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ERAU to cut budget \$1.1 mil

Andrew Striker
Staff Reporter

This year, the deans of all the individual colleges were asked to re-prepare all of their budgets. The university, over the next year, would like to cut budgets a total of \$1.1 million, a total of 1.7 percent.

Many of the faculty and staff upon hearing this feared cuts in essential areas such as graders and student assistants, conference and traveling budgets, and other areas

essential to education. Students as well saw this as a reason to worry. If budgets were being cut, this could mean fewer student assistants or a drop in the quality of education.

After the president spoke to the faculty senate, he assured them that they were not trying to cut the "meat" of their budgets, just their "fluff and stuff." The original plan was to cut all Embry-Riddle budgets in phases. However, these cuts were not to effect department operating budgets, which include student employment costs

and travel expenses. In fact, the university is exploring ways to increase these budgets.

The university upper administration would like to look at it as money reallocation rather than "budget cuts." Budget cuts lead many to believe the university is experiencing financial hardship and that money is not being spent wisely. In fact, "the University is in the best financial shape its ever been," said the provost. These cuts and reallocations are a result of an increase of spending which will benefit all

students and faculty.

The cuts are a result of increase spending elsewhere. The university has been doing a vast number of programs as a result of the Student Debt Task Force. New programs have been implemented in an effort to decrease student debt and help graduating students.

The University, as many know, has added three new buildings and plans to soon start another one. The new Fitness Center, College of Business and Apollo Residence

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Johnson gives SGA update on University

Chris Tezak
Editor-in-Chief



When the President speaks, everyone listens. On Feb. 6 President Johnson spoke at the Student Government General Session, to lay down the current standing of the University and some future plans.

Bike Lane

When it comes to passionate issues, the bike lane along Clyde Morris Boulevard ranks among the top for many students on campus. It has become a primary focus of the SGA, especially after Sodexo worker Palance Powell was struck on his bicycle last semester, and

“The primary issue is student safety.”

-PRESIDENT JOHNSON

it is becoming a focus of the administration.

Johnson stated the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) first approached him about a bike lane along Clyde Morris two years ago. The bike lane would go in along with the proposed road expansion slated for 2012. Johnson approved the plan drawn up by FDOT and granted right of way for the expansion.

Since the original FDOT plan, it appears there has been miscommunication between FDOT, the Volusia County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and the University. Because of the importance of the project and the problems that have arisen, Johnson put newly appointed Associate VP for Facilities and Capital Planning, Richard Schointuch, in charge of the project.

Schointuch is tasked to reevaluate the bike lane and determine what options the University has. The objective is clear however according to Johnson. He said, "The primary issue is student safety." Johnson

also mentioned the possibility of the school funding the project without help from the MPO or FDOT, but even then it would not be a quick solution. "I know if Richard came back tomorrow, even with school funding, the bike lane would take one to two years."

To fill the gap a possible solution discussed was a bus or shuttle service going within campus and Chanute. This idea is in its infant stages but Johnson stated it is "something we could do right away. The question is how many people would take advantage of it."

University Finances

After talk of the bike lane, focus shifted to the University's financial standing. Johnson stated that the University is in good shape. However, he said that we may fall short in making this year's margin of \$5.8 million. This margin is used to pay down the principle on bonds issued to fund campus improvements.

Johnson stated a main cause of this variance was the effects of troop redeployments on World Wide campus locations around the world. Another factor adding to the deficit in the margin, a one-time pay increase of \$1.7 million, will be a welcome step for many staff members on campus. The increase will go primarily to those in the lowest 25 percent of staff pay at the University. Along with this one-time increase, Johnson will seek to increase salaries by approximately 7 percent in the coming year.

These increases in pay Please see "PRESIDENT," page A2

DAB: The 500's aircraft mecca



MILITARY FLYOVERS AND THE turning of runway 16/34 into a parking lot are perennial features of the 500. This year, the Air Force Thunderbirds topped off the week while private jets and helicopters were strewn around the airport.

MELANIE PUGH/AVION

NASA legend to speak Wednesday for EWeek

Sy Liebergot, Apollo 13 EECOM

Bob Schied
Chief Copy Editor

Embry-Riddle will host Apollo 13 flight controller Sy Liebergot for a presentation Wednesday, Feb. 20 at 4 p.m. in the IC auditorium.

Liebergot, played by Clint Howard in the movie "Apollo 13," will be speaking primarily about his experiences as the Electrical, Environmental, and Consumables (EECOM) flight controller during the crisis that left three astronauts stranded thousands of miles from Earth in a crippled spacecraft. He was on duty when the spacecraft's oxygen tank exploded and main power began to fail, and then helped to analyze the problem and save what was left in the ship to keep Jim Lovell, Fred

Haise and Jack Swigert alive until splashdown days later.

Liebergot graduated from California State University in 1963 with a degree in electrical engineering, and a year later began working for the flight operations group at Mission Control in Houston, Texas. He served in several positions within the operations group on several Saturn 1 and Saturn 5 launches, and later as EECOM on Apollos 8 through 15, Skylab, and the Apollo-Soyuz Test Project. He later worked on the Space

Shuttle and the International Space Station (ISS), and spent six years as a senior project engineer for the neutral buoyancy ISS laboratory trainers.

He has also been a prolific speaker, giving talks at dozens of universities and museums about his life as a mission controller and Apollo 13. He recently published an autobiography, "Apollo EECOM: Journey of a Lifetime," and has contributed to several other works, like "Apollo 13," "Modern Marvels" and many books.

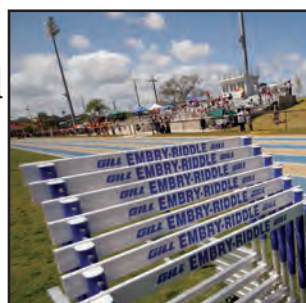


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Garfield talks computers

Peter Richardson
Entertainment Editor

“Why Computers Don’t Get It” was the title for the latest faculty lecture held on Wednesday, Feb. 13 in the IC Auditorium. As part of the monthly “Feed Your Head” series sponsored by the Honors Program, Professor Keith Garfield shared some of his knowledge on the obstacles that computers face in grasping natural language.

Garfield is one of the newer members of Embry-Riddle’s Computer and Software Engineering department, having joined only last August. Despite his rookie status on the faculty, he is no stranger to Embry-Riddle or the Aerospace industry.

Garfield graduated from Embry-Riddle in the early ‘80s with a bachelor’s in Aerospace Engineering. After Embry-Riddle, he spent almost 16 years working in and around the space program. Following that, Garfield worked for about seven years on modeling simulation software for various clients, including the U.S. Army. Garfield graduated from University of Central Florida in 2003 with a Masters in Computer Science, and was a part-time professor there until he

started teaching here last fall. Garfield’s lecture was on the topic of natural language speech processing, understanding and replicating by computer and software systems. He discussed this in a purely conceptual way, involving no detailed hardware or programming information, so

“**Keyboards and mice are very unnatural and restrictive communications devices.**”
-KEITH GARFIELD

anyone listening could grasp the concepts. “Keyboards and mice are very unnatural and restrictive communications devices,” he explained. “Maybe a more natural method would involve speaking commands to a machine.”

His presentation covered the three main systems involved in natural language computer communication, their current states and main obstacles in the way. According to Garfield, two of the three components of comput-

er natural language understanding are already well on their way to maturity. The input and output of natural language by machines is a 40-year-old science now, and many advances have been made over the years. Products from companies such as Microsoft allow users to perform text-to-speech in only a slightly inhuman manner, while other software allows users to dictate words to a computer to be turned into text with about a 98 percent success rate. He elaborated by saying that though there is certainly more work to be done in both input and output of voice, both are in extensive use today.

The main snag, Garfield explained, in having machines understand natural language is just that, the understanding. While people can currently input sound and have machines talk back in a somewhat effective manner, programmers have made very little headway in having machines understand what is being said. While work on this front continues, Garfield explained in detail some of the major issues still facing computer scientists and software engineers who strive to make machines grasp language.

After discussing the difficul-

ties of natural language understanding for machines, Garfield touched on some issues where this technology could have an effect in the future. Some areas mentioned included enhancing robot work in hazardous environments, training and simulations, education and of course, the world of virtual entertainment. Of these areas mentioned, he spent the most time discussing simulation examples, since that is where most of his background is concentrated. Garfield also spoke in detail about the future of natural language in computer and virtual entertainment, explaining that this technology could allow for far more interactive environments and better human-machine exchanges.

Garfield’s lecture lasted about 45 minutes and was followed by a 15-minute in-depth question and answer period. This lecture was the first of the Honors Program’s “Feed Your Head” lecture series for Spring 08, which combined with the “Distinguished Speakers” series has brought many interesting lectures to campus throughout the semester. For more information about the Honors Program or its speaker series, contact dbhonors@erau.edu or go to their page on the Embry-Riddle website.

Vagina Monologues



PHOTO COURTESY HANNAH BROWN/AVION

WOMEN TOOK TO THE stage last Tuesday and Wednesday to raise awareness against abuse in Eve Ensler’s episodic play.

President speaks to the students

□ **“PRESIDENT”**
from FRONT

and yearly adjustments come with the University’s increased focus on faculty benefits and academic spending. In the last two years 33 new faculty have been hired and \$30 million, up from \$1 million four years ago, in research grants have been awarded to ERAU.

Student Debt

Another ongoing focus of the President has been student debt. Johnson commissioned the office of Institutional Research to determine who is graduating with the most debt and any possible causes. The research returned results on where the debt load is going. It revealed a strong correlation between family income and the resultant debt load of our students.

Twenty-five percent of students who graduate from ERAU do so with no debt. For that group the average family income is \$176,000 a year. For students who graduate with less than \$25,000 in debt, the aver-

age family income is \$110,000 a year. This trend continues for those students who graduate with the most debt, \$60,000 or more.

In discussing the debt situation with other university presidents in the Association of Independent Technological Universities (AITU), Johnson stated other equally selective private universities do not have these same lower income demographics. Without those demographics, along with higher endowments, the total debt load of a university is reduced. ERAU’s endowment is now at \$62 million, with a goal of \$125 million in five years. The increase in endowment will lead to more student scholarships.

Other debt figures include the lack of support for the idea that flight costs create larger amounts of debt for Aeronautical Science majors over other degrees. In fact, students in AE and AS graduate with the same average amount of debt. Often, the increase in flight costs is balanced with the longer time it takes many engineers to graduate.

□ **“BUDGET”**
from FRONT

Hall projects were expensive but needed investments by the University. The proposed cuts will also help to pay off the principals for the loans used to finance the construction.

Another path for these reallocations is to pay the increased salaries many of the university’s faculty and staff have seen. The university, wanting to give back to them as well, matched many salaries to those who were under national averages. Many departments have also added employees over the past few years.

The university has promised to increase budgets a guaranteed \$5000 per net hire. Also, any positions, university-wide, that have been unfilled for over a year will be closed and filled by other university employees.

With so many paths of money redirection, all of the funds must come from somewhere. The faculty can be assured that no cut is permanent. Any funds granted can be increased or decreased based on actual spending.

“We have a lot of intelligent people working on this”, said the provost. “We will not allow these cuts to hurt the university or its quality of education in any way.”

New UAV course offered

Omid Eshaghi
World News Editor

Theodore Beneigh, an aeronautical science professor, started teaching Embry Riddle’s first Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) course this semester. This course is called AS295E, and is an elective for all majors. Long term plans involve making this program a minor if there is more demand and interest from students. Students who are interested here not required to have any flight experience or be enrolled in an Aeronautical science major. Part of the course is the Predator software program. This program has advantages of learning how to fly the predator without the cost of buying one. The Predators and their entire system cost around \$5 million to \$10 million.

About a year ago, the College

of Aviation found a severe demand for trained UAS or UAV operators. UAS, short for Unmanned Aerial System, is another word for UAV that is preferred by the FAA, since modern UAVs include complex networks of other ground stations in addition to the actual aircraft.

“There are tremendous demands for UAS instructors,” said Beneigh. He also mentioned that he “was approached by a company in a conference last December, we need 300 instructor right now, send us all the ones you have.”

UASs can range in size from nine ounces to several thousand pounds, and can reach up to 65,000 feet and fly for 48 hours. The control system can range from fully autonomous, like the Global Hawk, to fully man-operated ones, like the Predator. People in charge of operating

UASs are not called pilots, basically because they operate the UASs with keyboards, joysticks and similar equipment.

Also, most of the army UAS operators do not have any flight experience. The Predator, which is a popular UAS in Iraq, takes off from under the control of a local air force pilot; once it gets into the air, control is transferred to an operator in an Air Force base out side of Las Vegas; after it lands, control goes back to the local pilot. They use satellite communication from Nevada to control the UAS.

UASs are not just for military uses. Last summer, Global Hawks monitored the wildfires in southern California. They are also used to penetrate hurricanes, the border patrol uses them to watch the U.S.-Mexican border, and they are heavily used in Japan for crop dusting. There are simpler UASs too; the

mission of the UAS dictates how complex it needs to be.

UAVs are becoming more common. They are a growing part of military. They are not meant to replace pilots or take away the sense of flying, as many people think. They are used to fly on missions that are called 3Ds, which stand for dull, dirty and dangerous. In these kinds of missions, UASs are sufficient. For example, flying in a hurricane is much safer for operators with a UAS than a manned flight. There are certain jobs where fixed wing aircraft or even helicopters are not useful, and this is where a UAV comes in action.

This class is recommended for all Aeronautical Science majors because it will expand their knowledge of aviation and prepare them for future UASs. Pre-registration for this class began Monday, Feb. 18.



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Track and field sets eight records

Press Release

ERAU Sports Info.

CLEMSON, S.C./CLERMONT, Fla. - As thousands headed to Daytona Beach for the start of the professional racing season, the ERAU track and field teams sent two groups off to two different states to compete. The larger flock of Eagles migrated to the Clemson Invitational while the smaller group headed to the Winter Sun No. 2. Both locations saw school records and national qualifiers, as the Eagles soared with the end of the indoor season looming.

Success was first produced on Friday at the Clemson Invitational as the Blue and Gold saw five qualifiers with three of them being under the NAIA 'A' standard guidelines.

Junior Howard Walls was once again a force in the 60m hurdles as he broke his own school record with a time of 8.23, hit the 'A' standard once again and tied with Daniel Neal of Appalachian State for eighth place out of a field of 45 runners.

Freshman Alexis Williams will be heading to Jackson City, Tenn. for the NAIA Indoor Nationals as well with her school-record and 'A' -qualifying time of 7.81 in the 60m dash. Of the 64 runners that competed, Williams finished 17th.

Junior Beth McCubbin, freshman Nathalie Hildingsson, sophomore Alex Salinas and senior Noelle Niblack combined for a time of 12:23 in the women's distance medley relay, good for a school record and 'A' qualifying time.

Hitting 'B' standards for ERAU were the men's distance medley squad along with two Eagles in the 5K.

Junior Chris Chidgey and freshmen Kevin Bray, Horacio Maysonet and Russell Snyder composed the men's distance medley squad that provisionally qualified for nationals and set a

even more good fortune for the Eagles as Embry-Riddle records were set in two different states on the same day.

At the Winter Sun No. 2, Bridget Kirckof had a record-setting day in the shot put, javelin and pole vault. The senior from Minnesota set the school record in the shot put at 8.65m (28 feet-4.5 inches), increased her own ERAU record in the pole vault from 9 feet 0 inches to 9 feet-4.25 inches (2.85m) and broke the javelin record with her 33.58m (110 feet-2 inches) performance.

In South Carolina, eight school records were replaced as Eagles continued to punch their tickets to nationals. Competing in a true indoor event, Hildingsson set shattered the school record in the 400m in 58.16 and qualified for nationals under the 'A' standard. McCubbin also hit an 'A' standard after her performance in the 800m. In the men's 3000m, Gehlsen and Snyder both hit 'B' standards with their times of 8:51 and 8:53, respectively. Gehlsen's 8:51 is the new ERAU record.

Chidgey missed qualifying for nationals by 0.38 in the 800m with his time of 1:57.38 while the women's 4x400m relay squad also came up just short as McCubbin, Hildingsson, senior Jennifer Schaus and junior Jen Haydt finished the event in 4:08.93-0.50 over the qualifying mark.

In the field, the men set school records in the confines of the Clemson Indoor Track and Field Complex. Junior Rafael Patrick will make another appearance in the ERAU record book after his indoor-record performance of 1.87m (6-1.5) in the high jump.

Chance Meet on Saturday Feb. 23 and then head to the Bethune-Cookman meet on Mar. 1. The indoor season will culminate in Johnson City, Tenn. on Mar. 6 through 8 with the 2008 NAIA Indoor Nationals.

Currently, ERAU has seven individuals and three relays quali-

fied for nationals in 11 different events with nine 'A' standards met and seven 'B' standards. Williams and McCubbin are both qualified in three events with two 'A' standards while Walls will be competing in two events thanks to his 'A' -standard times in the 55m and 60m hurdles.

Track Records

NAIA 'A' Qualifiers

-Howard Walls, 60m hurdles

-Alexis Williams, 60m hurdles

-Beth McCubbin, Nathalie Hildingsson, Alex Salinas and Noelle Niblack, women's distance medley relay

-Nathalie Hildingsson, 400m relay

-Beth McCubbin, 800m relay

school record after finishing the event in just over 10:26.

Sophomors Nick Gehlsen and junior Stuart Patterson both hit 'B' standards in the 5K with Gehlsen's third-place time of 15:19.90 becoming the new ERAU record. Patterson completed the course in 15:26.89 while finishing seventh out of 27 runners.

Saturday proved to be a day of



MELANIE PUGH/AVION

EAGLES TRACK AND FIELD had a good weekend, as 16 NAIA standards were met. Nine athletes made the 'A' and seven met the 'B' qualifications.

Basketball defeats Warner Southern

Alison Smalling

ERAU Sports Info.

LAKE WALES, Fla. - A balanced scoring effort lifted the Embry-Riddle men's basketball team to their ninth Florida Sun Conference win of the season as the 17th-ranked Eagles topped Warner Southern 60-66 on Saturday. The Eagles had four players in double figures, including double-double performances from Tyler DeBord (18 points, 14 rebounds) and Eric Lorenzi (15 points, 10 rebounds), to improve their record to 24-4 overall and 9-3 in league play.

The Royals scored the first five points of the game as Tommy Kleinschnitz opened with a three-pointer followed by a Dennis Bender jumper. But the Eagles stormed back, outscoring the Royals 10-0 over the next three minutes and leading by as many as eight before taking a 34-29 lead into the locker room at the half.

Both teams were evenly matched from the field in the first half with the Eagles scoring 11 baskets to the Royals' 13, and ERAU connecting on three three-point baskets to Warner Southern's two. But the difference was at the free throw line, as the Eagles converted on

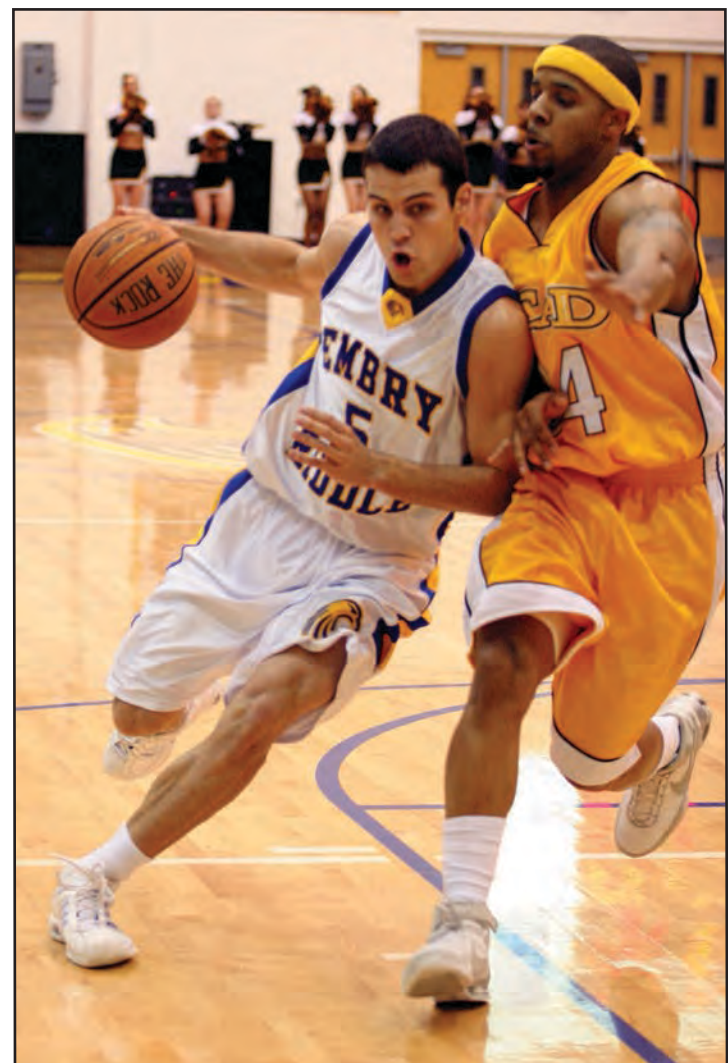
nine of their 11 attempts, while the Royals managed only one of six from the charity stripe.

Warner Southern closed the gap to two with 13:34 left in the game. But the Eagles, behind back-to-back threes by Denver Cobb (14 points, 8 rebounds), increased the margin to 10 points over the next two minutes to take a 51-41 lead.

With 5:17 left on the clock, Lorenzi hit his second three of the night to extend the advantage to 13 points. But the Royals, led by Preston Adams' 11 second-half points, continued to battle hard. In the closing minutes of the game, the Royals still had fouls to give and the gamble paid off as they were able to force a couple of turnovers and reduce the margin to four points with 34 seconds left.

As Warner Southern continued to foul, the Eagles only managed to hit three of their last six free throw attempts. But the defense made up for the free throw struggles as the Eagles pulled down key rebounds off Warner Southern misses to hold on for the six-point win.

The Eagles' next game will be at 7 p.m. on Wednesday when they host league leader Northwood at the ICI Center.



MELANIE PUGH/AVION

AFTER AN INTENSE GAME, the men's basketball team brought their Florida Sun Conference record to 9-3.

Baseball doubleheader gives one win



TIM KRAMER/AVION

AFTER AN INTENSE DOUBLEHEADER, Embry-Riddle baseball only earned a single win on their record. The first game was a shut-out, pitched by Jordan Roberts while the second game was a loss against the Edward Waters College Tigers.

NaDean Schroeder

ERAU Sports Info.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. - The Embry-Riddle Eagles baseball team left northern Florida in a somber mood after being upset by the Edward Waters College (EWC) Tigers. The home team took two of the three games in the Florida Sun Conference series opener.

The teams split Saturday's doubleheader, with ERAU taking game one, 1-0 and EWC taking game two, 3-2. The Eagles go home with a 1-2 FSC and 7-5 overall record, and the Tigers move to 2-1 in the FSC and 11-3 overall.

After losing in extra innings the evening before, senior hurler Jordan Roberts threw his third shut-out of the season in game one on Saturday. He picked up the win after striking out nine of the 35 batters he faced, allowing only four hits and one walk. The only run of the game was scored on a solo-jack over the right field fence by junior Billy Hootman. It was his first home run of the year and he also went two for three in the game.

In game two, junior pitcher John Keravich came into the game midway through the first inning, with the Eagles down by two. He picked up three outs quickly and managed to face no more than four batters in each

of the following six innings.

Sophomore Branden Roper-Hubbert put the Eagles within one in the third, hitting his first home run of the year well over the left field fence. The Eagles tied the game in the fifth inning on a suicide squeeze where junior Aaron Tea ran across home plate just seconds after junior Matt Steele laid down a sacrifice bunt.

With the score tied at two, a defensive error by Embry-Riddle allowed Mo Turknett to take the lead for the Tigers. The Eagles had the bases loaded in the top of the seventh but were unable to drive anyone home, losing their first opening FSC series since 2000.

Hootman and Erik Ogden both hit doubles in the game, going one for three and one for two, respectively. Steele was perfect at the plate, laying down a single, collecting a sacrifice bunt and also drawing a walk. Keravich tallied the loss but collected six strikeouts in six innings pitched, which included striking out the side in the sixth inning (two of which were caught looking).

The Blue and Gold will suit up again on Wednesday, Feb. 20, as they travel to Temple Terrace, Fla. to face off against the Florida College Falcons. The Eagles were victorious over the Falcons in their season opener on Jan. 29.

Upcoming Sporting Events

Baseball

- Feb. 20** vs. Florida College at Temple Terrace, Fla. 2 p.m.
- Feb. 22** vs. SCAD at Daytona Beach, Fla. 5 p.m.
- Feb. 23** vs. SCAD(DH) at Daytona Beach, Fla. 1 p.m.
- Feb. 26** vs. Florida Tech at Daytona Beach, Fla. 5 p.m.

Track and Field

- Feb. 23** Last Chance Meet at Daytona Beach, Fla. Time TBA

Men's Tennis

- Feb. 23** vs. SCAD at Daytona Beach, Fla. 10 a.m.

Women's Tennis

- Feb. 21** vs. Hillsborough CC at Daytona Beach, Fla. 2:30 p.m.
- Feb. 23** vs. SCAD at Daytona Beach, Fla. 10 a.m.

Basketball

- Feb. 20** vs. Northwood (Fla.) at Daytona Beach Fla. 7 p.m.
- Feb. 23** vs. Florida Memorial at Daytona Beach, Fla. 7 p.m.

Kidnapping in Venezuela

Juan Forero

The Washington Post

In recent weeks, President Hugo Chávez worked with fevered intensity to secure the release of Colombian hostages from rebel groups. He has appointed his interior minister to negotiate with guerrilla commanders and has flown the families of Colombian hostages to Venezuela's capital for meetings at the presidential palace.

But along this country's porous, 1,300-mile border with Colombia, Venezuelans have watched with disdain as their populist president has embraced the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, or FARC. The guerrillas, residents say, are at the root of their own heartbreak.

"It's no secret for anyone that the FARC kidnaps Venezuelans," said Joseline de Caires, whose mother-in-law and brother-in-law were both kidnapped in 2003 and never heard from again.

People here — from small-time politicians to cattlemen, businessmen to farmers — say the FARC and a smaller rebel group, the National Liberation Army, or ELN, are either directly responsible for kidnappings or have paid criminal organizations to carry them out. Venezuelans also note that, as the relatives of Colombian hostages have been lavished with attention, they rarely hear from their own government after loved ones are snatched into oblivion.

The Venezuelan government's own figures show that 382 people were taken hostage last year, up from 232 in 2006 and 44 in 1999 — Chávez's first year in office. That was before Colombia's long internal conflict with guerrillas began a violent, rapid expansion into Venezuela. But the government, which shares an ideological affinity with Colombia's rebels, officially denies that the FARC or ELN kidnap Venezuelans, or that the two groups hold hostages inside Venezuelan territory, as families here contend.

"I guarantee the farmers and inhabitants of the border that I believe the word of Commander Marulanda," Chávez said recently on his television program, referring to Manuel Marulanda, founder of the FARC. "The FARC do not kidnap, nor are they going to kidnap in Venezuela. That's the FARC's commitment."

The reason for the abductions

is money.

One former guerrilla, who spent seven years in the FARC, said in an interview that corrupt units of the National Guard permit the group to operate inside Venezuela. The rebels, he said, work with criminal gangs and rogue policemen to identify targets for kidnapping.

"In Venezuela, this is one of the sources of financing for our organization," said the guerrilla, who deserted the FARC late



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last year and joined a government program for demobilized rebels in Bogota. "We look for cattlemen, for entrepreneurs, for businessmen who have the most money in Venezuela."

Such disclosures are no surprise to Porfirio D vila, a veterinarian in the small town of Rubio. His father, also named Porfirio D vila, was kidnapped in 2003 by guerrillas as he arrived for work at his farm.

"We've been asking for one year for a meeting with the president," said D vila, seated with his mother in the living room, where pictures of his father are strewn on the table. "They had never shown themselves to be worried about our cases, never."

He said that he watched with a mix of amazement and shame as his government hosted Colombian families in Caracas, putting them up at the elegant Gran Melia hotel and ferrying them to meetings with the president. "That's depressing for us, even humiliating," he said. "We're Venezuelans."

Chávez's involvement in Colombia underscores his persistent drive to become an influential leader beyond his own borders. But the strategy of negotiating to liberate Colombians and denying that the rebels do harm in Venezuela is permitting abuses to continue, say the families of hostages and many people

interviewed along the border.

"The kidnappings have not ceased. There is still kidnapping by the guerrillas, though it's easy to say it's criminal gangs," said Marcos Tarre, a security analyst who heads the anti-crime group Secure Venezuela in Caracas. "What is clear is there's a great resentment on the part of Venezuelan families who believe there's not even minimal interest in helping them, while there's this media show to help

Colombian hostages."

Officials at the Communications and Interior ministries did not return calls seeking comment. But Venezuelan authorities have publicly asserted that com-

mon criminals and right-wing Colombian paramilitary groups are behind the kidnappings. "If someone has proof that there is another factor involved, they should collaborate to the maximum with the authorities," Vice President Ramon Carrizales said in January.

In the rolling mountains and picturesque towns along this border, the families of hostages say that those who demand ransom often have Colombian accents and identify themselves as members of revolutionary groups. Venezuelans who are freed, after paying ransom, contend that they have been held by guerrillas, almost always inside Venezuela.

To lessen the risk, affluent Venezuelans hire bodyguards and pay a monthly "vaccine" to help ensure they will not be threatened.

Businessman Luis Rosales, 62, is among those who worry constantly about being kidnapped. That's what happened to his son, Carlos Eduardo Rosales, 29, who was abducted in 2002 and never heard from. His father believes the ELN kidnapped him.

S. Koreans mourn

Blaine Harden

The Washington Post

The Alamo (or Independence Hall or the Old North Church) is set afire. There is live prime-time coverage on national television. Firefighters rush to the scene but dither for more than an hour before spraying any water. As the irreplaceable goes up in smoke, firemen argue jurisdic-

tion in the world's most wired society, it survived South Korea's obsession with all things new — until Sunday evening.

That's when Chae Jong-gi, a former fortune teller who was angry at the government over how much it had paid him for the loss of his house to a development project, showed up at Namdaemun.

He wore mountain-climbing clothes, he later told police, and

the roof of Namdaemun to fight the fire. They waited for direction from the Cultural Heritage Administration, according to a report released Monday. In the meantime, a small fire swelled into a conflagration. Government preservationists have since insisted they never told the firemen to hesitate and the firemen said they did not wait around for direction.

Among South Koreans who watched the landmark burn on TV in real time there is disbelief and deep sadness. One television commentator compared the experience to watching hijacked airliners fly into the Twin Towers in New York.

Since Sunday night, mourners have been coming to the grounds around the gate, bearing gifts of flowers, apples, pears, persimmons, coffee beans, dried pollock, clams, bottles of a Korean liquor called soju and, for reasons unknown, a single grilled cheese sandwich. These were offerings to ancestors for the collective failings of the Korean government to protect the gate.

"I am so upset I cannot eat," said Kim Jung-ja, 65, who stood on Wednesday with a crowd of mourners near the ruined gate. She had come by bus from a distant suburb of Seoul to pay her respects.

On Wednesday, a number of letters were pinned to the offerings.

"It must have been very hot while you were burning," said one that was written in a child's hand and addressed to Namdaemun. "How could we have burned you down? It is too much."

Another letter to the landmark, in an adult's hand, said: "We seek your forgiveness for failure to protect you. We have made the biggest mistake that cannot be undone."

The government, though, says it will rebuild Namdaemun, using a recently completed and highly detailed blueprint, as well as records from a previous restoration of the gate. Officials predict it will take two to three years and cost about \$21 million.



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tional niceties with government preservationists.

Police nab the perpetrator before the ashes are cold. He is a 69-year-old man with a criminal record for arson. He admits setting the fire, telling police that the landmark was "easy to approach and poorly guarded."

That scenario happened here this week. But the torched structure was a massive 610-year-old wooden gate that was part of the fortress walls that once protected Seoul. Known as Namdaemun, "Great Southern Gate," it was the country's single most important historical treasure.

"The soul of Korea burned overnight," said an editorial in JoonAng Daily, a Seoul newspaper.

Namdaemun was officially proclaimed "National Treasure No. 1" in 1962. It was the oldest wooden structure in Seoul, having served as the city's ceremonial entrance since 1398. It survived Japanese occupation. It survived the Korean War. Here

he carried three bottles of paint thinner and two lighters. Two years earlier, he had been convicted of setting a small fire at another ancient Seoul landmark, Changgyeong Palace. He was then given a suspended sentence, owing to his age and his earnest apology at trial.

After his arrest on Monday, Chae again apologized earnestly.

"No words are enough to express my apologies to my children and the people," he said.

Now that Namdaemun is rubble, many people are apologizing.

The mayor of Seoul has apologized. The head of the Cultural Heritage Administration, the agency responsible for the care of the ancient gate, has apologized and resigned — although he admitted no specific wrongdoing.

There is also abundant finger pointing. City administrators contend the fire department hesitated before chopping open

Japanese cuisine

Blaine Harden

The Washington Post

The Michelin Guide has decreed that Tokyo is the premier city in the world for food. A 19-hour day in the life of chef Ichiro Ozaki helps explain why.

Ozaki woke up one recent Thursday at 5:30 a.m. and began working the phones, searching for live turtles and fresh crab. He had not gone home the night before to his wife and 1-year-old daughter. He had cooked past midnight and fallen dead asleep in a tiny apartment near the Japanese-cuisine restaurant that bears his name.

It won a star in November in the first-ever Tokyo edition of the Michelin Guide, whose judges astounded the French — and won over the Japanese — by finding more than twice as many star-worthy restaurants in Tokyo as in Paris.

The Paris-based restaurant guide, often described as the most influential in the world, confirmed what well-traveled diners have long known: Extraordinary things to eat are served in a great many Tokyo restaurants.

"The Michelin judges were overwhelmed by our quality," said Masuhiro Yamamoto, a Japanese food critic and writer.

So, apparently, are foreign tourists in Japan. Seven out of 10 say food is the primary reason for their visit, according to a recent government survey.

It's not just the quality but also the sheer quantity of Tokyo's restaurants that tests the imagination. Michelin counted 160,000 of them, compared with about 20,000 in Paris and 23,000 in New York.

Having reserved turtles and crabs on the phone, Ozaki pulled on blue jeans, rubber shoes and a down jacket. At 7:30 a.m., he grabbed a wicker basket and jumped on the subway to head to Tsukiji, the world's largest fish market.

The market is a principal reason for the 191 Michelin stars now shining down on Tokyo, according to Yamamoto, the food critic who has spent years studying the fish-handling arts that have been perfected at Tsukiji. (Paris got just 98 stars total, New York 54.)

"Fish culture is at the core of food quality," he said.

Fishermen preserve freshness by draining blood from fish the moment they are taken from the sea. Shippers pack the creatures in water that replicates the temperature and salinity of the seas where they were caught. Then, like racehorses vanned to the track, fish are hauled to Tsukiji in their live position — as if swimming — to prevent bruising.

Dodging motorized fish carts like an open-field runner, Ozaki moved quickly through the noisy chaos of the market. He is a daily buyer. Fishmongers smile when they see his impish face. They say they save their best stuff for him.

Besides snapping turtles and a dozen crabs, he bought conger eels, blowfish, octopus, abalone, anglerfish, cod testicles, tuna and

several kinds of shrimp for the meals he would begin serving in about 10 hours.

Ozaki, 38, the son of a sushi chef, spent 17 years as an apprentice and sous-chef in fish restaurants in and around Tokyo. In the first four years of his apprenticeship, he only chopped vegetables. He said he was never allowed to touch a fish that might be served to a customer. He then spent three years working on sushi techniques.

He opened his own restaurant two years ago. With seats for only 16 diners, it serves sushi and high-end Japanese fish dishes.

At work, Ozaki wears traditional wooden sandals, an impeccably pressed white gown and a spotless chef's hat. To sharpen his senses, he always cooks and prepares sushi on an empty stomach.

Not long ago, a customer called him a samurai, a description that tickled Ozaki. Samurai were the honor-driven warrior class of preindustrial Japan.

"It is artsy obsession that I have," Ozaki said on the way back from the fish market to his restaurant. "I have chosen to compete against the best restaurants in Tokyo. For me there is no turning back."

The notion of self-sacrifice for the sake of exquisite food seems to suit many Tokyo chefs, even when they devote their lives to cuisine no samurai would have recognized.

Three of the eight Tokyo restaurants that won three-star status, Michelin's highest honor, serve French cuisine; the five others are Japanese. Chefs here also won stars for cooking Italian, Spanish, Chinese and steakhouse food.

“The food we serve is a reflection of how we live.”

-NOBORU TANI

At Le Mange-Tout, one of the 25 restaurants in the city to win two Michelin stars, owner-chef Noboru Tani goes home to his family only one night a week. He cheerfully describes his restaurant as a "prison." He sleeps in a loft above the dining room.

"The samurai spirit is in me," said Tani, 55. "The Japanese character is that we pursue one thing earnestly and with great diligence. For me, that object of diligence happens to be France."

Since he was 18, he said, he has devoted himself to the study of French culture, history, wine and cuisine.

Competition among Tokyo restaurants is "unimaginably tough," Tani said, and a chef-owner cannot survive unless he is willing to sacrifice in a way that "extracts the very essence of his self onto the plate."

"It is pride and ambition that

bind us," Tani said, speaking of his fellow chefs. "The food we serve is a reflection of how we live."

As he spoke, Tani was sitting in the dining room of his restaurant. It was midafternoon. Downstairs in the kitchen, his



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staff was beginning to prepare dinner. It would include sea-urchin flan, a warm salad with salted pork from the Pyrenees Mountains, fried sea bream and a red-wine consommé flavored with rabbit, deer and wild boar.

To partake of the prix-fixe samurai spirit at Le Mange-Tout, you must reserve a month in advance and then pay a minimum of \$200 per person.

But high quality in Tokyo restaurant food doesn't require a high price — or a Michelin star. Consider the curry bun that is the specialty of Bistro Kirakutei, a curry joint that sits in the shadow of an elevated highway not far from Shibuya Station, one of the world's business commuter hubs.

The curry bun is a sweet doughnut wrapped around a deep green dollop of mild English-style curry. The onions in the curry are slow-fried for four hours. Once cooked, the curry is given a day of rest before it marries its doughnut. Only about 400 of these buns are made each day, all by hand.

"I have found the perfect harmony of curry sauce and dough," explains Hideki Okubo, who experimented with spices and curry powder for six months until he got it right.

That was 24 years ago, and his curry bun has since become something of a legend in Tokyo. Okubo said he has been offered lucrative deals to mass-market it but has never seriously considered doing so.

"A restaurant has to have one thing that stands out," he said. "For us, it is our bun."

Yamamoto, the food writer, has eaten Okubo's curry bun, which costs \$2.50, and he has eaten the pricey fare at Le Mange-Tout. He believes the creators of these foods share identical values.

"They do not believe that success is measured by cash," Yamamoto said. "They measure it by giving happiness to eaters."

Ahmadinejad visits Iraq

Sudarsan Raghavan

The Washington Post

Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad will travel to Iraq next month in the first such visit by an Iranian leader, Iraqi officials said Thursday, adding that Iran had postponed a fourth round of talks with the United States to discuss Iraq's security.

Invited by Iraqi President Jalal Talabani, Ahmadinejad is scheduled to arrive March 2 for a visit of two to three days to discuss bilateral relations, the officials said. He will also meet with Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki.

The two neighbors fought an intense, eight-year conflict in the 1980s during the rule of Saddam Hussein. But the ascent of a Shiite-dominated government in Iraq after the 2003 U.S.-led invasion ushered in a new era of friendship with Iran's Shiite theocracy.

The United States and Iran set aside their own animosities and held three rounds of talks to discuss ways to improve Iraq's security. But on Thursday, Iran postponed the next session for the fourth time, Iranian and Iraqi officials said.

"These negotiations have been postponed, not canceled," said an Iranian diplomat in the nation's Baghdad embassy. "We believe these negotiations

should continue, but we postponed them for technical problems."

The diplomat declined to elaborate, and said he expected the talks to occur "in the near



future."

But a U.S. Embassy spokeswoman said Iran seemed increasingly unwilling to meet for the discussions, which had been scheduled for Friday.

"We are happy to sit down for the talks, but it is increasingly clear Iran is not," said Miremba Nantongo. "We've been ready to participate for weeks." The Iraqi government, she added, informed the U.S. Embassy of the postponement.

Iraqi government spokesman Ali al-Dabbagh said Iranian officials did not provide a reason for the postponement. "The Iranians just told us that they are not coming on Friday," Dabbagh said. "We've been informed that it is a matter of a few more days."

Last May, the U.S. and Iran

broke a 27-year-old diplomatic freeze when U.S. Ambassador to Iraq Ryan C. Crocker met with his Iranian counterpart, Hassan Kazemi Qomi. Those and more recent discussions have centered on U.S. allegations that Iran is providing weapons and training to Shiite militias in Iraq, charges the Iranians have denied.

Ahmadinejad is scheduled to visit the southern Shiite holy cities of Karbala and Najaf, Dabbagh said. Among other issues, the two neighbors are slated to discuss joint projects, mostly along their 900-mile-long border, including electricity stations and oil fields, Dabbagh said.

Dabbagh said Iraq would not conduct its foreign relations in the shadow of the U.S. "We are a sovereign country. Our good relationship with Iran will help everybody in the region," he said.

In the Shiite district of Sadr City, the stronghold of Shiite cleric Moqtada al-Sadr, a car bomb detonated in a crowded market Thursday, killing seven people and wounding 36, police said.

West of the northern city of Kirkuk, gunmen killed a member of the U.S.-backed Sunni Awakening forces, the latest in a spate of attacks against the fighters, widely credited with helping to decrease violence in Iraq.

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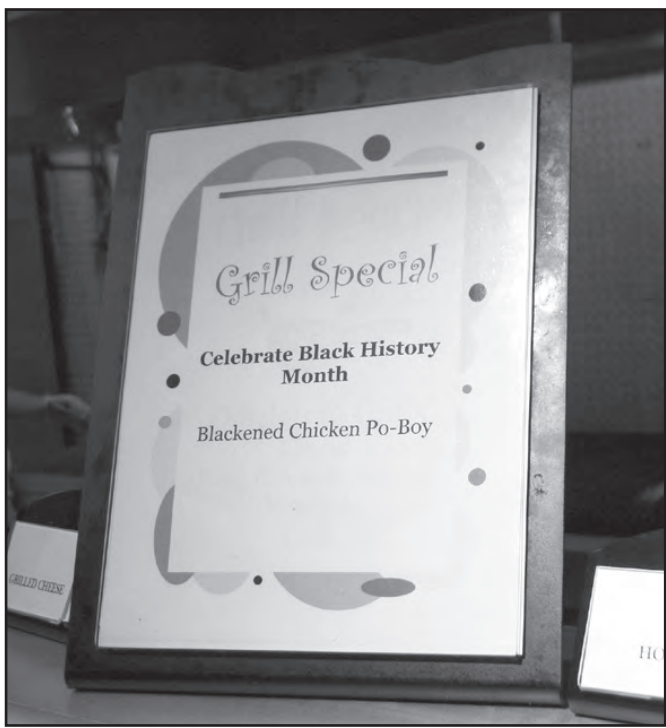
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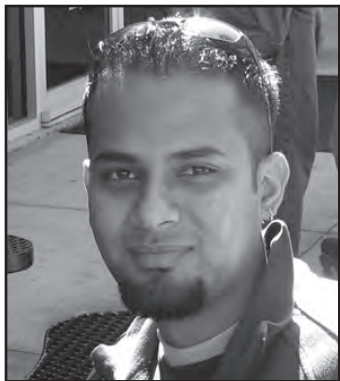
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Student Forum

The Avion asks: "Where would you rather be during Speedweek?"

-Compiled by Brandon Boekelman and Matt Goldberg



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Aaron Paul
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Aeronautics

"In C-Lab doing homework."



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"In Colombia."



Ashley Davis
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"Orlando."



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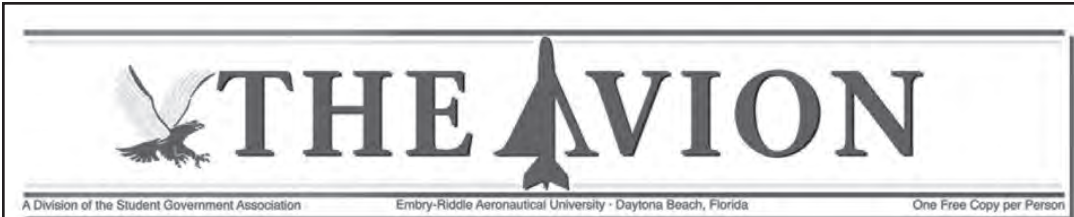
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The Eagles dropped two conference games last week to Edward Waters and Florida Memorial.

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

Embry-Riddle played both games without starting guard Ryan Exter, who broke his

right middle finger during a practice. With guard Denny Joseph already on the sidelines with an ankle injury, the team's depth was noticeably hampered without Exter, who averaged 30.2 minutes per game.

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

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

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

The Eagles had a dramatic come from behind home victory over FSC rival Warner Southern on Sunday only to suffer a last-second loss at Northwood four days later.

The 77-62 win over Warner was ignited by Tyler Debord along with a fine defensive effort that sparked a comeback late in the first half.

The Eagles trailed by 15 with 8:34 remaining in the first half before Coach Steve Ridder called time-out and chastised his team's defensive effort. By halftime, Ridder's men had pulled the deficit back

to three. "I looked up at the scoreboard and noticed we only had one foul," Bidder said. "How aggressive are we playing if we don't have any fouls?"

Momentum carried through to the second half, as the Eagles built a 15 point lead- ironically the same deficit they faced in the first half.



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On Feb. 5, the Honor Students' Association (HSA) and the Embry-Riddle chapter of Sigma Gamma Tau (ΣΓΤ), National Honor Society in Aerospace Engineering, had the opportunity to visit Gulfstream in Savannah, GA. This professional development program was a huge success, as 15 members of the HSA and

15 members of ΣΓΤ made the three and a half hour journey in order to tour the Gulfstream facilities and interact with Gulfstream staff.

The day started off with a lunch question-answer session, during which our members had the opportunity to ask questions to a panel of Gulfstream employees. Gulfstream Senior Vice President of Operations Dennis Stulgross, Senior Project Engineer Tim Farley, Lead Production Engineer

Larry Hines, Systems Engineer Jose Lorza, and Recruiter Jim Johnstone answered questions about all aspects of the company. Many questions pertained to entry-level jobs and internship positions, allowing our members to better understand what is expected in the aerospace industry. There were also questions about Gulfstream products and operations, including their two new Research and Development Centers, their Enhanced Vision

System II and their relationship as a subsidiary to General Dynamics.

After the session, our group was split up and taken on a tour of the facilities, which are located right on Savannah/Hilton Head International Airport. We had the opportunity to tour the assembly line, which is currently used to produce both the Gulfstream IV and Gulfstream V business jets. We also got to visit several other facilities, including the upholstery center, the non-destructive testing center, the finishing center, and the composites lab. This tour of the facilities allowed us to see and experience how aerospace engineering is applied in a professional aerospace setting and was a very valuable experience for all those who attended.

HSA and ΣΓΤ would like to thank the Aerospace Engineering Department for co-sponsoring this trip, as well as Dr. David Sypeck for joining us on the 5th. We'd also like to thank our President, Derek Cheng, and the group from Gulfstream for organizing a great professional development experience. At HSA and ΣΓΤ, we look forward to further professional development opportunities in order to help prepare our members for their future.



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ΣΑΕ volunteers to help animals

William Gons
Sigma Alpha Epsilon

As busy as race week was, we here at Sigma Alpha Epsilon found time to give back to our community by helping at the annual Nascar Auction. On Feb. 13 we volunteered at the "Partners for Paws Spectacular," which is a fundraiser for the Halifax Humane Society and other organizations for homeless dogs. There were over 120 items being auctioned off in a live and

silent auction. Some of the items included signed helmets, pieces of cars, uniforms, race tickets and lots more racing paraphernalia. We were even lucky enough to be able to have our own Jake Volkmer auctioned. He went for the hefty sum of \$2.35 to Ida, a lonely 74-year-old woman. We will miss you, Jake.

Inside of the giant white tent in the Speedway parking lot, which I'm sure that you have seen, the Nascar Foundation teamed up with Greg Biffle, Ryan Newman and Mike Skinner to co-host the

silent auction. For those of you who don't know who Greg and Ryan are, they are Sprint Cup Series drivers and Mike is a driver in the Craftsman Truck Series. They all scheduled time around their busy race and practice schedule to come out and support the Humane Society.

We were helping to keep the auction running smoothly. We organized the live auction items, and displayed them on stage, making them look good. We were also busy with security, making sure nobody was trying to run

off with any of the one-of-a-kind signed items.

The event was a success last year and was even bigger this year. Last year, they raised over \$50,000 for homeless dogs, and they are expecting to raise even more this year. This event has been running for over 10 years and has become bigger and bigger each year.

To thank us for all of our support and help over the years the Nascar Foundation and the Humane Society gave us 10 tickets for a box office suite at the Bud Shootout. We were able to watch the race in style and meet many of the companies that support the Nascar Foundation.



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Phi Delta looks to Greek Week

Gary Toth
Phi Delta Theta

On Feb. 3, 2008, Mark Repanshek, Kay Dubey, Jon-Erik Jaeger, Kiet Duong, Alexander Wolf, Christian Lopez, James Roesner, Tarrall Maynard, Carlos Williams and Michael McFarland were inducted as the Psi Class of Phi Delta Theta. They have begun a semester long learning process in order to become a brother of our great fraternity. We would like to congratulate them and wish them the best of luck.

On Feb. 17, 2008, William Seigler, the driver of No. 27, The WonderBread car, drove past the competition to win



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the Daytona 500. His beautifully hand-crafted carbon fiber car, made by our very own Bo Pollet, is a work of art maintained by pit crew boss Lyman Adams. Without the hard work of all our brothers Will would not have been able to cross the finish line to win the biggest race in NASCAR. His next race, during Greek Week, will test his skills again in another type of race. He will be pitted against some of the best Greeks in a chariot race on Wednesday, Feb. 27. We have great confidence in Will's driving abilities and believe he will navigate his way to first place.

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Adam Aircraft suspends operations

Maciej Majewski
Staff Reporter

Colorado-based aircraft manufacturer Adam Aircraft suspended its operation on Feb. 11 and after apparently not being able to come to terms

at alternatives and expects further guidance soon.

The 2007 year was a mix of trouble and success. Adam Aircraft had obtained the type certificate for the twin-piston A500 and was hoping to start production in the summer of this year. The A700 very light

Cessna Citation Mustang, is currently in the flight test and development stage.

The A700 project began in 2002, and first deliveries were expected during this year. The aircraft, capable of carrying two pilots and five passengers, had already received type inspection authorization from the FAA and had completed environmental testing in December 2007. The company talked about "significant progress" and "being on track" with the project.

Adam Aircraft finalized a \$105 million round of financing in June of 2007, and had announced new strategies in January 2008: streamlining production processes and managing cash expenditures as to secure long-term financing. The main goals for the year were A700 type certification and completing a program allowing high-rate production. These adjustments meant cost-cutting and a reduction in labor, which lead to the current suspension situation.



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with its lender for funding. The company is currently looking

jet, a competitor to such aircraft as the Eclipse 500 and

Airbus sparks 2008 orders

Bob Scheid
Chief Copy Editor

Airbus has had a busy month in January, and foresees two decades of new orders on the horizon.

According to Aviation Daily, Airbus received 238 new orders in January, which may be up to a third of the predicted orders in 2008. This surge of orders is uncharacteristic of the early months of a new year, and possibly indicative of a new interest in Airbus; last year's orders for all 12 months totaled 1,458 aircraft at about \$181 billion.

The most popular model by far was the A320, a single-aisle airliner with about 150 seats and a range of 3,000 miles.

Many existing orders were also swapped from the A319 to the A320, which has lower range but more seats. Of the 204 A320 orders in January, 110 of them are for the Chinese government.

The aircraft manufacturer also delivered 37 airliners in the first month of 2008.

But this is just the beginning of a new trend, which Airbus predicts will be worth up to \$2.8 trillion between 2008 and 2026. Over the next two decades, the company believes freight tonne kilometers will increase by 5.8 percent annually, along with doubling the need for 100-plus-seat airliners and requiring more than 1,700 400-plus-seat aircraft. Between new aircraft orders

and replacements for outdated airliners, the total count for new aircraft could be upward of 23,000 units. Southeast Asia was listed as most likely to have the greatest growth, while Brazil, South Africa, Vietnam and Argentina were noted as candidates for new and growing markets.

It is unlikely that Airbus alone will capture all these orders; Boeing continues to sell its 787 Dreamliner despite recent delays in test and production airframes, and new versions of the 737 and 747 continue to be shipped. Airbus is continuing development of its conspicuously over budget and behind schedule A380, and its smaller A318 and other models.

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Students left hanging by Silver State closure

Shocked by the downfall of Silver State Helicopters, the Nevada based flight school that declared bankruptcy earlier this week, former students and employees are telling AVweb that the company made promises to them that it couldn't keep. Silver State Helicopters abruptly shut down operations at its 34 nationwide locations on Sunday afternoon, leaving more than 800 employees without jobs and more than 2,500 flight students saddled with millions in debt. Company president and founder Jerry Airola has yet to speak publicly on the event, but a statement released by the company alleges that "a rapid, unprecedented downturn in the U.S. credit markets" curtailed the availability of student loans for the company's students and resulted in a "sharp and sudden downturn in new student enrollment." Tony and Heather Sullivan told AVweb they were at a Super Bowl party when they got the news. Heather was employed as a receptionist and flight dispatcher at Silver State's Houston facility, where her husband was a student. To date Tony has logged just 81 of the 200 hours he signed up to receive, and said he does not know how he is going to complete his training. Tony, who works full time as a human resources manager for a construction company, said he has an outstanding loan through American Education Services (AES) for approximately \$70,000, the cost of the 18-month program designed to get students through their pri-

vate, commercial, instrument and initial flight instructor certificates.

Hawker Beechcraft Type Certifies Hawker 750

Hawker Beechcraft Corporation announced on Tuesday that the FAA has awarded type certification to its newest aircraft, the light-midsize Hawker 750. The Hawker 750 has the same fuselage and wings as the midsize Hawker 800 series, providing the largest cabin in the light-midsize aircraft segment, the company says. The new model aims to reach new customers for the company, and is already sold out through 2010. "This aircraft has the perfect combination of reliability and operating efficiency, while incorporating a large luxurious cabin with internal and external baggage areas," said Brad Hatt, president, Commercial Aircraft. The 750, which can carry up to eight passengers, has a 2,116-nm NBAA IFR range.

It will be driven by two Honeywell TFE731-5BR engines. Prices start at \$12.2 million.

Congress seeks results on runway safety issues

Progress on reducing runway incursions is impeded by a lack of leadership in the

FAA as well as technology challenges, a Congressional committee was told by Gerald Dillingham, of the Government Accountability Office, on Wednesday. Dillingham's report also cited NTSB concerns about air traffic controller fatigue, which may result from regularly working overtime. The House Subcommittee on Aviation convened the hearing to discuss how runway safety can be improved. AOPA President Phil Boyer said his group will commit to expanding programs to educate pilots in 2008, but the FAA also needs to do more to make runway safety "a national priority." The FAA said it is expediting its certification process to get better equipment into cockpits faster. "We are actively working on an application from Jeppesen [for a GPS moving-map system], and we expect they will complete certification soon," the FAA said in a fact sheet released on Tuesday.

FAA Training Chief: Controller Staffing Is Under Control

As the National Air Traffic Controllers Association (NATCA) continues to declare "staffing emergencies" at the nation's busiest air traffic facilities, the FAA's man in charge of training and hiring controllers told AVweb in an exclusive interview last week that the skies are not as dark as NATCA would have the public believe.

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Proton rocket launches Norway into space

Ashley Roper
Staff Reporter

The morning of Feb. 11 was an important one for Norway, as a Russian Proton rocket carried a Norwegian satellite into geostationary orbit.

The rocket launched from the Baikonr Cosmodome in Kazakhstan at 6:34 a.m. EST for a nine hour flight before dropping the communications satellite, Thor 5, into orbit. Once Proton had reached an altitude of 107 miles, it had completed four burns and had successfully crossed into the borders of space. The rest of the Proton's trip was spent gradually climbing another 20,000 miles into space before releasing its payload. According to SpaceflightNow.com, the launch data for the mission had predicted a final altitude of 22,864 miles.

Originally planned for Feb. 9, the early morning launch was monitored by International Launch Services (ILS). ILS is headquartered in Virginia, however, the company is a joint venture between the United States and Russia. For Russia, the Proton is the premiere launch vehicle and ILS holds exclusive rights for launching it. Thor's launch site, the Baikonr Cosmodome, is under lease to Russia from the Republic of Kazakhstan.

Thor 5 was engineered and manufactured by Orbital Sciences, also in Virginia. Once in orbit however, the satellite will serve Telenor Satellite Broadcasting of Norway, which provides television and internet broadcasting systems. Telenor also provides some services to other parts of Scandinavia in conjunction with two other lead communications companies.

Thor 5 is replacing the 10-year-old Thor 2 satellite. It will provide Ku-band coverage for Fixed Satellite Service and Broadcast Satellite Service for an estimated 15 years. Another Thor satellite is planned to be launched next year, also for Telenor Communications.



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Pentagon goes satellite hunting

Disabled satellite will be shot down before entering atmosphere

Robert Keith
Staff Reporter

After 14 months of fruitless orbit, the satellite dubbed USA 193, or NRO L-21, has had its fate decided by Pentagon officials. Earlier this month Pentagon officials announced their intentions to shoot down the disabled satellite before it completed its decaying orbit with a fiery reentry.

Officials claim that their reason for doing so is to avoid any potential loss of life due to the toxic fuel, hydrazine, which remains onboard. As its orbit continues to decay, concerns about the toxic fuel became an issue when NASA officials surmised that it is most likely frozen, which would allow it to survive the reentry process. Under this scenario the remaining fuel weighing in at just over 1,000 pounds, would likely thaw upon reaching the ground, polluting an area roughly the size of two football fields and possibly causing fatalities.

The satellite was launched into orbit from Vandenberg Air Force Base; Space Launch Complex 2 aboard a Boeing Delta II launch system in December 2006. It was originally conceived for the National Reconnaissance Office with a classified purpose and later built by Lockheed Martin. Its successful launch would mark the first for the United Launch Alliance. Upon entry into orbit, the craft lost power and ulti-

mately communication with ground controllers, leaving it adrift in. The toxic hydrazine fuel remaining on board is the result of the craft never becoming operational; the fuel would have otherwise been used in subsequent orbital maneuvers.

likely cause the craft to break up in orbit.

The window of opportunity to target the defunct satellite begins next week and last approximately seven to eight days, though any plans to destroy the satellite will have



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VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE Joint Chiefs of Staff Gen. James Cartwright, U.S. Marine Corps speak on shooting down an unresponsive satellite at a press conference last week.

The military is planning to utilize a modified Standard Missile-3 to reach the satellite

“It’s an attempt to try to protect populations on the ground.”

-SEAN McCORMACK

before it can enter the atmosphere. Three separate missiles will be modified and carried on three different U.S. Naval vessels to increase likelihood of success. Officials have predicted that a direct hit will not be necessary to successfully destroy the satellite. Any contact that would alter the satellite's trajectory would most

to wait until Shuttle Atlantis has safely returned from orbit. In an effort to help expedite the process, NASA officials have said that the Edwards Air Force Base facility will be an option for the shuttle when it lands later this week.

Political fallout over the situation is a concern for White House officials who have sent instructions to all U.S. diplomats around the globe to apprise their respective host governments of the situation. The unorthodox approach has received criticism abroad for its resemblance to China's demonstration of a missile designed to target and destroy satellites last year.

“Our role is to reassure nations around the world as to the nature of what we are trying to do,” State Department spokesman Sean McCormack said Friday. “It’s an attempt to try to protect populations on the ground.”

Upcoming Cape launches

Endeavour next in line at Cape

With Atlantis still in orbit, the shuttle Endeavour is undergoing final preparations for its nighttime flight to the space station next month. STS-123 will deliver the first of the three sections of Japan's Kibo module, as well as Dextre, the Canadian robotic hand to be fitted on the end of the station's robotic arm. Kibo, meaning “hope,” will be launched over three separate missions. The first piece, the smaller pressurized module, will be the one brought up on this flight.

Endeavour's flight is slated for early in the morning of March 11, with liftoff coming at 2:31 a.m. EDT. This will be just the second night launch of the shuttle since the Columbia accident. The first was STS-116 in December 2006.

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Apr. 24
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Launch time 8:26 a.m. EDT
+/- 5 min. window

May 16
Delta 2
NASA's GLAST
Gamma-ray telescope
Launch window:
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Atlantis' mission successful

Bob Scheid
Chief Copy Editor

With one shuttle mission nearly complete and another quickly approaching, a sick astronaut and a sick spy satellite, NASA has its plate full for the next several weeks.

German astronaut Hans Schlegel, after falling ill with a still-unidentified sickness early in the mission, is now feeling better and was able to participate in the second of three spacewalks planned for STS-122, attaching the European-built Columbus science laboratory to the International Space Station (ISS). He expressed a bit of unhappiness to SpaceflightNow with having to miss the first spacewalk (he was scheduled to participate in that spacewalk as well, but was replaced with Stan Love when he became sick), but emphasized that he understood the need for the larger mission to be accomplished and was quite happy with the outcome.

Because of Schlegel's illness, the mission was extended one and later two days, and is now due for a land-

ing at Kennedy Space Center on Wednesday. In addition to normal launch facility preparation, though, NASA is also staffing its backup landing facility at Edwards Air Force Base in California.

Generally speaking, if poor weather prohibits a safe landing in Florida, the shuttle would simply stay aloft for another day and try again when weather cleared and the orbit took them near the landing site again. However, NASA is anxious to bring Atlantis back to Earth as quickly as possible, and is therefore keeping another option for landing open.

This is due to the now-infamous spy satellite that has lost power and will be shot down by the United States. The NRO L-21 satellite is carrying hazardous hydrazine fuel, a toxic substance which may be spread unpredictably over a large area if the satellite's orbit is allowed to decay naturally; instead, the Navy will be attempting to shoot it out of its orbit and bring it down in a more controlled fashion. While the shuttle's orbit is several dozen miles higher than that of the satellite,

debris from the explosion may pose a hazard to the shuttle, so NASA wants to bring it home as quickly as possible so the shot may go off as planned.

NASA officials told SpaceflightNow that the danger to the ISS is negligible.

Meanwhile, as of press time Sunday, the shuttle Endeavour was expected to begin rolling out to launch pad 39A in preparation for STS-123. That mission, scheduled to launch March 11, will carry the first part of the Japanese Kibo science module to the ISS, along with the Canadian-built Dextre remote manipulator system. Kibo, which means “hope” in Japanese, will hold modular experiment racks for researchers on the station; a pressurized module and external exposure facility will also be launched on two future missions. Dextre is a two-armed robotic manipulator system designed to have access to nearly all parts of the station's exterior with millimeter-precision tools and torque and pressure sensors that will prevent damage to delicate components that may need to be repaired or replaced.

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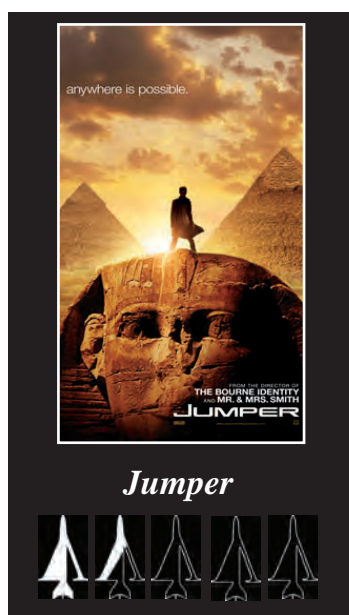
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'Jumper' fails to move audiences



Jumper

William Sohl
Entertainment Editor

Going to see "Jumper," I had a strange feeling. Every trailer I saw for the movie made me expect I would loathe it. But something about the way the teleportation was done and the presence of Samuel L. Jackson convinced me to give it a shot. In the end though, "Jumper" is destined to take its place alongside "Wing Commander" and "Mystery Men" as one of the worst sci-fi and superhero movies ever.

The plot follows David Rice, played by Hayden Christensen, from Michigan who lives with his alcoholic father. His mother left when he was five years old.

After some high school bullying causes him to fall through the ice on a fast moving river, he discovers he has the ability to teleport from place to place. From then on he goes about robbing banks and traveling as he pleases. Along the way he picks up Griffin, played by "Billy Elliot" star Jaime Bell, a British jumper who seems to enjoy creepily following David for the first half of the movie. Eventually Roland, a religious fanatic played by Samuel L. Jackson, begins to try to kill David, saying, "Only God should have this power." David goes on the run, leading him to reconnect with his high school crush Millie, played by Rachel Bilson. After this it's the same story we've seen play out thousands of times. The hero has to keep on the run and defeat his enemy while hiding his power

so seamlessly that it's nearly impossible to tell what was shot in a studio and what was shot on location. Considering major filming only took place in Rome, Tokyo, Toronto and New York, they managed to create an amazing number of other locations. Along with this, the fight sequences are impressive. An interesting mix of martial arts, teleporting and hurling heavy objects all combined to give a style of fighting that is truly unique.

Unfortunately, this is nowhere near enjoyable enough to cover up the annoyingly narcissistic characters and poor acting. Pretty much every line in the movie is under or over acted. Jackson does an ok job with his character, but nothing special. Bell overacts a bit but overall gives us an enjoyable English sidekick. As for the two main characters, David and Millie are simply unlikable. Maybe it's the fact that both Rachel Bilson and Hayden Christensen both look as though they've been pounding beers before each take, but neither of them seemed able to conjure up any believable emotion. The younger actors for their childhood parts, Max Thieriot and Anna Sophia Robb, were both far more talented. Christensen and Bilson just did not have what it takes to make me emotionally invested in their characters. In fact, I found myself rooting for Jackson's character and was hoping against hope that one of these obnoxious hacks would get a knife in the chest just so I didn't

have to watch them anymore.

Granted their dialogue for the most part seem designed for the MTV crowd. When I've paid \$6.50 for a movie, I like to know that somewhere along the line the screen writers learned words that need more than four letters and that clichés should be used sparingly. Unfortunately neither of these is the case. The "hooking up" scenes between Christensen and Bilson reek of this type of oversimplified emotion. Something about the dialogue just always feels forced.

"'Jumper' just isn't good film; it's mental fast food."

-WILLIAM SOHL



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"The special effects are some of the most impressive I've seen."

-WILLIAM SOHL

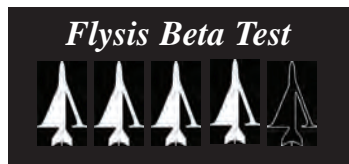
from his woman.

To be fair, the movie does have a couple things it did right. The special effects are some of the most impressive I've seen. All the green screening and teleporting is worked in

envisioning of the teleportation was right on. The sets and props and effects were all there. Just the movie fell through in the telling. With the right cast, right director, and the right writers this could have been one of the

best sci-fi movies I've seen. I think that is what really leads to my annoyance. Unfortunately, it was also the best movie with a wide release this week, so you're probably best off avoiding theaters

Flysis beta test report Aussie pop hits States



Jason Preston
Guest Reporter

If being addicted to my laptop has taught me anything, it's that a game can only truly be enjoyed if your computer allows it to run.

For instance, I haven't logged on to Steam in about a month to play Half Life 2 or Counter Strike Source because I keep getting these annoying engine errors.

However, one of my friends in Engineering Physics saw how my attention span was rapidly turning into a moving tumbleweed through the vast deserts of dry boredom and recommended a game that he said was a "cross between Star Fox and an

support units and can heal their comrades during battle as well as boost their stats.

The game currently in the closed beta stage, which means once the developers are done, all the characters players have will be deleted and everyone will start over. Nevertheless, the whole point of beta testing is to find glitches and problems with the game, and that's what I set you to do.

Now I first realized this was a Korean game mainly because the girls are all ridiculous gorgeous and have uniforms that oddly resemble lingerie. While the Japanese RPG variants have much of the same, there's none of that wacky and unrealistic hairstyle nonsense that plagues

trying to have fun.

In my case a pilot named "PinkFlamingo" made it his mission to turn my flying tank into a flaming hunk of metal hurtling towards the ground. I tried hard not to just rant lewd comments about his mother, and keeping the obscenity filter in mind, I told him simply to "flock off jerk."

There is a unique, Non Playable Character, NPC, that my friends and I often worship and fear called Pathos. Basically, if you took an irate pterodactyl who didn't get enough hugs as an hatchling, and mated it with a B-58 Hustler, and equipped the child-thing with laser turrets and missile launchers, then Pathos is exactly what you'd get. It is nice to know that when "he" isn't



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-JASON PRESTON

MMORPG," called Flysis.

You fly around in your choice of aircraft, called gears, each with its own specialty: A-gears are flying tanks with the highest damage output, but are the slowest; B-gears are good all-around, but suffer the same problems as the F-18 in that it tries to do too much rather than have something it excels at; I-gears have the highest speed and agility, they are the dogfighters and probably the most popular unit to fly; finally M-gears are the

Final Fantasy.

Another part that got my attention was the poorly made obscenity filter.

The PVP combat is without a doubt interesting, yet if you're a low level pilot, it'll be a massacre with a side of slaughter. I personally fly the A-gear and am constantly attacked by people who are double my level, so they shoot me down in a single hit. After a while you begin to get irritated with this because some people get their jollies by attacking weaker targets while they're

trying to destroy myself or my friends, he'll attack the enemy players from the other faction.

Probably the best part about Flysis is that it's free, so I enjoy it even more since my money isn't suddenly disappearing like so many previous girlfriends.

So until the massive server wipe occurs, I'll happily continue to play Flysis. When it does, there had better be some advantage for being a beta tester, such as the actual game for free, else lewd gestures shall be pointed at the developers.



On a Clear Night
Missy Higgins



Bob Scheid

Chief Copy Editor

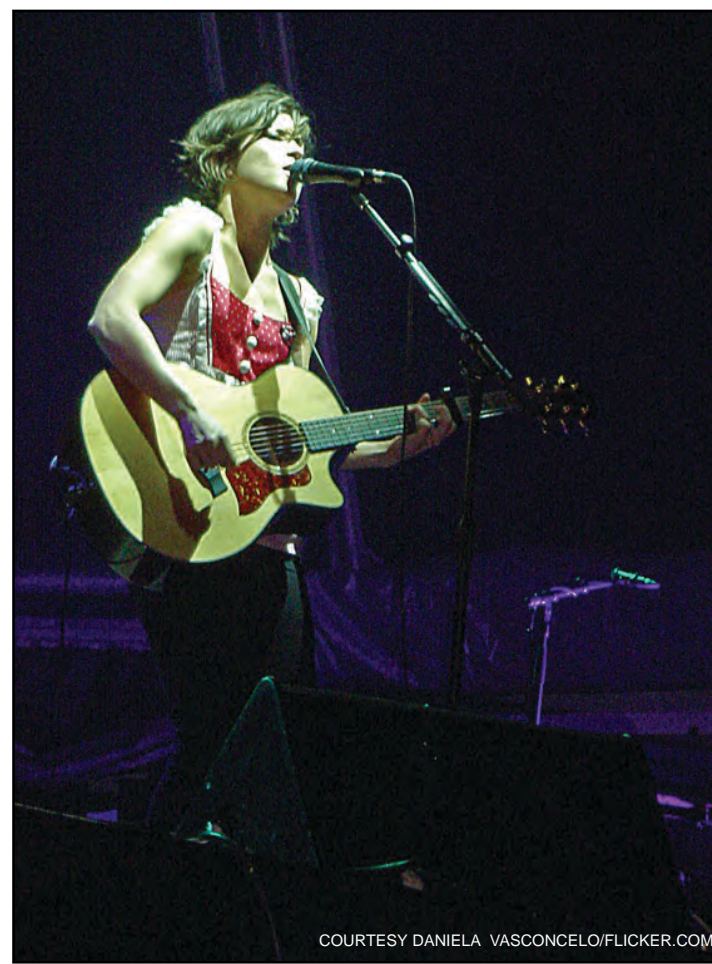
and make a best-of album of the results. That's *On A Clear Night*.

You end up with a series of tracks that could probably be put in any order. They blend together, alternating effortlessly between the energetic, the loose, the pining and the reflective. Put it on repeat, put it on shuffle, turn it up or turn it down, and it always seems to sound uniformly excellent. Listen to it in your car on a drive to nowhere.

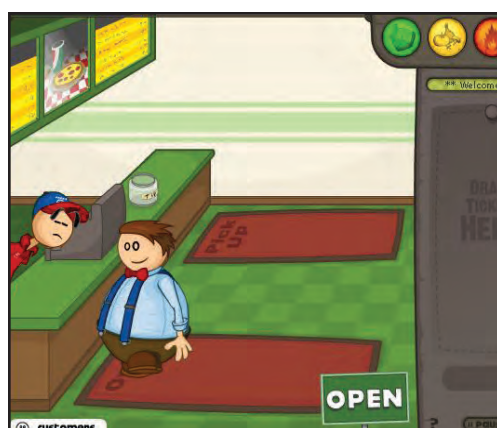
Nothing is perfect, of course, and the biggest flaw with this album is something that tends to happen with artists who are lacking the final confidence to really dig for their music, to let it take them over and add some musical elaboration into every track. Eleven songs on the CD yield less than 40 minutes of music,

and it's because every song seems to end too quickly. There are no guitar jam sessions for 30 seconds at the end of every track. I wanted those here. And I don't know why I didn't get them; her skill with songwriting is not in question with me, so why didn't she elaborate on it?

The album ends up being more about her voice and lyrics than anything else. It's not a big thing, but it's important and I think it leads to the imbalance that makes it too short and halting. All that being said, it's emotional, energetic, and thoroughly enjoyable as long as you don't listen to just one song (because if you like this music, one won't be enough). If you're interested, she's got songs on her website www.missyhiggins.com and YouTube for try-before-you-buy.



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Game of the Week: 'Papa's Pizzeria'

The Avion's Entertainment page would like to introduce a new weekly section: Game of the Week. The topic could be on a flash game on the internet, PC or console game. The section will also be open to any ideas from readers. If you have an idea for a game to reviewed or previewed send an email to avion.newsroom@gmail.com with the subject

name as "Game of the week."

This week's column will feature a flash game called "Papa's Pizzeria." It can be found on www.kongregate.com. The basic idea is to take customer's orders for pizza and fill them as fast as humanly possible. Level one is a tutorial of how to take orders and put toppings on the pizza. Later levels include multiple customers will increasing difficult

topping orders and cooking times.

To add increasing difficulty, the customers will also order several different methods of cutting the pizza.

Overall, the game is simple but incredibly addictive. It is an excellent way to spend an hour in between classes or to relax after a stressful physics test.

-Andrew Zaback



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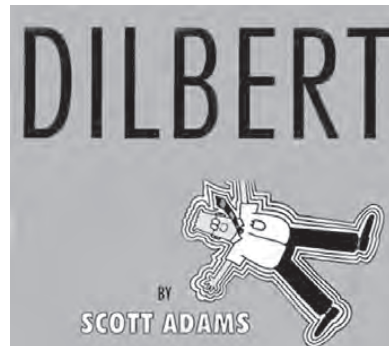


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SO KLYDE, I NEVER DID ASK HOW AN ANT LIKE YOU GOT THIS JOB? WHAT WAS IT, SOME KIND OF E.E.O.C. DEAL?

THE COMPANY HIRED ME BECAUSE I HAVE OVER 5000 HOURS, 3000 TURBINE AND A B.S. DEGREE IN AERONAUTICAL SCIENCE, PLUS I CAN FLY THE FALCON 10...

...OF COURSE I DO HAVE TO SIT ON THIS STACK OF JEPPI MANUALS WHEN I'M FLYIN'.



DILBERT
BY SCOTT ADAMS



MY NEW FIVE-YEAR PLAN LOOKS LIKE THIS.

HOW CAN YOU HAVE A FIVE-YEAR PLAN WHEN YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT WILL HAPPEN IN FIVE MINUTES?

WE HAVE THIS ROOM NOW.

BAD TIMING. SHOO! SHOO!



OUR COMPETITORS JUST MADE OUR NEW FIVE-YEAR PLAN MOOT.

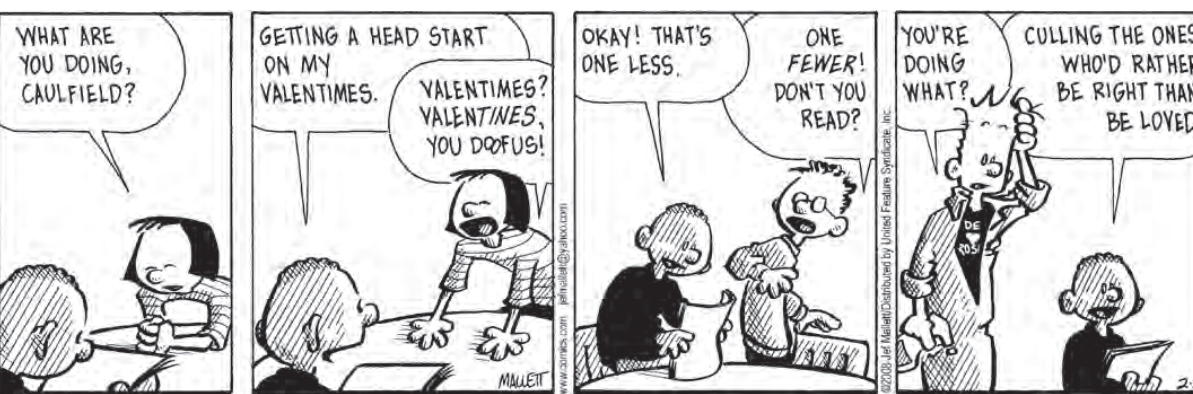
WHILE WE WERE STRATEGIZING, THEY WERE DOING SOMETHING I BELIEVE THEY CALL "WORK."

ON THE PLUS SIDE, I MANAGED TO SALVAGE SOME JOY BY MOCKING YOU.

WHATEVER YOU'RE DOING, STOP IT.



Frazz
By Jeff Mallett



WHAT ARE YOU DOING, CAULFIELD?

GETTING A HEAD START ON MY VALENTINES.

VALENTINES? VALENTINES, YOU DOOFUS!

OKAY! THAT'S ONE LESS.

ONE FEWER! DON'T YOU READ?

YOU'RE DOING WHAT?

CULLING THE ONES WHO'D RATHER BE RIGHT THAN BE LOVED.



MY PARENTS DON'T LIKE VIOLENT TOYS, SO THEY GOT ME THESE LEGO THINGS.

HAHAHAHAHA!

PLEASE TELL ME YOU'RE NOT BUILDING AN AK-47.

HOW CLICHE.

LAND MINES, THEN?

SCATTER 'EM IN THE PARTS OF THE HOUSE WHERE DAD WALKS IN HIS SOCKS!

And the Award Goes To...

Across

- Dated 7 time winner of the Tour de France
- Went psycho on the Surreal Life Fame Game
- Top selling country music icon
- Have their own theme park attraction
- We are the champions
- Played God in Dogma
- Is featured in the Goonies
- Flying high with magic
- Have Fins but sing about butterflies
- Lead singer is dating Lionel Richie's Daughter
- Video killed the radio star
- Made dookie mainstream

- Had the biggest crush on Stacy's mom
- Everyone watched the crazy train wreck on MTV
- Chases cars
- Power Balladeers that can't express their feelings

Down

- 90's Pop and R&B diva who needs a bodyguard
- Thinks things will be better in Boston
- Somewhere over the rainbow in Hawaii
- Rapper who was shot 9 times
- Band of two brothers from the other side of the pond
- The most influential guitarist in rock history
- Former Mickey Mouse Club Mouseketeer

- Rock out in airports
- True rockstars
- Rockband from Portland Oregon
- They love Fridays
- Rockstars that pretend that they can land airplanes
- Vocalist for the Fugees
- Likes to go mud-digging
- Came in for a rough landing



Submit your completed crossword to our office in SC 110. Only open to students! All correct entries will be entered to win the prize of the week. Entries are due Friday by 5 p.m. Winner will be announced in next week's issue. Good luck!

Last Issue "Valentine O'Gram"

Christopher Marolt

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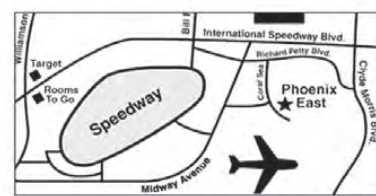
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