alternative: objectivity.

~Christian Beenfeldt

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## Osprey set for combat

Ranae Merle

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON - After more than 20 years in development at a cost of billions of dollars, the long-troubled V-22 Osprey will head to Iraq in September for its first combat missions, the Marine Corps said Friday.

The tilt-rotor Osprey, a helicopter-airplane hybrid, has survived attempts by the Pentagon leadership to cancel it, criticism of its rising cost and unique design, and three fatal accidents since 1992. The aircraft, made by Bell Helicopter and Boeing, can take off, land and hover like a helicopter, then turn its rotors to fly straight ahead like a conventional plane. It will operate out of al-Asad air base in central Iraq for seven months.

"The story of how we got here is a long one," Gen. James I. Conway, the Marine Corps commandant, said at a morning news conference at the Pentagon. "I'll just say that the quantum leap in technology that this aircraft will bring to the fight has been a road marked by some setbacks, lots of sacrifices and the success of these Marines standing before you today."

A report in 1983 by the Pentagon's office of program analysis and evaluation concluded that the plane's concept was flawed. In the late 1980s and early '90s, Dick Cheney, the Defense secretary at the time, tried to cancel it. The aircraft's three fatal crashes - one in 1992 and two in 2000 - killed 26 Marines

and four civilians. In 2001, allegations emerged that maintenance records for the aircraft had been falsified, which the commander of the Osprey's maintenance squadron later admitted was done to make the aircraft appear more serviceable than it was. The Osprey fleet was briefly grounded this year after the military found a glitch in a computer chip that could cause the aircraft to lose control.

Despite the project's problems, the Marine Corps has stayed loyal to the aircraft, arguing that the Osprey was now safe and needed in combat. "The Marine Corps has built its entire future concept of warfare around the V-22," said Loren Thompson, a defense industry analyst.

The Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron 263, which is based in Jacksonville, N.C., will deploy to Iraq with 10 Ospreys after more training, including time in the desert in Yuma, Ariz.

The Osprey's main mission in Iraq will be to transport troops and perform rescue missions. Marine Corps officials promote its ability to go farther and carry a bigger load than any of the helicopters it will replace, including the CH-46 Sea Knight, a Vietnam-era chopper that has crashed several times in Iraq.

Lt. Gen. John Castellaw, the deputy Marine commandant for aviation, said the CH-46 "is old in the tooth, and its capability in terms of range and payload is not what we want."

The V-22 would be able to survive the kind of attacks that have

brought down helicopters in Iraq, Marine Corps officials said. "By the time you see us and we're past you, the best you're going to do is one of those revenge shoots," Lt. Col. Paul Rock, commander of Squadron 263, said Friday in a clearing near Quantico Marine Base in Virginia, where two dozen reporters had been flown to watch the Ospreys in action. As Rock spoke, two Ospreys kicked up wind for about 100 yards around.

Bell Helicopter and Boeing have produced 54 Ospreys - 46 for the Marines and eight for the Air Force. About \$20 billion has been spent on the program, and the military is expected to ultimately pay \$50.5 billion for the 458 aircraft it wants, according to a Congressional Research Service report.

In March, the Government Accountability Office estimated the cost of each aircraft at about \$109 million, up from the \$40 million that each was projected to cost when development started in the 1980s.

Skeptics argue that the Osprey is too expensive to be used widely or put in risky situations. It may be suitable for specialty missions such as long-range rescue or special-operations deployments, but "those relatively few missions don't justify putting all of the Marines' chips behind the V-22," said Jennifer Gore, spokeswoman for the Project on Government Oversight, a watchdog group. The Marine Corps could buy fewer Ospreys - 50 or so - and make a larger purchase of a cheaper helicopter, she said.



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## Final preparations



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MEMBERS OF THE SAE Aerodesign team prepare the prototype aircraft for a test flight. This was for the SAE heavy lift competition that takes place at Fort Worth, Texas. The event will be taking place from May 4-6. The aircraft weighed 55 pounds, including payload.

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## Expedition 14, tourist land with new records



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**THE EXPEDITION 14 CREW** and accompanying tourist relax on the steppes of Kazakhstan Saturday after touching down in their Soyuz capsule. At right is Michael Lopez-Alegria, the new American spaceflight duration record holder, seated next to Mikhail Tyurin and Microsoft billionaire Charles Simonyi.

Bob Scheid

Chief Copy Editor

The International Space Station (ISS) transferred command from Expedition 14 to 15 on Friday, SpaceflightNow.com reports.

Expedition 14 consisted of mission commander Michael Lopez-Alegria and flight engineer Mikhail Tyurin, who served aboard the station for the seven-month duration of the mission. In the process, Lopez-Alegria set a U.S. record for longest American mission, totaling 215 days, eight hours, 22 minutes and 50 seconds on his flight, and also set the record for most spacewalks (and spacewalking hours) by an American with 10.

Undocking commands were issued on Friday at 5:09 a.m. EDT. A reentry burn was executed at

7:42 a.m. EDT, lasting four minutes and putting the crew on a course for a perfect touchdown in central Kazakhstan. The landing was originally scheduled Friday at the northern landing site available to the Soyuz spacecraft, but landing was moved to central Kazakhstan because of heavy rains in the north. As a result, the returning crew had to wait for a day for the return path to match with the landing site.

Touchdown occurred at 8:31 a.m. EDT. By 4:40 p.m. EDT, the crew had been taken by helicopter to Karaganda, Kazakhstan after flight surgeons gave all three astronauts a clean bill of health in the medical tent. The crew had to sit in chairs for a time before removing their space suits, since adaptation to Earth's gravity is difficult after extended periods in orbit.

The Expedition 15 crew, com-

prised of mission commander Fyodor Yurchikhin, flight engineer Oleg Kotov, and flight engineer Sunita Williams (who joined Expedition 14 in December and will stay on board until this summer), are on board the station now.

Yurchikhin and Kotov were accompanied on their flight two weeks ago by American space tourist (officially a "spaceflight participant") Charles Simonyi, who paid the Russian government about \$20 to \$25 million for the opportunity to visit the station. Another astronaut, Clayton Anderson, is slated to replace Williams this summer as part of Expedition 15. All told, Expedition 15 will last about six months.

STS-117 will join the station in the next few months to deliver a truss segment and solar panels to the station.

## Final report released on the loss of Mars Global Surveyor orbiter

Peter Richardson

Staff Reporter

NASA released the official reason for the Nov. 2, 2006 loss of the Mars Global Surveyor (MGS) orbiter last week.

The overall summary of the loss is that it was from a human input error but that the mission will still be considered a great success. The Mars Global Surveyor was launched in 1996 and reached Mars orbit in 1997. The mission lasted longer than any mission has lasted at Mars to date; with a designed mission lifetime of just two years, the Mars Global Surveyor lasted for almost 10.

There is currently an army of U.S. and European spacecraft in and around Mars, including the two Martian rovers Spirit and Opportunity, and three orbiters circling the planet.

The human error was exposed by a review board put together by NASA to determine the situation leading

to the loss of the spacecraft. The JPL/NASA operations center sent an order to the orbiter to realign its solar panels. This realignment accidentally exposed one of the spacecraft's batteries to the sun and caused it to quickly heat up.

The spacecraft took this heating to mean recharging and after a few hours the batteries were drained. An incorrectly aimed antenna did not allow the spacecraft to relay data on its situation back to Earth. The lack of battery power brought the spacecraft's operations to a halt and NASA has received no signal since November of last year.

No blame was declared because the operations crew was following the correct mission procedures that were in place. Unfortunately, the procedures in place were insufficient to handle the erroneous situation that occurred, and a review of all spacecraft mission procedures was recommended for other similar missions.

"We are making an end-to-end review of all our mission to be sure

that we apply the lessons learned from Mars Global Surveyor on all our ongoing missions," stated Fuk Li, Mars Exploration Program manager at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory.

The current location of the spacecraft is unknown though NASA has used some of its other orbiters and even its rovers to try and locate the lost spacecraft. The original orbit maintained by the spacecraft is supposed to last 40 more years and should not interfere with any other spacecraft's path. The mission has been declared a success and has been officially ended. Most of the mission staff has already been reassigned to other Mars projects.

Mars Global Surveyor lasted almost five times longer than the original mission details called for and also was operational for longer than any orbiting spacecraft in history. MGS was responsible for tracking large Mars dust storms, looking for water flow evidence and examining the Martian ice caps.

## Upcoming Cape Launches

NASA last week issued their first new official shuttle manifest in a while, outlining target dates for the next six shuttle flights. STS-117 remains set for launch June 8, and following it will be an Aug. 9 liftoff for Endeavour's first flight in nearly five years on STS-118. The date is four days later than previously stated. STS-120 will ferry Harmony, the Node 2 connecting module, to the International Space Station as early as Oct. 20, and the long-awaited European Columbus science laboratory is targeted for Dec. 6. The year 2008 will see its first two flights as early as Feb. 14 and April 24, both flights to assemble the huge Japanese Kibo module.

Meanwhile, the launch of an Atlas 5 rocket with a classified NRO satellite was postponed from May 18 until June 14 at the earliest. No reason was given for the delay. Because of the delays with this Atlas flight, dates for subsequent Atlas 5 flights this year are up in the air, but another one or even two could occur this summer as well, including an additional one before a previously slated Sept. 6 launch. The dates and order of missions is TBD.

<p>June 8 Space Shuttle Atlantis STS-117 / ISS flight Third set of giant solar arrays Launch time: 7:34:12 p.m. EDT +/- 5 min. window</p>	<p>June 30 Delta 2 NASA's Dawn asteroid orbiter Launch window: 5:13:15-5:33:15pm EDT</p>	<p>Aug 9 Space Shuttle Endeavour STS-118 / ISS flight Truss segment; SPACEHAB Launch time: 6:15 p.m. EDT +/- 5 min. window</p>
<p>NET June 14 Atlas 5 Classified NRO satellite Launch window: TBA</p>	<p>Aug. 3 Delta 2 NASA's Phoenix Mars lander Launch time: approx. 3:30-4 a.m. EDT</p>	<p>Sept. 6? Atlas 5 Classified NRO satellite Launch window: TBA</p>

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AMNT 240	General Aeronautics & Applications			MATH 140	College Algebra	X
AMNT 260	Aircraft Electrical Systems Theory			MATH 142	Trigonometry	
AMNT 270	Airframe Structures & Applications			MATH 222	Business Statistics	X
AMNT 271	Airframe Systems Structures & Applications			MATH 320	Decision Mathematics	
AMNT 280	Powerplant Theory & Applications	X		MGMT 201	Principles of Management	X
AMNT 281	Aircraft Propulsion Systems & Applications	X		MGMT 210	Financial Accounting	X
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ASCI 309	Aerodynamics	X		MGMT 221	Advanced Computer Based Systems	X
ASCI 310	Aircraft Performance			MGMT 308	Public Administration	
ASCI 357	Flight Physiology	X		MGMT 311	Marketing	X
ASCI 405	Aviation Law	X		MGMT 312	Managerial Accounting	X
ASCI 412	Corporate & Business Aviation			MGMT 314	Human Resource Management	X
AT 300	Air Traffic Management I			MGMT 317	Organizational Behavior	X
CSCI 109	Introduction to Computers & Applications	X		MGMT 320	Business Information Systems	X
ECON 210	Microeconomics	X		MGMT 321	Aviation/Aerospace Systems Analysis	X
ECON 211	Macroeconomics	X		MGMT 322	Aviation Insurance	
ECON 315	Managerial Economics	X		MGMT 324	Aviation Labor Relations	
ECON 420	Economics of Air Transportation			MGMT 325	Social Responsibility & Ethics in Management	X
ENGL 123	English Composition	X		MGMT 331	Transportation Principles	
ENGL 143	Studies in Rhetorical Theory			MGMT 332	Corporate Finance I	
ENGL 221	Technical Report Writing	X		MGMT 335	International Business	X
GNED 101	Fundamentals of College Success			MGMT 390	Business Law	X
GOVT 320	American National Government	X		MGMT 405	General Aviation Marketing	
GOVT 325	International Studies	X		MGMT 406	Strategic Management of Technical Operations	
GOVT 331	Current Issues in America			MGMT 408	Airport Management	X
GOVT 340	American Foreign Policy	X		MGMT 410	Management of Air Cargo	X
GOVT 363	Inter-American Relations	X		MGMT 411	Logistics Management for Aviation/Aerospace	
GOVT 402	International Politics			MGMT 415	Airline Management	X
HIST 130	History of Aviation in America	X		MGMT 419	Aviation Maintenance Management	
HUMN 142	Studies in Literature	X		MGMT 420	Management of Production & Operations	X
MATH 106	Basic Algebra & Trigonometry	X		MGMT 422	Life Cycle Analysis for Systems & Programs in Aviation/Aerospace	
MATH 111	College Mathematics for Aviation I	X		MGMT 424	Project Management in Aviation Operations	X
MATH 112	College Mathematics for Aviation II			MGMT 436	Strategic Management	
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PHYS 142	Introduction to Environmental Science	X
PHYS 150	Physics I for Engineers	
PSYC 220	Introduction to Psychology	X
PSYC 320	Aviation Psychology	X
PSYC 350	Social Psychology	
SCTY 312	Global Crime & Criminal Justice Systems	X
SCTY 315	Studies in Intelligence I	
SCTY 385	Intelligence Analysis-Writing & Briefing	
SCTY 400	Airport Security	X
SCTY 415	Studies in Intelligence II	X
SCTY 485	Corporate Security	
SCTY 488	National Security Issues & Terrorism	X
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SFTY 410	Design of Engineering Hazard Controls	
SFTY 420	Systems Design for Fire and Life Safety	
SFTY 435	Aircraft Crash Survival Analysis & Design	X
SFTY 440	System Safety Management	X
SFTY 450	Loss Control & Insurance	
SFTY 462	Health, Safety, and Aviation Law	X

SFTY 470	Advanced Occupational Safety and Health Technology	
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SOCI 300	Marriage and Family	X
SOCI 310	Personality Development	X
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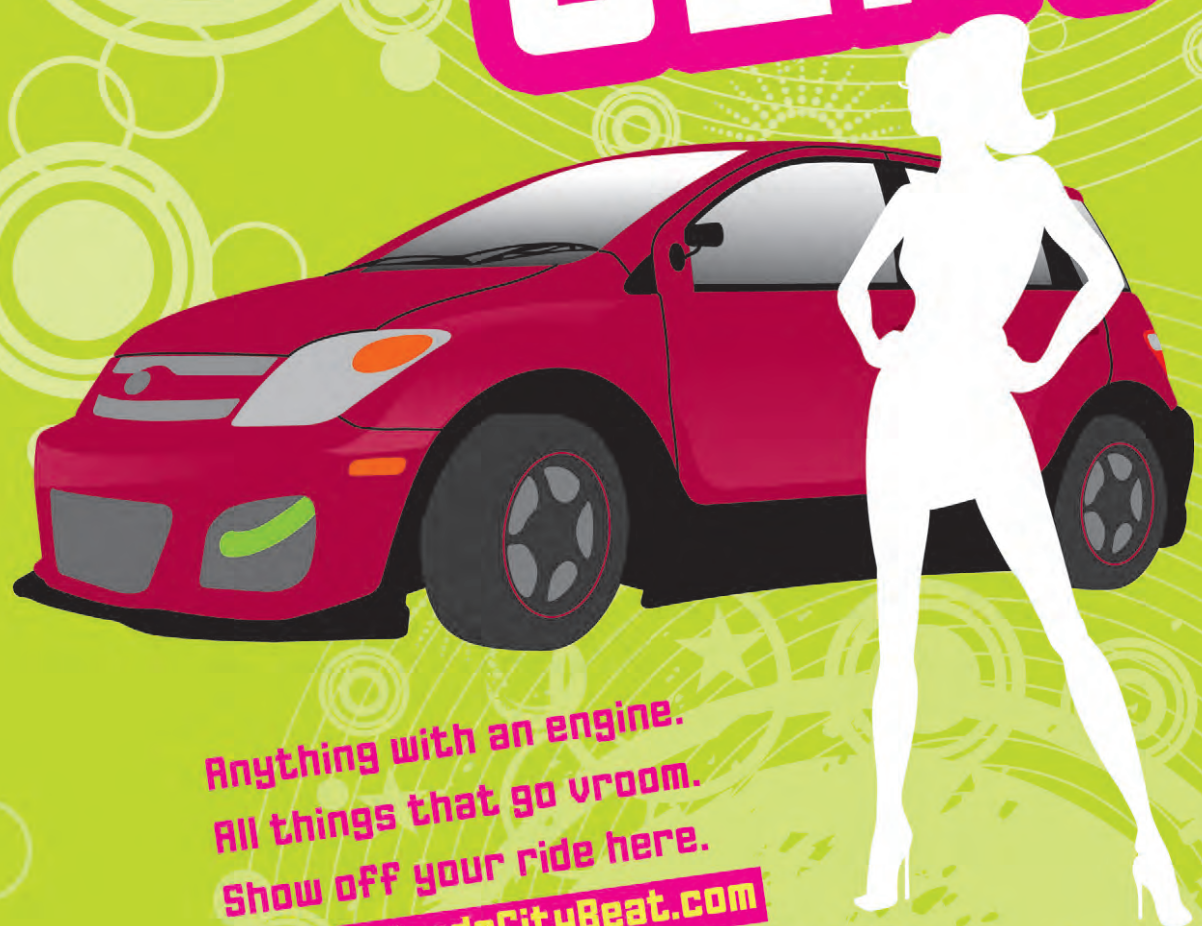
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## Barenaked Ladies, history of a nudist colony

Bob Scheid  
Chief Copy Editor

The Barenaked Ladies are like no other band in the history of music. Everyone always says things like that about their favorite bands, but I think that BNL is truly different. They've evolved without losing their roots, and even now, nearly two decades after their formation, they're still putting out music that makes you smile without thinking.

Therefore, I am taking this opportunity to give a brief walkthrough of this fantastic group and their history. I want to tell you what I like about every album, so that you might decide to pick one up and try it out, and get hooked like I have.

(A very brief walkthrough of the band members themselves is also appropriate. The lead singers and songwriters are Steven Page and Ed Robertson, who founded the group in the late '80s. Robertson also plays lead guitar. The bassist is Jim Creeggan, whose brother Andy was the original drummer and later switched to keyboards in time for their first album. Tyler Stewart came in as the percussionist for *Gordon*, and after Andy left to work on solo projects, Kevin Hearn joined the group as a keyboardist.)

*Gordon* was their first album, a heavy punch thrown by a still-considered-light-weight band. Fully 15 tracks and more than an hour of play time gave them a firm base in the music world, and singles like "Brian Wilson" and "You Can Be My Yoko Ono" drove the group into the spotlight. This album featured lots of acoustic guitars and abnormal drums that gave the band a frantic and brooding manic-depressive feel. The most important song on it, though, is probably "If I Had \$1000000." There has never been a song like it before, and it will be hard for any group to get the same chemistry between the lead singers, along with the playful improvs and just plain fun melodies.

*Maybe You Should Drive* is a bit of an outlier. The group has a quiet country feel to them that doesn't surface much on any of the other albums. It's a dark album. The last few songs give me the impression of big changes going on in their lives, even if they weren't the changes they wrote about. Even their happier songs seem understated, as though they're enjoying love for as long as it will last, though "A" and "Alternative Girlfriend" show a little bit more of the energy that was evident in the last album. It's not their best album, I think, but it doesn't have to be their best to be good.

BNL's first "modern" album is *Born On A*

*Pirate Ship*. This is where their style becomes more solid, and it shows in the rest of their work to date. They successfully combine electric and acoustic guitar, fast jams and slow ballads into a full album that spawned a lot of concert favorites and radio singles. The studio

*Spectacle*, a full-length album compiled from two concerts on the *Pirate Ship* concert tour. There are no new songs, but the concert experience is exceptionally well recorded, and the way the songs sound, the crowd and the incredible improvisational skills that the

ers alike.

*Stunt* is probably the best known of their albums, and contains their breakout hits in the states. Ask anyone who was a teen in the 1990s and they'll be able to recite at least one line from "One Week" (Chickety China,

emotion, fun and deep thoughts, and a sense of giddiness tempered with a sense of what is important to them more and more as their families and friendships develop. By coincidence or design, this album was produced and released while the keyboardist, Hearn, was diagnosed with leukemia.

The band's development of airy and down-to-earth mixes of songs continued into *Maroon*, which brought a more electric or synth sound to the band. "Pinch Me" and "Falling for the First Time" are the landmark songs of this album, and a number of different sounds were incorporated in many songs. Synth drums played a more forward role in this album, and Page's flute got a chance to shine in a few songs. It might not have been as groundbreaking or as instantly popular as *Stunt*, but it has much the same feel, the same originality and the same fun that was evident in the album that made them in southern North America.

*Everything to Everyone* is a lot like *Maybe You Should Drive*; it was good music, and the songs by themselves are amazing, but the album lacks a sense of cohesiveness, unity and flow in itself and the albums surrounding it. "Another Postcard," with all the monkeys in the music video, stands out as being one of the best songs of the era. But it's songs where more instrumentation is brought out, like "Upside Down," that show off the musical talent of Hearn and Creeggan, which is probably the biggest single advance that the group undergoes. This talent was first tapped in *Rock Spectacle*, but here is where it really starts to shine through in studio.

Which brings us to the latest incarnation of the BNL, a multi-CD set called *Barenaked Ladies Are Me and Barenaked Ladies Are Men*. I confess that I have not had either of these albums long enough to make any sort of full opinion, but so far, it looks like the time, work, thought and effort that went into these songs has paid off tenfold. Fully 27 new songs, plus bonus content and more songs available online, show that BNL continues to do what it does best: it makes music, engaging music that can fit any mood and spin in any situation. Off-kilter drums, grooving electric and acoustic guitars, a rock-solid bass and nearly-subliminal keyboards make music that harkens back to *Gordon* just as it brings up *Stunt*. And that's it. They don't try too hard, because to them, it's not trying. It just happens.

I enjoy them. I like all of their songs, for lots of different reasons. And I think that that's why I like their style, their thoughts, and their music. The Barenaked Ladies are me.

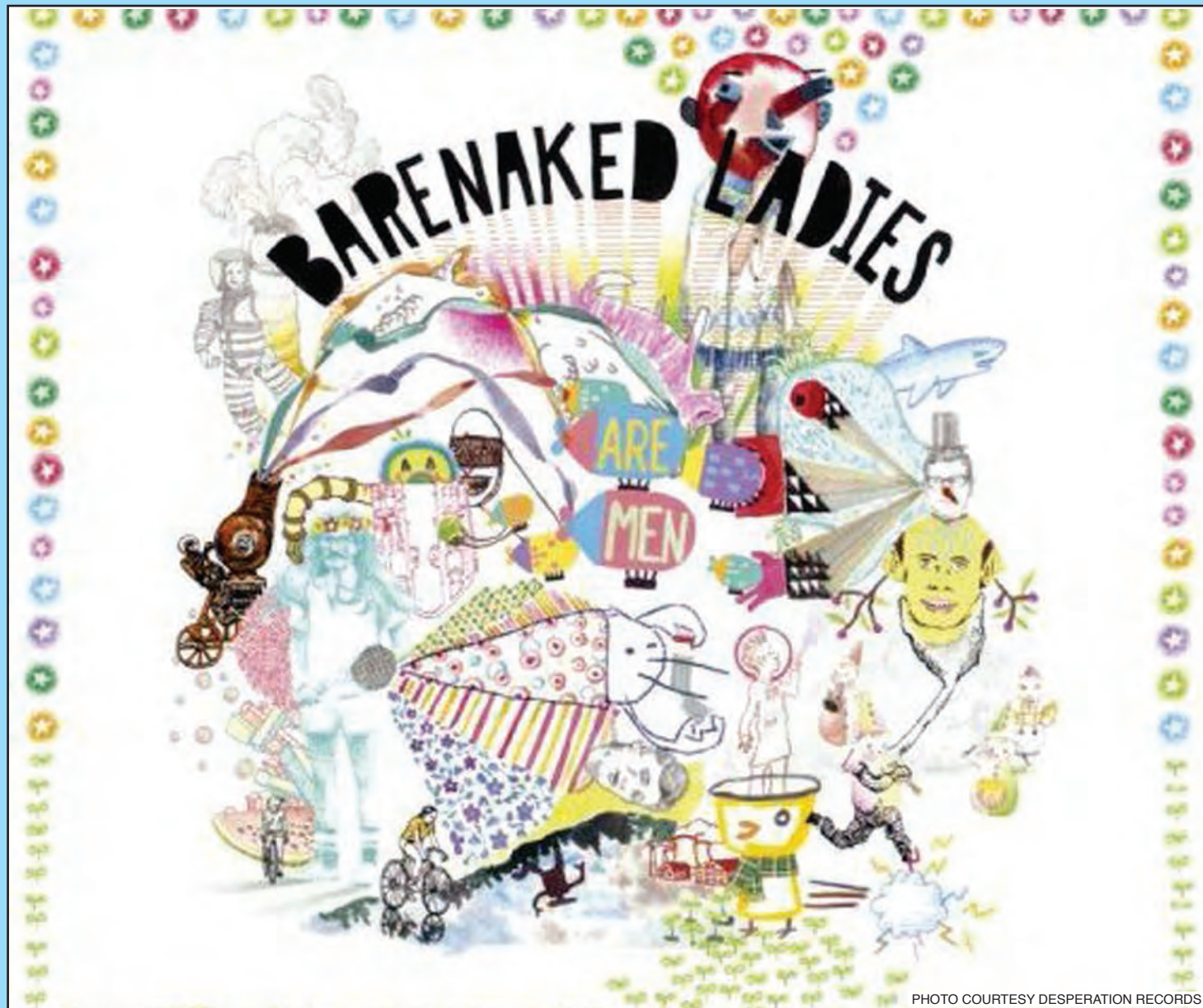


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feel from the first album is back, but is enhanced by the several years they've had to hone skills and develop new material, like "Shoe Box," "When I fall," and "The Old Apartment"

This leads into their concert CD, *Rock*

band has available are showcased perfectly. Musicianship that is hinted at in the previous albums is brought out in force. So while this isn't an album proper, it's a completely different feel from the other albums and deserves attention from fans and new listen-

ers alike. Pretty much every song on here could have been made a single. In my personal history, it holds the record for being the first album I owned that I could listen to straight through and enjoy every single song. They have energy and

## Not at all a strange movie Foolish music proves entertaining



Perfect Stranger



Melanie Pugh

Business Manager

"Perfect Stranger," the latest and greatest from Sony Pictures, is neither. The 109-minute flick tracks the cat-and-mouse thriller that pits Rowena (Halle Berry), a cut-throat journalist with a penchant for pissing off powerful men, against advertising magnate Harrison Hill (Bruce Willis).

When Rowena's next big story and six-month endeavor blows up in her face after her source runs dry, she's on the prowl for something bigger and better.

She doesn't have to wait long, as Grace (Nicki Aycox of "Cold Case"), a childhood friend, turns up with a viable story in hand; she claims to have been shacking up with the very married Hill, unbeknownst to his millionaire wife.

After Grace not-so-mysteriously disappears and turns up dead, Rowena runs with the story, enlisting the help of her IT guru pal Miles (Giovanni Ribisi), who is infatuated with her and naturally ends up doing most of the dirty work.

In order to get a better look, Miles gets Rowena a fake I.D. and an accompanying temp job at Hill's agency so she can get some face (and lap) time with Hill, while simultaneously carrying on steamy conversations with him online under yet another pseudonym.

Between Hill, his domineering wife, his notoriously forward personal assistant, ballsy Rowena and sometimes-creepy Miles, you're never quite sure who's calling the shots.

The film, though well acted and unpredictable, tries too hard at times to break the mold and comes out looking only awkwardly abstract at best.

After a series of twists and turns in an epic pursuit of whodunit with little clues leading up to them, the maze of "Perfect Stranger" dead ends.

The surprises are successful, albeit their seeming ability to be edited in or out of the script without much interruption. The shelf lives of the pre-packaged twists are short, and the final scene will make or break your definitive judgment of the film.

"How far will you go to keep a secret?" reads the flick's tagline. In this case, some things are better left unsaid.



House of Fools



John W. Smith III

Staff Reporter

From the pineapple to the Big Apple, there is a certain spirit that comes with creating music on the coast. From John Coltrane and Nirvana in Seattle to Thelonius Monk and Stanley Clarke on the eastern seaboard, bands have found a brand of music that makes their hearts pump and their listener's toes tap like none other.

In the case of North Carolina, it is rare to find anything beyond a guitar and a harmonica when it comes to music, unless you are in Greensboro, N.C. Coming straight from roots of classic rock herself, House

of Fools have established their musical genius among bands like Guster and The Format. Finding a home on Drive-Thru records their first full length *Live and Learn* has captivated a sound of what rock and roll is supposed to be.

House of Fools (HoF) recently completed the Florida circuit, starting in Ft. Lauderdale and making their way through Jacksonville and making a stop at the infamous Orlando venue, The Social. This venue is very befitting to its name. Entering through the main door you find yourself stage left and the bar to your right. Wrestling through the crowd, you find yourself stage right after about 20 steps. With a small pit area directly beneath the stage, lounge rooms in the back, and a bar that spans the full length of the room, The Social is a great place to experience your favorite bands and meet new friends.

... I realized all of the intricate mind boggling pieces that make this band.

- JOHN W. SMITH III

Taking the stage, HoF sprinkled themselves across the stage filling the air with three guitars, bass, keyboard, and drums.

Hard to pin this band to a specific genre, I began to rack my brain for sounds that I heard through their music. Coming to my ear were stylings of The Fray, Waking Ashland and Coldplay, and yet their presence felt like a folk-rock group that

... this heavy weathered music has found a place in my heart.

- JOHN W. SMITH III

## THE FLIP SIDE Knock Down Your Walls



Jacklyn Duff

Columnist

Hey, how are you today? Same answer, guys this and guys that. Stories of parties and drinking, always keeping me at a distance. Knock down your walls and let me in. What is with you and this image? I love you, don't you know that by now? Knock down your walls and let me in.

You are always trying to make yourself seem something that you not, seem more popular, better than you think you are. I love you for who

you are. For the glimpses I get of you, not your projected party girl image. I've seen you vulnerable and in tears. I held your hand. I did not judge. Knock down your walls and let me in again.

Why are you afraid to show downfalls to us, your friends? I will show you mine. I do all the time. I can't spell. I don't always dress right. You know all about my lacking love life. I tell you when I am rejected. I don't build myself up. Not to you. Not to friends. To you I try to say

"here I am, this is me," because I know you will still love me. Knock down your walls and let me in.

You don't have to tell me everything. Your darkest secrets don't have to be revealed. Just let me in on your fears, your worries. How else will I know to comfort you? If I don't know there is a problem, how can I fix it? Knock down your walls and let me in.

You are beautiful, without makeup, without the gym. You are loving and kind. You are dependable. You make me smile. You are you. Stop trying to be things you are not, because I love

you. Stop saying things to impress me, because I'm not. Not by those things anyway. Knock down your walls and let me in.

I don't care who you went out with last night. I don't care how much you had to drink. I don't care what you ate that you weren't supposed to. I don't care anymore. I can't help you if you don't let me. I can't help you if I don't know you anymore. I can't knock down your walls. I can't worry about someone I don't know anymore. I can't control you. It's getting hard to love you, whoever you are.

### CORRECTION

There was a typo in last week's article "Gary Allan puts on an exciting show." The name of the hit song is "Tough Little Boys." *The Avion* regrets the error.



## The Riddle of Life

By Jonathan Mettin

The stuff nightmares are made of



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# So long and thanks for all the fish

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- 18 After shower need
- 19 Restoration
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- 25 Protrusion of organ
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- 53 Encourage with force
- 55 Actor Crowe
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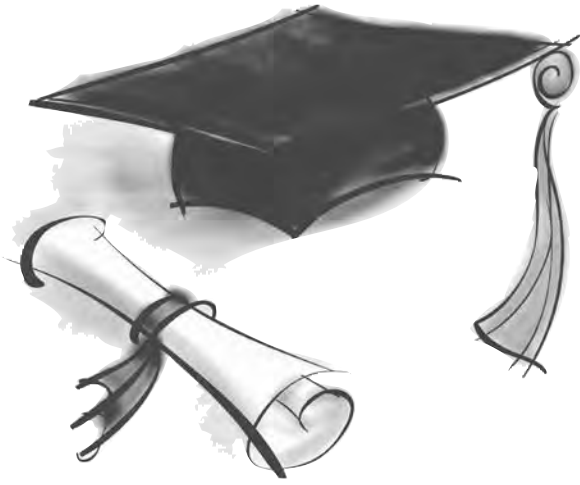
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- 8 Correlative to if and then
- 9 Ceiling's opposite
- 10 Not high
- 11 Compass point at 2 o'clock
- 12 Maryland's roommate
- 15 Capital of Greece
- 20 Four balls in baseball
- 22 Small talks
- 26 Hanging knot hangman's rope
- 27 Increased chilling in manner
- 28 Book of maps
- 29 Sphere
- 30 Gourmet chocolate brand
- 31 Tub spread used as a substitute for butter
- 33 Type of laundry detergent
- 34 \_\_\_\_ of absence
- 35 Miscalculated
- 36 Family \_\_\_\_
- 39 Not right



- 40 Civil \_\_\_\_ Patrol
- 42 Topping of whipped cream
- 43 Not bottoms
- 46 After third
- 48 Fights for two
- 49 Strand of hair
- 50 Gossiper (slang)
- 51 Change
- 52 Farmer works soil
- 54 \_\_\_\_-a-sketch (child's toy)
- 56 Indifferent manner
- 57 Picnic pest
- 58 But \_\_\_\_ are chosen
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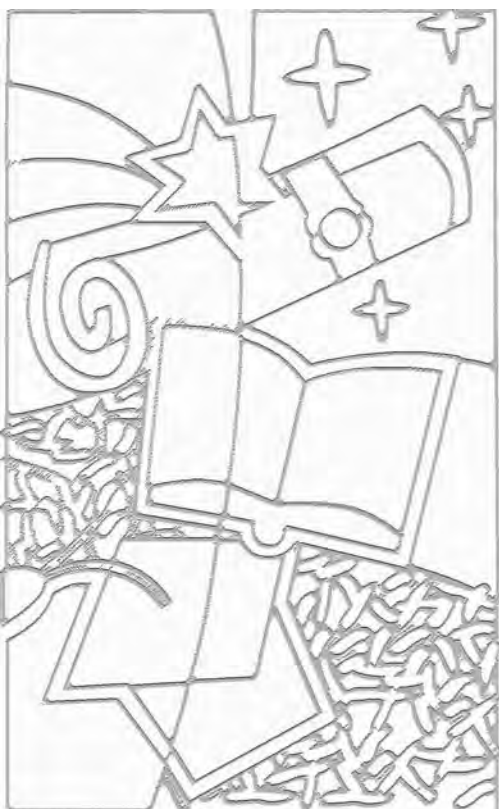


Submit your completed crossword to our office in SC 110. All correct entries will be entered to win a \$10 gift certificate to Barnes & Noble Bookstore. Entries are due Friday by 5 p.m. Good luck!

## Last Issue

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WINNER: Ryan Dantis



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**Room For Rent**  
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1:30 AM	An Inconvenient Truth	B Iue Crush	The Cable Guy	Facing The Giants	Collateral	E.T. The Extra Terrestrial	The Last Samurai
8:00 AM	E.T. The Extra Terrestrial	The Last Samurai	Clerks 2	Flushed Away	Basic Instinct	Free Willy	Meet The Fockers
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6:00 PM	E.T. The Extra Terrestrial	The Last Samurai	Clerks 2	Flushed Away	Basic Instinct	Free Willy	Meet The Fockers
8:30 PM	Free Willy	Meet The Fockers	Goodfellas	Man About Town	Infamous	National Security	Tenacious D In 'The Pick..
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## EMBRY-RIDDLE ALUMNI


Alumni-Student Connection

**Upcoming Events**  
\*Sun n Fun, April 17 - 23, 2007  
Venue: Lakeland, FL

**Reminder**  
\*Graduating Seniors don't forget to register at [www.eraualumni.org](http://www.eraualumni.org) in order to attend The Alumni Welcome Reception at Daytona USA, receive your Alumni Leather Portfolio, celebrate with family, friends and alumni.

**Current Office Location**  
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**Alumni of the Week: Cheryl A. Stearns**



Cheryl is the current and 17<sup>th</sup> time US women's parachuting champion. She is also the World's champion of style and accuracy skydiving. Cheryl began skydiving in Scottsdale, Arizona at the age of 17. Her father then tried to encourage her in a new direction by paying for her flight lessons. In 1977, after winning her first National Championship and establishing a world record in accuracy, Cheryl joined the US Army and became the first woman member of the Golden Knights, the US Army's elite parachute team.

Stearns has a total of 29 world records and at one time she held four different records simultaneously: a feet no other parachutist, man and woman has matched. She also holds the Guinness World record for the most jumps in 24 hours by a woman, 255 jumps. Cheryl earned her BS in Aviation Administration and Masters of Aeronautical Science from ERAU's Pope Air Force Base campus. In 1988 she was hired by Piedmont Airlines and currently is a full time pilot for US Air as a first officer in the Boeing 737-300/400.

Cheryl Stearns is also featured on Alumni Wall of Fame

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