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Eclipse draws students from dorms to scopes

Ashley Roper
Staff Reporter

This article was cowritten by Stefanie Thaxton.

Reported cloud cover threatened a clear view of the lunar eclipse that took place last Wednesday, Feb. 20, but that did not stop students and community members alike from coming out to the Creekside Observatory behind the Lehman building to watch.

Early in the evening, it looked as if the clouds would shadow the moon completely. Luckily,

small breaks in the clouds made it possible to view the moon for short periods of time. The eclipse officially began at 8:43 p.m. and ended at 12:09 a.m., with the total eclipse lasting from 10:01 p.m. to 10:51 p.m.

The Embry-Riddle Amateur Astronomy Club hosted the event at the university's Creekside Observatory, which boasts a 20-inch Dall-Kirkham (CDK20) reflecting telescope in a dome. For those that wanted more, there was also a 16-inch Schmidt-Cassegrain reflecting telescope and a 6-inch Takahashi refracting telescope available for

public use.

Throughout the night about 100 people showed up for the event, many of them members of the surrounding Daytona Beach community. Since fall 2006, there have been three other public viewing events like this. Dr. Jason P. Aufdenberg helps run the Creekside Observatory and is an assistant professor in physics and astronomy here on campus.

"Public observing nights are something that nearly all observatories do," he commented. "We like sharing a close-up view of the universe with the public." At the night, Aufdenberg

answered questions from attendees after running the CDK20 telescope for the event.

The anatomy of a lunar eclipse is a fairly simple concept. The Earth's shadow is broken up into two cones; the outer penumbra and the inner umbra. The penumbra is where the Earth blocks out only some of the Sun's rays, while the umbra is in total darkness. It is only when the moon passes completely into the umbra that a full lunar eclipse occurs. When the moon is in the shadow

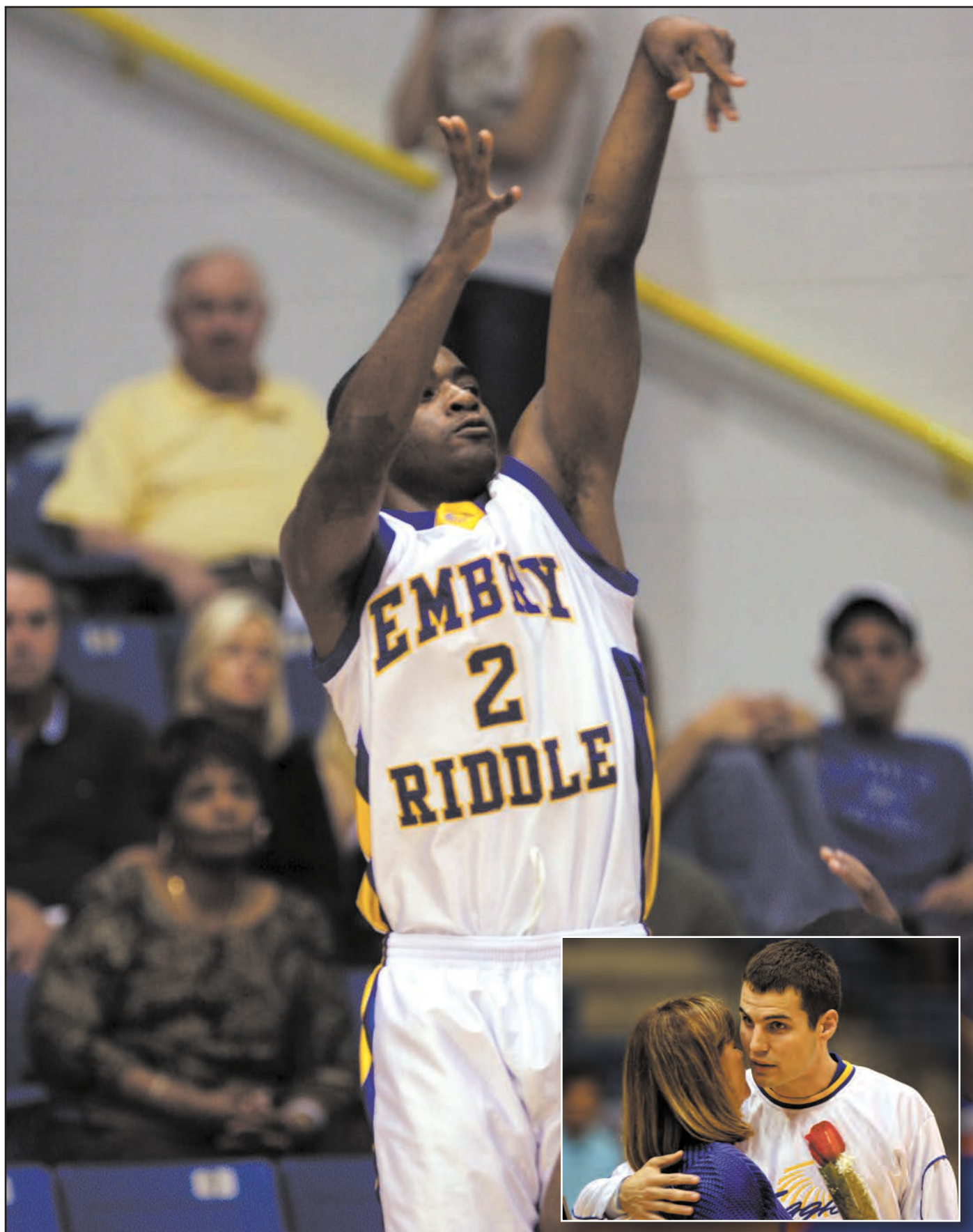
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MELANIE PUGH/AVION

THE TOTAL LUNAR ECLIPSE on Feb. 20 cast a rusty glow over our local satellite. The event drew 100's of students from their dorm rooms to the fields and the Creekside Observatory.

Guards lead in senior night win



MELANIE PUGH, CHRIS TEZAKI/AVION

ON A NIGHT WHEN the seniors were honored, newcomer Rocky Pierre (above) led the Eagles with 19 points on the night. The loss of Ryan Ridder (bottom), a team leader and assist machine will be tough to replace next season. Along with Ridder, Murat Hisarkaya was honored, though he was unable to play this year do to health concerns.

Hisarkaya, Ridder honored

Press Release
ERAU Sports Info.

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. – The Embry-Riddle men's basketball team closed out the 2007-08 slate on a high note with a 78-70 win over defending Florida Sun Conference

tournament champion Florida Memorial in the regular season finale on Saturday. The Eagles, currently ranked 15th nationally, wrapped up second place in the FSC with a 10-4 league record and are now 25-5 overall.

Before the start of the game Coach Ridder honored this year's fan-of-the-year, and the two seniors that will be saying goodbye after this season. Murat Hisarkaya, who has been unable to play this season was introduced first and was escorted by his wife. The Turkish forward played for

two years and was described by Ridder as "the ultimate teammate."

The other senior to be honored was Coach Ridder's son, and team leader, Ryan Ridder. His third season with the Eagles after transferring from the College of Wooster has seen his assists and points-per-game increase and as Coach states, "he is the quarterback of the team." Ridder was led out by his mother and Coach gave an emotional speech for his son's last regular season appearance.

The Eagles had four start-

ers score in double figures as Tyler DeBord put up 17 points, Rocky Pierre posted 19 points and Denver Cobb finished with 15 points. Ryan Ridder, who was honored during Senior Night activities prior to the start of the contest, scored 10 points on the night, just one point shy of his season best. Eric Lorenzi led the way on the boards, pulling down 11 rebounds.

The Eagles jumped out to a 45-29 halftime lead as Pierre

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University honors student employees

Jordan Clancy
Staff Reporter

Following the 50 running of the great American race, Embry-Riddle hosted its own race for the 11th consecutive year last Thursday, dubbed the "Race of Success." Waving the green flag to start the night was Kathy Parsons, the Director of Student Employment on our Daytona Beach campus.

Dedicated to honoring those student employees who went above and beyond their normal job requirements, the night told a story of students whose excellence did not stop at their jobs, but carried over to their academics, campus activities and personal lives.

Representing the cream of the crop, 21 outstanding student employees and their respected advisors gathered in the Student Center Annex for a gourmet dinner and award ceremony. Dinner, provided by the campus dining service, resembled a 5-star meal that fit so well with the characteristics of the students and the theme of the night, "first above the rest."

It certainly is not an easy task selecting 21 students of a

pool of approximately 950 student employees on campus to call outstanding, but it is even harder for the judges to select one winner that tops them all.

Judged in five categories, reliability, quality, initiative, professionalism and unique contribution, each student's respective advisor wrote a recommendation that was reviewed by a panel of judges who had the responsibility of narrowing the field down to "The Great 21."

"We can't believe what our students do on this campus, it is so hard to judge them, so hard to choose one winner," Kathy Parsons told The Avion.

This year's winner not only received the title of Embry-Riddle's most prestigious student employee, but walked away with a few gifts that resembled "The Price is Right's" showcase showdown, without the bidding. The prizes included a \$100 gift certificate to the school book store, a \$20 gift card to Cancun Lagoon, an ERAU clock donated by the library, a picture on a Reads poster and a three day, two

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Big turnouts keep Midnight Cafe open for business

Bob Scheid
Chief Copy Editor

Valentine's Day is often a time of new beginnings, and not always just for couples. Feb. 14 marked the first Thursday that Midnight Café was open.

Mike Coscia, founder of Midnight Café, said that the number of students who came the previous four Fridays gave Sodexho a reason to try expanding the program. The fact it happened on Valentine's Day was unintentional, a coincidence caused by Sodexho's staffing

requirements.

When the first Midnight Café opened on Jan. 11, Coscia expected only a few dozen students to show, but nearly 200 came out to show their support for the program, with lines reaching out the door. While the lines are no longer always reaching around the corner, there has still been an average of several hundred individuals coming each night, and the continued patronage is beginning to convince Sodexho that it could

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Goddard engineer to kick off women's history month

Press Release

Office of Diversity Init.

Daytona Beach, Fla., -- Dr. Aprille Ericsson, the first African-American woman with an engineering doctorate to work at NASA's Goddard Flight and Space Center, will be the keynote speaker for the Women's History Month celebration at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University.

The event, which is free and open to the public, will be held Monday, March 3 from 7 to 8 p.m. in the auditorium of the Miller Instructional Center.

Ericsson's multimedia presentation, titled "Women Who Dared: The History of Women in Science, Engineering, and Mathematics," will have an aviation/aerospace focus. She will also discuss how she came to choose a career in aerospace engineering. At Goddard,

Ericsson leads proposals as well as designing and managing the development of Earth and space-science instruments and satellites.

"I feel obligated to help spur the interest of minorities and women in math, science, and engineering," Ericsson says. "Without diversity in all fields, the United States won't remain technically competitive."

To educate and motivate young people, Ericsson serves as a mentor, an outreach speaker and a sports coach. At her alma mater, Howard University, she is an adjunct professor in the Mechanical Engineering Dept. and a director of the university's new Public Charter Middle School of Math and Science.

Among numerous honors bestowed on Ericsson is the prestigious "Women in Science and Engineering Award," presented annually by the federal government to its best female

engineer. She is frequently spotlighted by the news media and is profiled in two history books.

At Howard University, Ericsson earned a master of engineering and a Ph.D. in mechanical engineering with an aerospace concentration. She also holds a B.S. in aeronautical/astronautical engineering from MIT. Medgar Evers College presented her with an honorary Doctor of Science degree.

Earlier on March 3, the Women's Center director, Cindy Oakley-Paulik, has arranged a For-Women Only luncheon with Dr. Ericsson and female students at Embry-Riddle. On Tuesday, March 4, Dr. Ericsson will visit Campbell Middle School to work with 6th grade students on an engineering experiment involving designing an egg carrier able to withstand a one-floor drop beginning at 10:15 a.m. For more information, contact Dr. Joanne Detore-

Nakamura, coordinator for the ERAU/Campbell Partnership at Embry-Riddle at (386) 226-4914 or detoree@erau.edu.

Ericsson's lecture is a feature of Embry-Riddle's Women's History Month Events coordinated by Diversity Lecture Series, chaired by Jennifer Carney, Instructor of Humanities. Other Women's History Month events are coordinated by Cindy Oakley-Paulik, the new interim Director of the Women's Center. The Diversity Lecture Series and the Women's Center are both under the auspices of and sponsored by the University Office of Diversity Initiatives, directed by Dr. Joanne Detore-Nakamura.

Other Upcoming Events

•Feb. 26: Lunch-N-Learn about Male & Female Nonverbal Communication with Dr. Donna Barbie from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the IC room 104. Lunch

will be served. Please RSVP to Cindy Oakley-Paulik at oaklece3@erau.edu as seating is limited.

•March 3: For ERAU Women-Only Luncheon with Dr. Ericsson, 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. in COA Atrium.

•March 4: Dr. Ericsson visits Campbell Middle School's 6th grade science classes.

•March 5: Women on the Page, Stage, and Screen, a live performance directed by Dr. Libbie Searcy, 7 p.m. in the IC Auditorium. An Arts and Letters Event co-sponsored by the Office of Diversity Initiatives. For mature audiences only. Free and open to the public. For more information contact, Dr. Linda Straubel at straue75@erau.edu.

•March 12: Helen Thayer, one of the greatest explorers of our time, will provide a lecture about her travels to the North Pole, across the Gobi Dessert and much more from 7 to 8 p.m.

in the IC Auditorium. A book signing will follow. For more information contact: Jennifer Carney at carne9c7@erau.edu.

•March 25: Lunch-N-Learn about gender and identity using examples from popular culture with Dr. Margaret Mishoe from 1 to 2 p.m. in IC room 104. Please RSVP to Cindy Oakley-Paulik at oaklece3@erau.edu, as seating is limited.

•April 15: Women in Aviation Day coordinated by ERAU Admissions Department. ERAU will host over 400 Middle School Girls from Volusia County. Contact Pam Peer for more information: peer6dd@erau.edu.

•June 23-27: Girls Exploring Math & Science (GEMS) Camp: Eco-Space Adventure for girls ages 8-13. For more information: <http://www.erau.edu/db/summer/gems.html> or contact Dr. Joanne Detore-Nakamura at (386) 226-4914.

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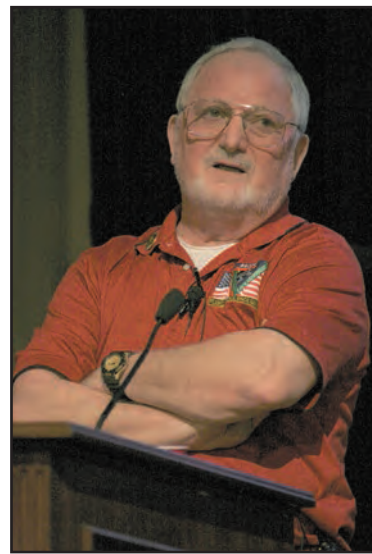
On Friday night Feb. 22 and into Saturday morning students gathered to make structures out of cardboard and duct-tape. The event, sponsored by OAK raised money that was donated to the Stars Homeless Foundation.

Students also competed in various events in a bid to win prizes. ERFSEDS won first prize by placing well in the events and constructing a cardboard VAB and shuttle. ΣΓΤ took home best design with an F-117.

Sy Liebergot

Former NASA troller, he was in EECOM Sy Liebergot presented a two-hour lecture about his involvement in the Apollo Program and the Apollo 13 disaster. As the Electrical, Environmental and Consumables (EECOM) flight con-

roller, he was in charge of the oxygen tanks that exploded when the spacecraft and its astronauts were 200,000 miles from home. He also answered audience questions and signed copies of his autobiography.



NATCA President Patrick Forrey

National Air Traffic Controllers Association (NATCA) President, Patrick Forrey spoke on the state of the industry last Thursday. The talk provided insight into the current status of salaries, personnel shortages and the relationship

between CTI schools and the Oklahoma City training facility. Forrey showed some concern stating the industry was in rough shape, though his aim was to inspire a room full of controllers, rather than scare them.



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be a profitable venture. While several dozen students came through on the past two Thursdays, the showing was not as strong as on Friday nights.

However, other new additions are in the works for Friday nights. Propellers was not designed for night operations, and required new floodlights for outside lighting, but now less obvious additions are being made. Some examples include new menu items based

on customer suggestions, music (which may be supplied by EaglesFM) and a logo outside.

"This is what we need to exemplify the spirit of the school," Coscia said. Many other schools across the nation have 24 hour cafeteria facilities, but dining on campus has always been restricted to Einstein's after 9 p.m. most days. The addition of late night dining that can extend several hours after midnight gives something that Coscia believes makes the "Harvard of the Skies" a more traditional college environment.

□ "EMPLOYEES" from FRONT

night stay at the Daytona Beach Club hotel.

Although all 21 were winners, one exceptional student and story trumped them all. The 2008 Student Employee of the Year was Jeremy B. Shafer. A southern Illinois native, the Aeronautical Engineer works with the America Reads/ Count Program.

"I love working here, I really enjoy it. You earn a little money, but you have fun while your doing it," Shafer said.

At Embry-Riddle, everyone is racing towards success. It

may be a career with an airline, a job designing the latest flying machine, or the next successful business idea, but what you learn daily at your campus job will remain with you throughout your stay here at ERAU and into your field of choice.

Once in a while, nights like last Thursday have the ability to convey a special message from the President down to the newest student: that Embry-Riddle is proud to have such high caliber students on their team and a part of their family, working side by side.

Parsons summed up the night, saying, "Because students work and serve each other, a sense of community is created."

□ "ECLIPSE" from FRONT

of the Earth, it can appear to change to many different colors from dark grey to a deep red. Last week it appeared as an orange, rust-colored disk. This happens because some light still falls on the moon, even during a full eclipse. When light is refracted through the Earth's atmosphere, blue light is scattered more than red, creating a reddish glow of the umbra.

Events like the one last week help inform the public about things happening in the uni-

verse. Aufdenberg says these events "give the ERAU and Daytona Beach communities the chance to view the planets and stars ... and better understand celestial events that humans have been observing since prehistoric times." The next total eclipse of the moon will not happen until Dec. 21, 2010, but the moon can undergo other types of eclipses: total penumbral, partial and partial penumbral. Aug. 16 of this year marks the next eclipse, although it is only partial. For more information on eclipses, please visit <http://sunearth.gsfc.nasa.gov/eclipse>.



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Baseball defeats SCAD in series

Press Release

ERAU Sports Info.

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. – The Embry Riddle Eagles baseball team collected the series win over the SCAD Bees but was not able to pick up the sweep, splitting the double-header on Saturday.

A rainy morning set the day an hour behind, but it did not put a damper on the Eagles bats as a 0-1 deficit put up in the top of the first by the Bees was matched by three runs in the bottom of the innings.

Albright's third home run of the season gave the Eagles the go-ahead run, as Colin Gray had knocked in James Kissinger in the at-bat prior on a double to centerfield. It was Albright's third home run of the year and second jack in five days. He went two for five on the day with two runs and two RBI.

The Eagles added seven more runs through the game, winning the second game of the three-game series, 10-2. The home team charted 12 hits in the contests.

Senior co-captain Chris Maloney picked up his second win of the season, pitching 8.1 innings with seven strikeouts. Kissinger went three for four, with a run and an RBI. Gray had two hits in the game along with two runs and two RBI. Eric Ogden charted two hits and two RBI. Billy Hootman had

one of each, run, hit and RBI. **Game Two**

Embry-Riddle and SCAD both put up a run in the third inning. The Bees went up two to one in the bottom of the fifth inning on a questionable tag out at home plate. This allowed SCAD to stay on offense and collect the game winning run.

ERAU posted another run in the top half of the fifth inning but could not handle the pitching of Adam Honeycutt,

who came in relief in the fifth inning. Honeycutt picked up eight strike outs in the last three innings, picking up the save for the Bees.

John Keravich pitched seven full innings for the Eagles in the second game of the day. He struck out seven while allowing three runs, one was earned. Alex Guzman was the only Eagle's hitter to have a multi-hit game with two hits. He also scored one run.



TIM KRAMER/AVION

ERAU Baseball Standings

2007 Overall: 43 - 11

Florida Sun Conference: 16 - 5

Feb. 20 - ERAU vs. Florida College, Win 7 - 4

Three Game Series: ERAU vs. SCAD

Feb. 22 - Game 1, Win 2 - 1

Feb. 23 - Game 2, (First DH) Win 10 - 2

Feb. 23 - Game 3, (Second DH) Loss 2 - 3

Eagles basketball prepares for NAIA Championships

“SENIORS” from FRONT

exploded for 18 points on 7-of-11 shooting and 4-of-6 from behind the three-point line.

After falling behind by five points early in the first half, the Eagles tied things up at 12-12 with 16:07 left on Pierre's first three of the night. The junior's second three ignited a 21-7 run over the next nine minutes to give the Blue and Gold a 15-point cushion. Both teams traded points over the last six and a half minutes resulting in the 16-point Eagle lead at the half.

The second half saw reigning FSC Player of the Year Tramaine Steven erupt for 19 of his game-high 27 points. The Lions outscored the Eagles 21-13 over a 12-minute stretch to pull within two with 7:38 remaining. But

the Eagles remained cool under pressure and built the lead back up to 12 with just 48 seconds on the clock.

Florida Memorial continued to fight as Stevens and Reginald Thomas put up back-to-back threes to cut the Eagle lead to six with 22 ticks remaining. But the Eagle defense was solid in the closing seconds of the game, not allowing another Lion point, and Cobb drained a pair of free throws at the end to seal the eight-point win.

By clinching the second place in the FSC, the Eagles will host a first-round game in the FSC Tournament on Tuesday. Their opponent will be Webber International and tip off is scheduled for 7 p.m. at the ICI Center. The FSC Tournament champion receives an automatic berth in the NAIA National Championship in Branson, Mo., Mar. 12-18.

FSC First Round Play off Game

The ERAU Eagles will be hosting the Webber International Warriors.

Date: Tuesday, Feb. 26, 2008

Time: 7 p.m.

Location: Embry-Riddle ICI Center, Daytona Beach, Florida

Cost: First 500 Students are free with a valid Eagle Card.

Men's golf team places 11th in Ariz.

Press Release

ERAU Sports Info.

CASA GRANDE, Ariz. - In its first tournament of the Spring 2008 season, the Embry-Riddle men's golf team finds itself in a tie for eighth place at the Oklahoma Christian University Arizona Intercollegiate tournament through two rounds of play.

"It was 45 degrees when we started and it slowly warmed up," said head coach Maria Lopez. "The team is really enjoying the experience. They have edged ahead of some ranked teams and are fired up to finish it off. I enjoyed their resilience very much."

Tom Miller was the top individual performer amongst Eagles, hitting par in the first round with a 72 and finishing round two +2 with a 74. Miller will enter Tuesday's competition with a total of 146, tied for 17th place.

Don Sciotto was two strokes behind Miller with a 148. Sciotto's round one 76 (+4) combined with his 72-stroke round two to put him in a tie for 27th place.

Juan Sarmiento, Matt Profit and Rodrigo Suarez round out the

top five for the Eagles. Sarmiento finished day one with a six-over par total of 150 (76+74=150). Profit improved upon his round-one 81 to shoot 74 in the second round for a +11 total of 155 on day one. Suarez also improved from his first round performance, marking a 77 in round two after a 83-stroke round one and finishing with a total of 160.

Hunter Jenkins also competed and will enter day two with a total of 155 (81+74=155).

Stafford Gray, an unattached member of Oklahoma City University's team, is in first place through two rounds with a six-under par total of 136.

CASA GRANDE, Ariz. - Embry-Riddle's men's golf team finished 11th at the Oklahoma Christian University Arizona Intercollegiate after the third round was completed Tuesday at the Francisco Grande Resort.

ERAU had a three-round total of 914 after notching a total of 315 in the final round. Despite the fifth lowest round two total, the Eagles posted the highest round three total on Tuesday.

"It was a great level of competition and experience," said head coach Maria Lopez. "Unfortunately, we made several mental errors that were difficult

to recover from. I believe we can learn a lot from today's stumble. We have a lot of season left."

Oklahoma Christian University won the tournament with a score of 852 while Florida Sun Conference opponent SCAD moved into eighth place with a total of 897.

Embry-Riddle's Tom Miller continued to lead the Eagles on Tuesday, posting a team-low 75 in the final round for a total of 221 (72+74+75=221). Miller finished the event tied for 24th place in a field of 75 golfers.

Don Sciotto had the second lowest score by an Eagle, posting a total of 229 after a team-low round two of 72 (76+72+81=229). Sciotto found himself in a tie for 48th at the end of the tournament.

Juan Sarmiento was one stroke behind Sciotto with a 230 after marking rounds of 76, 74 and 80, respectively. Matt Profit tallied a total of 238 (83+77+79=238) while Rodrigo Suarez rounded out the Eagles' five with a score of 239 (83+77+79=239).

Hunter Jenkins participated in the tournament as an individual and finished with a total of 233 (81+74+78=233).

OCU's Bruno Buccolo won the tournament with a score of 208 (70+67+71=208).

Press Release

ERAU Sports Info.

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. - The indoor track season is coming to a close and Embry-Riddle hosted the ERAU Last Chance meet on Saturday with hopes of allowing a golden opportunity for qualifiers to be met. The Blue and Gold responded, hitting five NAIA 'A' standard marks along with three 'B' standards.

ERAU saw 'A' standards met in both 4x400m relays. On the women's side, Nathalie Hildingsson, Noelle Niblack, Beth McCubbin and Jennifer Schaus combined for a time of 3:59.81. On the men's side, it was the combination of Aaron Fuquay, Aaron Jett, Kevin Bray and Bryan Harper that raced to the finish line in 3:18.44 for an 'A' standard.

McCubbin qualified herself for yet another solo event, marking 1:35.91 in the 600m and hitting an 'A' standard.

Andrea Freeze qualified herself for nationals under an 'A' standard in the triple jump with her 11.24m leap.

Howard Walls hit an 'A' standard in the 60m hurdles, a feat that he already accomplished earlier in the season. On Saturday, Walls completed the

event in 8.29.

Hildingsson marked a 'B' standard in the 200m with a time of 25.66. Bray also hit a 'B'

standard with his time of 49.39 in the 400m. Russell Snyder is provisionally qualified as well after his 8:43.20 in the 3000m.



MELANIE PUGH/AVION

BETH MCCUBBIN (FRONT) AND Noelle Niblack compete in the 4x400m relay at Saturday's Last Chance meet. The athletes were two of five total 'A' qualifiers. Other members include Nathalie Hildingsson, Andrea Freeze and Howard Walls.

Eagles tennis breaks even against SCAD Bees in FSC

Press Release

ERAU Sports Info.

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. - Saturday's men's tennis match promised to be an exciting match up with No. 5 Savannah College of Art and Design coming to the Crotty Tennis Complex to take on No. 3 Embry-Riddle in a battle between two undefeated teams. In the end it was the Eagles who came away unscathed as they shut out the Bees (4-1, 3-1) 9-0 to improve to 5-0 overall and 3-0 in the league.

The Eagles jumped out to a quick 3-0 advantage after winning all three doubles points. Mislav Hizak and Konstantin Lazarov started things off with an 8-4 win over Jan Menzen and Dima Chiriakov at the No. 1 spot, followed by Tomoaki Yasuda and Istvan Bolgar's 8-4 win over Willy Frei and Pablo Velez. At the No. 2 spot, Carlos Bes Comeras and Jan Hoekzema battled to a hard-fought 9-7 victory over Ofir Weintraub and Fernando Horcasitas.

ERAU's first singles win came at the No. 2 spot as Weintraub fell behind 4-3 to Lazarov before retiring. Top-ranked Hizak clinched the win at No. 1, dispatching Menzen 6-3, 6-1.

The Eagles also earned two-set victories at the third-through sixth positions as Hoekzema topped Frei 6-2, 6-3. Yasuda downed Horcasitas 7-6 (7-4), 6-1 and Bolgar bested Mihai Draganescu 6-0, 6-3.

The match-up at No. 3 was a battle, and in the end Bes Comeras fought back, after dropping the first set to Chiriakov 6-4, to take the next two sets 6-0, 6-4 and seal the win.

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. - The fifth-ranked Savannah College of Art and Design (5-0, 4-0) women's tennis team earned two doubles points and four singles victories to take a 6-3 win over No. 8 Embry-Riddle in Florida Sun Conference action on Friday.

The Bees got wins at the No. 2 and No. 3 doubles positions as Courtney Collins and Hilary Collins topped Natalie Anaya and Lindsey Kurtz and Stephanie Gula and Erica Cardenas bested Sara Abraul and Marga Rico Jimenez 8-4. The Eagles got a win back at the top spot as fourth-ranked Natasa Zoricic and Hana Im downed Irina Pljuszynyn and Romina Mrochen 8-2.

In singles play, ERAU earned wins at the No. 1 and No. 6 spots with Zoricic defeating

Pljuszynyn 6-4, 6-2 and Abraul going 6-2, 6-1 against Cardenas. But the Bees rebounded to earn wins at the four remaining spots to seal the win.

The recent match, caused the Eagles to drop to 3-1 overall and 2-1 in the FSC.

Upcoming Sporting Events

Baseball

Feb. 26 vs. Florida Tech at Daytona Beach, Fla. 5 p.m.

Feb. 29 vs. Webber International at Babson Park, Fla. Time TBA

Mar. 1 vs. Webber International (DH) at Babson Park, Fla. Time TBA

Track and Field

Mar. 1 vs. Bethune Cookman at Daytona Beach, Fla. Time TBA (Men's and Women's)

Women's Golf

Mar. 3-4 SCAD Invitational at Savannah Ga. (Wilmington Island CC) Time TBA



Growing Israeli outposts in West Bank

Richard Boudreaux
Los Angeles Times

West Bank -- It was a festive night for the teenage squatters in this renegade hilltop camp. A rabbi was on his way, and they were cranking up a generator, stringing light bulbs and arranging benches, turning what had been a Palestinian family's barn into a synagogue.

Suddenly the group fell silent. An Israeli soldier and a policeman had trudged up the slope and were demanding to know who was in charge. No one would tell them.

After a few tense minutes, the uniformed intruders left. The "hilltop youth" had prevailed again.

As Israeli and Palestinian leaders try to end decades of conflict, this outpost and other unauthorized Jewish settlements have become a battle line between the Israeli government and a settler movement unwilling to give up the West Bank.

Under commitments made to President Bush at a November peace conference, Israel is supposed to dismantle about 50 outposts as a first step in negotiations on definitive borders and other terms of a final accord.

Instead of vanishing, however, the outposts are growing, swollen by a loose-knit group of young second-generation Israeli settlers believed to number in the hundreds.

Since this outpost was set up in December, Israel's paramilitary border police have chased away its occupants at least a dozen times, but never for long.

"They come up the hill, we go down the hill, we come back two hours later," said Yaakov Cohen, 17.

About 100 outposts, in addition to 126 settlements authorized by Israel, occupy West Bank land the Palestinians seek for a future state. Some of the

bigger outposts have a few hundred residents each and de-facto government support in the form of running water, electricity, paved streets and schools.

Bush pressed the issue after his motorcade passed this outpost during a visit to the region in January.

"The agreement was, 'Get rid of outposts, illegal outposts,' and they ought to go," he said at a Jerusalem news conference.

Standing beside him, Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert replied: "This was discussed. ... We ought to fulfill our commitments, and we will."

But that resolve has provoked new land invasions by the hilltop youth, guided by a belief that the Torah commands Jews to settle all of biblical Israel no matter what modern Israel's elected leaders say.

Since the peace conference in Annapolis, Md., young Israelis have set up or expanded nine outposts, according to Peace Now, an Israeli advocacy group critical of the settlements.

The outpost here, whose Hebrew name means "Hill of Light," is populated by about 40 boys and girls who attend religious high schools in nearby settlements during the day. At night, they climb the hill, cook by campfire and sleep on mattresses in a complex of farm buildings, taking care to maintain a daily presence.

They say they're determined to outlast the police and build a viable community on the hilltop, just north of Ramallah.

"It's not Bush's decision. He isn't the landlord," Cohen said. "Neither is Olmert."

"God is the landlord," he added.

In fact, the titled owner is a Palestinian-American family -- the Khalaf brothers and a cousin, two living nearby in the West Bank and two in Ohio.

The Jewish youths occupied the seven-acre farm in

December, claiming it had been abandoned; the Khalafs say the land was temporarily unattended between olive seasons.

Israeli police officials have authenticated the Khalafs' land title but failed to make good on a promise in December that the settlers would be removed from the farm.

When three Khalaf men tried to visit their property more recently, they were turned back by the Israeli army, which had declared it a closed military zone to prevent any violence between settlers and Palestinians.



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"But the settlers are still there," said Midian Khalaf, 40, a Cleveland grocer, pointing to an Israeli flag over the farm that is visible from his family's West Bank home in al-Birah. "The longer they stay, the more likely their outpost will become permanent."

Many full-fledged settlements started this way, as camps or small clusters of trailers. Today, 282,200 Jews are settled in suburban-style communities funded

by the Israeli government on West Bank land captured in the 1967 Middle East War.

Many governments consider all Jewish settlements in the West Bank a violation of international law, which forbids populating land seized in war. Palestinian leaders say the settlements are a major obstacle to peace.

Israel asserts that the West Bank is disputed territory and that the settlements are legal.

Olmert has, nonetheless, pledged to dismantle unauthorized outposts while trying to

Also, Israel's military and civilian hierarchies have supported or tolerated outposts for years and are ambivalent about helping Olmert abolish them for the sake of an uncertain peace.

"The Zionist ideal of settling the land is deeply embedded in Israeli society," said Gershon Gorenberg, author of "The Accidental Empire," an early history of the settlements. "When a politician is told that settlement is now detrimental to Israel's long-term strategic interest, this is something extremely difficult for him to absorb."

rades are veterans of a major clash with police two years ago at an outpost called Amona. They say they are ready to fight and risk imprisonment to defend other outposts.

Olmert's government prevailed at Amona, demolishing nine Jewish homes illegally built on private Palestinian land. But televised images of the clash, which left more than 200 soldiers, police and demonstrators injured, shocked Israelis; since then, the government has been reluctant to confront the settlers.

The Givat Haor outpost looks less like a battle-ready fortress than a pioneer camp. The boys sport curled side locks, scraggly beards, knitted yarmulkes and baggy jeans; the girls wear long, modest dresses and cover their heads.

More than 100 people crowded in for the inaugural religious service.

Rabbi Dov Lior, from a far-right enclave near the West Bank city of Hebron, led the service and congratulated the settlers for "serving your country."

A judge had just ordered the release of seven girls from the outpost who had been detained in a police sweep. Defying the legal system, the girls had refused to give their names to police, and their jailing had sparked protests and sympathetic media coverage.

After that incident, the settlers say the police raids became far less frequent. That freed them to clear a dirt road to the outpost and start trucking in furniture through the Palestinian village of Beitin, which shares the same hill.

Now Beitin's mayor, Diab Yasin, is worried about his own hilltop youth.

"This has been a peaceful village, but now our young people want to fight the settlers," he said. "If we let them, somebody will get hurt."

Cuba's new generation

Manuel Roig-Franzia
The Washington Post

They've traveled the world. Surfing the Web. Zinged text messages. And watched news direct from the BBC and CNN, rather than filtered through a government censor.

Bombarded by ideas from abroad, a generation of Cuban political leaders who came of age after Fidel Castro's 1959 revolution is preparing to inherit it. Many of them, now in their 40s and 50s, have developed a more open political outlook than their fathers, partly because of the thriving black market in outlawed Internet connections that in Cuba have cracked open a window on the world.

It remains to be seen how Fidel's 76-year-old brother, Raul Castro, who is expected to be named president Sunday, will incorporate the next generation into his government. But Cubans and outside analysts say that given the personal experiences of these younger leaders — especially the elite, who have more privileges than the general population — they might further nudge open the flow of information and ideas from outside.

"We're going to see a change in style with this new generation," Manuel Cuesta, a Cuban dissident, said in a telephone interview from Havana. "Cuban society — the powerful and the citizenry — have more information. And people are asking more questions."

Fidel, who is 81 and ailing, initiated a rare moment of political uncertainty in Cuba when he resigned this week after nearly five decades in power. He and Raul represent the generation known in Cuba as the "historicos," those who rose to power because of their active early support for the revolution. Those who fought with the Castros in the Sierra Maestra mountains have traditionally had special status.

But many of the historicos have died or fallen out of favor, giving way to a generation of Cubans for whom the revolution is merely a historical concept. Demographic shifts have brought new figures into Cuba's stratified political system, and more than 70 percent of Cuba's current population was born after the revolution.

Cuba's foreign minister, Felipe Perez Roque, 42, belongs to this generation. He was the first Cuban born after

the revolution to be named to Fidel's cabinet, and for the past 19 months, he has served under Raul in the interim government created when Fidel turned over power temporarily because of illness.

Because Raul is 76 and rumored to be in poor health himself, many Cuba experts view his expected tenure as transitional. Perez Roque and Vice President Carlos Lage, who was 7 when Fidel Castro's rebels declared victory, are the top contenders outside the Castro family to become Cuba's future leader. Both are expected to retain leadership posts when the National Assembly picks the next head of state Sunday.

Older Cuban leaders once considered possible successors to the Castros — such as National Assembly President Ricardo Alarcon, 70, and former interior minister Ramiro Valdes, 75 — are now given almost no chance of ascending to the top post.

Below the elites is a vast network of regional political leaders. In recent years, the Castros have begun to inject more up-and-coming leaders into provincial Communist Party branches to expand their appeal to younger generations, Rafael Hernandez, editor of the Cuban magazine Temas, said in an interview last year.

"It's often a young person, and many times a black person or a woman," Hernandez said.

At 56, Lage is the oldest of the new wave of Cuban political figures and among the most influential. He worked alongside Raul to open Cuba's economy to foreign investment in the 1990s after the country descended into an economic depression following the breakup of its biggest benefactor, the Soviet Union.

Cubans like to joke that Lage can put an audience to sleep with a speech faster than anyone. A pediatrician by training, he cuts an unthreatening figure, more mild-mannered accountant than firebrand rebel.

"I remember watching him standing in line with his mother, who was in her 90s," said Ann Louise Bardach, author of "Cuba Confidential" and the upcoming "Without Fidel." "He's just a gentle, appealing guy."

Lage's son, Cesar Lage, is also considered a rising political star. Until recently, he was the president of

Cuba's University Students' Federation, a prestigious post that Fidel Castro himself coveted but never achieved.

The younger Lage played a role in the recent controversy over videos posted on the Internet that showed university students complaining about travel and Internet restrictions during a government-sanctioned criticism session. He is believed to have persuaded one of the students to make a follow-up statement, saying he wanted to improve socialism, not end it.

Years before Cesar Lage became president of the students' association, the post had been a springboard for Perez Roque. While head of the group, Perez Roque impressed Fidel Castro enough that the Cuban leader later named him his chief of staff and personal aide. The young man evolved into a behind-the-scenes force, the gatekeeper to Fidel who was believed to have safeguarded the leader's personal papers and diaries.

Perez Roque was named foreign minister in 1999 when Fidel Castro fired his then-foreign minister, Roberto Robaina, a 30-something moderate who wore his hair long and looked out of place among the "dinosaurios" of Fidel's inner circle. Before being ousted for reportedly favoring reforms, Robaina had been considered a future presidential contender.

By contrast, Perez Roque emerged immediately as one of the staunchest defenders of Fidel's policies. Echoing a common Cuban saying, Cuesta said he has been "more like the pope than pope" in terms of his loyalty to the Castro doctrine.

Among those best known beyond Cuba is Mariela Castro, a psychologist and Raul's 45-year-old daughter.

With a flowing mane of brown hair, she is at ease in the spotlight and has traveled throughout the world, mostly to lobby for equal treatment of gay men, lesbians and transgender people. She has done the same, with some success, in socially conservative Cuba. She contributed to a Kinsey Institute encyclopedia of sexuality, and at Havana's annual book fair last week crowds swarmed "Marielita."

"She's got the most visibility of what I call the 'monarchical family,'" Cuesta said. "And she looks like she likes it."

Mexican massacre

Reed Johnson
Los Angeles Times

It was like Chicago '68, only much bloodier, or Tiananmen Square '89, only more shrouded in secrecy.

Even today there is no definitive count of how many pro-democracy demonstrators were slaughtered by Mexican army troops in the Tlatelolco zone of this capital on Oct. 2, 1968. Was the death toll a few dozen, as the government claimed? Or closer to 300, as some journalists reported? Did President Gustavo Diaz Ordaz approve the attack? No one knows for sure.

But finally, after decades of government stonewalling, Mexicans searching for answers to these questions have some place to turn: the Centro Cultural Universitario Tlatelolco, a cultural center dedicated to exploring the massacre, its antecedents and its aftermath.

Located in a striking mid-century Modernist office tower that formerly housed Mexico's Secretariat of Foreign Affairs, the center sits smack on the edge of the so-called Plaza of the Three Cultures, where the massacre occurred nearly 40 years ago. The centerpiece is a permanent multimedia exhibition that uses photos, archival film footage, music snippets, yellowed newspaper clippings, taped interviews, poster displays and art installations to tell the murky, tragic story. Many Mexicans say it's about time the country had a living memorial to this watershed event.

"It takes you by the throat. I think it's very true to reality, it's very true to what happened," says Elena Poniatowska, 75, who as a journalist helped expose the truth of the massacre with her 1971 bestselling book of survivors' testimonies, "La Noche de Tlatelolco" (The Night of Tlatelolco), published in English as "Massacre in Mexico." "I think it's a good memorial and it's a good way of honoring all these students that were killed and remembering that their life was cut in two."

The massacre occurred on the eve of the 1968 Olympic Games, which the Mexican government hoped to use as a showcase for the country's economic growth and seeming stability. But this picturesque facade masked growing discontent with decades of autocratic, one-party rule and a persistent gap between haves

and have-nots.

After gaining size and strength all that summer, the student-led protests culminated on the evening of Oct. 2, when thousands massed in the Plaza of the Three Cultures, so named because it contains Aztec ruins, a colonial-era church and modern apartment and office towers. The bloodshed began when troops creeping in among the ruins converged on the protesters, and snipers began shooting down on the plaza from surrounding buildings. Despite international protests, the Olympics went forward a few days later.

For a long time after Tlatelolco, there was no mention in school textbooks or state-controlled television of the massacre. Two independent "truth commissions" appointed in the 1990s fizzled out with few tangible results. So did a pledge by former President Vicente Fox to investigate Tlatelolco, and the government's subsequent "dirty war" against dissidents also fizzled.

"Sixty-eight practically didn't exist," says Sergio Raul Arroyo Garcia, 53, the center's director general. "On the level of our

Half a dozen small theaters allow visitors to watch dramatic black-and-white period footage of marches (including the summer's violent climax), interviews with eyewitnesses and reflections by leading writers, artists and intellectuals.

One stark gallery, resembling a prison cell, is lined with police mug shots of arrested protesters, dozens if not hundreds of whom were tortured and "disappeared."

"We didn't think that the memorial was going to cancel the discussion about '68, to convert it into a museum piece," Arroyo Garcia says. "No, rather what we thought ... we had to do is to put '68 at the entrance, at the threshold, that would permit us a new reflection, there would be a new discussion about this."

Alvaro Vazquez Mantecon, the exhibition's curator, says that by using a multimedia approach to the subject, and using nearly 60 recorded testimonies, the center offers viewers a pluralistic and "polyphonic" view of the student movement and its effect.

"There isn't only one vision about the movement," he says.



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official history there has been a type of forgetfulness or amnesia in relation to the student movement."

Then in July 2005, the Mexico City government and the National Autonomous University of Mexico (itself the site of major student protests in 1968) agreed to create a cultural center containing a memorial to the Oct. 2 massacre and the political context surrounding it.

Spread across two floors, the exhibition creates an aural and visual environment that immerses visitors in an incendiary era. Snatches of "Light My Fire" and "Lucy in the Sky With Diamonds" flow out of speakers. One gallery wall bristles with colorful posters, witty bumper stickers and quasi-psychedelic handbills touting anti-government slogans.

"Perhaps the model that remains was the movie 'Rashomon,' of Kurosawa. There are moments in which the voices coincide, and many times when the voices differ. Clearly, it's a thing that has to be seen with a great plurality of voices and perspectives."

Since opening in October, the center has drawn enthusiastic crowds, including many students. Some remain skeptical that the spilled blood of that summer led to an end of repression and greater democracy. "I think that the same thing is going on," says Norma Zuniga, 29.

But Saray Chavaro Cruz, 15, was impressed after visiting the exhibition by what a previous generation had achieved. "Truthfully, yes, today it's very different," she says. "Now we're allowed to express ourselves."

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Our two party system

It's amazing how an entire country can be so divided down the middle by politics. The United States of America, which was founded on the principle of freedom, is split down the middle by two parties: Democrats and Republicans. Democrats spend their time blaming the country's problems on Republicans, and Republicans blame all the problems on Democrats. Amidst all this mudslinging, nothing gets accomplished! Why is there such division? Do not all Americans want essentially the same things? Things like: prosperity, opportunity, freedom, security, etc? Of course they do! It's a load of crap that nothing gets accomplished in our government, because all these politicians slander others and make hollow promises and never accomplish anything worthwhile. Why is this?

First off, many politicians work for themselves. They walk the fence in an attempt to please everyone. They try to tickle our ears, so we vote for them next election. They couldn't care

less about the people. They are there to earn the bucks and that's it. Honestly, I think that politicians rarely talk about legitimate issues. They tell us what our itching ears want to hear, and they have no real plans to change anything. But hold on a minute; we are just as stupid for being so blind. Maybe we should be more focused on voting for politicians that hold dearly the fundamental principles of freedom, than turning over everything this country has ever stood for. September 11, 2001, which led to the Patriot Act, was just one of the things that have happened in the last decade that has led to a fascist society. The main point to all this: look at all the issues people, think outside the box, open your eyes beyond the latent content of things. Check deeper into the person you vote for. It's time for all this nonsense to end and for us to take back the freedom we were meant to have!

Second, this two party system (Democrats and Republicans) is a way of distracting us from

what the government, as a whole, wants to accomplish. The government is slowly taking away our freedom, but we blame either the Democrats or the Republicans for this. Stop blaming one side, and blame the whole! I'm sick of hearing people blame a particular party! It's the government as a whole that needs changed! The only way we can do this is to vote for people that have the balls to stand up to all the jerks in office, and who will work for the people. This government is a government of the people, by the people, for the people; not one of the elite and rich, by the elite and rich, for the elite and rich (although that's the way it's been for far too long)! So wake up, and blame every individual in office who is contributing to the decline in our freedom. Let's not be distracted from the truth.

Ultimately, I'm not implying that our government is totally bad, or that everyone in our government is evil, and self-gratifying. In addition, I am

not suggesting, advocating, or condoning any acts of violence or terrorism against the government. I love this country, and what it stands for, and how our forefathers created it. Certainly there can never be a perfect system. However, we should strive for perfection, and take action in our government to bring it back to what it was supposed to be. Governments are intended to be for peace and order, not for controllers, dictators, or to act as God. Too many willingly give up their freedom because "they have nothing to hide," and are willing to have the government watch over us at all times, in everything we do. It doesn't matter if we have something to hide or not. The idea is to keep our government limited, and constantly checked and balanced. Fight today for freedom! Be involved in your government, vote regularly, and stay current with what's going on. Don't believe everything you see, look outside the box!

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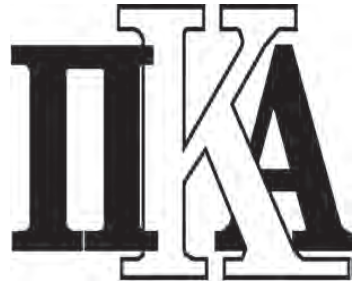
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From learning about personal networking to going up 1,500 feet in the Sears Tower,

the weekend was a great success for each attendee from Embry-Riddle. The programming started on Friday with nearly 400 Pikes and went through Saturday evening at the Marriott in Lincolnshire,



north of Chicago. Seminar programming generally consists of rush techniques, discussing common issues within chapters, fraternity history and self-development discussions, such as personal finances and networking.

Justin Buck, Executive Director of Pi Kappa Alpha, gave a riveting presentation of recruitment and fired up the Pikes from all over the Great Lakes region. In addition to Buck, one of the most respected members of the fraternity and author of "The Oak: A History of Pi Kappa Alpha," Dr. Jerome V. Reel Jr., made an appearance at the conference to discuss history and self-improvement.

This has been the third Leadership Summit that the Embry-Riddle Pikes have attended this year, including Philadelphia last semester and Atlanta at the beginning of this month. The Lambda Mu chapter of Pi Kappa Alpha at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University is proud to represent itself at events such as this, and looks forward to a bigger presence at events in the future.

Homeland Security Student Association



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Alumni-Student Connection

Upcoming Events

* Women in Aviation Conference March 13-16, 2008
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Reminder

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

Office Location

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Alum of the Week:

Norah O'Neill



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

For further information, how to become an event volunteer or any news about Riddle Alumni please contact Odartey Williams @ 226-6155 or Odartey.Williams@erau.edu

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ΦΔΘ works races

Gary Toth

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While scores of people came to the Daytona 500 track for the race, the brothers of Phi Delta Theta showed up on Feb. 17 to cater to the hungry fans. This fundraising event had many of us rising before dawn to serve breakfast, lunch and a snack to several hundred people. Even though it was a long day of work, with brothers at your side it proved to be tolerable. After starting the day with a little AC-DC from Chris Haas' iPod, I was able to start serving some mystery food that Americrown gave to us. Breakfast was a healthy

portion of eggs, potatoes, biscuits and gravy while lunch was a little better with chicken, beef, rice, and vegetables. We were all able to see the start of the race, and even though I have worked the races before it is always an awesome experience to see the cars going by you at over 170 mph. Thanks goes to the girls of Theta Phi Alpha who joined us in serving the many race fans, your help was much appreciated.

Embry-Riddle, this week is Greek Week. Come out and support our brothers as we compete against the other fraternities and sororities in many activities. Monday is the President's Trivia Challenge, which will be held in the IC

Auditorium. Bojan Milenkovic will be representing our chapter with questions that are picked by the Inter-Fraternity, Panhellenic, and Multicultural Greek Council. Tuesday will have several of our brothers building a human pyramid on the West Lawn. On Wednesday there is a chariot race, followed by comedians Jay Black and Louis Ramey. The boat race on Thursday should prove to be one of the most interesting events, with the Greek Community building boats out of cardboard and duct tape. Friday is a relay race on the West Lawn, and Saturday is Tug-of-War. So come out and have some fun with ΦΔΘ this week.

NSBE hosts Black History Month celebration

Onjale Scott

NSBE

On Friday, Feb. 22 the University's second Annual "Black History Month Celebration" sponsored by NSBE was held in the Student Center at 7:30 PM. The Celebration was an evening filled with variety: from the powerful and engaging Master of Ceremony Al-Aakhir Rogers, to the multitalented musicians of the jazz band B Sharp. The program included great Soul and Caribbean food, live music and performances, Spoken Word and guest speakers. The program was informative, entertaining and inspiring.

There were special performances by the African Students Association and Caribbean Students Association featuring the musical brilliance of

Vernon Solomon. The Bethune-Cookman University Concert Chorale delivered magnificent sound that got the crowd up and singing along with them! If you have never heard them, you are truly missing some good singing! A new up-and-coming jazz band named B Sharp did an outstanding job of accomplishing the various entertainers as well as performance of great music throughout the evening. Their music genre included gospel, jazz, reggae, as well as R & B.

Mitchell Graves provided the audience with a brief history of step-dancing which was followed by showing videos of various types of step-dancing. He then impressed the audience with his own stepping abilities.

The Spoken Word presented was inspiring, thought provoking and challenging. From Mitchell's "White Washed" ending with a wonderful line, "I

will be true to self and love my neighbor," to Andre Sparrow's, poem titled "This is Us," about the achievements of African Americans both in the past and present, to Karsell Turner, who posed the question "What is your greatest fear?" the Spoken Word was truly inspirational and moving. The guest speaker, Paula Reed, challenged the students to do their best and take advantage of the opportunity in their midst. She received a standing ovation after ending her inspiring speech with the singing of "Jesus Loves the Little Children."

We would like to thank all the departments, groups, organizations, entertainers and speakers that contributed to make this second Annual Black History Month Celebration a great success. If you missed this year, you are not going to want to miss next year; we just keep on getting better!

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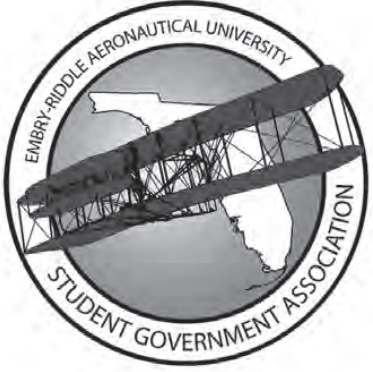
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Student Government Association

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SGA working hard with students

Randa Yaacoub

Student Representative

The Student Government Association (SGA) is dedicated with all its branches to working on improving students' lives on our campus. Students' concerns, suggestions and experiences on campus are all taken into account and are translated into projects that attempt to revamp existing services or even create new ones. One of the branches that have been initiating several projects is the Student Representative Board (SRB). The SRB is composed of representatives from each college who work on improvements for their respective colleges and students, such as organizing forums where students can raise their concerns,

and mingle with other students and faculty. The SRB is the home of multiple committees, each of which working on the related students' suggestions collected by the SGA.

Committees hold weekly open-meetings, providing the opportunity of involvement to any student wishing to attend and get involved. The progress committee works on several projects on campus, some of which are the ATM, suggestion boxes and surveys, payphone, TVs in landing strip, extended hours of the library, etc.

After conducting surveys, the Progress Committee has found that the two most used banks by students are Bank of America and Wachovia. Based on the efforts of the Progress Committee and its representatives, the Bank of America

ATM, located in the student village, started working last semester on campus. The concern right now is the Space Coast ATM that is located in the Student Center. The progress committee is tackling this issue during this current session. Replacing the Space Coast ATM with the second most used bank within students on campus will better facilitate students' banking needs. Replacing the current ATM will also mean less downtime and faster maintenance through our new potential provider, who has illustrated a far better record handling maintenance issues in currently operated machines. There has been a lot of contact with the Wachovia Bank, which led to several meetings. Should all go as planned we will most probably be getting our new

ATM working by the end of this semester.

Other committees have been extensively working on all the related suggestions and concerns, collected through the SGA's suggestion boxes, such as the Safe Ride committee, Environmental Awareness committee, Flight Line committee, etc. The SGA with all its members and division strive to serve its students. We encourage students to never hesitate in sharing their concerns. Whether through our suggestion boxes, or simply by coming to the SGA office and talking to any of the representatives, or attending our SRB meeting every Tuesday in IC auditorium from 12:45 to 2, your comments are suggestions are always welcomed. For more information about our committees please



RYAN HATTAN/SGA

THE SGA IS CURRENTLY in the process of replacing the Student Center ATM. Wachovia is reviewing possible contracts with the SGA to put an ATM on site.

ERAU may receive shuttle

Patrick Coleman

Student Representative

The Embry-Riddle community may soon be the recipient of a new shuttle service, according to President John Johnson at the last General Session meeting. Initial plans are to run the shuttle between the University's campus and Chanute. This idea came on the news that the bike lane will not be able to be completed for at least two years, regardless of funding. The president cited student safety as one of his largest concerns, and he saw the shuttle as a way to keep students off the dangerous path

from Chanute to campus. Also spurring this decision is the inclusion of a bike lane in the 2012 expansion plan of Clyde Morris Boulevard.

This shuttle service comes with the eventual possibility for the SGA to expand the route to include local apartment complexes, an idea well received by both students and apartment managers. Another option being explored is a weekend route to places like the beach, the mall, and Wal-mart. Information gathered in the past semester regarding a VoTran "Riddle Route" is being taken into account in the selection of these routes.

To voice your opinion on this

matter and make sure the shuttle runs the way you the student want it to, please visit the SGA office and fill out the survey. Also, please feel free to stop by our committee meeting, which will be every other Wednesday (next meeting March 5) at 6 p.m. in the SGA office.

With this shuttle service, Embry-Riddle will join the ranks of the other schools with shuttle programs, including Yale, Baylor, Texas A&M, USF, and many others. This is a giant step in the right direction for university expansion and public relations. Plans are to have the shuttle up and running by semester's end.

Open scholarships

Financial Aid Office

Embry-Riddle

The Financial Aid Office would like to invite you to apply for a number of scholarships - funds generously donated to help students pay for their education. The Embry-Riddle Annual and Endowed Scholarships are awarded to students who match the various criteria set forth

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Applying does not guarantee that you will receive a scholarship. Apply anyway! You can't win if you're not in!

The scholarship amounts vary. They may be from \$500 to \$5,000.

Students will be considered for these scholarships by completing the on-line application available on ERNIE under the Student Services tab.

The application will only be available to complete until 8 a.m. March 3. All applicants will be notified in writing of the scholarship decision.

LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD!!!

Student Government Association
Representative Board Meeting



Tuesdays
12:45 IC
Auditorium

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Continental orders additional 737 & 777s

First B-2 crash in Guam

Matt Smith
Staff Reporter

Continental Airlines recently announced that they placed another order for additional 737s and 777s. This recent order included 19 Boeing 737 Next Generation (NG) planes and eight Boeing 777s worth up to \$3.8 billion at list value. These additional airframes will allow Continental to continue its domestic and global expansion. This additional order brings Continental's total orders to 111 new Boeing aircraft: 25 Boeing 787 Dreamliners, eight Boeing 777s and 78 Boeing 737NGs. In addition to these firm orders, they hold options to purchase an additional 102 Boeing aircraft.

The 737s that Continental has on order will allow for the retiring of older 737s as well as continued expansion. The 777s and 787s that Continental has on order will be used primarily for International expansion the coming years. Continental representatives also say that these new airplanes will burn significantly less fuel than the older models they currently operate, which should reduce overall fuel costs. Starting next month,



when the Open Skies agreement between the United States and the European Union comes into effect, Continental will begin

flying into London's Heathrow Airport. This will represent their largest ever expansion into a new airport in one day. They will offer four daily flights, with two to Newark/New York and two to Houston. Continental will also begin flying to Shanghai, China, in 2009 from Newark/New York with Boeing 777s.



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Brian Asbury
Advertising Manager

At about 10:30 a.m. local time Saturday morning, an Air Force B-2 bomber crashed on takeoff from Andersen Air Force Base in Guam. The Spirit of Kansas was one of only 21 B-2s in service and is the first ever to crash. Air Force officials stated the two pilots from the 509th Bomb Wing who ejected have been examined at the naval hospital in Guam and are in good condition.

The bomber was one of four returning to Whiteman Air Force Base, Missouri after a four month

long deployment to the Pacific. At least one of the four bombers had taken off safely prior to the crash, but was brought back after the crash. There was no damage to buildings and no injuries on the ground. There were also no munitions on board.

The weather at the time of the crash is reported as a 13 knot wind from the northeast, visibility as seven statute miles and scattered clouds at 1,400 feet.

The Air Force is not yet sure what caused the crash. The B-2, built by Northrop Grumman Corp., costs about \$1.2 billion each and were first brought into service in 1993.



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FAA is checking whether flight crew fell asleep

We've heard about airline pilots falling asleep in flight before, but this report is even stranger than usual -- it was 9 o'clock in the morning, and the flight was a 45-minute hop from Honolulu to Hilo. Local TV station KGMB9 said it obtained a radar track of the flight, which showed it stayed at 21,000 feet and flew past the Hilo airport about 15 miles out to sea before turning around and returning to descend. The FAA confirmed that it is checking into the incident. Air traffic controllers reportedly tried to contact the pilots for 25 minutes and got no response. The airplane, operated by Go! Airlines, landed without incident.

EAA unconcerned with airspace changes

A shift of airspace responsibilities from Chicago Center

to Milwaukee should have little impact on the annual migration to EAA AirVenture, EAA's Dick Knapinski told AVweb Monday. "A review of the situation indicate[s] that this particular issue involves IFR operations," Knapinski said in an e-mail. "The vast majority of AirVenture operations are VFR, and we are not anticipating any problems with staffing or operations." In a well-publicized news event in Milwaukee last week, the National Air Traffic Controllers Association and several prominent state and federal politicians blasted the FAA for shifting responsibility for a big chunk of Wisconsin airspace to Milwaukee controllers, who they claim are already overworked and understaffed.

ICAO rule requiring proof of English proficiency not likely to be enforced

U.S. pilots who fly internationally are being asked to hurry up and apply for replacement airman certificates that state they are "English proficient," accord-

ing to an International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) rule that takes effect on March 5. But a source at the FAA's General Aviation and Commercial Division (AFS-800) told AVweb yesterday that the requirement is not likely to be widely enforced, as most countries are not prepared to comply.

D-Jettobebuilt in London, Ont.

Diamond Aircraft confirmed on the weekend that its five-passenger D-Jet will be built at its London, Ont., facilities after the Canadian government announced it was giving the company a "\$19.6 million strategic, repayable investment." The money is being provided under a new aerospace business incentive program. "This investment will play a vital role in enabling our company to complete the final development, flight testing and certification of the D-Jet, and to complete our transition to production," said Peter Maurer, president of Diamond Aircraft Industries. "There is already tremendous demand for this new aircraft." The Ontario government earlier chipped in \$11 million.

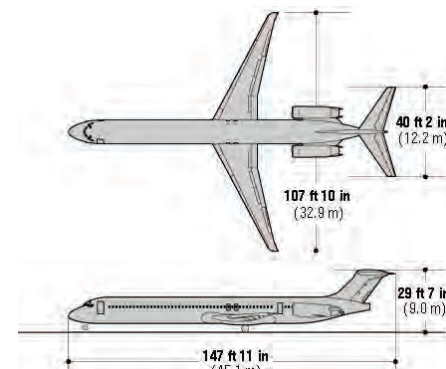
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Mars Science Lab has heat shield issues

Ashley Roper
Staff Reporter

The launch date for NASA's innovative Mars Science Laboratory (MSL) mission may be pushed back because of issues with its Thermal Protection System (TPS).

The MSL is NASA's long-term project for the exploration of Mars. When it is complete it should be able to give scientists an extremely accurate portrait of Mars and its past. MSL is basically a larger and more intricate design of the current rovers on Mars, Spirit and Opportunity.

It is over five times larger and has 10 times the capability. Big time companies such as Boeing and Lockheed-

Martin are all working on different pieces of the mobile lab. Currently, production and engineering is happening at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory at the California Institute of Technology.

MSL will be the most complicated vehicle to ever land on Mars. It also features many concepts of innovative engineering. To begin exploration on the red planet the rover will be lowered by a Skycrane, making the landing of the vehicle much more efficient.

Unfortunately, NASA has been having problems with the TPS on the laboratory. Originally, the plan was to use a super lightweight ablative heat shield on the rover, but recently it has failed all of its tests. The lightweight ablative

shield is similar to what is currently used on the shuttle's external fuel tank.

Instead of the super lightweight ablative, NASA has turned to a Phenolic Impregnated Carbon Ablator (PICA). PICA is the material planned for NASA's new Orion vehicle, part of the replacement for the shuttle. This change to PICA will add many millions of dollars to the project.

In terms of the launch date however, NASA is very optimistic. The development of the TPS and other systems on the rover are happening simultaneously. The space agency is still shooting for their original launch date in 2009, although other openings are available in 2010 and 2011.

Upcoming Cape launches

Endeavour prepares for late night spectacular

With Atlantis still in space, the shuttle Endeavour rolled out to Launch Pad 39A Feb. 18 in preparation for what will be just the second night launch since shuttles returned to space in July 2005. Onboard STS-123 will be the first of three sections of Japan's Kibo science laboratory, and the Canadian robotic "hand" known as Dextre. Liftoff is slated for March 11 at 2:28 a.m. EDT.

It will be followed a few days later by a Delta 2 rocket, whose date of March 13 will move to the right a day or two should the shuttle need more than one attempt. If Endeavour isn't in space by the 13th, the shuttle would then stand down to allow that GPS mission to launch March 15. Meanwhile, NASA also announced last week that STS-124 will be delayed from April 24 to May 25 to allow more time for engine cutoff sensors to be reworked in the external tank that mission will use.

March 11
Space Shuttle Endeavour
STS-123 / ISS flight
Japan's smaller Kibo section,
Canadian robot hand Dextre
Launch time: 2:28 a.m. EDT
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March 13-15
Delta 2
Next GPS sat.
Launch window:
13th: 2:19 - 2:32 a.m. EDT

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ICO mobile comsat
Launch window:
TBD

May 16
Delta 2
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Gamma-ray telescope
Launch window:
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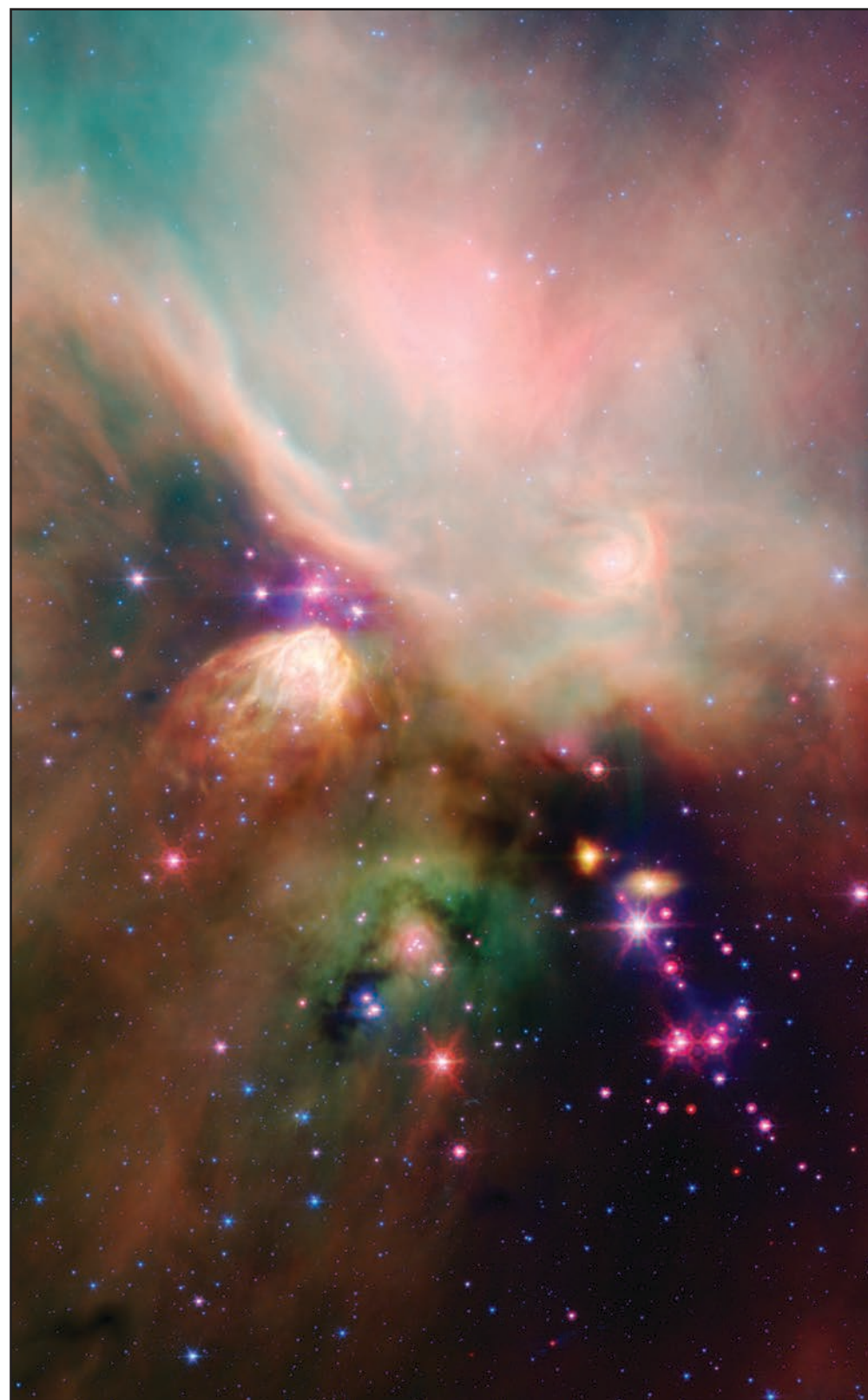


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NEWBORN STARS ARE SEEN in the Rho Ophiuchi dark cloud, one of the closest star forming regions to Earth at just 407 light-years away. This false-color image by the Spitzer Space Telescope reveals different temperatures and evolutionary star states.

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'Be Kind Rewind' is why we love movies



Be Kind Rewind



William Sohl

Entertainment Editor

Anyone who saw the previews can tell "Be Kind Rewind" has the potential to be one of the most hilarious movies this year. Teaming up the mumbling, dry humor of Mos Def with the wacky antics of Jack Black seemed destined to be comic gold. But what it delivers is so much more.

The story follows Mike, played by Mos Def, his boss and surrogate father Mr. Fletcher, played by Danny Glover, and his friend and neighbor Jerry, played by Black, as they attempt to keep a VHS rental store open. Mr. Fletcher finds out that his building is not up

to code and he has to raise the money or else the store will be flattened to the ground.

While Mr. Fletcher slips off to do some research, he leaves Mike in charge. Jerry, a paranoid veteran, breaks into a power station next to his trailer and, through his attempt to sabotage it, gets magnetized. The next day when Jerry enters the video store, he accidentally erases all the tapes.

Unfortunately, the store's only customer Miss Falewicz, a slightly off-balance woman played by Mia Farrow, insists they have "Ghostbusters" available by the end of the day or she'll tell Mr. Fletcher.

When all other options fail, Mike persuades Jerry to help him shoot the movie on their own in the last two hours. Much to their surprise, Miss Falewicz's nephew and his friends love the movie and come by wanting to see more.

"This is easily one of the funniest movies I've seen in a long time."

-WILLIAM SOHL

With some help from their new friend and female lead Alma, played by Melonie Diaz, they start registering more and more people to see their mov-



ies. As they gather support behind them, they realize that they may be able to save the store after all.

The cast was superb at bringing this vision to life. They all meshed well together and it never seemed that anyone was upstaging or over acting, an amazing thing given that it stars Black. Mos Def manages to create one of the most likable characters ever. Black puts in just the right amount of crazy to keep things hilarious, but nails a few more serious scenes. And Diaz provides the perfect level head to balance out the two.

This is easily one of the funniest movies I've seen in a long time. Mike and Jerry are just two lovable idiots in everything they do. The filming scenes are hilarious, with some of the best movie parodies you can imagine. But the one scene that sticks in my mind is their

break-in at the power station. By far this is in the top 10 funniest scenes I've ever seen and the movie is worth seeing just for that.

The only complaint I can find is that it got a bit slow at parts. But in the end the rest of the movie more than made up for these few five-minute lapses.

In the end what "Be Kind Rewind" really has going for it is heart. You can feel the character's happiness, sorrow, and excitement yourself. It's about the power films can have on people that love them. It's about how people deal with bad situations. And most of

all it's about how people come together.

"It's not easy for a movie to evoke personal emotions out of me...this did."

-WILLIAM SOHL

It's not easy for a movie to

evoke personal emotions out of me, but watching this did. I remembered the joy of helping a high school friend make and spray prop blood for his student film. I remembered the excitement of seeing some of the movies Mike and Jerry were remaking with my family and friends. I remembered why I love movies.

If you're not much of a movie fan you may not enjoy this film as much, but there's still plenty of humor accessible to anyone. Without a doubt, "Be Kind Rewind" is a great movie and definitely one to see in theaters.



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'Vantage Point' is repetative, predicatble yet enjoyable



Vantage Point



Ryan Gorman

Comics Editor

Try to imagine what it would be like to be seeing one event from every perspective, and you have "Vantage Point." The film takes place during a summit on the global war against terrorism where the President

of the United States gets shot. "Vantage Point" takes you on a journey through the media, an American tourist, the Secret Service and the President. The film follows each person

"Many of the ideas and subplots are farfetched but in all entertaining."

-RYAN GORMAN

through what each of them see and their perspective on how the assassination plan gets carried out. They then follow the aftermath of the shooting and the director goes past the 15 minute sequences showing what happens to everyone and how they are all involved in the single point in time.

Many of the ideas and subplots are farfetched, but in all entertaining. The film tries to go in depth on each of the people's perspective but at times

it spends too much time on each one. The director makes each of the 15 minutes in-depth to the point that I felt that I saw the same thing over and over. For a film with so many well-known actors, the acting is dull and sometimes forced. I expected more of the veteran actors such as Dennis Quaid, Sigourney Weaver and Forest Whitaker to have more of a substantial role. Quaid, as Secret Service agent Thomas Barnes, has the most substantial role out of all of them, but sometimes he allows the character's recovery and return to active duty (after the character being shot in the past while protecting the President) to upstage what is going on around him and distracts from the overall plot. After seeing all the per-



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spectives, the film does have its fair share of twists and turns after the 15 minutes are up, and this makes the last half of the

film enjoyable.

Overall, the film was enjoyable but it was one that I could have waited until it came out on

DVD. If you can get through seeing the same thing a few times, the film is able to make it not a complete loss.

Capcom spawns another zombie sequel Game of the Week



Devil May Cry 4



Jason Preston

Staff Reporter

Most of the time I try to avoid watching or playing sequels before prequels just for the sake of knowing what's going on in the plot; the only exception of course being Star Wars. However, this week I decided to throw caution to the wind and try out "Devil May Cry 4," Capcom's newest piece to the Devil May Cry saga.

Something told me as I started playing that I should've at least read up on the first three games, but, silly me, I ignored my intuition as usual. To put it simply, it's just another over hyped thing out on the market.

fter I started playing, I thought it'd turn out to be a decent first person thriller, but no. I had gotten a rank of "B" after complete the first mission, and then I made the shocking realization, this is an RPG! Once I realized this, I felt ashamed at myself for not realizing it earlier, considering RPGs are the only thing Capcom can seem to make nowadays since the "Megaman" industry is about dead and Mario is still thriving.

It seems the game developers couldn't decide on a basis for the game. The whole thing is just a jumbled mix of "Assassin's Creed," "Resident Evil," "Final Fantasy," and "Sonic the Hedgehog." Maybe I'm biased since I've actually been to Japan several times and seen how they create their games, but all RPGs that have come from that country have all been virtually the same. Some guy has this special ability that makes him better than everyone else and the plot boils down to that guy trying to save his kidnapped girlfriend and the world. Wait a second,

I've seen that plot summary before... Super Mario!

Like typical RPG's the plot is simple, everyone is out to do no good except the main character

"...lengthening the game play by simply adding bad guys is no way to go."

-JASON PRESTON

and his love interest. It's like RPGs have a format to follow, because they all seem to do the same thing as one another and they follow that format to the letter. I do give credit to Devil May Cry 4 for not having all the characters having hair styles seen in "Final Fantasy" and the guys actually look like guys, not girls with muscles.

Most game reviewers have also put me in the spotlight saying that it is a good game that's got many unique features. For instance, enemies seem to swarm around you in a very small space and even if you destroy them

all after barely hanging on to that last bit of HP, the game still gives you a rank "D" because you didn't use enough combo moves. However, lengthening the game play by simply adding bad guys is no way to go about it. Granted, it took me 10 hours to get to the ending, but if you took out the thousands of enemies slain, I could've gone through the game in thirty minutes. All it is, really, is a walk from Einstein's in the Student Village to Propellers with a bunch of evil things every six inches along the trip. It doesn't matter how many demons you spawn, if the plot doesn't lengthen and be more elaborate, then the whole thing becomes a huge boredom.

Let me wrap up my thoughts in summation; if you played the first three games, then "Devil May Cry 4" would just seem like a "filler chapter" than a sequel, but if this is your first encounter with this series, then forget about number four and just play the first three; they seem to be much more enjoyable. It's not a bad game, it's just repetitive. So until something better catches my attention, I'll stick with playing "Portal" and having lengthy philosophical debates with my Companion Cube before I'm forced to euthanize it.

As the four day school week slowly came to an end, I found myself strongly addicted to several flash games on the internet. If anyone remembers "Defend the Castle" where you took your pointer and threw people into the air laughing as their bodies reached terminal velocity and came to a pile of goo on the ground, you will most certainly enjoy its prequel, "Pillage the Village."

The game starts out with a short yet utterly pointless tutorial about how to throw innocent villagers into the air and murder them. Then, when their lifeless bodies disappear, shiny gold coins appear that the player must collect to buy spells and abilities. Once level two comes around, the game picks itself up and redeems its qualities. Multiple enemies appear as you progress into the game. They also get very smart. There are men with parachutes, thieves, men with wings and the ever present lemming type that just walk aimlessly until you take their insignificant lives. There is also an enemy that looks and dresses like superman. They fly around annoyingly until you drop an anvil on their head and laugh because he is not faster than a flying anvil.

The spells are divided into

three categories; neutral, pacifist and antagonist. Personally, all the spells are equally fun to use, but there is nothing like dropping anvils on animated villagers to vent some anger.

"...there is nothing like dropping anvils on animated villagers to vent some anger"

-ANDREW ZABACK

There is also a power gauntlet, a great barrier and some mystery spell that I have not earned due to my short attention span. On the pacifist side, there is Euthanasia, slave cage, freezing time and yet another mystery spell. I must ask myself, that if a person is pacifist, why would they be harassing a village in the first place let alone dropping cages on its inhabitants?

This game can be found on www.kongregate.com.
-Andrew Zaback

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THE DESERT! SHOULD I MOVE TO THE DESERT?!

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DILBERT

BY SCOTT ADAMS

I'M BOB THE ESQUIRE DINOSAUR. YOUR EX-EMPLOYEE, WALLY, HIRED ME TO SLAP YOU WITH A SUIT FOR FIRING HIM.
TAKE OFF YOUR SUIT SO I CAN SLAP YOU WITH IT.
NOT NOW. HE'S BEING SLAPPED WITH A SUIT, AND I DON'T WANT TO RUIN THE RHYTHM.
BOB THE ESQUIRE DINOSAUR
I SLAPPED YOUR EX-BOSS WITH HIS OWN SUIT UNTIL HE AGREED TO REHIRE YOU.
IT ONLY TOOK TEN MINUTES TO MAKE HIM AGREE, AND ANOTHER HOUR TO MAKE HIM CONVINCED ME THAT HE LIKED IT.
HOW MUCH DO I OWE YOU FOR ALL THE FUN?
THIS ONE IS PRO BONO.

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Frazz

By Jeff Mallett

CAULFIELD, YOU ANSWERED ALL OF THESE QUESTIONS "TRUE" OR "FALSE."
TRUE.
IT WAS A SPELLING TEST!
WE LEARN FROM OUR MISTAKES. I WANTED TO LEARN A LOT IN A HURRY.
SEE, IF YOU'RE WRONG ON PURPOSE, IS IT REALLY A MISTAKE?
FALSE. NO, TRUE. WHAT WAS THE QUESTION?
FRAZZ, MY CAR IS STUCK. CAN YOU HELP ME?
SURE.
I DON'T EVEN SEE YOUR CAR OUT THERE.
KEEP YOUR SHIRT ON. I'M WRITING DOWN SOME DIRECTIONS.

Space, the Final Frontier...

Across

- 3. A Russian star sailor
- 4. This space shuttle is not scheduled for any more flights after this year (2008)
- 5. Launched June 21, 2004
- 7. The Soviet version of the space shuttle
- 8. Got left behind in 1969 and never walked on the moon
- 11. Public Agency formed in 1968
- 12. Left the last footprint on the moon
- 14. The oldest space shuttle in operation
- 16. Currently 104.7 AU from Earth and moving farther away
- 17. Received the Nobel Prize in Physics in 1921
- 19. Oldest person to travel into space
- 21. Took one giant leap for mankind
- 23. First manned space station
- 24. Largest building at KSC
- 26. Company equally owned by Boeing and Lockheed Martin

- 29. The only other Air Force base that a space shuttle has landed at other than Edwards Air Force base
- 32. From the Greek word kometes that means, "stars with hair"
- 34. Replaces the LEM
- 36. Means union
- 37. CM that can be found in Hutchinson, Kansas
- 39. First human in space
- 40. This orbiter never actually flew in space
- 41. First woman in space

Down

- 1. LDEF
- 2. China's first astronaut
- 3. Supplied the International Space Station with an arm
- 6. The first space shuttle to fly in space
- 9. 149,597,870,691 meters
- 10. The longest orbiting space station

- 13. Sally Ride had her first mission on this space shuttle
- 15. Central Florida astronaut that flew on Apollo and the space shuttle
- 18. Devised a way of identifying galaxies
- 20. On this space shuttle's maiden voyage, three astronauts captured a satellite
- 22. Gazed into the heavens for the first time in the Netherlands
- 25. Designed rockets for NASA until 1972
- 27. Future NASA project that will replace the space shuttle
- 28. International partnership in space
- 30. Where Russian cosmonauts are trained
- 31. First manned US spacecraft
- 33. Where the solar system ends and outer space begins.
- 35. First American woman in space
- 38. Point where an object gets the closest to Earth during its orbit
- 40. Europe's NASA

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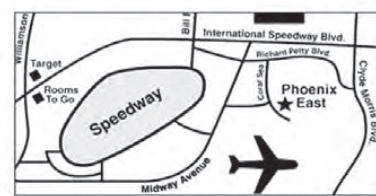
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MGMT 449	Strategic Marketing Management	X
PHYS 102	Explorations in Physics	X
PHYS 142	Introduction to Environmental Science	X
PHYS 150	Physics I for Engineers	X
PSYC 220	Introduction to Psychology	X
PSYC 320	Aviation Psychology	X
PSYC 350	Social Psychology	X
SCY 312	Global Crime & Criminal Justice Systems	X
SCY 315	Studies in Intelligence I	X
SCY 385	Intelligence Analysis-Writing & Briefing	
SCY 400	Airport Security	X
SCY 415	Studies in Intelligence II	X
SCTY 485	Corporate Security	
SCTY 488	National Security Issues & Terrorism	X
SFTY 311	Fundamentals of Occupational Safety & Health	X
SFTY 315	Environmental Compliance & Safety	X
SFTY 320	Human Factors in Aviation Safety	X
SFTY 321	Ergonomics	X
SFTY 330	Aircraft Accident Investigation	X
SFTY 335	Mechanical & Structural Factors in Aviation Safety	X
SFTY 341	Occupational Safety & Health Program Mgmt.	
SFTY 345	Safety Program Management	X
SFTY 350	Aircraft Crash & Emergency Management	X
SFTY 355	Industrial Hygiene & Toxicology	
SFTY 360	Construction Safety	
SFTY 365	Fire Protection	X
SFTY 375	Propulsion Plant Investigation	X
SFTY 409	Aviation Safety	X
SFTY 410	Design of Engineering Hazard Controls	
SFTY 420	Systems Design for Fire and Life Safety	
SFTY 435	Aircraft Crash Survival Analysis & Design	X
SFTY 440	System Safety Management	
SFTY 450	Loss Control & Insurance	

COURSE #	COURSE TITLE	
SFTY 462	Health, Safety, and Aviation Law	X
SFTY 470	Advanced Occupational Safety and Health Technology	
SOCI 210	Introduction to Sociology	X
SOCI 300	Marriage and Family	X
SOCI 310	Personality Development	X
SPCH 219	Speech	X
WEAX 201	Meteorology	X

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- Registration for ERAU-Worldwide Online courses will take place in the Daytona Beach Office of Records and Registration at 226-6336.
- Authorization must be obtained prior to registration.
- Undergraduate courses must be approved by one of the following: academic advisor, program coordinator, or department chair.
- ERAU Daytona Beach special summer online tuition rates are offered exclusively via ERAU-Worldwide during the Summer 2008 (08/U2 term) only - May 15th - August 6th.
- Registrations - Undergraduate for 08/U2 May 15th term will be accepted now through May 1.
- Previously failed courses may not be repeated via Worldwide Online courses.
- Self-enroll in ORNT 001 before online classes begin in May, to get familiar with the online format.
- Students will be limited to three online courses during the May 15 term.
- Students enrolled in internships or cooperative education courses may petition their college department chair to take an online course.
- Tuition - Undergraduate - \$620 per credit hour. Book and incidentals are not included in the tuition.

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