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Continental Airlines leaves DAB

U.S. Airways and Delta are now the two major carriers out of Daytona Beach International Airport. Continental Airlines announced a decision in May to end service out of Daytona Beach to Newark in September. As with many national carriers, Continental has faced many challenges after the September 11th attacks and presently the rising cost of fuel, which has forced them to cut certain routes and close counters across the nation. Daytona Beach has, however welcomed Craig Air and AirGate Aviation now offering non-stop service to Marsh Harbor, Bahamas.

Construction update

Starting September 18th, the Tomcat and Eagle North Faculty and Staff parking lots will be closed due to future construction on the Gill Robb Wilson (GRW) Flight Line Complex. The lots will be closed until early December 2008. Over 20,000 square feet of modular buildings will fill these lots, housing the staff of the GRW complex until the new buildings are finished. Demolition of the GRW Complex is set to begin between December and January.

Last Friday, the 15 minute parking lot in front of the Student Center was closed. The new motorcycle pad is located in between Spruance Field and the Concorde Lot in front of the Student Center. The lot will house over 30 motorcycles and will be for all day parking.

New Language Classes

Free, non-credit classes will now be offered in Chinese as well as the Spanish languages. The Embry-Riddle Language Institute has paired with the Malaysian Student Association and the Latin and Hispanic Student Organization to bring these

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Weekly Weather

Tuesday

High 88
73 Low
30% Rain

Wednesday

High 87
73 Low
30% Rain

Thursday

High 86
73 Low
30% Rain

Friday

High 86
74 Low
30% Rain

SEPTEMBER 11, 2001

SEVEN YEARS LATER, SOME WOUNDS NEVER HEAL

"YOU CAN BE SURE THAT THE AMERICAN SPIRIT WILL PREVAIL OVER THIS TRAGEDY." --COLIN POWELL



LAST THURSDAY, CLUBS FROM Embry-Riddle built and decorated two replica towers of the World Trade Center from 4x4 foot panels. At 9:59 a.m., the exact time the first tower fell seven years prior, the first wooden tower was hoisted above Spruance Field. The second tower went up at 10:29 a.m., coinciding with the collapse of the North Tower in 2001. POW/MIA and "Support our Troops" flags flew from atop the 24-foot tall towers. Each club paid \$25 for their panel. The Daytona Beach Police Department and Fire Department participated in the ceremony.

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POW/MIA Day

Jason Fontenot
Guest Reporter

Friday September 19, 2008 will be National POW/MIA Recognition Day. Arnold Air Society will be hosting a remembrance ceremony for the soldiers, airmen and sailors who were prisoners of war and missing in action. POW/MIA is a day dedicated to those people

who put their lives on the line everyday for our freedom and had become a prisoner of war (POW) or went missing in action (MIA). During this ceremony, Arnold Air Society cadets will be running across campus with the POW/MIA flag as a tribute to those prisoners of war and missing in action. Along with the running of the flag, Arnold Air Society will also be selling POW/MIA bracelets for \$15

each in the Student Center. The money received from the bracelets will be going towards the families of those prisoners of war and those missing in action. Come and help celebrate this remembrance event for all of those soldiers.

The Arnold Air Society will be selling POW/MIA bracelets for \$15 each Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Student Center.

Dr. Jim Ramsay accepts national award

Andrew Striker
Staff Reporter

Embry-Riddle's Homeland Security (HS) Program Coordinator Jim Ramsay recently accepted a national award from the American Society of Safety Engineers (ASSE).

The Outstanding Safety Educator Award is given only once a year to one educator who has made significant contributions to the safety profession.

The ASSE is the country's oldest and largest health and safety organization. It has an award structure to recognize those who have made outstanding contributions and efforts toward the safety and health fields. Every candidate for an award must be nominated by another safety professional. The selection process is done through a committee of peers who evaluate extensive works and accomplishments of the candidates. All in all, only the best and most impressive are

left standing.

Ramsay's efforts have also been felt on this campus, as he was just recently awarded a grant to further develop the Homeland Security Program here at Riddle. As many of the H.S. students know, there are many aspects of health and safety rolled into the curriculum, giving students a well-rounded education from one of the best the field has to offer. The program itself has grown from a mere two majors to over 100 in just a single year. Ramsay's efforts, along with the rest of his outstanding staff have made this into one of the few, and defiantly one of the largest, HS programs in the country.

For an even more impressive feat, another recent accomplishment shows this sleepless ERAU professor has not stopped his contributions to the Homeland Security field at Embry-Riddle. He recently accepted a position as the National Director of Accreditation for the

Homeland Security and Defense Consortium (HSDEC). This Consortium will set standards and maintain degree integrity for similar program throughout the nation.

Overall, the unsung accomplishments of Ramsay are something to be respected and his contributions to this campus will not go unnoticed.

Riddle installs new advanced broadcasting lab

Andrew Striker
Staff Reporter

Along with the many new additions to the Academic Complex is the new broadcast meteorology lab now located in the E-Building. This new lab will open numerous doors in the meteorology department, especially in the media area of concentration. Both the College of Aviation and College of Arts and Sciences will be making use of this new lab for many uses such as video editing and communications.

The lab itself consists of a television broadcasting and recording room, editing and control room, and connection classroom for observation and editing. The lab comput-

ers will be equipped state-of-the-art editing and video software. Advanced camera and recording equipment and well as portable recording units make this lab unlike any other Meteorology lab in the country. Though the lab has many possible uses, it will make Embry-Riddle the only Meteorology Department that not only includes broadcasting but editing and producing skills as well. This will set our students apart and give them a significant advantage over similar graduates, as these are essential skills in the field.

The College of Arts and Sciences will use the room for reporting, media, communications, and news casting type courses. These classes can provide invaluable skills and

experience to students in any major, and provide a shining resume item.

Currently in the works are talks with local news stations including Daytona State College and possibly even Riddle Vision to provide weather broadcasts and reports. Student reporters with high-tech camera and recording equipment will have little less than those seen on national weather channels.

Though the future uses for this lab have yet to be decided, the possibilities of skill building in producing, directing, editing, broadcasting, reporting, and news casting are endless. The demand for the lab's many uses in the future may even become more than it can handle

Health and Wellness Column

Feeling on top: Ways to start becoming healthier

As the term kicks into high gear with exams, homework, club meetings, on top of your shoulder do well can be suffo- feeling exhausted. over classes, coupled tensions from various can make your feel irritable. Solid advice to avoid these under- recognize the various distress and in need of we ourselves know of a few things that may make you groggy or irritable throughout the day, but some on this list may surprise:



James Willingham
Columnist

and jobs mounting ders, the pressure to focusing, and leave Sometimes, anxiety with other increasing aspects of your life constantly tired and should be heeded sired feelings. We all signs of a person in our help, but some- times we ourselves don't even realize that well. You probably know of a few things that may make you groggy or irritable throughout the day, but some on this list may surprise:

1. Not enough sleep (or too much, a distinct possibility!)
2. Excessive junk food intake (poor diet)
3. Eating a large meal prior to sleeping
4. Not enough exercise
5. Drinking alcohol before bed
6. Watching too much TV
7. Sitting idly for hours on end
8. Emotional situations, etc.

The best way to rejuvenate the body is to aim for a solid 7-7.5 hours of sleep each night. Many people have discovered this is the optimum range of sleep. Studies have shown that people are less likely to eat junk food containing high levels of sugar and fat if they can obtain sufficient shut eye. Also, consuming a diverse amount of foods can ensure that you get the appropriate amount of nutrients. If this really isn't feasible, than taking a multivitamin and mineral supplement may your best alternative. Avoid drinking the ubiquitous energy shots or sodas. These provide almost no nutritional value, and many times leave you feeling just as sapped as before, and to mention getting the "jitters" that accompany a huge caffeine intake. Splitting up classwork throughout the day is a great way to avoid pulling "allnighters" and allows you to get up, stretch, and get the blood flowing again. Alcohol consumption prior to bed may make you feel sleepier but acting as a depressive agent, alcohol only dulls the senses but can contribute to a variety of central nervous system (CNS) disorders that ultimately can wreak havoc on your system, your energy levels, and your ability to sleep. Well guys, hope this helps, stay tuned for next week on a special column devoted to the amazing wonder that is sleep.

Along with the incoming freshman class containing more than 1,000 students, came tropical storm Fay. In the week of August 18, students huddled through the heavy rain with carts and boxes and survived the postponed orientation.

From orientation to the activities fair, freshman have kept themselves busy. Freshman Taral Patel enjoys the residence life so far. "In Doolittle, something is always happening, people are always out in the hallways of my wing," Patel said. According to Patel, who drove down from Washington D.C., Fay made the first week a bit rough. "I had to stop at Atlanta, but when I came down I had everything under control."

Three weeks into school, freshman Eman Khan still thinks Embry-Riddle is different from her high-school. "Here guys obviously outnumber girls, but everyone gets along and people are nice and friendly," Khan said. "People are very inviting" Khan added.

Similarly, Freshman John Tiplady feels that the campus is always busy. "Nobody has cars so they all stay here, like not everyone goes back on weekends" Tiplady said.

So how is the new class of 2012 enjoying their meals? "The food is good here..it is not better than I expected but it's nice" Dean Dewar said. Although it may not live up to expectations, Dewar likes the atmosphere and how the cafeteria is always busy.

When not indulging in a meal or eating Chik-fil-A chicken nuggets, students are getting used to their routine of attending classes. "Classes are a nice size," Adam Szablowski said, "and the professors are outgoing." When asked to compare his high school classes with his current ones at ERAU, freshman Peter Ortiz feels they are as easy. "They aren't overly challenging for now, I think it's as easy as my high school classes," Ortiz said. Szablowski agrees, "It's easy as long as you keep studying,

and time management is crucial."

Time well spent or not, freshman are slowly getting accustomed to this new lifestyle in Daytona Beach. "It's too hot here! But it's a cool town" freshman Sam Rogne

and continuing to breathe in their dreams by being surrounded by everything that has to do with aviation. Whether it is too busy or too hot, the adventure is just beginning for the class of 2012.



PHOTO COURTESY PRIYANKA KUMAR

said. All the way from San Arbor, Michigan, Rogne has not got a chance to explore much of the town, but yet enjoys it.

With all too much too compliment, Daytona Beach has its downsides according to students. "The town has a horrible mall" freshman Michael McAdams said, "and the administration makes you pay for any and everything, like I had to pay ten cents for this microfilm viewer thing in the library!"

With the first month of school kicked in, students are soaking up the sun

FRESHMAN ACQUAINT THEMSELVES WITH SUNSHINE, & AVIATION

Priyanka Kumar
Guest Reporter

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“BRIEFS” from FRONT

new opportunities to students. The Chinese class interest meeting will be held Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. in the Doolittle Annex room 105. Interest meeting for the Spanish class will be on Thursday in the same room. Please RSVP to carmo192@erau.edu as space will be limited.

Co-op/ Internship Presentations

Career Services will be hold-

ing their semesterly presentations on co-op and internship opportunities. Information will be provided on the process and eligibility requirements as well as application deadlines and details on the EagleHire Network. The presentations will be held according to the student degree program. Sept. 16- A-109, 5 p.m. Engineering and Computer degrees
Sept. 17- A-107, 5 p.m. Aeronautical Science and Maintenance degrees
Sept. 18- A-109, 5 p.m. All other majors, students who could not attend their session
For more information please

visit www.erau.edu/career or visit Career Services in the new office, C Building Room 408.

New Safe Ride Cards

The new safe ride cards have arrived. If you are new to the program, and have already signed up, cards are ready to be picked up at the SGA Office. Students who already have a safe ride cards should look for replacements in their mail. Old cards expire September 30th.

Cross country teams claim FIT Invitational crowns

Alison Smalling
ERAU Press Release

The Embry-Riddle men's and women's cross country teams each claimed their respective team titles at the Florida Tech Invitational on Saturday. The women finished with 33 points en route to their third straight FIT Invitational crown, while the men, who have won the team title in each of their appearances at the FIT Invitational since 2002, scored 46 points.

The women placed six harriers in the top 10 and all six

posted sub-20-minute times, marking only the second time in program history that all the Eagles' points scorers ran faster than 20 minutes.

Leading the way for the Blue and Gold was freshman Kasey Kluge who became only fourth Embry-Riddle woman to go under 19 minutes. She was fourth overall in 18:58, just ahead of junior Alex Salinas who was fifth in 19:00. Flo Silva was seventh in 19:23 and she was followed by Beth McCubbin (8th, 19:26), Lori Costello (9th 19:29) and Erika Langhauser (10th, 19:49).

Sophomore Sam Vazquez paced the Embry-Riddle men, crossing the line first in an ERAU record time of 25:21. Junior Nick Gehlsen bettered his personal best time from a year ago and also ran faster than the previous Embry-Riddle best of 25:39.40 (Jack McAfee, 2005), taking third place overall in 25:24.

Henry Melius was ninth overall in 26:08, while Alex Frazier (27:10) and Greg Leonard (27:16) rounded out the Eagles' top five, finishing 16th and 17th, respectively.

"I thought both teams ran real-

ly well today," Embry-Riddle head coach Mike Rosolino said. "Both races were indicative of the kind of condition we're in."

"The guys ran well without two of our top runners (Stuart Patterson and Russell Snyder) and the women ran by far the best race I think we've ever had."

Both teams return to action on Sept. 20 when they host the Embry-Riddle Cross Country Classic presented by Asics. The men will start things off at 7:15 a.m. followed by the women's college race at 7:55 a.m.

Men's soccer ties Sharks



CAPTAIN RYAN WOODS PASSES the ball off during Saturday night's game. The Eagles fought to a 1-1 tie in double overtime in front of a "beached out" crowd in their home opener.

TIM KRAMER/AVION

Volleyball loses ... but bounces back

Eagles' winning streak ends

NaDean Schroeder
Guest Reporter

Embry-Riddle's hopes of a perfect season came to an end on Friday as the Webber International Warriors topped the Eagles in three sets in the conference opener for both teams (25-20, 25-20, 25-17).

The Eagles had a tough time gathering momentum in a packed WIU gym as the home team took advantage of their location and rowdy fans. The Warriors out hit the Eagles, marking 41 kills to the Eagles' 37, hitting .298 to ERAU's .139. Webber International's major strength against the Eagles was its defense as they picked up 48 of ERAU's attacks.

Marissa Gonzales had 31 assists in the match and added three kills and three digs. Alana Martinez led the Eagles with 13 kills.

NaDean Schroeder
Guest Reporter

The Eagles' volleyball team (10-1, 1-1 conf.) picked up its tenth win of the season on Saturday against the Warner Southern Royals (5-5, 1-1 conf.), completing their six-game road-stand, during which ERAU went 5-1. Embry-Riddle topped Warner Southern in three sets (25-17, 25-12, 25-13).

ERAU came out firing as they hit .344 in the game, completing the kill on 43 of their

93 hitting attempts. Abby Hall led the attack for the Eagles, marking 14 kills in the match. She also had four aces and 12 digs. Alana Martinez and Corey Dobridnia followed from the middle blocker position with 8 kills each.

Martinez tallied four block assists in the game as Dobridnia marked two. Senior Marissa Gonzales tallied 37 assists in the match.

The Blue and Gold will host St. Thomas and Florida Memorial on Friday, Sept. 19 and Saturday the 20th, respectively.

Upcoming Sporting Events

Men's Cross Country

Saturday, Sept. 20 Eagles Classic
Daytona Beach, FL 8 a.m.

Men's Soccer

Friday, Sept. 19 vs. Mobile
Mobile, AL 7 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 20 vs. Auburn-Montgomery
Mobile, AL 5 p.m.

Men's Tennis

Friday, Sept. 19 - Sunday, Sept. 21 ERAU Open
Daytona Beach, FL All Day

Volleyball

Friday, Sept. 19 vs. Florida Memorial
Daytona Beach, FL 7 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 20 vs. St. Thomas
Daytona Beach, FL 2 p.m.

Women's Golf

Monday, Sept. 22 - Tuesday, Sept. 23 Falcon Inv.
Ponte Vedra, FL TBA

Women's Cross Country

Saturday, Sept. 20 Eagles Classic
Daytona Beach, FL 8 a.m.

Women's Soccer

Friday, Sept. 19 vs. Berry
Mt. Berry, GA 4 p.m.
Sunday, Sept. 21 vs. Shorter
Rome, GA 1 p.m.

Women's Tennis

Friday, Sept. 19 - Sunday, Sept. 21 ERAU Open
Daytona Beach, FL All Day

NCAA D-1 FOOTBALL

WEEK 2 SCORES

(1) U-S-C	35	(5) Ohio State	3
(2) GEORGIA	14	South Carolina	7
(3) OKLAHOMA	55	Washington	14
(4) Florida		OFF WEEK	
(5) Ohio State	3	(1) U-S-C	35
(6) MISSOURI	69	Nevada	17
(7) L-S-U	41	North Texas	3
(8) Texas		Arkansas	POSTPONED
(9) AUBURN	3	Mississippi State	2
(10) WISCONSIN	13	(21) Fresno State	10
(11) ALABAMA	41	Western Kentucky	7
(12) TEXAS TECH	43	S-M-U	7
(13) Kansas	34	(19) SOUTH FLORIDA	37
(14) EAST CAROLINA	28	Tulane	24
(15) Arizona State	20	U-N-L-V	23
(16) OREGON	32	Purdue	26
(17) PENN STATE	55	Syracuse	13
(18) B-Y-U	59	U-C-L-A	0
(19) SOUTH FLORIDA	37	(13) Kansas	34
(20) Wake Forest		OFF WEEK	
(21) Fresno State	10	(10) WISCONSIN	13
(22) UTAH	58	Utah State	10
(23) California	27	MARYLAND	35
(24) ILLINOIS	20	UL Lafayette	17
(25) West Virginia		OFF WEEK	

WEEK 3 SCHEDULE

(1) U-S-C		OFF WEEK
(2) Georgia	at	(15) Arizona State
(3) Oklahoma		OFF WEEK
(4) Florida	at	Tennessee
(5) Ohio State	vs.	Troy
(6) Missouri	vs.	Buffalo
(7) L-S-U	at	(9) Auburn
(8) Texas	vs.	Rice
(9) Auburn	vs.	(7) L-S-U
(10) Wisconsin		OFF WEEK
(11) Alabama	at	Arkansas
(12) Texas Tech	vs.	Massachusetts
(13) Kansas	vs.	Sam Houston State
(14) East Carolina	at	North Carolina State
(15) Arizona State	vs.	(2) Georgia
(16) Oregon	vs.	Boise State
(17) Penn State	vs.	Temple
(18) B-Y-U	vs.	Wyoming
(19) South Florida	at	Florida International
(20) Wake Forest	at	Florida State
(21) Fresno State	at	Toledo
(22) Utah	at	Air Force
(23) California		OFF WEEK
(24) Illinois		OFF WEEK
(25) West Virginia	at	Colorado

Help fight injustice with the hunger banquet

Darrell Flesher

Catholic Student Union

Have you ever wondered what it was like to live in poverty? "Every day 25,000 people (one every three seconds) die of hunger or hunger-related causes," according to the United Nations. Poverty is a growing crisis around the world and an issue that needs to be addressed. This year, the Catholic Student Union at Embry-Riddle is sponsoring a hunger banquet. A hunger banquet is a dinner in which participants will eat a meal, which could be a steak dinner, and will participate in a

workshop following the meal. The event will raise awareness of the plight of world hunger and solidarity for the poor around the world. Donations to stop world hunger will be accepted before and after the hunger banquet.

During the banquet, name tags will be randomly distributed to participants representing the world's economics status. Ten percent of those present will represent the "Industrialized World." Thirty percent of those present will represent the "Developed World." The remaining sixty percent of those present will represent the "Developing World." Each sec-

tion will receive food representative of the classification assigned. A guest speaker will address the issues of world hunger and ideas for taking action against this menace. The event will conclude with a silent time for reflection and discussion in small groups of lessons learned and ideas for action.

Tickets for the Hunger Banquet will be sold for only one dollar inside the Student Center Cafeteria (UC) from Sept. 22 through Sept. 26 between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Also, Tickets may be purchased after Sunday Catholic mass at 7 p.m. at the Interfaith Chapel beginning Sept. 21. The hun-

ger banquet will be held in the landing strip, adjacent to the student center (UC), on Oct. 8 at 6 p.m. The event is open to all faculty, staff, and students. Proceeds from ticket sales and donations will go to Catholic Relief Services, a charity that is a major combatant of world hunger. Please join us in the fight against world hunger!

Donations are currently being accepted and all proceeds will be given to Catholic Relief Services to help combat world hunger. If you have any questions about the hunger banquet or would like more information please contact Darrell at flesherd@erau.edu.

Successful ΣΑΕ rush

Will Gons

Sigma Alpha Epsilon

Congratulations to everybody for a successful rush week. This semester Greeks in general got recruits who previously wanted nothing to do with fraternities. It is good to get a wide variety of people into your Sorority or Fraternity, to help keep the chapter strong. We had a successful rush and gave out 14 bids to a very determined and focused group of men.

In ΣΑΕ news to celebrate rush week we had an all day beach bash and a "Summer Extension Party" at McK's bar and grill.

At the beach bash we had live music and catered food. The hit band featured Steve the Pirate on the Drum set, whose dedication and daily practice finally paid well. Later at



McK's, most of the freshman class showed up to the party, making it a great success. There were many fun bar games going on such as darts, and ping pong type activities. Come out to our next party this Sunday at Tomoka Farms.

PIKE welcomes pledge class of 32

Grant Robarts

Pi Kappa Alpha

Pi Kappa Alpha is proud to announce its Theta pledge class of 32 men. For the past eight months, the entire chapter has put forth a great effort towards recruiting outstanding men here at Embry-Riddle. All the brothers are looking forward to getting to know every single new associate member, who were all pinned in this past Friday. Jameson Zuk, Recruitment Chair, devoted every hour of the day for the past several weeks to interviewing, phone calling, and emailing for this

semester's rush. His hard work has been a blessing to the chapter and has an abundance of appreciation from every brother in the chapter.

CONGRATULATIONS to Cody Dumont, Gregg Hill, Brad Van Den Handel, Matt Rau, Brandon Marsella, Brandon Burt, Clinton Carter, Andrew Bellini, Justin Elixson, Drew



Lytle, Mark Caldonato, Mike Huber, Chris Kennedy, Simon Norwalk, Mark Stankevych, Edsel Robinson, Brandon Young, Taylor Dicorcia, Peter Aguero, Drew Cosler, Joe Rood, Benton Wilmes, Eddy Rivera, Mugilan Joorindanjn, Daniel Blake, Eric Grant, Tim Martin, PJ Dailey, Tunji Adeyinka, Kam Hassan, and Zach Hollifield.

Look forward to a semester you will never forget, and realize the amount of close friends you will develop in the next few months. Pi Kappa Alpha looks forward to teaching you about the fraternity and to be a better scholar, leader, athlete, and gentleman.

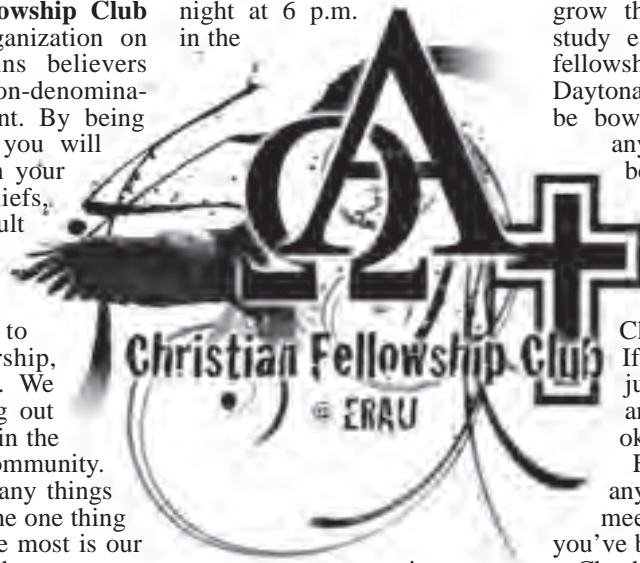
CFC wants you today!

Casey Johnson

Christian Fellowship Club

Christian Fellowship Club (CFC) is an organization on campus that joins believers together in a non-denominational environment. By being a part of CFC, you will grow, not only in your religion and beliefs, but also as an adult and a college student. We join together every Saturday night to fellowship, worship, and to have fun. We also enjoy getting out and volunteering in the Daytona Beach community. All of us have many things in common, but the one thing that stands out the most is our desire to seek God. We have a lot of great events planned this year including a celebration of our 30th anni-

versary as a club at Embry-Riddle, a broomball night, beach BBQs, and a pool party. We meet every Saturday night at 6 p.m. in the



lowship club, connecting fellow believers on campus and helping students to find a good church home where they can grow their faith. After Bible study each week, we plan a fellowship event out into the Daytona Beach area. This could be bowling, mini golfing, or anything else the members would like to do. This is a great way for students to get to experience all that Daytona has to offer in a safe Christian environment. If you would prefer to just come to worship and Bible study, that's ok too!

Feel free to stop by to any of our Saturday night meetings and find what you've been looking for. Check out our website: <http://clubs.db.erau.edu/dbcfc/> Email us for more information: dbcfc@erau.edu

Congrats Alpha Rho!

Natalie Felia

Theta Phi Alpha

Congratulations to all the lovely ladies who received bids this past weekend! Theta Phi Alpha is so excited about getting to know each girl while teaching them more about the sorority and bonds of sisterhood. The Alpha Rho pledge is going to be awesome!

The past week was a great opportunity for girls to get introduced to the world of ΘΦΑ. The sisters were super energized with excitement on Monday with the chance to meet new girls, and had a lot of fun during the course of the afternoon. Tuesday was

amazing as well with Theta Phi hosting a "Fall Sports" philanthropy party. Squares of cloth and decorative tools were laid out and each girl was encouraged to design as many as they wanted. Then each individu-



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ally the "Spring Break" party for Theta Phi Alpha. Due to rain it had to be moved inside but that didn't stop the sisters from going crazy and having fun! A pool was brought in and filled, "mocktails" were made and an intense game of limbo ensued in which many girls proved their flexibility, while others managed to dazzle with their falls. The party went by fast leaving all the girls wanting to stay and enjoy more.

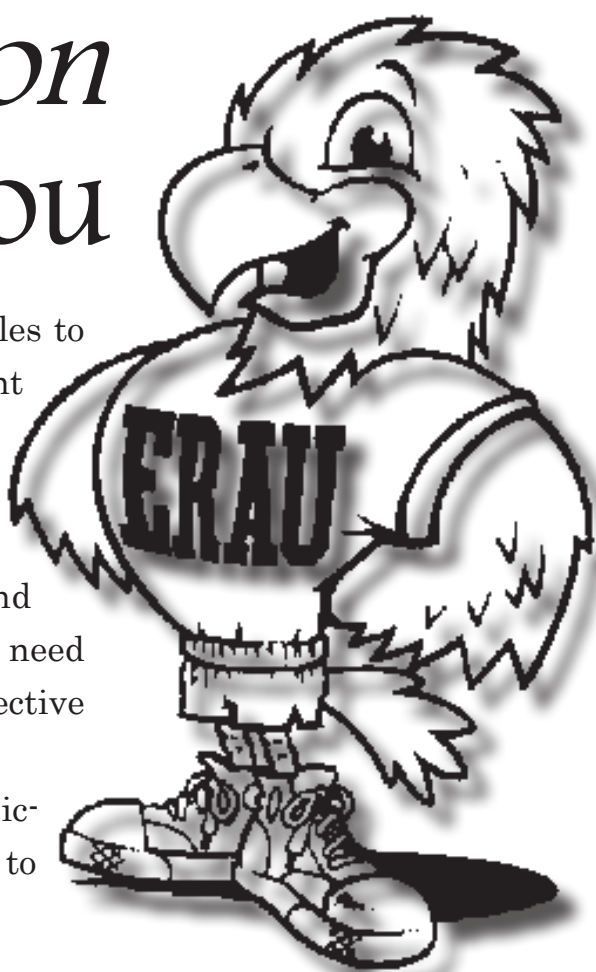
Even if you missed out on this past week's events there is still plenty of time to meet the ladies of ΘΦΑ! You can find one of the many sisters around on campus and ask them about our many events coming up and ways to get involved!

al square is sewn together to make a giant, colorful quilt that will be given to the Sterling Nursing Home. Wednesday was

The Avion wants you

to submit your club articles to be published on the Student Life page for the whole student body to see. This page is dedicated to events, news, announcements and any other tidbits you may need to inform current or prospective members about.

Submit articles and/or pictures by Friday at 5 p.m. to theavion@gmail.com



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Stand Up!

The crusade against the federal earmark

Continuing on with the general theme of issues that really do not matter in this election cycle, we turn to an issue both candidates (though more militantly John McCain) have cited as being a major drag on the American government, earmarks.

Now, what is an earmark you say? Well in reality federal earmarks represent a way for many state level organizations to obtain federal funds by going through their Representative or Senator. In the 2008 Federal budget, earmarks accounted for \$16 billion of the nearly \$3 trillion allocated. Now, I am sure anyone would like to have \$16 billion, but in relation to the rest of the bloated budget, it is mere pittance.

Sen. McCain on multiple occasions in the past weeks has come out to say that he would veto any "pork barrel legislation that comes across his desk" and that we will know the names of the people who dastardly requested those funds. Don't get me wrong, not all earmarks are deserved, nor are all of them reported properly, but a good many of them go to scientific research, community projects and other helpful causes.

In fact, our humble school, ERAU, received \$1.96 million this year, through an earmark sponsored by Sen. Bill Nelson and Rep. John Mica, for ADS-B research. Now, if someone would like to argue that funding for research to find a solution to

our aging ATC system should not be funded, please write in and let us know. Also, through the Consortium for General Aviation Research and other ventures, ERAU, has also received many millions of dollars in government funds, all of which going to research.

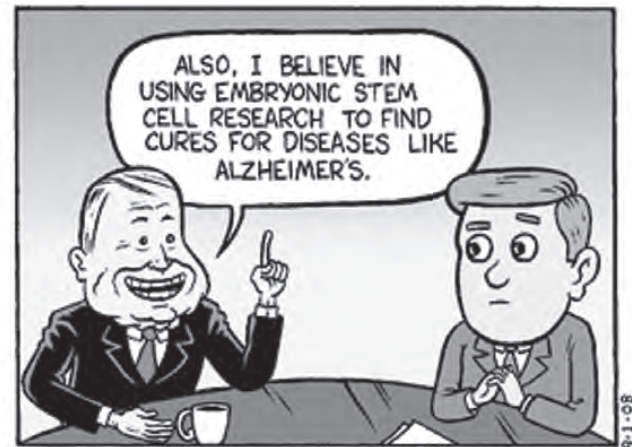
Congress is also aware of the issue with earmarks already. That is why in 2006 both houses passed the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act, a bill both McCain and Obama sponsored. That bill, while not water tight, would require all earmarks, their recipients, and who requested them, to be logged in a database maintained by the Office of Management and Budget.

With these ground rules already in place, doesn't it seem odd that Sen. McCain is making such a big deal about something that takes up less than 1% of the total federal budget? In fact you could see the evident lack of clarity in Gov. Sarah Palin's interview on ABC Friday. During the interview the issue went back and forth between all earmarks being bad, then only some are bad, but apparently not the ones she requests for her state.

Basically it comes down to this, earmarks, for the most part go to things most people would consider worthwhile. A few things could be done to make them more transparent, but on the list of things that really need attention this election they fall well behind the economy, healthcare, and energy.



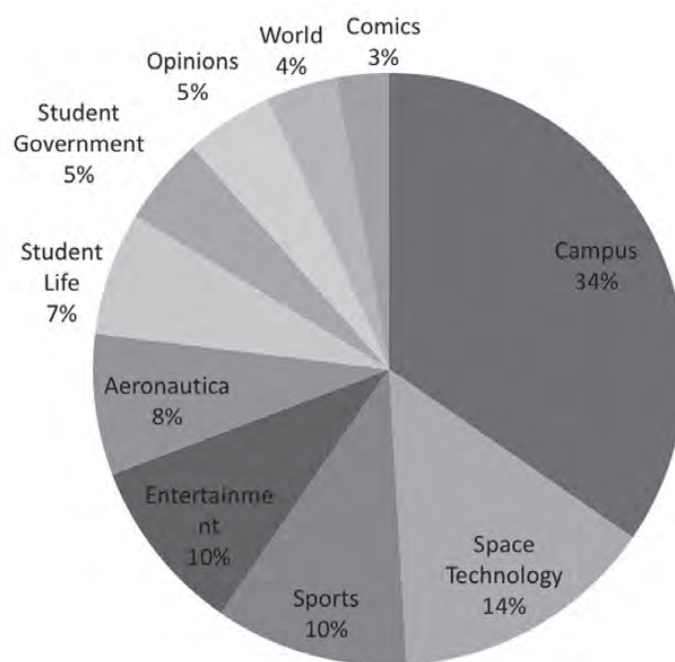
Chris Tezak
Columnist



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AMY TREUTEL/AVION

Career services proves to be an excellent on-campus resource for many students

In regards to the article written in last weeks Avion deliberately bashing our campus career service department I have a few things I would like to say. First, I would like to comment on the barrage of negative remarks written by one of our fellow students here at ERAU. As a senior you are only a few short months from entering into the "real world," a world where you are actually going to have to do things for yourself and cannot expect other people to tell you how to do everything. I would have assumed that since you did a "no small time co-op...with a NASA contractor" you would have realized how the real world works; maybe that says something about you and or your big time co-op.

Now let me stand up for our career services department here

on campus, which you, in no short fashion of a coward, sat back and took low blows at for your own mistakes. Since it was the statement of "some way to treat someone who pays your salary," in regards to the people working in career services that both angered and disgusted me and I'm sure countless others on this campus; I would personally like to apologize to the people in career services for your selfish, arrogant and most disrespectful comment. While it is inarguable that your tuition dollars in some form or fashion make there way into the paychecks of employees here at ERAU what part of career SERVICES do you not get? This is not a department that has to be on campus it is a SERVICE to better the chances of our students getting involved with and learning about the

industries that they aspire to be apart of after graduation.

For you to pass the blame of incomplete paper work or confusion about your internship to the people working in career services is unfathomable in my mind. Take some initiative and make sure that your paperwork is in order, if you don't know something or are confused, how about asking some questions. I really have to ask how important a co-op was to you, when one, you are more concerned about getting course credit for the co-op and two, you can't put on hold "other commitments" to make sure your paper work and questions were squared away after the signing meeting.

Now I could continue picking apart how ridiculous your article is, but instead I will provide the readers of this paper another

view on the co-op/internship experience. This summer I interned with American Airlines in Dallas, TX. I am also beginning my senior year here at ERAU and this was my first internship experience. The process of setting up an account online, applying for, being interviewed, and successfully selected for an internship can seem a lengthy process, but the people in career services are willing to help you through every step if you have a problem. With that said you couldn't wait until the last minute to go over to career services and expect them to get you an internship, that's just not how it works. For my summer internship, which started in May, I began paper work in January and had secured my internship with American by March, nowhere near final exams when

the writer of last weeks article claimed.

From learning how operations at a major air carrier function, receiving simulator time in a 737-8, visiting the Boeing production facility in Everett, WA, receiving high altitude training in Oklahoma City, having the opportunity to present a research project to two separate groups of American Airlines Chief pilots (and receiving a phone call just this week to come back out to Dallas and give another presentation in October), visiting our maintenance base and being able to get hands on time with pieces of the aircraft you never even get the chance to see, and getting the opportunity to travel to over 26 states, Puerto Rico and London in a summer and much more, is worth any and all work you have to put into getting an

internship. Oh, I should also mention that getting credit for the internship was not a big deal, I actually didn't even want credit but American wanted it to be officially through the school and so I applied and received internship scholarship money to defray the cost of the credit hours.

This summer's internship was invaluable to the development of my understanding and perception of the airline industry. In such a volatile market I implore every student to take advantage of career services and seek an opportunity with a company during their time at ERAU. Career Services has moved and is located in the C building now and if you have not taken the time to see what they can do to help your future out I suggest you do it soon.

~Jacob Velky

STUDENT FORUM

"If you could change one thing about this campus, what would it be?"

- Compiled by Hannah Brown



Darrell Flesher
Sophomore
Aerospace
Engineering

"Parking."



Destin Koehler
Sophomore
Aerospace
Engineering

"Better food in the all-you-can-eat buffet."



Roshan Gunawardhana
Freshman
Aero. Engineering

"Build new dorms. Make them all like Apollo."



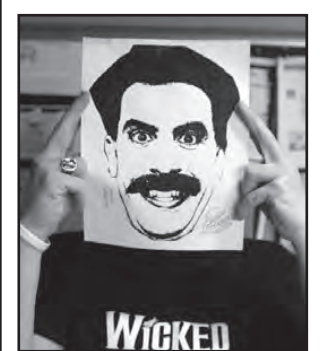
Jack Wong
Senior
Aerospace
Engineering

"Lower tuition. Better financial aide."



Dan Caballe
Junior
Homeland Security

"More scholarships."



Joey Jaworski
Junior
Air Traffic
Management

"Officer 512. Enough said."

China to launch third manned mission

Crystal Oakes
Guest Reporter

The Chinese National Space Agency, (CNSA), is planning on launching its third manned space flight, Shenzhou 7, sometime between September 25th and 30th from Jiuquan Satellite Launch Center in the country's north-western Gansu province. Previous reports from the state's media however, hinted that the launch could also occur during China's National Day Holiday in early October. Moreover, this new mission will be more technically demanding than ever before, carrying a three man crew into orbit lasting up to five days.

The Shenzhou spacecraft closely resembles the Russian Soyuz capsules, but is substantially larger, equipped with its own propulsion for autonomous flight. Engineers of the Long-March II-F rocket have also modified the frequency of its engine and the electric circuit of the rocket due to complaints of physical discomfort experienced by China's astronauts. In addition, the improved Long-March II-F rocket will launch these three unidentified "yuhangyuan" (astronauts) along with a small satellite and two types of space suits: one Chinese made and the other Russian.



Speculating on China's choice, spaceflight analyst Dr. Morris Jones commented, "they might not be ready or willing to fly a mission exclusively with its own suits." These suits will probably be compared for efficiency as there will be a space walk carried out by one yuhangyuan while the other two monitor the activity and assist in case of an emergency.

Before 2003, only the former Soviet Union and the United States had placed both satellites and people in space. In that year, China launched its first manned mission (Shenzhou 5), reportedly placing Yang Liwei into orbit for 21 hours. This made China the third nation to launch a human into space. It followed up in 2005 with a second manned mission (Shenzhou 6) carrying two "taikonauts" in low-Earth orbit before touching down in their capsule on the grasslands of Inner Mongolia. Moreover, China will broadcast this mission live with cameras on the inside and outside of the spacecraft. In 1995, however, the government had stopped broadcasting even its satellite launches

after a rocket blew up less than two minutes after lift-off, killing six people on the ground.

According to the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency, China's governmental budget was in the range of \$161 billion compared to Russia's \$45 billion. Robert Park, a physicist and science policy watchdog at the University of Maryland, stated that "...in order to compete in human space flight, China will have to shift energy and resources from its military adventures to Taikonauts." The International Space Station (ISS) is a prime example of



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THE CURRENT PLAN FOR Chinese manned space missions is to construct several small space stations. No lunar expeditions have been planned.

what countries can do in a joint venture. In 2006, Buzz Aldrin, part of the Apollo 11 lunar expedition crew, said that "the U.S. could engage the Chinese in supplying the Shenzhou, instead of the Russian Soyuz

spacecraft, as a lifeboat for the ISS." As China progresses towards undertaking human space programs, this is likely to have a major impact on its space relations with NASA, ESA and RSA.

UPCOMING CAPE LAUNCHES

Oct. 10
STS-125 Atlantis
Hubble Servicing
Launch Time: 12:43
a.m.

Oct. 31
Delta IV Heavy
Classified NRO
Launch Time: TBA

Nov. 7
Delta II
Next GPS Satellite
Launch Time: TBD

Nov. 12
STS-126 Endeavour
ISS Flight
Launch Time: 8:43
p.m.



Shuttle may be extended

Andrew Zaback
Space Tech. Editor

High ranking NASA officials are in the process of figuring out how to extend the shuttle program. Due to rising tensions in United States - Russia relations, the two plans to transport American astronauts and payloads have become less likely to occur without major conflicts.

The original plan NASA formulated to keep Americans in space was to ride as passengers in Russia's autonomous spacecraft, the Soyuz. A secondary plan developed by NASA officials would be to actually buy Russian launch vehicles and capsules to launch themselves. This would mean that NASA would launch its own astronauts from the United States using Russian equipment. Predictions for the

plans to be successful drastically dropped throughout the Russian invasion of Georgia.

Senator Bill Nelson of Orlando is slated to have a meeting with NASA Administrator



Mike Griffin this week to discuss the possibility of extending the shuttle. Nelson believes that lawmakers are not likely to make an exemption of INKSNA,

or Iran North Korea Syria Non-Proliferation Act, which would allow for the purchasing of Russian equipment.

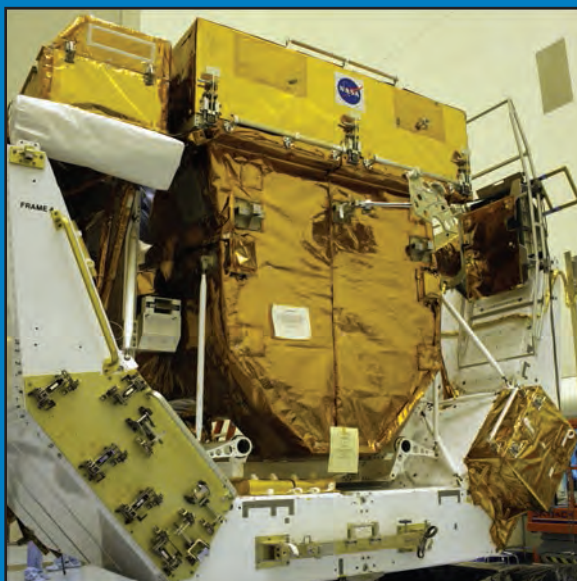
Nelson, although doubtful, will push the Senate Foreign Relations Committee to pass the resolution, but still believes NASA needs a backup plan.

In a statement to Congress, the NASA Administrator wants the extension to be passed so the shuttle can be retired on time in 2010. If the bill is not passed but the shuttle is still retired, all other parties involved in building and operating the ISS will have to abandon the floating science lab. Other space agencies in Europe, Japan and Canada depend on the United States to transport their astronauts and payloads to the station. If the U.S. has no manned launch vehicles, the ISS will become a solely Russian outpost.

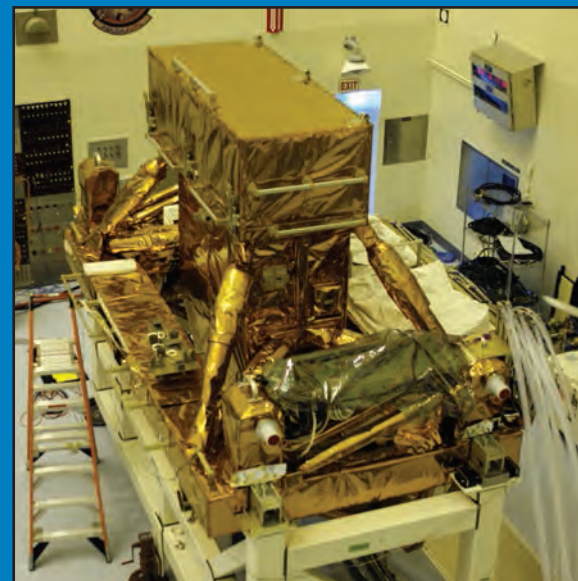
STS-125: HUBBLE SERVICING MISSION 4

Currently slated for launch at 43 past midnight on October 10th, STS-125 will be the final servicing mission to the Hubble Space Telescope. The launch will light up the sky, providing an unforgettable sight for the residents of central Florida.

STS-125 marks the 124th shuttle flight since the birth of the Space Transportation System. It will also mark flight 30 for Orbiter Atlantis.



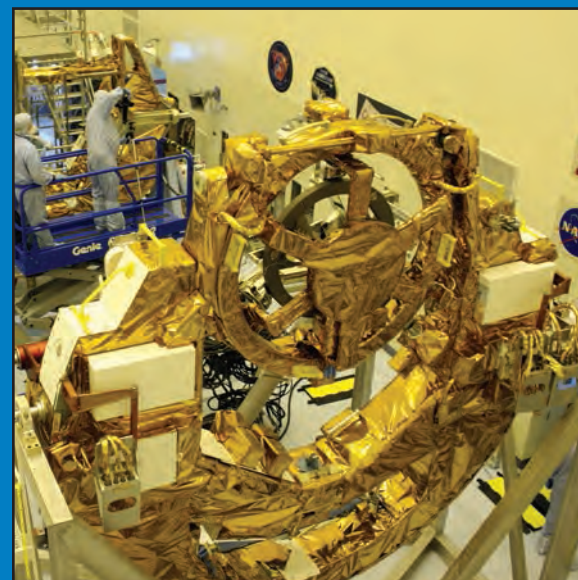
Top Left: Orbital Replacement Unit Carrier (ORUC). On this carrier is the Fine Guidance system which has been refurbished from a past service mission.



Top Right: the Super Light weight Interchangeable Carrier (SLIC). Stored on here will be the new batteries and the brand new Wide Field View camera 3.

Lower Right: Flight Support Structure (FSS). The main component stowed on this structure is the soft capture mechanism.

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STS-125 will be the first time that Launch Pad 39A and 39B will be occupied with space shuttles at the same time since 2001. Labeled as STS-400, the second shuttle, Endeavour, is prepared for a rescue mission should anything happen to Atlantis during orbit. It will remain as STS-400 until Atlantis safely returns to earth.

After the completion of STS-125, Endeavour will be rolled to Pad 39A and relabeled as STS-126. It will fly a service mission to the International Space Station. Endeavour is slated to blast off from KSC November 12 at 8:43 p.m.

Russian 737 crash

Omid Eshaghi
Aeronautica Editor

After 3 a.m. September 14th, Moscow local time, Aeroflot went into a shock. A 737-500 crashed while approaching the Permian's airport. The plane was completely destroyed and all 88 passengers onboard perished.

Russia's Channel One announced that the dispatcher who was on duty said that the pilot failed to hold the altitude and the heading. The inadequate behaviors of the pilot made him ask the pilot if everything was normal, the pilot simply returned: "Yes, I confirm." Soon after confirmation, the dispatcher saw bright glowing lights from Aral Mountain.

The 15-year-old plane had reported no problems since the last inspection at the beginning

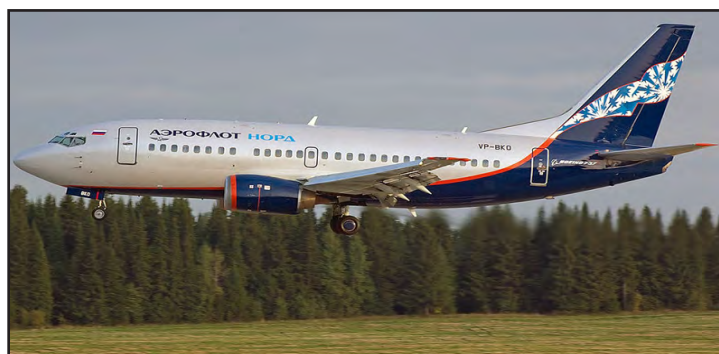


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A BOEING 737-500 (ABOVE) crashed on approach to Perm, Russia. The plane was en-route from Moscow and had 88 passenger onboard. There were no survivors. Engine failure might be the cause of the crash.

of 2008, said Aeroflot deputy director Lev Koshlyakov. The plane was shredded into small pieces. Although the crash inspectors are not 100% sure of the cause of the plane crash, Russian crash investigators announced that engine failure/fire on the right engine was the

cause. Witnesses noted that the plane was like a flying fireball. A family who lives near the crash site also told Russia's Channel One that the impact of the crash was tremendous. One mother mentioned that her terrified crying daughter thought a war had started.

Boeing workers on strike

Matt Smith
Staff Reporter

After failed attempts of negotiation between union leadership and Boeing company officials last week, Boeing's assembly workers went out on strike for the second time in three years. The International Association of Machinists, which is comprised of 27,000 workers, voted over 80% in favor to reject Boeing's latest contract and go on strike. According to the union, the main issue is the outsourcing of work to other companies. Mark Blondin, chief negotiator for the union, said, "It's a big deal here. We call it job security." The union is worried that Boeing may continue to outsource more and more work from the main assembly plants near Seattle, Washington. According to Dan Cornfield, a labor expert and professor of sociology at Vanderbilt University told MSNBC that "It's the water-

ing down of job security. This is the new battleground for the American dream." The International Association of Machinists at Boeing hope they be able to persuade the company that they can do the same work as the third parties and at cheaper prices.

According to Boeing, the strike is expected to last a month or more. "Right now we're sort of in a cooling-off period," said Boeing Chief Financial Officer James Bell. The last time the International Association of Machinists walked off the job in 2005, the strike lasted 24 days. Boeing says that if the strike lasts as long or longer this time it will have a greater impact on the company because the production rates today are 50% higher than they were in 2005.

Boeing has also leaked that the union strike will further delay the 787 program. They state that for every day the workers are on strike, the 787 will be another day late. The

2005 strike caused twenty one airplanes to be delivered late to their respective carriers and numerous carriers have already expressed their concern for the possibility of delays this time around. Ireland's Ryanair has said that they will delay the opening of eleven new routes due to the delay of two 737-800s they currently have on order. Japan Airlines has also expressed their concern over the possibility of the 787 being further delayed.

Airbus this week has released a new, more powerful, version of the popular A330. Airbus hopes to steal away Boeing customers that have given up waiting for the massively delayed 787. Unless Boeing increases production to a second 787 line once the strike is over, customers that order a 787 Dreamliner now could face a delivery date near 2020. Airbus hopes they can offer a competitive A330 with a delivery date much sooner than Boeing's.

Aircraft of the Week

Ilyushin 96

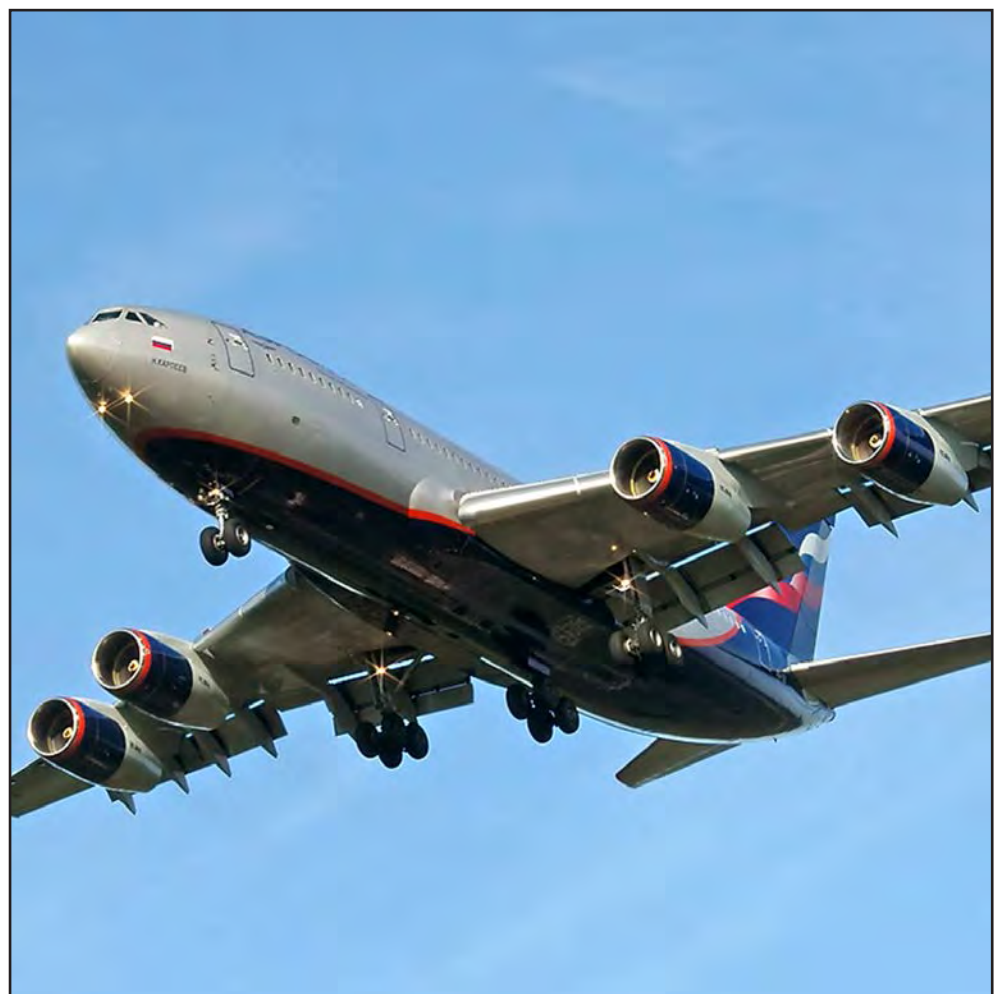


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Factoid

- Manufacturer:** Ilyushin
- Cruise speed:** Mach .83
- Airline:** Aeroflot, Domodedovo, Cubana, Rossiya
- Top Speed:** Mach .86
- Range:** II-96-300: 11,000 km (5,939 nm)
II-96M: 12,800 km (6,907 nm)
- Number of passengers:** Up to 300

THE II-96 LONG RANGE wide body was introduced on December 29, 1992. It went into production in 1993, however, only 28 of them were made. II-96 is basically the shortened version of II-86, which is a medium range wide body. It comes in two models, 300 and M. II-96 was made to compete with Boeing's 777 and Airbus A340 and A330.



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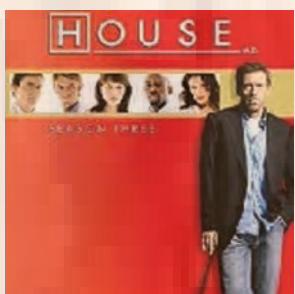
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on FOX



Heroes
Monday Sept. 22 at 9 p.m.
on NBC



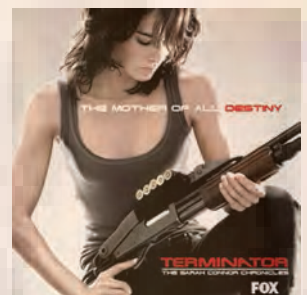
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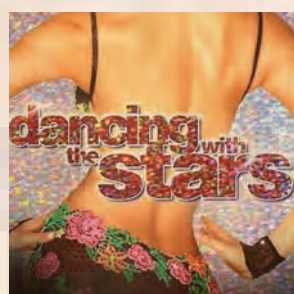
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Terminator: Sarah Connor Chronicles
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Desperate Housewives
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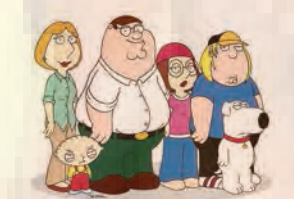
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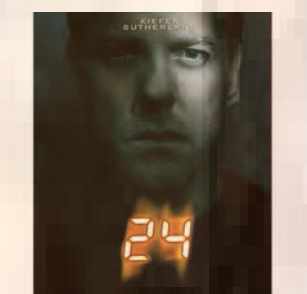
IT'S ALWAYS SUNNY IN PHILADELPHIA
Thursday Sept 18 at 10 p.m.
on FX



Americas Next Top Model
Wednesdays at 8 p.m.
on The CW



Family Guy
Monday Sept 28 at 9 p.m.
on FOX



24: Exiled
Sunday Nov 23 at 8 p.m.
on FOX

Underoath: More than just screaming



John W Smith III

News Editor

Lost in the Sound of Separation



What Alternative Press magazine describes as “the closest thing to being in a forest fire without dying,” Underoath’s new album *Lost in the Sound of Separation* is a tactile sensation to your ears. In their 4th studio release, the six guys from Tampa that represent the Christian faith to its fullest extent have yet again successfully combined a prog-rock/hardcore/screamo/melodic record that somehow

seemed to land in the top ten on the billboard charts.

When asked to describe the album in three words, guitarist Tim McTague says, “heavy, ambient, layered”; ambient in a heavy metal album, only from Underoath. Priding themselves on being heavy and experimental, they’ve found a home on both Tooth & Nail and Solid State records and since making their final member change in 2004 with lead vocalist Spencer Chamberlain, all of their studio releases have gone platinum. Working with previous producers of *Define the Great Line* Adam Dee and Matt Goldman, keyboardist, Chris Dudley says, “It is great working with them because they are so laid back and the atmosphere is great.”

The album itself has eleven tracks, each one with its own personality. Although the album doesn’t flow together quite like *Define the Great Line* does, it is evident they spent a lot more time personalizing each track. If their two previous albums *Define the Great Line* and *They’re Only Chasing Safety*, had a kid it would be this new album. It has heavy tracks like “The Only Survivor” was Miraculously Unharm’d”

and purely instrumental tracks like “Desolate Earth :: The End is Here” both of which have ground-breaking combinations of drum beats, bass-lines, guitar extracts, and piano elements that I’m sure would make Elton John proud. Without a doubt, it is the easiest Underoath album to listen to because it is hard to predict what’s next. Drummer and vocalist Aaron Gillespie does an incredible job of vocalizing harmonies with the music and simultaneously producing drumbeats that make your heart want to skip a beat. It is always more than just screaming with Underoath and songs like “A Fault Line, a Fault of Mine” and the first single off the album “Desperate Times Desperate Measures” proves just that.

Aaron, Tim, Spencer, James, Chris, and Grant should be extremely proud of the album because even if you only listen to one song, you’ll be pleased. The only question is how well they’ll be able to perform all of these songs live; we’ll see on their headlining U.S. tour this fall. For tour dates or more information check out myspace.com/underoath or underoath777.com

Lyricist drives new Gym Class Heroes album



John W Smith III

News Editor

The Quilt



With nothing to prove other than they can produce more hits in their ground-breaking genre of rap and pop, the Gym Class Heroes put out their third studio release *Quilt*. Expectations were at an all time high leading up to this album, Gym Class Heroes had some very big shoes to fill after *As Cruel as School Children* did better than expected, as a matter of fact people are still

putting their clothes back on so they can pick up the new album.

Riding the wave of success and excitement into the studio, Travis, Disashi, Matt and Eric had plenty of fresh ideas to bring into the *Quilt*. Taking a different approach than last, the Heroes decided to take a live approach to this album and track everything together in the same room, which helped the guys feed off of each other to bring that Gym Class spirit into the album. Drummer Matt said, “The process was awesome because everything felt so natural and I even had a few mistakes make it onto the album.” Fans and album listeners must not have found those mistakes because the *Fueled* by Ramen album is currently number seven on the billboard charts.

When I’m listening to this album and there is a track that doesn’t quite grab me, I still try to figure out why the rest of the world loves it. That’s easy, its because of the never ending personality of lyricist and front man Travis McCoy who is rumored to be kissing girls and liking it because of his Warped Tour romance

with new music starlet Katy Perry. McCoy manages to combine simple rhymes that are so intricate they will have you rewinding the song to ask yourself, “Did he really just say that?” For example one of the first singles off the album “Peace Sign/Index Down” that opens with a lyric that says, “I started rappin’ back in the class, scribbling tracks in hopes that one of my jokes would have the pretty young things laughing, the chubby little bastard with a knack for Little Debbie’s snacks.” Or the track called “Catch Me If You Can” which says, “80s babies, from the age of Nintendo, Transformers, Ninja Turtles, Hungry Hippos” which is the perfect shout out to this generation. It is lyrics and personality like that, which drives the success of Gym Class Heroes.

Adding to the aura of this album is its guest list such as, Busta Rhymes, The Dream and Daryl Hall just to name a few. If you like pop or rhymes you can relate to or good instrumental tracks to kick back to, it is not a bad album to have, just don’t listen to it all the time because it is only good every once in a while.

‘The Hills’ Column: Bad birthdays, good friends and tears that are in the past

Somewhere in the twisted world that is MTV’s greatest reality show *The Hills*, thousands of viewers and fans have found themselves cultivated in love hate relationships not only with the beautiful women on the show but in the drama that is their lives.

With tensions at an all time high throughout all relationships on the show it seemed like a perfect time for a birthday celebration in Vegas, or not? Why run away from relationships that need fixing? Lauren and Audrina seemed not to be friends anymore; Heidi and Spencer are fighting because Heidi’s sister Holly is moving in with them and things between Stephanie and Lauren are a little rocky. So, what the hell, lets all hop in Doug’s private jet and fly to Vegas because the five-hour drive in our Mercedes and Lexus’s might be too much. Stephanie brought up a good point to Lauren in asking her, “You broke up with a guy that has a jet?” Nice one Lauren. Once underway to Vegas, Brody, ex-flame and good friend of Lauren and close friend to birthday-boy Frankie, makes a toast to Stephanie, saying, “Having Steph here is almost as good as having Spencer here.” What a slap in the face, not only to Steph, but to Frankie; I’d be pissed if my best friend started off my birthday weekend with an insulting toast.

Things should get better when they all arrive to their separate rooms in the Venetian Hotel in Vegas. For \$500 a night, things should start looking up. Fast forward to the birthday dinner where Steph just happens to ask Brody the wrong question at the wrong time. Brody gets defensive and goes off on Steph, fully within his rights; meanwhile, Doug and Lo are rolling their eyes at this pointless drama, and Frankie is yet again dropping his head because he can’t believe stupid drama is ruining his birthday (Happy Birthday Frankie!). Your entourage of beautiful women can’t keep their mouths shut long enough for you to enjoy a glass of champagne and a good dinner before you get drunk and don’t remember any of it.

Speaking of remembering, did Audrina forget to come to dinner or did she just remember not to come? Audrina and boyfriend of the year Justin-Bobby disappeared the entire Vegas trip.

After Brody makes Steph cry, Lauren attempts to pick up the pieces; but how can you console someone you don’t completely trust? Kudos to Lauren, because I couldn’t do that. So things are better (hopefully); things were said, he-said-she-said were thrown around, and the drama of the episode should be over. Think again. Frankie comes back

into the picture with a look on his face that would scare the dead and drops the news that Brody and Doug are in jail. I feel for Frankie; he is a great guy who never gets caught up in the drama and everyone loves him and yet he still can’t have a good birthday. Sorry Frankie.

After finding Brody and Doug in the hotel and not in jail, the group heads back to L.A. for their everyday lives.

It seems like Lauren and friends had a drama filled weekend, so does that mean Heidi and Spencer didn’t fight? Yeah, right. If team Speidi didn’t fight, then Katy Perry went back to kissing guys. But what are they fighting about this time? Is it the video games in the living room or whether or not they should eat at Don Antonio’s? Actually it is about Heidi’s sister, Holly, moving in with them until she finds a job and a place to live in L.A. Spencer is so excited about her moving in that a few days later he lies to Holly and tells her that he and Heidi want her to move out. I can’t stand Spencer; sometimes I hope he falls on something sharp in the parking lot. But whatever, there always has to be someone you love to hate.

Back in Lauren’s life, it seems like Audrina can’t stop texting her asking to talk. Lauren is almost sick over it, causing her to be really stressed working at People’s Revolution with Whitney. So when Audrina and Lauren both catch each other at their house, they finally have a chance to talk. I was very interested to see how this conversation would go because both Lauren and Audrina have matured since the show started and when it comes to talks like these, they can both be very bull-headed and sometimes seem not to care what the other has to say. After they both realize they’re about to lose a best-friend, the tears flow. As the tears flow through their makeup, Lauren just wants to let the past be the past and be friends again.

Despite birthdays being ruined, friendships being re-established, and tears, through all of it, I believe these girls are starting to realize what’s most important in their world of having everything: their friends. It even seems that Lauren and Heidi might start talking again, but let’s not jump to conclusions.



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Chromehounds unrealistic but fun

Jason Preston

Staff Reporter

Chromehounds



The dreadful mist of heavy advertising from big title games is often too thick for most people to see past everything that is essentially just a remake of Half-Life and DDR in disguise. This leaves plenty of other games in obscurity, as was the case with *Chromehounds*. Debuted in 2006, it’s been 2 years since its release and a copy finally made its way to me from a friend, who found it while he was looking through a large bin.

Chromehounds is the thematic sibling to the MechWarrior and Armored Core line of games. You drive around in a large tank-like vehicle, called a Hound, with the destructive capability and looks of a Gundam with some form of birth defect. It is a bit refreshing to have a little bit of realism in a game, but a little bit is as far as it goes. Most of the weapons are mounted on hexagonal joints, leaving the finished product looking like a model that could be bought in Toys ‘R Us. The Garage allows the player to completely customize their Hound based on the 6 different role types: Soldier, Scout, Sniper, Defender, Commander, and Heavy Gunner. You can choose from a wide variety of parts, weapons, and means of mobility, including bipedal legs, quad legs, treads, wheels, or hovercraft. The setting arrives in the form of a post-WW3 era future in the fictional region of Neroimus, which is supposedly near the Black Sea. Geographical accuracy has never been a huge selling point for Japanese video games. There are 3 nations in the region: the Democratic Republic of Tarakia, which is essentially the United States, the Republic of Morskoj, which is Russia’s equivalent, and the Kingdom of Sal Kar representing the Middle East. There are very few good reasons for why there is a war in the region since each country has enough wealth and natural resources to be perfectly peaceful.

Putting the Ace Combat-style geography aside, this futuristic setting goes down exactly the same line of plot as most recent games with just a few differences. The entirety of the Earth’s com-

munications satellites have been destroyed, leaving radio communication possible by 50-story tall COMBAS towers, which have worse signal range than a Russian military surplus walky-talky made from Lego bricks and lead wire. Also, while each of the 3 nations has its own military, they all seem to be horribly incompetent, leaving you, a mercenary with no face and no name other than “Mercenary,” to fulfill every mission objective on your own. The NPC’s allies add minor aid during a firefight, as other targets for the enemy to go after instead of you. Not that it matters too much since most NPC’s in the story mode have about

a little pointless. This leads to the thesis of the game’s plot: that war is bad and mercenaries with too much time on their hands lead to genocide, so keep them entertained as much as possible.

After finding myself out of Plato’s Chromehound Cave, the sad truth is that it’s an MMORPG, a console-based MMORPG, but an MMORPG nonetheless. The first warning signs appeared when the terrible realization that you only get a small amount of the total parts for your Hound after completing missions in story mode, leaving the rest to be gained in online play. The second warning light went off when the war itself is between

all the players online, and the players chose a nation allegiance for their squads of up to 20 players including the leader. The third warning indicator made the truth all the more painful. After each online mission, the player gains experience and levels up in the different role types based on the characteristics of the Hound and the overall rank of the player.

The missions become repetitious after a while and the difficulty ranges from challenging to “you have less chance of survival than a sandwich in a homeless shelter.” The online NPC Hounds are based off of player designs and even have the player’s fighting style programmed into them. These aspects range from a Hound actually hiding from the player and others destroying the player’s Hound before they even fire a decent shot off, to other instances in which some classes act completely opposite to their role type. For instance, a Defender-type usually stays right next to it’s HQ and, well, defends it; however, there were a few times where it would hunt and chase the player down across the map.

Game faults aside though, it’s enjoyable to the creative side of the player since half the time in-game will be spent in the Garage. It’s an amazing feeling when the design you spent an hour fixing finally works and starts to kick butt and then the crippling feeling of defeat after it gets destroyed. There seems to be no perfect design, leaving many possibilities. However, nothing is without its vulnerabilities, thus keeping sneaky players trying to break the game in check. Make sure to have the microphone headset for online play though; there’s a feeling of emptiness when the usual taunts can’t be sent through the Internet and into the ear of whoever was just blown to tiny bits.



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as much accuracy as a drunken fox trying to fire a heavy machine gun.

The story mode, however, is more or less a training ordeal and introduction into what little story there is to get the player ready for online combat. There’s a line of missions for each role type and the first of each line is a training mission in which you’re taught by some jerk with a Spanish accent. Taking note of his odd, slightly muffled voice, the evidence comes together to prove that he had undergone a medical procedure called a plexiotomy, during which a sheet of plexiglass is put over the person’s stomach so they can see where they’re going while they have their head up their rear end. During the training, it’s obvious that he will either A: die during combat, leaving you some sort of dying message to avenge him and smite the bad guys, or B: turn evil in which you’ll end up killing him yourself. It turns out to be the latter, but the dissertation he gives at the end of the story mode for why he had caused the war seemed to make the previous hours of gun shooting

'The Women' charms

Amy Treutel
Business Editor

The Women



What happens when you merge women, betrayal, humor, and Saks Fifth Avenue? The movie *The Women*. The movie is a story about four classic New York friends: Mary Haines (Meg Ryan), a wife of a wealthy Wall Street businessman and part-time clothing designer for her father's company; Sylvie Fowler (Annette Bening), a fashion magazine editor, Edie Cohen (Debra Messing), an eccentric mother of three with another on the way; and Alex Fisher (Jada Pinkett-Smith), a women's woman who is strongly opposed to men.

When Sylvie hears from a gossiping manicurist that Stephen Haines, who is coincidentally her best friend's husband, is having an affair with a perfume "spritzer girl" at Saks, she calls upon her other friends for advice. They decide to tell Mary together, and as it turns out, she had heard the rumor already from the same manicurist. The friends band together to help Mary through her life that is falling apart. Each woman offers different advice to Mary, but she ultimately decides to follow what her mother did when her father betrayed her. But when Sylvie betrays Mary to protect her career, the women fall apart. Mary is in more pain by losing her best friend than by her marriage breaking up. She attends a women's camp, where she meets a carefree camp veteran who inspires Mary to turn her life around. So, Mary embarks on a quest to find herself as a woman and as a fashion designer, which leads her to confront Sylvie about her actions. Back together again with all of her friends, Mary decides what she wants in her life, and is bound to get it.

Overall, the movie is charming with some humorous touches from its all-female cast. Though Sylvie Fowler did not quite have the top fashion magazine editor "look" about her, she had some witty lines and good advice: "Let me tell you something that you are going to remember for the rest of your life. Nobody. Hates. Saks." The story brings back the age old idea of women getting into trouble for gossiping. Taylor Sandelius, a fellow moviegoer, says the movie exemplifies, "why gossip is evil but hysterical!" If you are looking for a good romantic comedy, this movie is sure to take you away to the land of shopping, gossip, and women for a few hours.



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Great Dorm Room Recipes

Compiled by Amy Treutel



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Ingredients

* 1/3 cup firmly packed brown sugar

* 3 tablespoons butter

* 1 tablespoon water

* 1/4-1/2 cup chopped pecans or almonds or macadamias, etc

* 1 (8 ounce) can refrigerated biscuits

* 1 teaspoon vanilla extract or almond extract or rum extract, etc

Directions

1. In an 8 inch round cake dish (or better yet, a small, microwave Bundt pan), combine the brown sugar, butter, and water, and heat about 1 min.
2. Stir in the nuts and extract.
3. Separate the biscuits, dip them in the syrup mixture, and then overlap them in the pan.
4. If using the glass dish, spoon remaining syrup over the biscuits, and then place a small glass in the center of the dish (to simulate a Bundt pan).
5. Cook 2-3 minutes on high, rotating 1/4 turn, half-way through cooking time (if you don't have a turntable).
6. The biscuits should be firm and no longer doughy, but not tough.

7. Allow the dough to rest for about 2 minutes, remove the glass (if using), and then invert the ring onto a serving plate.

From: <http://www.recipezaar.com/241029>



How to Microwave an Egg for Breakfast

Ingredients

* 1 teaspoon butter or margarine

* 1 egg

* 1 Tablespoon milk

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Instant Oatmeal (home-made version)

Ingredients (per person)

* 1/2 cup instant or "quick-cooking" oatmeal

* 1/2 cup water or milk

* 1/4 cup or less of sugar (to taste)

* dried fruits of your choice- raisins, blueberries, cherries, apples, apricots, dates, etc.

* fresh fruit if you like- bananas, berries, etc.

* spices - cinnamon, nutmeg, pumpkin pie spice, depending on what combination you are making

* Squirt of honey, jam, or chopped fruit for garnish

Directions

1. Combine all, according to taste. Microwave on high 1-2 minutes, until oatmeal is thickened. Garnish as desired (with honey, syrup, chopped bananas, marshmallows, sprinkles, whatever!)
- Possible combinations - apples and cinnamon, pumpkin pie (use canned pumpkin or pumpkin pie spice), peaches and cream, strawberries and cream, peanut butter and jelly, tropical (bananas, pineapple, mangos, dates, coconut, whatever you have), lemon-blueberry, maple syrup and brown sugar, maple syrup and pecans.

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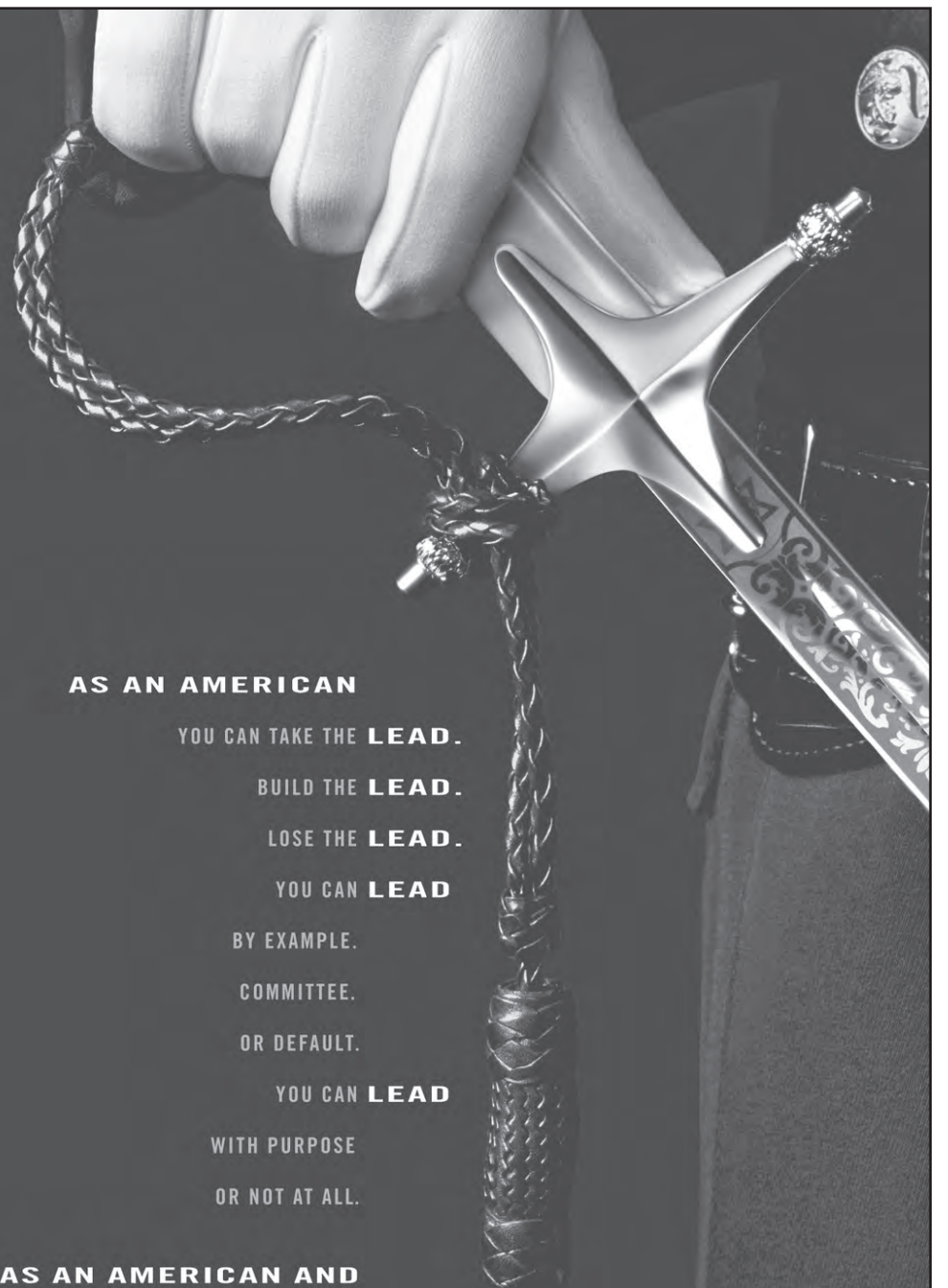
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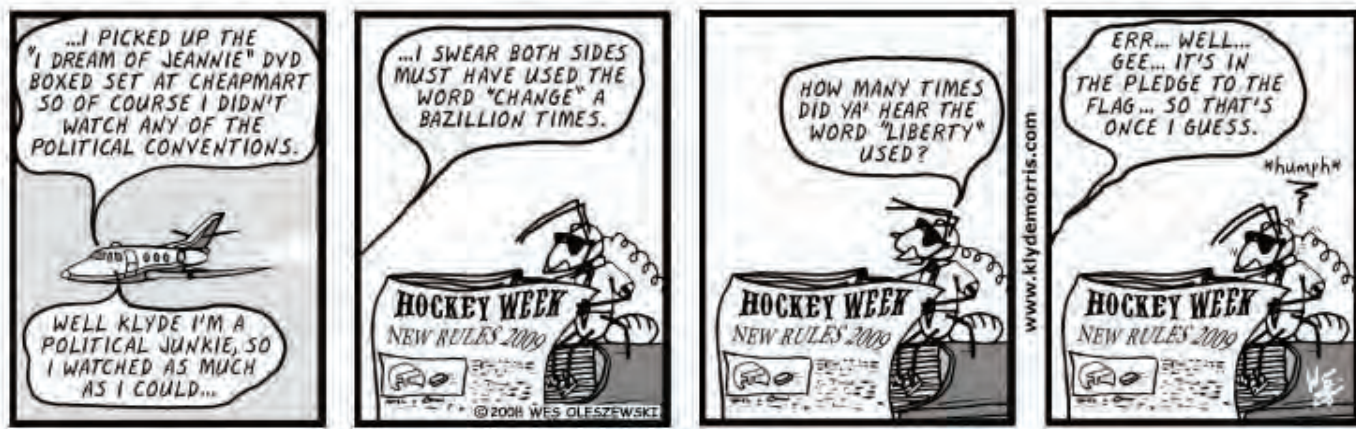
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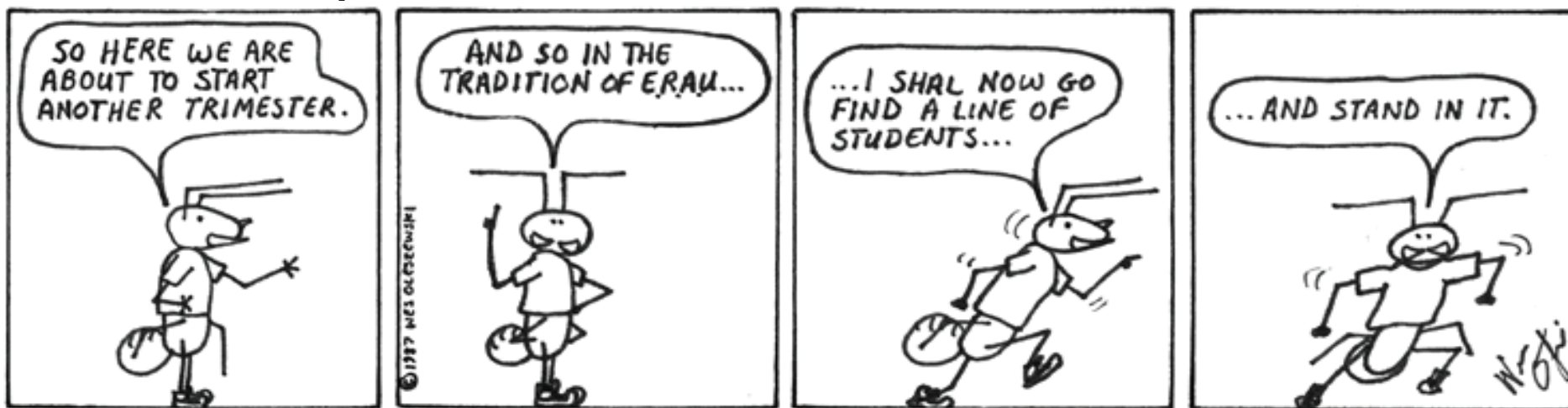
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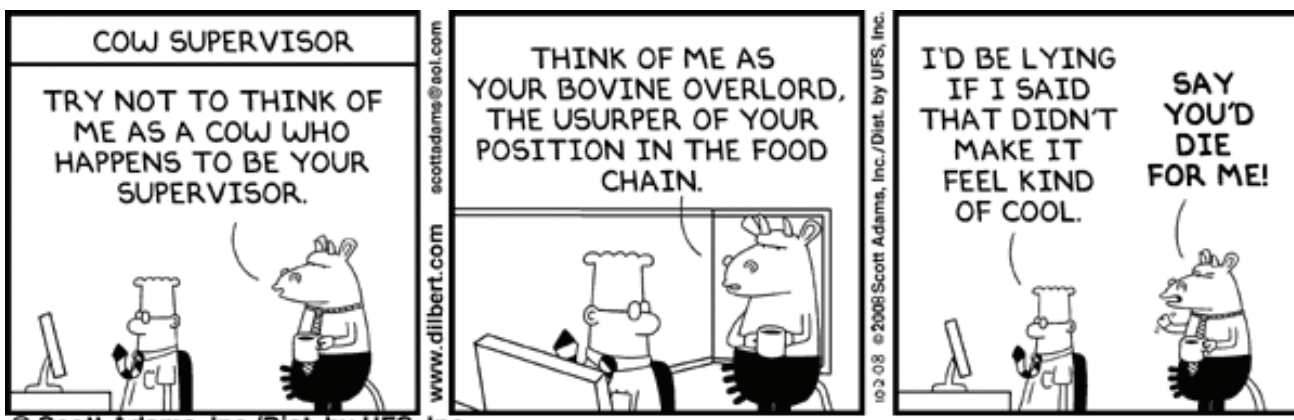
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- 29 Ode
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- 33 companions
- 34 Very hard to find
- 35 Philosopher
- 36 Zurich peak

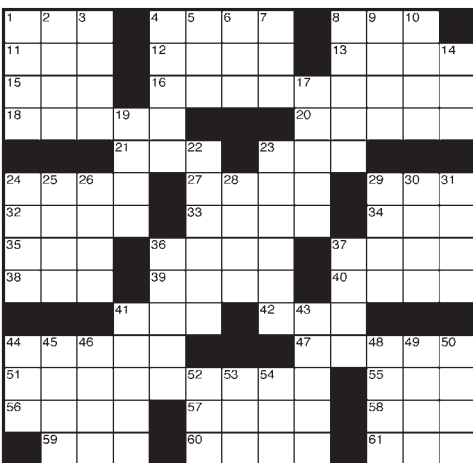
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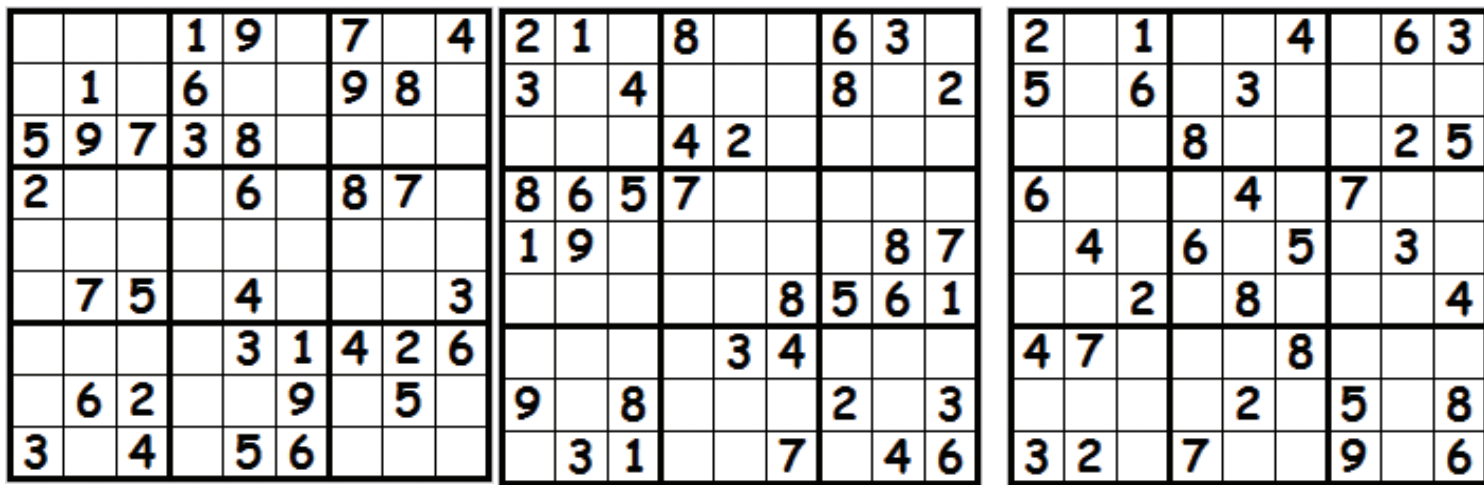
- 1 Make coffee
- 2 Distinctive air
- 3 Safecracker
- 4 Opposite of "noir"
- 5 Summer Games org.
- 6 Telly network
- 7 Earth's star
- 8 Wild shrub
- 9 George Bernard
- 10 Musical sound
- 14 That girl
- 17 In a snit
- 19 Acorn droppers
- 22 Royal seat
- 23 Excuse
- 24 Duffel filler
- 25 Threatening, as weather
- 26 Nah
- 28 Pull down
- 29 Wrist bone
- 30 Lab dentizens
- 31 Raid the fridge
- 36 Gretzky or Newton
- 37 Culture dish
- 41 Portended
- 43 Dictatorial
- 44 Choose
- 45 Motel vacancy
- 46 Gung-ho about
- 48 With dispatch
- 49 Kinks' tune
- 50 Erupt
- 52 Break-dance music
- 53 Not just my
- 54 Hilo guitar

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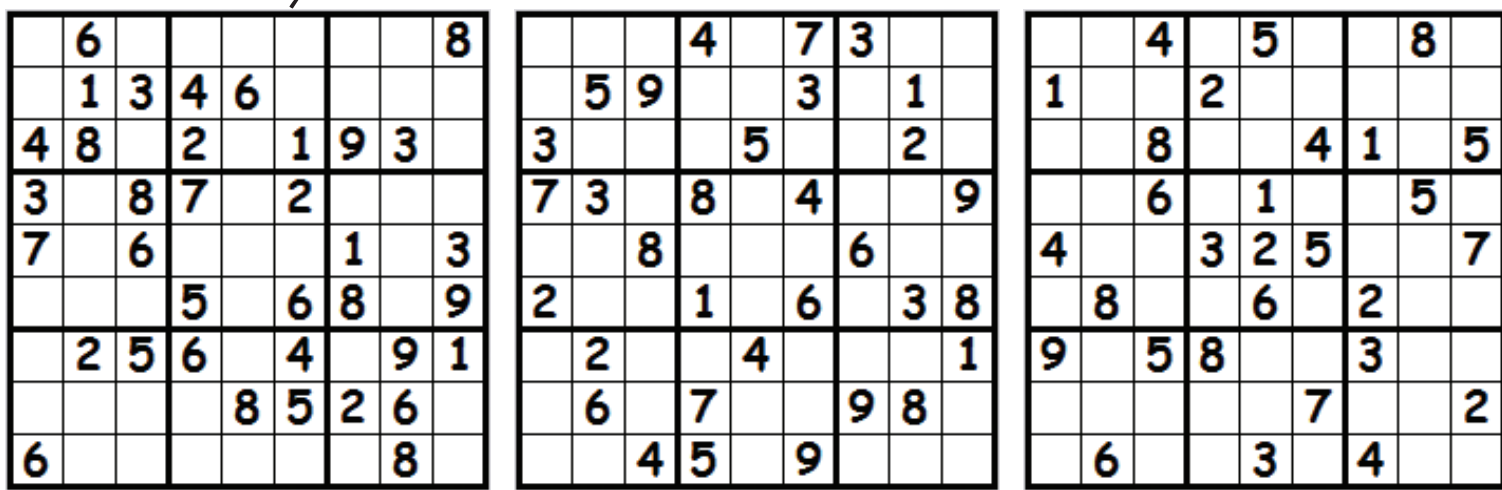
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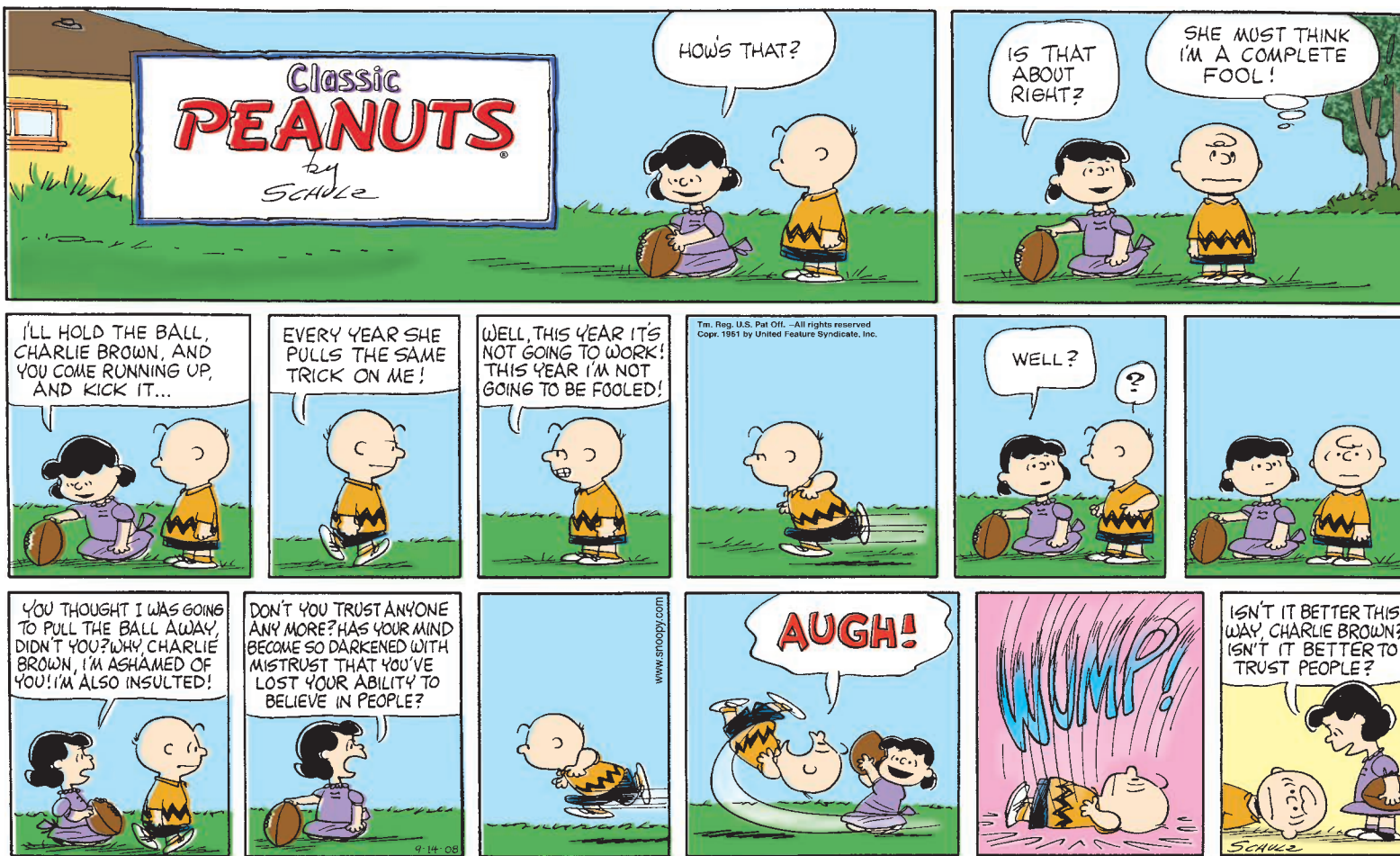
Easy

Medium

Hard



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